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As soon as they landed, Alex checked his surroundings, observing the monsters' movements. Unfortunately, he couldn't find many monsters in the coast area, and the mission required him to go deeper.

'Let's go.' Alex informed Aria and asked her to run beside him, not behind him.

Aria nodded and ran forward, matching his speed.

Doing his job, Melvie decided to watch them from the air. She maintained a distance between them, so the monsters would notice them first instead of her.

Alex kept going forward and found the forest right near the coast. He entered the forest without changing his direction and ignored the monsters that were supposed to be outside his range of detection even though he could see them using his Spirit Eyes.

After around a minute, Alex found one right in front of them. "9-Star Martial Monarch in our front. You can fight this one."

"I understand." Aria nodded and released her Spiritual Energy to sense the monster. It turned out to be a snake monster. Its width was around three meters, but the length was about twenty meters. With a big body like this, it was the perfect target for Aria.

"I have spotted it," Aria informed him as she placed her hand on the handle, ready to draw her sword.

The snake opened its mouth, trying to swallow her.

Aria flicked her sword to shift it to the side, preparing to pull out her sword to ultimately kill the snake in a single slash. She jumped a little bit higher to match the snake's head.

As one would expect from a monster, its instinct was strong as it predicted it would die. To prevent it from dying, the snake closed its mouth and decided to hit Aria with its thick skin.

This was where Aria smiled. Everything was going according to her plan. The sword had shown a bit of its blade, but Aria suddenly sheathed it back, landed on the ground, and jumped toward the snake's neck or around that spot since snakes didn't have a neck.

"!!!" The snake realized that the first movement was a fake, and she planned to kill it with this second movement.

It tried to lower its head to stop the blade, but Aria's movement was too fast. She drew her sword and slid it on the snake's beheading its head in a single slash.

"Ho?!" Melvie widened her eyes, starting to get interested in what Aria had shown. That fake movement was gold. If there was no movement like that, the snake could only be killed after several rounds and a few times using Sword Arts. However, Aria decided to end it in a single slash. It allowed her to conserve her energy.

If she could keep this up, killing a few thousand a day wouldn't be a problem. Although the level difference played beautifully in this exchange, Aria's sword style was indeed one of a kind.

She decided to write it down on a paper because there might be something more to show her later.

"I have killed it in one strike," Aria reported.

"Good. If you can incorporate your killing intent, it would be more believable even if your opponent is a human. And depending on the amount of killing intent you release, the enemy will have a different kind of reaction. That's why try to infuse that to your attack pattern." Alex nodded and slashed the body again before using his Spiritual Energy to get the monster core inside their body and started running again.

"Understood." Aria nodded and put every single Alex's advice in her fighting style while beginning to follow him again.

"Nonetheless, it's a good strike. Good work." Alex's voice sounded happy and couldn't help but put a smile on Aria's face.

It was hard to get praise from Alex because he always nitpicked every single detail, but when he praised someone, it was genuine praise that led one to smile.

"Thank you." Aria thanked him before finding a monster to their right. And it was certainly a group, not an individual monster. "To my right."

"Sure. Let's go." Alex nodded and informed her of the number. 'Five 7-Star and one 8-Star Martial Monarch. Make one-second distance from me. I will get their attention first, and you shall handle the killing.'

'Yes.' She nodded and slowed down until they had around twenty meters. It shouldn't be a problem for her to shorten this number in one second. She could do faster, but she thought this distance was perfect.

As soon as he found the monsters that turned out to be a kind of turtle species. He released a bit of his killing intent to grab their attention.

The turtle immediately panicked for a moment before noticing there was only a single person there. Their heads stuck out proudly as they were going to fight Alex.

Alex released more of his killing intent and his Martial Saint energy to scare the turtle, forcing them to have a slower reaction speed. He did this to create an opportunity for Aria.

Of course, after the hellish training from Alex, she could somehow understand which way she needed to go and what kind of actions she needed to take.

Aria went to the right until she could see four 7-Star turtles aligned. Lightning sparked in her boots as she leaped toward them at lightning speed.

"First Dance. Z Swing."

Aria swung her sword from right to left to behead the first turtle's head and left to the right to separate the second turtle's head from its body. It repeated once more to kill the third and fourth turtles.

Due to the distance between each other, she needed to use her full speed to make sure they couldn't react.

Normally, making zigzag slashes like that would take an enormous amount of energy, but Alex had refined that movement to lessen the burden in her hand. It was by using her off hand to slash in the opposite direction. At the same time, the movement of her wrist shifted the burden from her wrist to her arm.

And as soon as she cut down four turtles, Alex smiled and used the confusion that Aria brought to appear in front of the 8-Star Martial Monarch turtle and cut it down.

When the last turtle saw it, it tried to swallow Alex, but he shifted his body, spun, and kicked the turtle on its chin before slashing the neck.

Within a few seconds, six turtles had died without being able to do anything. Alex immediately used his Spiritual Energy to find their monster cores and collect them.

Melvie sucked a cold breath as she couldn't believe what just happened. Aria's movement was already surprising enough because she could handle four turtles only three stages below her in just one movement.

But Alex's assistance by manipulating their attention and reaction speed by his killing intent was magnificent. He seemed to have understood the monsters perfectly or, more accurately, how they worked.

She then remembered the fact that these two managed to get 350,000 points in only a few days. It required them to kill at least four thousand monsters. And it seemed to be not a fluke.

She opened the paper again and noted it down. Unfortunately, she couldn't see Alex's real strength yet because the monsters were not his match. In fact, Alex only used a minimal amount of energy in that killing intent as his attack was purely physical. In other words, Alex could kill them even more efficiently than Aria.

"How is it?" Aria asked.

"Not bad. But you need to watch out for your momentum too. If you are too fast, you won't be able to stop in time, and the enemy might use that chance to surround you."

"I understand. Unless I want to escape, I won't be going this fast." Aria nodded, taking every single Alex's input.

"Good. Let's continue." Alex then led her to another place filled with 9-Star Dogs. Their height alone reached two meters, so it wasn't your average dog.

As expected, Alex asked Aria to do the same as the turtle while Alex released his killing intent to grab their attention.

"Waf!"

The dogs charged at him, four from the front and three from each side.

Because of this, Aria decided to handle the right flank that was closest to her.

"First Dance. Z Slash."

In one move, she slashed the three dogs on the right side as Alex watched her movement and understood that he only needed to handle the one in his front.

Because of that, he stepped forward with his sword, facing four dogs simultaneously.

The four dogs leaped toward Alex simultaneously and used either their teeth or paws to strike at him.

Alex took a deep breath and slashed his sword, hitting them right at their teeth and paws. He simply decided to overpower them by using his strength and Divine Weapon.

However, the other three dogs had turned around and were about to strike him.

Alex kicked the first closest dog while cutting down the second one. When the third one jumped toward him, Alex only ignored it and killed the one he kicked earlier. As for the third one, it couldn't reach him as Aria cut it a meter before it hit Alex.

"Good work."

"Thanks." Aria felt a bit happier when she didn't hear a single complaint from Alex. It seemed this one was a perfect score.

"Oi, oi. You guys are sick." Melvie couldn't help but exclaim as she approached them.

Alex and Aria decided to take a break and looked at her.

"Even though they were only Martial Monarch monsters, you two just killed them like killing a chicken. Most disciples could only kill them in a few strikes." Melvie raised her hand in amazement. "Anyway, do you want to move toward the inner island?"

"We are probably going to stay in this area for a while." Alex shook his head before glancing at Aria.

"How do you feel? I mean, moving that fast."

"If you include the killing intent in the area, it certainly makes one tired faster. Still, I think it's fine to go for two or three more hours before checking my condition." Aria waved her hand, telling Alex she was fine.

"That's good then." Alex nodded. Although he didn't say it, he realized that the killing intent was decreasing their attack power and disrupted their movement, making them subconsciously use more energy for their attack.

However, their power was a bit too big, so Aria had yet to notice.

"I see. I thought you were going to the inner island right after this instant, but I guess you are careful enough to not fall into a simple mistake like that. Well, most people have difficulty adapting to such an environment, so they use a few days to adjust their state. No, you two are too weird to even be able to move like that right after entering the island." Melvie sighed.

Alex and Aria didn't care about her praises. When they heard that the others actually entered in the same state, they realized that this was just something normal. In other words, the sect didn't have an intention to kill them.

They could finally feel relieved.

"By the way, how long are you planning to stay here?" Melvie asked.

"Probably seven days," Alex answered. "We are not planning to get used to it. Instead, we want to make it feel like this is our home before moving to a more dangerous place."

"I see. I can relate to your choice, so I only wish you luck." She nodded and thought for a moment. "I will stay with you two probably for another two hours before going to the coast earlier. I will check on you on the third or fourth day and next week before you go to the Inner Island."

Aria nodded. "Then, I think it's time to get going again?"

"One more question." She stopped them. "How long have you fought together?"

'Tell her it's been three years.' Alex didn't want to make it suspicious, so he chose this.

"It's been three years since I formed a group with him." She smiled. "It was a secret from my father though, or else he would get angry."

"I see." Melvie nodded. "Then, let's go."

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After that, Aria and Alex kept killing monsters. Melvie went to the coast not long after that, knowing that she didn't need to check on them all the time because no monster on the outer island could threaten their lives.

This way, Alex and Aria had even more freedom to move around the area as Alex wanted to check what kind of secret this island held.

He knew that the island wasn't supposed to be able to permeate this type of killing intent to its surroundings, so he knew there might be something in this island that created this effect.

He wondered if it was related to the Sword God, but he couldn't see it in another two weeks because he needed to lower Melvie's suspicion.

With that thought in mind, Alex often let Aria fight alone, giving her a precious experience. Alex kept criticizing her every mistake, and eventually, the mistakes never appeared again. Aria's movement became even more precise and sharper.

After a week, Alex knew that they had grown accustomed to the environment, making sure that this wouldn't bother them in the slightest. Aria also showed him that she could defeat six turtles they killed on the first day in a single slash. It just showed what kind of monstrous progress she had during the past few days.

When Melvie checked them, she was completely stupefied by Aria's change. It was too different. Just like Rose and Evelyn after the hellish training, what they lacked the most was experiences. With enough

experience, Aria should have no problem killing a 2-star Martial Saint. She could also fight a 3-Star Martial Saint toe to toe despite being a 10-Star Martial Monarch.

As soon as they got the confirmation from Melvie, they headed toward the inner area. And as they expected, the energy surrounding it increased. If their ability got suppressed ten percent by the killing intent in the Outer Island, they would get double of that.

Fortunately, Alex and Aria had rendered this ten percent effect completely useless. So, when there was an additional ten percent, they only felt that ten percent.

If it were other people who only got used to it, they would at least feel a fifteen percent restriction. Aria understood this after Alex explained his plan and felt the benefit.

When they met their first opponent in the Inner Island, Alex immediately leaped backward. It was a 2-Star Martial Saint Lizard, so he planned to have Aria handle this alone.

"Aria. Kill it."

"I understand." She nodded and checked the lizard before the lightning started sparking all over her body. "I might need to use eighty percent of my power."

"It's fine. Let's use this chance to accumulate experience to make you even stronger." Alex smiled.

"In that case, I have no worries." She smiled and leaped toward the lizard.

The lizard suddenly rose from the ground, standing on its two feet. Since the lizard wasn't that big, only three meters in height, it managed to stand on the ground before it tried to slap Aria.

Aria smiled as she became even faster when the lizard's hand almost reached her by pouring a bit more energy to her lightning element and feet, resulting in her fastest speed.

Realizing that she couldn't aim at its head because of the slap, she followed the direction of the hand and aimed at the other side of its body, slashing the right side of its abdomen.

"Ugh... I used it wrong." She gritted her teeth and blamed herself because she almost slipped when she landed on the other side. "One more."

"Second Dance. Flash Strike."

She appeared right behind the lizard before it was able to turn around and struck her sword on it.

However, the lizard's instinct was sharper than she predicted. It only shifted its body before sending its hand again on her path.

"Sh*t!" She gritted her teeth as she couldn't avoid it because of her high-speed movement. Fortunately, Alex had improved this move and turned it into a dance. If it was the past her, she wouldn't be able to use the next move before she landed on the ground, but this time, she managed to do it and pointed her sword at the lizard's hand.

"Third Dance. Spinning Star."

"Roar!"

The next instant, the lizard felt immeasurable pain as it saw its palm got pierced.

Aria looked at the hole on the lizard's hand and sighed in relief.

The lizard obviously didn't want to let her have such a feeling. It immediately threw its other arm as if it predicted Aria managed to create a hole in its palm.

Looking at the giant hand that almost struck her, lightning suddenly connected her body to the ground as she used that connection to stabilize her form and swung her lightning sword.

"Fourth Dance. Lightning Draw!"

She sheathed her sword first before drawing it at lightning speed, cutting the palm into two.

The lizard screamed in pain but still released another attack with the first hand.

Unfortunately, Aria didn't want to create more opportunities and leaped toward the lizard's body with her sword sheathed.

"Heavenly Lightning Claw." It was the same sword draw as her Lightning Draw, but the lightning movement was different. Instead of concentrating in one spot, it went to left and right, creating three slashes next to each other as if there were three swords cutting the lizard at the same time.

The blood started flowing out of the wounds as the lizard took a step back, knowing that it had lost too much blood.

Aria used this chance to release her last attack. "Fourth Dance. Lightning Draw."

She used this technique to slice the lizard's neck. She then used its body as a cushion for her to land before glancing at Alex.

"I am sorry." She apologized. Although she said she would go with eighty percent of her power, it didn't mean to use excessive Spiritual Energy. Her consumption was still around twenty percent of her Spiritual Energy, but it was already beyond her expectation. She thought she could kill the lizard with only ten percent, but the lizard moved perfectly, forcing her to change her form again and again.

"It's fine. I have expected such a thing since the gap between you two is big. In fact, I expected you to use thirty percent of your Spiritual Energy." Alex waved his hand as if it was not a big deal.

"I don't know if I should be happy because I have beaten your expectation or should I feel sad because you put the bar too low." Aria sighed.

"It's up to you." Alex shrugged.

"I will take that as a compliment then." She nodded before feeling the lizard. "Still, to think I can kill a 2-Star Martial Saint monster now...The hellish training is indeed powerful, even though it's painful and tiring. I am glad to keep practicing without complaining."

"My training is simple. You only need to break past your limit again and again. For example, I give you a chance to run as long as you can and allow you to raise your hand when you think you are at your limit. At that time, I simply ask you to do one more lap. If you can do it, I will make you another more lap. This will keep repeating until the end of time." Alex shrugged.

"Indeed. Although it was not running, I had felt that you were doing it intentionally. I tried to keep doing it and realized that I would slowly get used to it and made my limit even higher. It's a kind of torture, but the effect is apparent." She nodded.

"Of course, this training is not suited to normal people, and I can solve any kind of injury with a pill, so there is no side effect with this training. However, if you have a low mental strength that will make you keep going, it's futile because you are just a quitter." He shrugged.

"I wonder if your disciple actually underwent training like this too..." She asked.

"Yes. She was much younger than you though." He nodded.

"What is her strength?"

"Above you, of course. I won't say the specific as it will destroy your confidence."

She pouted before smiling. "It's really fortunate to have you as a teacher. Why don't I worship you as my Master now?"

"Nope. I won't accept it. I have too many problems already, so I will solve this issue first before thinking of accepting another disciple." He shook his head.

"Well..." Aria looked around and decided to change the topic after knowing that Alex held a big principle about his responsibility as a master. That was why it was hard to have him accept you to be his disciple. She then asked, "By the way, I am wondering if you can show me how do you fight a group of monsters without using your real power? I mean, your body is a Divine Body, right?"

"Me? Sure. Let's search for a group of monsters." Alex nodded and headed toward another direction, where he found a total of ten 3-Star Martial Saint wolves.

They immediately charged at him. Suddenly, a dragon appeared next to him and flew toward the monsters, trying to swallow them. Most of them jumped over it while two of them got swallowed by the dragon and disintegrated by the Pure Fire.

Meanwhile, the wolves that had leaped to the air realized their mistake when they saw Alex already swinging his sword.

"Mythical Fire Slash."

That single Sword Wave flew to the wolves and killed all of them before it got disintegrated because Alex didn't want to catch people's attention.

"That's how you do it..." Alex glanced at her, who dropped her jaw. "I made them move according to my way. Of course, they need to be in a position where they can't avoid this. With eight wolves jumping together side by side and had the same strength, I believed they had the same height when they jumped.

"Then, I started swinging my sword and adjusted the aim in the last second, so the wolves didn't have enough time to avoid it. Also, with the dragon's giant body, the wolves couldn't see my movements, so they couldn't predict or see my attack." Alex explained in a simple way.

Aria knew that Alex didn't use his Divine Body or anything extravagant, but it turned out that the gap between them was so big.

Not to mention the fact that Alex's age was so young to the point she could be his aunt instead.

"I am wondering what kind of hell you have seen during your journey." Aria sighed. On the other hand, she sympathized with him. To have this kind of experience and thinking, he must have gone through a lot and absolutely a lot of killing.

"It's nothing special." Alex shook his head.

"Well, I don't really need your answer, but I need to thank you. I learned a lot from seeing what you did alone." She smiled.

"It's fine. We better start moving again." Alex shrugged.

"Sure."

The two then disappeared again, moving toward their next destination.

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Two weeks had passed after they landed on the island. Alex and Aria had become perfectly fine in this environment. They often went as far as the border of the Core Area to check what kind of environment it had.

To their surprise, the killing intent was concentrated here. Unless you were a God Rank Expert, you would find yourself in trouble to just stay alive in this area. The killing intent itself lowered their strength twice more than the Inner Area.

Alex would probably be fine there, but Aria was a different case. Either way, he knew that the killing intent originated from the core area and probably the center of this island. The people might already know about it, but it didn't change the fact that they couldn't find the exact reason.

And this one made him even more curious to the point he wanted to go deeper right away. Unfortunately, he still had Aria with him, so he decided to play along with the schedule they had.

When the two weeks almost passed, they had killed around five thousand monsters. If the sect would pay them a bit higher from the market, they might need to pay them around one million Spirit Crystal. It should be enough for months.

Alex stood above the tree, watching the situation in the core area. Aria walked toward him and asked, "Do you want to go there? I will be fine here. Thanks to you, I can fight 2-Star Saint monsters without a problem while standing toe to toe against a 3-Star Saint monster. As for the 4-Star, I don't think they can kill me if I decide to run away."

Alex glanced at her and thought for a moment. "I do feel interested in whatever the cause of this massive killing intent, but I am still wondering if I should bring you with me or not. There is a chance that this will be a big opportunity for you, so I am contemplating it right now."

"Bringing me? I think I shouldn't go because I will only be a burden for you." She shook her head, rejecting the idea.

"Well, I can come and leave after confirming what it is, but I will try to understand as much as I can during that time." Alex stroked his chin while he kept glancing at Aria again and again.

"It's fine. You don't need to mind. Also, with me being here, I can say that we are separated to kill more monsters. You are already mysterious, and only I know your identity. That's why I believe they will think you are a kind of shadow, making them focus on me." She smiled, trying to convince Alex.

"Thank you for the consideration, but I am thinking about the chance of you getting whatever it is to create another typhoon in the sect." Alex nodded. "I guess you are too weak for that."

"Yeah. They will question me instead of protecting me." She nodded with a smile, knowing what kind of fate she'd have if she had something she couldn't protect.

"Now go. Just tell me what it is because I am curious about it as well." She smiled.

Alex finally decided to go. Melvie wouldn't come to them in another three days anyway, so he had enough leeway to explore the island.

"Take out my token."

She nodded and took out the token he gave back in the exit of the sword cave.

Alex grabbed the token and handed her a new one. This token had not only a tracker function but also a transmission function, allowing Aria to give signals to Alex in case something happened.

"If you are in danger, channel your energy to this token. If you think you will die in one second or I won't be able to reach you before you die, pour the energy twice. And with this token, I will know your location, so yeah, this is the only thing I can give you right now."

"That's fine for me. Thank you." She smiled.

"Then, I will go first." Alex waved his hand and entered the core area. Aria kept watching his back until he disappeared in the horizon before going in another direction to kill some more monsters.

"Yeah. Be careful."

"You too." Alex nodded and leaped toward the core area, flying straight to where the energy originated. To his surprise, the deeper he got, the more life was taken away. He realized that the trees around them had no leaves and all the leaves on the ground were either half-decomposed or withered away.

Even so, Alex kept marching forward with his Spirit Eyes. He made sure that no one was around him, so they didn't coincidentally meet or sense each other.

Alex even thought about summoning another N squad for this but realized it should be fine unless there were another God Rank Expert in the area.

The journey took two hours before Alex could finally see a giant ball of red energy underground.

"This..." Alex sucked a cold breath and halted his step just to observe this ball.

However, he soon sensed a presence coming from his right and glanced to see whether it was a human or a monster.

When he realized it was a horse, he used the power of his Divine Body and struck the 8-Star Martial Saint horse, killing it in a single slash.

"The energy is not Spiritual Energy, but a pure Killing Intent. Can something extract that amount of killing intent?" Alex narrowed his eyes.

[I am not very sure, but there is a possibility it is coming from an object instead of a living being.]

"You are not talking like that type of thing, right?" Alex twitched his eyebrows and remembered a certain weapon that would exist in every single story. The one that was related to killing. Some sort of blood or killing weapon.

[Yes. I am talking about that. With the amount of energy, I doubt any human can take it without going insane. That is including you.]

"..." Alex fell silent. That was true, so he didn't correct her words. Instead, this sword piqued his interest. Despite the overbearing description, in every story, the weapon wouldn't do anything to him unless he touched it or something. Even so, he asked Lin Xingzhi first, not wanting to make the same mistake as he did back in the lower world where he watched the war progression despite knowing how dangerous it was.

"Just like the consciousness where you told me it was bad to have them stay alive, do you have any information about this?" Alex asked while recalling every bit of his memory to see if he had any knowledge related to this kind of phenomenon.

[I think it's fine to see it as you can simply burn the killing intent with your Pure Fire.]

"Ah, I see. I almost forgot about this since I couldn't use this much with Aria beside me." Alex nodded and immediately enveloped his body with Pure Fire. And it turned out his flame was very effective. It burned the killing intent in his surroundings.

His body was finally free from the pressure. "This feels nice."

[If you are going there, there is a high chance that you will lighten the killing intent that pressured this island.]

"Yeah. I found it a few days ago that the killing intent was actually just recycling. If I burn everything here, it will disappear. However, it will bring me a lot of attention. Even though I can escape by using my Teleportation Array, the world will surely go crazy and make a full-fledged investigation. I am afraid they will find me, so I won't do it." Alex nodded.

[Agree.]

"And the killing intent must have originated from the people of the past that used this island to fight against each other. That was why it could be so bountiful and strong." Alex nodded while thinking about how he should approach this sword.

[Are you really going?]

"Yeah. I want to feel this killing intent because I never know there is a type of killing intent that can lower one's strength. Although there is an accumulation of thousands of people dying on this island, I still want to see this strength, so I can put my own enemy in this situation, giving me a big advantage in a fight."

[Oh, I see. That's fine, I guess. But make sure you don't burn or destroy the situation.]

"Yeah." Alex nodded and scanned the entire area, trying to find the entrance, but it was hard to find.

The place itself was still within the forest, so it was a bit hard to see his surroundings with how absurd the energy was. In the end, Alex took a deep breath and kept following the current of this killing intent until he found a tree that had no different than any others.

The killing intent was sucked inside the tree, making Alex curious.

He tapped the tree and used the Spiritual Energy to inspect the tree before smiling. "This tree is dead. And the trunk is empty, so this is only an empty figure to hide this type of thing.

Knowing that, he pushed the tree to the side without a problem as there was no root to begin with. He then found a hole that was perfect for a normal human to go in.

He jumped inside the hole and waved his hand to use the Spiritual Energy to move the tree again, closing the entrance.

It took him a few seconds before landing on the ground.

"Hmm. It's not that deep." Alex commented while using his Spirit Eyes to measure the killing intent.

It was a kind of limestone cave without an entrance. The hole earlier was completely artificial, so the oxygen in this cave was pretty thin. Even so, Alex didn't really need oxygen since he could freely travel in outer space.

What he needed was the answer to what he perplexed at the moment.

At the end of the cave, he found a big room where everything began. As soon as he reached the room, he found a black sword that had a similar shape to the one he saw in the Sword Cave. However, everything shiny was replaced by a dark and red ominous color.

As if responding to him, the sword released its energy and a certain shadow formed right before it. The figure was a female kid at the same age as Dawn Breaker. Instead of wearing cute clothes, this one wore slightly revealing clothes and had a pair of horns on her head.

She glanced at Alex with her blood-red eyes before brushing that black hair with her hands. "To think there is someone who can find me... I wonder if you are that competent or other people are just too incompetent. Mister, do you want to be my Master?"

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"Mister, do you want to be my master?" She gently smiled as if there was no hidden intention behind the invitation.

Alex widened his eyes when he found her and let out a long sigh. "A Sword Spirit."

"Oh?! You know me? I think my previous Master has never publicized this." She narrowed her eyes.

"Well, it was a few thousand years ago, so I don't really know. In any case, my point still stands. Do you want to be my master?"

"Since you are a Sword, it's normal for me to accept your invitation. Unfortunately, I have my own sword, so I can't really accept it." He shook his head with a calm expression.

"You can't expect me to accept this kind of answer, right?" She narrowed her eyes.

"First of all, let's discuss this first. I know that the Sword Spirit has enough intelligence to converse with me, right?" Alex shook his head.

"If you want to chat with me, isn't it a gentleman's way to take off his mask first?"

"Indeed." Alex took off his mask, revealing his real appearance.

"Who are you?!" She tilted her head.

"You don't know me?" Alex frowned. He thought this sword was related to the Sword God, so he took off this mask to have a conversation.

"Nope. I never met you." She became confused after this question.

'Do you know anything about this? Did the Sword God only have one sword?' Alex asked inwardly.

[Yes. From what I know, he only had one sword, the one you met in the Sword Cave.

"I should introduce myself then. I am Nyx. May I know who you are and who was your previous master?"

"My master was once called a mad blacksmith."

"Hmm. I am sorry, I don't know a single thing." Alex shook his head in disappointment. He should bring Aria here since she might understand a bit more about this blacksmith.

"Since you don't know, I will just introduce my name. I am Moonlight Blood. My master created me in this place and died right after. His skeleton was already decomposed long ago. And I believe the essence of my body was blood."

"Blood, huh?" Alex furrowed his eyebrows and could imagine that when the war took place, the blacksmith collected the blood and hardened it to make the sword before him."

"Since I have introduced myself, may I know your answer? I have realized that you are completely fine in this environment, allowing me to barely gauge your current strength. I am afraid you are a God Rank Expert, right?" She asked. "There was also a time when you burned the killing intent."

"As I said earlier, I have my own sword forged right now, so I can't be your master." Alex shook his head.

"Then can you take me out of this place? From the day I was born, I never saw the outside world. The only thing I had was a fraction of memory carried in the blood."

"I think that's also impossible. I don't know what kind of thing will happen if I take you from here." Alex shook his head.

"..." The young lady fell silent.

"You have been maintaining the killing intent this whole time, right? If I take you away, I am sure it will clear up. I don't like staying in the spotlight, so I can't really bring you with me." Alex explained why he rejected her.

"I see. Then if I can separate myself from the sword, can I go with you? I am bored here, so I want to see the outside world. And I can even help you in a fight because I can control energy, especially killing intent." She thought for a moment. "If I separate myself, the flow of the killing intent will continue because the medium is the sword, not me."

Alex narrowed his eyes and checked whether it was true or not. He found that the killing intent indeed went through the sword, not the Sword Spirit, but the problem would be whether she could go out or not.

"I can separate myself since My consciousness is the crystal inside the sword's handle."

"But how am I supposed to trust you? And it's not like I have any plan to save you. After all, I can't just act because I give sympathy. There will be too many consequences in my actions that I might regret in the future." Alex shook his head.

"Mister. Before you said another word, I would like to thank you."

"For what?"

"For talking to me without lying. I am born with the bad essence of humans, so I could understand if they wanted to kill, lie, or something along the lines. Everything was connected to the killing intent, and I knew you have been telling the truth this whole time." She smiled.

"It's not like you have any visitor other than me." Alex shrugged.

"Hehe. It's true. Mister is the first one to find me here." She paused for a moment and asked. "Before that, can I ask you a question?"

"Sure."

"What is your purpose of coming here? I was the real reason for the war. They wanted to find the truth about this killing intent circulating around here and turned into a big war. After that, the killing intent became more and more bountiful until it enveloped the entire island. It was at that time my master created me."

"Even though you were born after the war happened, you seem to know a lot."

"I was a lesser consciousness before, staying in the original sword, so of course, I have been witnessing everything ever since."

"So, consciousness can grow into a Sword Spirit?"

"Not really. Unless you know the technique to nurture consciousness, you won't be able to meet a Sword Spirit." She shook her head. "You said that you had your own sword, right? With your current

knowledge, I can help you grooming the consciousness and turning them into a Sword Spirit in the future. What do you think?"

"That's a bit tempting. Unlike another Sword that offered the same thing, you had less presence, so not many knew about you, allowing me to move more freely." Alex looked down and contemplated it seriously. "But..."

"But, what?"

Alex took out his spear along with his Spear Intent.

"You are actually a Spear User? No, this kind of level... I believe you are using both?"

"Yes."

"This must be your substitute weapon, right?"

"As I said earlier, my weapons are still being forged." He nodded.

"If this is the case, why don't you let me reside in your Sword? And the two others in your spear? I can turn them into a Spirit like me. Since it has two consciousness, the strength will be stronger. Of course, I am already far stronger than those two combined."

"Hmm? Do you know anything about forging?"

"A little since my mind has been opened long ago. Although I can't create a weapon or something, my eyes can figure out the quality of weapons. Well, you can say that bringing me with you will do more good than bad. After all, I can stay quiet inside your sword and talk to you without summoning myself like this." She smiled.

"There is one thing I am concerned about." Alex was still hesitating. It was true that there might be a big advantage to get her help to nurture the consciousness because, unlike the previous Alex, the one that had consciousness wasn't his intent but his weapons. He learned that it didn't bring that much of a disadvantage.

'What do you think?!' Alex asked.

[It's your choice. But yeah, I understand the part where the Sword Spirit is not as dangerous as the Intent's consciousness. Of course, you need to make a pact with her first because this one doesn't think of you as her parent, so there is a chance she will try to control you in your most vulnerable moment.]

Alex nodded. On one hand, he would have a helper and increased his strength even further. On the other hand, it was a kind of double-edged sword for him. Lin Xingzhi advised to make a pact first to diminish this effect, but he didn't know whether a Sword Spirit could be bound by a contract.

"How about making a contract?" Alex asked with a smile.

"As expected, it's not that easy to make you believe me. Well, I certainly understand the concept of the contract from a portion of my previous master's memory. However, there is one thing that can bind more. It is called Universe Oath. Do you happen to know it?"

"Oh?!" Alex narrowed his eyes as he never expected to hear those two words from her. "Yes."

"With this contract binding us, I think there shouldn't be a need to suspect each other, right?" She smiled. "Before that, I would like you to give me a name, so I can bind myself in a contract."

"But isn't your name..."

"It's the name of the Sword, not me. We are a different entity. I was born because of his obsession with his daughter that created my persona. He nurtured me like his deceased daughter that just came back to life, even though we were clearly different. But I guess, a portion of her soul was actually residing in me, allowing me to evolve from normal consciousness to a Sword Spirit."

"In that case, are you the first Sword Spirit in this world?" Alex asked.

"I have no idea. I was born around thirty thousand years ago, so there might be a few more in the past."

[I don't think there was one, Alex. I remember that the Sword Spirit only became a general term when the Sword God introduced the Dawn Breaker.]

'I see. There might be some that like her, but I guess, since I found her before anyone else, she is the first.' Alex shrugged before opening his mouth. "Your name is Eve because you are the oldest one."

"Then, I shall take the name of Eve." She nodded and continued. "With the name bestowed by my new master, I, Eve, shall make an oath with the grand universe as the judge. I, Eve, shall accompany my master until the very end. If he wants me to disappear, then I will vanish from this universe. If I did things that make him sad, let your judgment fall upon me."

To his surprise, the Universe took this oath completely as if Eve was a real being. The energy enveloped her body as how it should be.

"I, Alexander Sirius, accept her vow and promise to not misuse her power. I shall treat her as my comrade, friend, and family. With the universe as my witness, I promise that I won't mistreat her."

"Ah?! You don't need to." Eve was a bit surprised when she heard Alex also making an oath. At the same time, she was a bit touched. It was the same feeling like when she was first born. The joy in her heart was immeasurable.

She then waved her hand, opening the sword's butt before a small red crystal flew out of the handle and landed on her hand.

As Alex had checked earlier, the killing intent didn't follow the crystal, so the killing intent surrounding the island was caused by the sword alone.

Suddenly, energy started filling her body as a certain weird feeling crept inside her. She let the energy flow and smiled. "I see. This is Master's power. Now I know why you can burn everything. And the other one is more mysterious than I can imagine."

She felt Alex's Pure Fire and Space Element in amazement. Still, she was a Sword Spirit, so the one thing that she impressed the most was Alex's Sword Qi. After several months of converting the Qi, he managed to replace every single Sword Qi into Pure Sword Qi.

And this kind of power enveloped her, making her existence even stronger. "Your Spear is also enveloping me. I feel weird because I can sense how natural it is for me to wield the spear intent. So, this is my Master's power."

"Well, nice to meet you."

"No, no. It's my pleasure to meet someone unique like Master." She smiled.

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"So, what are we going to do now, Master? If I am not wrong, you have an objective when coming here, right?"

"Yeah. But let's talk about you first. I can see that you have several power-ups, so are you alright?" Alex asked while holding the small crystal in his hand.

"You don't need to worry about me. I might need a few months to get adjusted to this power, but I am sure I can become even stronger. I am wondering what kind of weapon will be my host in the future, and there is probably one more thing I want to ask you."

"Hmm?" Alex frowned. "What is it?"

"It's something simple. Because I will become your Sword Spirit, there is a fusion process needed. And you also need to move the consciousness over to the spear since I will take over the sword."

"Oh." Alex fell silent as he was asking Lin Xingzhi about it.

[There shouldn't be a problem. We can ask Song Tao for that. I can go there and ask him myself while you send her real body through the Inventory.]

'That's great.'

[It will take an hour for the preparation. You should finish your business soon.]

'Alright.' Alex looked at Eve and asked her opinion. "I am going to send you to where my sword is being forged in an hour. What do you think?"

"Sure. The sooner I fuse, the longer the time I can use to make myself comfortable." She smiled. "But where is the sword?"

"It's in another world." Alex smiled. "Still, I want to ask you once more, I believe the moment you fuse with my sword, you can't go anywhere else again like when you are in the form of this crystal, right?"

She looked at her real body in Alex's body and nodded. "I have prepared for it, and since you say it's in another world, I have no more complaints. I want to see everything with my own eyes. That's the only wish I have because of staying here for more than ten thousand years. Besides, I am a Sword Spirit, my purpose is to help my master cut all his enemies. I wonder what kind of thing I can cut in the future."

"Then, we have no problem here. There is a big chance that I will face the strongest being ever known, so prepare yourself." Alex smirked.

"I am looking forward to it."

"There is one more thing I want to know. Since you have noticed my two elements and intents, what other things are you aware of?"

"I am not sure. The intents alone might be my strongest weapon, and from your perspective, I believe I need to handle or even fuse them together, right? I will try to do my best. I think I won't put much thought into exploring the new power before mastering this new body."

"I see." Alex nodded. "By the way, what is this crystal called?"

"It's my Core. The previous master called it a Spirit Core. The only way to gain this form is to create your own core, so I will be helping my two seniors to create their own core."

"Then, it's time to talk about my objective, right?"

"Yes."

"I only have one. I want to see the object that is controlling this killing intent and learn how to control it."

"Control it?"

"Yeah. This killing intent can suppress one's ability, so I want to learn how to do it."

"Oh, that! It's simple. There are more than ten thousand people buried here. If you circulate their blood and killing intent, it will create this thing. If you are doing it alone, I don't know if you will make something similar."

"So, it's impossible for me." Alex frowned, knowing that it wouldn't be possible to create something like this by himself. After all, it required more than ten thousand people to make something like this.

"I guess so. The ten thousand people I am talking about were Martial Saints or God Rank Experts. It made the whole situation even more impossible." She nodded. "Although it will be great if you have something like this, I am afraid you will be swallowed by the malice inside, so I don't really recommend it. I don't want to lose my master again as soon as I follow him."

Alex closed his eyes. He completely understood her.

"Of course, if Master uses the sword behind me instead, you will be able to do it. Albeit, I believe there is an upper limit for this sword. I don't know, but if there is someone twenty times stronger than Master, I think he won't feel anything."

"Twenty times? Well, the strength gained every time a God Rank Expert advance is exponential, so I guess the limit is around Rank 5 God if not Rank 4... It's enough to make you qualify to be one of the top people on this planet, but I guess it's not really beneficial for me in the long run." Alex furrowed his eyebrows.

"I don't really understand what Master was mumbling about, but I guess you have understood the whole concept. Besides, the sword is only circulating the energy around, so it doesn't really produce this type of strength. If in the future there is someone who makes this energy disappear, it won't appear again."

"That's a shame." Alex repeatedly nodded his head.

"I guess that is enough for our conversation."

"Before that, can I try something?" She stopped him.

As soon as Alex nodded, she released her energy and before long, she suddenly produced Sword Qi.

Alex looked at her in amazement, only to find himself shocked by her once again when he saw the Sword Qi turned into Pure Sword Qi.

"So, this is the energy. It's not that different than my whole existence." She sighed.

"Eh?" Alex was confused about her mumbling for a few seconds before using his Spirit Eyes to assess the whole situation. It was at this time he realized that Eve was formed from a Pure Sword Qi. Only because of his elements that she became "Impure."

Other than these two elements, she was a Pure Sword Qi. He then realized that the Dawn Breaker had an abundant Metal Element, so it must be the Sword God's element.

"This is intriguing." Eve fell into deep thought and looked at Alex. "I have noticed there is a difference between my energy and Master's."

"Because you don't have a real body, which is a sword. You can't produce something similar. And do note that the Sword needs to be a Divine Weapon, so it can produce Divine Energy. Let me show you a little bit." Alex opened his seal again and released his Divine Energy.

"This... I have thought that Master's strength is special. It turns out you have been sealing it this whole time. If that is the case, the killing intent will only work on someone five times stronger than you."

"Rank 8 God? No, since my strength can rival a Rank 8 God, the limit must be Rank 7 God. Even so, the sword is so sharp, so I guess it won't need to lower their opponent's strength and just overpower them."

"Yes. Anyway, I will try to have a Divine Weapon as my body first. Maybe, in the future, I can help you create this energy and either store it inside my body or have you absorbed the energy." Eve smiled.

"Yeah, thanks. Is there anything you want?" Alex asked.

"Nope. I just wish to discover many things that I can't see during the past ten thousand years. Will that be too big for a dream?"

"Not really. The future journey will be filled with boredom, so we can go around and see whatever interesting we can find." Alex shook his head.

"Then, that's good. It will be a fun journey ahead." She smirked.

"Yeah. I am looking forward to working with you."

"It should be me saying that. Who knows how long I will be here before someone finds me?" She smirked.

"That's right. I want to see how Master does a few things since we won't meet for a few months until I have integrated with my new body."

"What do you want me to do?"

"The first thing is what you called Pure Sword Qi. I want to see how you produce it and absorb it to your body."

"Sure." Alex sat down and closed his eyes. Not long after that, he produced the Divine Sword Qi and absorbed it into his body.

"I see. The flame is a bit special, no?"

"Yeah. Rather than using the natural force to expel all kinds of impurities in the Spiritual Energy, I am using my flame to burn every single impurity. This way, I only need to expel the fire energy, allowing me to create the Sword Qi faster. Can you control my fire?"

"If I am near you, I can...to a certain extent. But it still requires a certain degree of mastery." She nodded and stretched her hand toward Alex.

Alex suddenly felt that something was calling his flame. He could easily suppress this feeling if he wanted to, but since Eve was about to show it to him, he gave the permission to move his flame.

When it arrived at her hand, it then started circling around her like a baby.

"I can do this with your Space Element as well, but everything requires your permission. Of course, everything is only related to the Sword. How much I can exert will depend on how much energy you channel to the sword and how powerful the sword is..."

"Oh." Alex nodded. "I felt it earlier, so it wouldn't be much of a big deal. As for the strength, I am sure it's one of the finest swords out there."

"Alright then."

"How about this?" Alex suddenly used one of his techniques, Swallowing Heaven. The dragon then went around her, so she could feel it.

"Ah, this is the so-called Martial Art. If I have fused my real body to the sword, I believe I can control the dragon to the point I insert my own consciousness inside it. I am not sure if I can use your strength in this form or not. I mean, even though I can control a bit of your fire, I can't really summon one that is powerful enough to protect you."

"So, you are a kind of a pilot." Alex fell into deep thought. "You can only utilize whatever I use."

"Yes. This dragon seems to be able to turn its body into a scorching sun, but that's all about it. I can't really use it to let out a fire breath or something." She shook her head.

"There is a huge benefit, but I guess, nothing is perfect. It still has a limitation."

"I am sorry."

"No, no. This is not your fault. Not even me can use my power without a consequence, so don't think much about it." Alex shook his head. "How about we move to the second thing? You said you want me to do a few things, right?"

"Yes. The second thing is about your ability to control and fuse all of these into one."

"I usually use a Sword Art for that because I don't know if I can do it. I mean, sure, I can fuse elements, Divine Weapon Qi and Intent. But I can't fuse more than that." He recalled his Sword and Spear Possession and sighed.

"I don't mind. I want to see what you can do with the current situation first. We can improve the situation bit by bit in the future."

Alex nodded and controlled his sword to exert and fuse all the powers, allowing Eve to have a good look.

"It's a bit hard to fuse them together, so I will probably need to take time to fuse them instantly. If I happen to succeed, I am sure you don't need to worry about it anymore because I will be providing you in an instant." She smiled.

"That's good."

"That's all. You have already proven the third thing I wanted to see earlier."

"I see."

"I am going back first then."

"Yeah. See you later."

She nodded and went inside the crystal.

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"I will leave her to you," said Alex while putting the crystal on the Inventory.

[I guess, a Sword Spirit can't be classified as a living creature even though they can think and speak like our equal.]

"Indeed. That's a sad truth. Just like how they are treated as a part of a weapon, the Sword Spirit isn't really much different, I guess. Either way, she will be my partner who will help me, so I will not treat her like an object.

[Those who can think are living beings, I guess.]

"Yes. Even if people find it odd, I won't care much about their opinion." Alex nodded.

[Haha. It's not that weird. Some people might think of her as a tool, but who cares about them?]

"Yeah."

[By the way, since you have gotten a Sword Spirit, the Sword can be delivered to you sooner than we have predicted. If we assume that the integration process takes several months like how she thought, you could receive in another two or three months, I guess. The time differences.]

"Alright then. I will be looking forward to seeing the sword." Alex nodded. He remembered that the consciousness needed to be nurtured first to Divine Consciousness. However, Eve originated from many

God Rank Experts' blood and Divine Weapon, she didn't need any kind of nourishment and could be integrated into the weapon as soon as possible.

In fact, the whole thing could be finished in a few days. Either way, it wasn't like he wasted too much time since he might use five years in Eulja just for this training. It was quite a long run, but he needed to do it.

Alex was thinking how nice the Time Room itself was because he could train ten years while only one year passed. It was a perfect place to raise one's strength, but he realized the concept of time was more complicated than he could ever think. And the fact that the Time God paid a dear price for using such a technique, he couldn't really ask for another one.

Since there was no remnant other than the sword, Alex decided to go back to Aria because it wouldn't be good to be away from her for too long.

He didn't forget to place the tree to how it was supposed to be and followed the direction of his token that pointed directly at his other token's direction.

It took him an hour just to avoid any unnecessary fighting before finding Aria fighting a 3-Star Martial Saint beast. Wounds had covered its body, so it wouldn't take too long before it fell, but Aria's state looked not much better than the beast.

The lion roared and charged at her again, but she managed to cut it with one last slash. She then fell down while stabbing her sword to the ground, holding it to support his body.

"That was a hard fight. I guess I should stick with 1-Star Martial Saint beasts since it would be a perfect monster to kill with my current strength." She shook her head and swallowed a recovery pill while checking her surroundings to make sure no one could catch her off guard.

When she spread her Spiritual Energy, she looked to the right and said, "You have returned."

"Yeah." Alex nodded and appeared beside her. "You have fought against monsters like this?"

"I challenged a 3-Star Martial Saint. Although I needed quite a big portion of my Spiritual Energy, I was able to kill it without an injury, so I thought to fight a 4-Star Martial Saint monster. It turned out to be more horrible than I expected it to be." She sighed. "Anyway, have you finished your business?"

"Yeah."

"Did you find anything?"

"Yeah. I found the cause as well."

"Really?" She was astounded for a few seconds before regaining her calm. It was not a surprise to get such a reaction. After all, Alex just said that he understood the cause with only an hour or two, even though no one could solve it in ten thousand years.

"By the way, I want to know about how the Sword God became famous on this island."

"Sure. I will tell you while I am recovering my energy." She nodded, sat on the ground, and asked Alex to protect her. "It was ten thousand years ago. Having a stalemate for far too long, the three sects decided to create a war among themselves to see who was the strongest.

"The young Sword God joined the Unsurpassed Blade Sect. His talent bloomed even further, and when he finally took part in this war, he killed five 5-Star Martial Saint when he was only a 1-Star Martial Saint. Of course, he was bedridden for two months because of the injuries, but that itself was a huge achievement.

"The elders began to favor him, but to their surprise, Elder Ravagera had become his teacher when he was unnoticed. When it was revealed, they finally recognized the power of this pair of teacher and disciple.

"Since they had nothing to hide anymore, the sect began pouring the resources to him as well. And it was at this time his talent showed its might. Despite having a late start, he managed to become a God Rank Expert within one hundred years, surpassing the fastest record.

"He then began killing the other God Rank Experts from other sects, and before long, he had become the strongest, capable of killing the other sect masters and destroying their sects. But to everyone's surprise, he suddenly decided to not participate in the war.

"He said, 'Seeing the three sects keep fighting like this has shaken the entire world and turned the world into a planet filled with despair and blood. At the same time, killing and destroying the other two may not be a good option. One can only peak when there is enough competition. That's how I become stronger, so I am ending this war and starting a new area.'

"After that, the sects decided to make a peace treaty and had a competition itself every few years. One could kill there, but not a single person could hurt even a single hair to someone who gave up. If they didn't abide by this, the other two sects would kill that person and whoever tried to protect him/her.

"There were a few things that had begun because of that revolutionary, but that was the biggest thing. When the Sword God had become a Rank 2 God, the World then focused on its expansion to nearby planets before eventually he became a God King."

Alex listened to the story and nodded with respect.

"Still, this island had turned into this, and no one understood the principle. Even the Sword God turned around while shaking his head. No one knew whether he had an idea or not because he didn't clarify if he could solve it or not. That's why I couldn't help but doubt your claim."

"I can see that, but I want to ask for another person's identity if you don't mind."

"As long as I know their legend, I might probably know it. After all, I ask my mother to tell me all types of stories, including legends of the past." She nodded with confidence.

"Then, I would like to know about the Mad Blacksmith."

"..." She suddenly stopped what she was doing and raised her vision in disbelief. "Are you seriously asking me that? No, where did you hear that title?"

"The place that has been maintaining this killing intent." Alex shrugged.

"Seriously?" She fell into deep thought. "The Mad Blacksmith was the world's enemy in the past."

"The world's enemy?"

"Yes. He seemed to be obsessed with something and planned to revive someone. He killed many people, mostly powerful people, and turned them into living deaths by using forging. There wasn't much record to begin with since the three sects might want to hide it. Unfortunately, none of them succeeded. In total, he had killed more than one million people."

"Hoh?" Alex thought for a moment before adding. "He wanted to revive his daughter."

"Was the one who turned this place into a living hell like this actually him? Have you met him?" She rose from the ground, grabbed his shoulder, and shook him gently.

"I didn't meet him, I met his creation. I couldn't say he succeeded, but he indeed created a persona."

"Really?"

"Yeah. Though I can't really tell you the details. If you want to know what it is, she is a Sword Spirit." He smiled.

"Eh?! A Sword Spirit?" She looked down for a few minutes as if she realized something important. "In the past, the Sword God said he took inspiration from someone to create the Sword Spirit... Don't tell me, the reason he didn't say anything about this island was not that he couldn't find anything, but because he knew about it that he didn't want it to be disturbed."

'But she said I was the first human she met.' Alex then thought if there was another record out there about her, and he knew about it. He then understood the whole situation. She didn't lie to him because the Sword God really never met her. "I see. That answers most of the questions."

"Now I can understand why the Sword God hid the truth. He had used the research of the world's number one villain to strengthen himself. I can't really blame him." She nodded repeatedly.

"Yeah. Anyway, can you keep this a secret?"

"Yes. But I want to ask..." She paused for a moment, hesitating to ask a question. "Is that really the real reason for this whole situation?"

"Not really. The real reason is a Divine Sword. I can say that the Divine Sword is one of the peak Divine Weapons. That is the one controlling the situation. No, I should say circulating the madness from that war continuously until now."

"So, is this the remnant of killing intent by the experts back then?"

"Yeah. Because of the passing years, I can't really feel the malice behind it, so I guess it has died long ago, leaving only an empty shell like this." Alex gave a confirmation.

"I see. I think I shouldn't check that out, right?"

"It's better to remain clueless unless you are confident you can fend off everything by yourself, it's better to not know about it because no one will try to question you about this. And you won't have the need to act clueless." Alex nodded.

"Yeah. That's what I am thinking about. I won't ask anything then. At least, I know that there is a secret here, and there is a chance for me to know about it." She smiled.

"That's good. Although I want to tell you about it, I shouldn't say too much and have you learned about it yourself. After all, this secret may kill you."

"Uhm. At least, I understand a little bit to pacify this curiosity of mine, so it's not like I will become a person who is killed by my own curiosity."

Alex smiled and nodded.

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After talking about this island's secret, they began increasing their killing speed as they planned to have at least five million Spirit Crystals in this mission alone. Half of them would be used to increase Aria's cultivation, while the other half was used for Alex to reach Rank 8 God as soon as possible.

It wouldn't be enough, but he should become a bit closer. This made Alex think a little bit. If he chose to cultivate all days, he would be able to reach Rank 8 God in three years as long as he had enough crystal. And it was supposed to be around fifty million Spirit Crystal to boost his strength.

He remembered that his previous self had tens of billions, but with how this was going, he might need around a half billion Spirit Crystals just to reach Rank 6 God. After that, the cost would become higher and higher until he cost a few hundred billion just to level up one rank.

That was why most of the God Rank Experts preferred Divine Herbs or Pills to increase their strength instead of the Spirit Crystal. Not only would it be more effective, but it was also cheaper.

The reason Alex bought the medicinal herbs in the training shop was for this.

Whenever Melvie checked them, her expression became less and less as if she just treated them as a special case that couldn't be measured by a normal parameter.

Their killing method was far different than any others she had seen so far, so she couldn't comment on anything or help them by giving them some advice. The only thing she could do was to report what she had witnessed during this one month and waited for the peak master's reaction.

Meanwhile, Alex and Aria managed to kill around ten thousand magical beasts during this one month. Every time Alex saw a person, he would warn Aria and went around to avoid any kind of contact.

On the last day, he met up with Aria not far from the coast.

"We have finished the mission with flying color. I am sure the peak master will be surprised with this." Aria nodded with a serious expression. "Don't you want to hide?"

"Of course, you will be taking the spotlight. I am sure that she will be in disbelief in your power, but if you show that you can fight a 3-Star Martial Saint monster, I believe it is enough to convince them. And don't forget about your current progress with Purgatory Sword. As long as you have these two, you can take the spotlight." Alex shook his head without having a change of expression.

"What about you?"

"I will be considered your mentor or something and the one who becomes your bodyguard until you are a God Rank Expert."

"Oh, I will play along then." She nodded.

"You don't have any plan in giving the reward to your brother, right?" Alex asked.

"I once thought about it and realized it would be better to not give him. After all, he is already under the care of Elder Gian, so I don't really need to care about him for the time being. And I am sure he will grow even stronger after facing many difficulties." Aria answered honestly.

"I see. He has a Divine Weapon as well."

"Yeah. In the future, I won't be beside him to take care of his matters, so I shouldn't pamper him too much."

Alex fell silent for a few seconds before asking. "You are not blaming me?"

"If you are talking about the fact I will go to you when I have enough strength because this is a promise of myself, you don't need to think about it. After all, this is my personal promise. It's not because of you, but my own wish." She shook her head. "I have told you about it, haven't I? I want to be an expert that has the freedom to do whatever I want. And this is what I want."

"Then, I won't say anything." Alex smiled.

"Hehe."

"There is one more thing I want to do with this quest."

"What is it?"

"Ask the elders to sell only half of the monster cores to the sect while the other half will be sold to the Sword Blossom Peak."

"Ah, it's to not make us too extraordinary from the start. With half of these cores going to the Sword Blossom Peak, they will be the one giving us money. And if they are going to send it to the sect, it will be under their name."

"Yeah. This is a win-win situation for them. After all, they want to keep you in the Sword Blossom Peak no matter what. By using this situation, it is a kind of indirectly telling them we want to stay in Sword Blossom Peak, not other peaks."

"I understand. Let me take care of the negotiation. I won't make the same mistake as the one I made in the test."

"It's fine. The problem has been solved anyway."

"Even so, it still haunts me. That's one of my biggest mistakes." She shook her head. The reason it could be considered a big mistake was due to Alex's existence. Offending a powerful God Rank Expert would be the last thing she wanted to do, let alone if that person would be her future boss.

Alex stayed silent when he saw this determination in her expression until the latter said, "Let's return."

"Sure." Alex nodded and flew to the coast.

Aria took charge of the conversation this time, telling all the plans as if she was in charge of this whole operation and Alex was just her helper.

After asking a few questions, Melvie nodded and agreed to let Aria negotiate the term with the peak master herself.

They then returned to the sect. Alex went back first to make it more believable that Aria was the one in charge, not him.

They knew that he was a kind of the one pulling the string, but with this, it should be enough to say that he was preparing Aria in his own way and would soon become her bodyguard or subordinate.

When he entered the house, he immediately asked Lin Xingzhi about Eve's condition. "How is she?"

[The sword has been formed and Eve's body has fused inside the sword, so you don't need to worry about her anymore. It will take one day for the last integration before she can start adjusting to her body and new power.]

"I see. It's good then." Alex let out a long sigh.

[By the way, the sword is still unnamed. Do you happen to know a good name? Well, Eve asked me to have you bestow the name of the sword she will be living in. By the way, I will give you the memory crystal about the sword.]

Alex nodded and took out the last item that just got inside the Inventory.

He channeled his energy to the sword as a certain moving image like a video appeared in his mind.

It was a sword floating above a small white platform. The sword had a black handle covered with some golden stripes. The blade looked very beautiful but ominous at the same time. It might be due to Eve's influence, but Alex couldn't help but feel impressed.

The blade was red, but the edge was black, making an illusion that the sword was glowing. Even though Eve wasn't a part of the Divine Weapon he found in the cave, she still carried a portion of killing intent, so it must be the reason why the sword looked this way.

"It's beautiful. I can feel that it's tailored made for me. I am sure it will suit me."

[I will take the beautiful part and inform Eve about it. I am sure she will be glad to hear such a thing.]

"Ahaha...I still have a sense of what I can do and I can't do, alright?"

[You are just overthinking it. Do you think we consider every single woman, humans or not, as your woman or something?]

"I am just afraid." Alex sighed.

[Haha. Don't worry about it. Besides, I will be sending the sword in two months of your time.]

"I understand. I want to see the real form." Alex thought for a moment. "And maybe the blade name can be Crimson Night."

[Crimson Night... Well, it's better than most of your naming, I guess it's fine.]

"Haha, nice."

[And if you take too long there, the others might reach Rank 8 God before you.]

"It won't take too long. Besides, I will become even stronger." Alex smiled. He had gotten Eve and the Sword God's Pure Sword Qi, so his prowess alone would be far stronger than it used to be. If he considered that the Sword Qi might reach Rank 7 before he left this world, it was enough for other Gods to judge him as a threat.

[I know that you are working hard there. Besides, it's not like waiting for a few years is that unbearable since I will be wasting your thousands of years after everything has finished. No, we will.]

"Yeah. Despite having made you wait for a long time for me to reach God Rank Expert, I need to make you wait even longer."

[None of them think that way. We only believe that you are sacrificing yourself to protect us. That's all about it. And concerning this problem, it's not your own problem. As soon as you reach Rank 5 God, I will be contacting the other Rank 1 Gods that can help us in the future. After all, the reason you lost a few thousand years ago was due to you fighting that person alone. If I inform the other Gods first and have them prepare for what will happen, we can prevent many things even if the beast uses the same trick.]

"I will be leaving this matter in your hand since I don't have enough time to settle it. And remember, since the beast looks like a sly one, there is a possibility that there are Rank 1 Gods siding with the beast. If they infiltrate us, there is a big consequence."

[I understand.]

"By the way, what was the beast's previous tactic?"

[The beast cultivated the Earth first by giving the power that we called a weapon to kill Gods to them. To our surprise, there were around seven God Kings on Earth alone, so it was a big battle. And with the beast taking charge of the whole operation, our force didn't have enough hand and chose to sacrifice their lives to bring those God Kings down.]

"Is that so... Then I need to start using the Divine Gacha System as soon as possible. At least, I want our Eulja to have four or five God Kings first as an assurance."

[I will tell Korzan to increase the scale of the investigation then.]

"I leave it to you." Alex nodded.

[Chapter 938 - Martial Saint](#)

Over the next few days, Aria seemed to be busy. Considering she needed to show her progress to be recognized by the peak master and the others even further, she couldn't escape from this.

Alex decided to stop the training for the time being until she had finished all her problems.

Meanwhile, he focused on cultivating. Although it required him five years, he calculated it with Eulja's time, not this world's time. If he needed to calculate it with this world's time, he required around two years. And he never stopped cultivating every day ever since he got into the sect no matter how tired he was after training Aria.

Finally, a few days had passed. Alex didn't come out from the residence all the time, but he still understood a few things happening outside since Njomo reported him once a day.

Aria had fought 1-Star to 3-Star Martial Saint monsters in front of the elder, showing her fighting prowess. And when they were alone, she showed the progress of her Purgatory Sword.

The peak master was satisfied when she saw Aria's progress was beyond her imagination. After all, that move was the Sword God's original Divine Sword Art, so the technique was hard to copy or made it her own. However, the moment Aria wielded it, she saw a possibility of her succeeding it.

In other words, this might be the first time someone was learning the Sword God's Original Sword Art because those who usually succeeded in the past only learned his Dual Blade, Hell Lion, or something similar. No one mastered this in the past. If she took care of Aria, there might be a chance for the peak to contend with the First Peak that had been reigning as champion this whole time.

That was why she only showed what was necessary to settle down the elders while keeping the rest a secret, making sure that the First Peak didn't snatch her.

A few days later, Aria returned to the house while having a smile on her face.

"I have succeeded. I've gained the peak master's and the elders' trust."

Alex stayed silent, not knowing what to say. On one hand, she was doing this because of his order. On the other hand, this would also become a great thing for her in the future.

"You don't need to mind about it." She shook her head, knowing what Alex was thinking. She looked up and sighed. "When I was a small and weak child, many looked down on me because I couldn't see. Despite the strength of my parents, it couldn't stop the rumors in the family, saying I was a cursed child.

"That was why I learned everything necessary, including this sense of mine through bitter training. My father has always told me he loves me, while my mother took care of me and made sure I didn't give up. When I reached the peak of the younger generation and caught up with my brother's progress, I shut them up.

"It was at that time I realized...Standing at the top felt nice. Not only could I satisfy those who put a high expectation in me, but I could also stand on top of those who bullied me. More importantly, I could finally enjoy my peace." She hesitated for a second before changing her thoughts. "Maybe it's a bit different. What made me happy was the fact that you could use everything in your possession to make your family proud.

"Although your case is not really the same, it's something similar. So, I just can't contain my smile." She smiled at Alex.

"Is that so? I should thank you then." Alex nodded with a smile.

"By the way, there is one thing I want to ask you. When are you leaving?" She asked. "I mean, it's not like I want you to go or something. I just want to prepare for it."

"After I advance to another level. If my guess is right, it's around two years."

"I see." She nodded.

"Don't worry. I will try to make you at least 5-Star Martial Saint by that time." Alex smirked. "And the training is going to be harder from now on."

"Are you going to turn me into a monster?"

"Nope. I am just turning you into a masochist."

"What is that?"

"It's just a term for someone who loves pain."

"Ehm..." She suddenly made a weird smile as if she couldn't understand what he just said.

"Don't think much about it. Every single cultivator has a certain degree of this."

"I hope you can use a different term, you know. It's not like I love pain."

"Neither do I. Fine. Just say that you have a pain tolerance." Alex shrugged.

"Yeah. That's better."

"Anyway, let's start training again."

"Understood."

After having the conversation, the two went back to their training. Since she had been recognized by those people, he started increasing her training so as to keep up with that expectation.

This training could be continued for a long time because the peak master had given her permission to increase her strength as quickly as possible before revealing it. And she believed Aria would be able to reach God Rank Expert under one hundred years old. Even though this was Alex's effort, she could claim it so as to prevent anyone from snatching her, telling she was the one more suited to teach her.

Thus, one month had passed, and Aria finally triggered her Lightning Tribulation. Out of curiosity, Alex decided to stay and watch, wondering how she faced the Lightning Tribulation.

As one would expect, she destroyed the first and second wave with just her strength alone. As for the third and fourth waves were handled with high-speed movements. It was just pure speed and power since she didn't use her Lightning Element to handle the two waves.

Only when she faced the fifth and sixth, she used her Lightning Element. It wasn't really much of a problem for Aria to handle this type of lightning. But when the purple lightning came, she finally became serious.

She released her Lightning to the highest degree and unleashed a strong Sword Wave. That strong attack destroyed the seventh and eighth waves. Things started to get real because Aria felt the need to weaken the Lightning Tribulation first before hitting it with the Sword Wave.

With enough effort, she finally destroyed the ninth wave. If only golden lightning were to appear, there might be no one who could challenge it. Even Aria, the one he had taught in this world, couldn't face it. After all, he perfectly understood how dangerous a Golden Lightning could be.

Well, considering the fact that his previous self broke the taboo to send the knowledge to the current him, he could understand why it was far stronger than a normal Lightning Tribulation that could even shake the entire world.

He wondered what kind of fate he had if the Golden Lightning Tribulation made its presence here. It would turn the world upside-down to the point the three sects wouldn't mind having another war just to get that person.

Alex sighed when he thought about it and kept watching over her tribulation.

As soon as Aria saw the last lightning strike, she went all out and utilized her Sword Qi well, obliterating the tenth wave. She struggled a bit earlier because she conserved her stamina like how a careful person would do.

She still remembered how Alex taught her how to live below your means. Although it would have another meaning for normal humans, it held a special meaning for Alex.

What he truly meant by that sentence was to fight someone while holding back until you can see the whole strength of your opponents. In other words, if she kept using the lowest amount of energy possible to handle someone, they would start increasing their power, allowing her to assess the situation even further before defeating her opponent.

That was why when the tenth wave appeared, she didn't mind holding back again because nothing would happen to her after destroying this one last strike.

The sky turned bright again as Elder Illevis went to the bottom of the mountain and congratulated her personally. She just couldn't believe that Aria could advance two times ever in five months.

Unfortunately, she had pledged to not asking for Alex's cultivation technique because not only would he leave, but Aria would surely follow. If the other two sects got this, it would be far worse than having your own people snatching from you.

Clap.

Clap.

Clap.

Alex's applause echoed as Aria bowed her head to him.

"Thank you for giving me this chance. I have never thought I can truly become a Martial Saint this fast." She smiled. "It's all thanks to you."

"Nope. I am just providing the method. Your will and perseverance are the ones that grant you this opportunity."

She smiled. "You make me embarrassed."

"By the way, how do you feel?"

"I am great. The fatigue from earlier has disappeared as well, so I won't have any problem even if I need to start practicing again after this." She pumped her fist. "In fact, I am pretty fired up to increase my cultivation even faster."

"Haha, I like it." Alex nodded before looking at his right. A few seconds later, the peak master made her appearance.

"To think you have indeed become a Martial Saint this fast. It's really surprising." She nodded with a serious face.

"Thank you, Peak Master. Thanks to Peak Master for giving me the chance to cultivate peacefully this whole time I can reach this step this fast." She smiled.

"No, no. That's all your effort." She shook her head. "Anyway, I am here to congratulate you. So, here is your present. I want you to keep aiming even higher."

She sensed the thing in Peak Master's hand before realizing it was a pill. "This is..."

"This is a Lightning Seed Pill. This pill can enhance your Lightning Element and increase your cultivation at the same time. It's a peak Rank 8 Pill."

"This...Am I really deserved all this? I didn't do anything for the past few months, so it looks like I am just taking it for granted."

"No. Those who are talented deserved more. Of course, it doesn't mean those who are slightly less talented don't deserve this, but talent can't be measured. At one time, you can be at the lowest of the lowest, but the next day, you can be the most talented person in the universe. Showing a great reward for the winner is a must, so the disciples can become even more motivated to reach higher cultivation." She smiled.

"In that case, I will take it." Aria nodded and gently took the pill before storing it inside her Space Ring.

"Thank you, Peak Master."

"Umu. Since you have received it, I will be leaving again." She nodded, turned around, and flew away, but she didn't forget to take another look at Alex, who was very mysterious with a complicated thought.

[Chapter 939 - A New Mission](#)

After becoming a Martial Saint in just a few months, her talent was deemed to be one of the strongest in Illevis's eyes. Upon knowing it, she gave her a few million Spirit Crystals, wanting her to take the opportunity to cultivate even faster.

Aria, of course, had no intention to reject it. She simply received the Spirit Crystals and brought them to Alex. But to her surprise, Alex didn't take even a single Spirit Crystal, letting her use all of the crystals.

Alex was a God Rank Expert, so he needed far more than her. And the fact that he took half of the reward they got from the previous mission made her think he needed money.

Alex only told her that they would split if the money came from their joint efforts. If it were her alone, he wouldn't touch her money.

Having this agreement, they proceeded in their training, planning to show even more progress, so Illevis would come again and give more resources.

After another three months, Alex released his strength to 4-Star Martial Saint while Aria had officially become a 2-Star Martial Saint. This progress alone baffled every single elder in the peak. They wanted to visit Aria, but the peak master decided to stop them.

Not long after that, Illevis decided to visit her personally to ensure her foundation. After all, she couldn't afford to see Aria's foundation ruined because she wanted to see her cultivate faster.

When she arrived with Melvie, Alex and Aria received them well.

Alex sat in front of Melvie while Aria faced Illevis.

"May I know what Peak Master wants?" Aria asked with a smile, trying to be as warm as possible.

"I just want to see your condition. But it seems no matter how monstrous progress you have, your cultivation still can't beat..." Illevis stopped talking but staring at Alex.

"Nyx has been helping me this whole time, and he is on a different level from me. Even so, I am still planning to catch up to him." She smiled as if declaring her rivalry.

"That's good then." Illevis was satisfied with her determination before falling into deep thought.

"Peak Master. I have a good suggestion." Melvie suddenly opened her mouth.

"Hmm?"

"Do you know my family?"

"Of course. I have met them several times."

"Actually, I have a friend in another family. Her family is also an ally of my family for a long time, so I have known her since childhood. Because of the circumstances, she gave birth a few decades ago."

"Is that child the one you recommended to me last year?"

"Yes." Melvie nodded. "She is a bit over fifty years old, but her strength has reached 1-Star Martial Monarch. Despite having the resources from her family, which was supposed to be a merchant family, her talent was still top-notch."

"What are you suggesting?" Illevis stopped her, not wanting to prolong her business with Aria and Alex for another few hours just to listen to her story.

"From what I have heard, her child wants to take a test to increase her power even further by accepting the power of their ancestor. Unfortunately, the place is a bit dangerous. It's a kind of a place like Blood Island's Inner Island. So, I am wondering if I can have both of them escort them. Not only can they get a

good amount of resources from my friend's family, but I can encourage the talented kid to join this sect." Melvie smiled.

Illevis blinked her eyes a few times before falling into deep thought. "This is interesting. First of all, why did your friend's family have such a weird place for the inheritance?"

"No, no. This is inside a Special Realm."

"I see. Do you want them to go to protect that kid and inspire her if possible?"

"Yes. That's the gist of my plan. And I believe my friend doesn't have any problem with this."

Illevis stroke her chin a few times and looked at Aria. "What do you think?"

"I think it's good. It's true that we can increase our cultivation faster than anyone else, but if we don't balance it with fighting experiences and other things, we won't be able to become an expert." Aria accepted it according to Alex's instruction.

"True enough. You will also get a good reward if the request comes from a merchant family." Illevis then glanced at Melvie. "But do they want to have her escorted by us?"

"Of course. She is currently asking me to put on a request on her behalf. The task is for people in 1-Star to 5-Star Martial Saint." Melvie nodded.

"What kind of challenge will they have in this mission?"

"Well, they will have a problem with monsters, but there is a chance that other families want to take it as well. Using the blood of my friend's daughter, they can open the inheritance for themselves. Unfortunately, her parents and other things are busy handling all those families, leaving one influence that might appear in the mission."

"Who are they?" Aria was the one who asked, showing she had an interest in this mission.

"They are bandits. It's a famous gang called Divine Tiger Gang. They have been terrorizing so many people. Their leader is a 5-Star Martial Saint, so there is a chance that they will be coming for you. But I think it won't be a problem, right?" Melvie stared at Alex intensely.

With how abnormal Aria's fighting power is, Alex shouldn't be that far from her. In other words, there would be a huge chance that Alex could fight the leader alone. It would be best if he and Aria could fight together, but there shouldn't be a need for that.

Alex took a few seconds to answer. "Yes."

"That's great." Melvie smiled before looking at the peak master, asking for permission.

"I personally don't have any problems with such a mission as long as they agree with the mission. Besides, for a bandit at that size, we need escorts from their family too because I don't know if these two can fight the whole group with just two of them. After all, the opponents are not monsters that are easy to kill."

"Don't worry. I have given the statement that she will need to bring at least twenty Martial Saint with her to avoid being surrounded by the group. With her character, she will at least prepare thirty Martial Saints and seventy Martial Monarchs. It will be a huge convoy."

"I see. The whole convoy is to ensure that this child can go to the inheritance place while these two will focus on her well-being." Illevis understood her plan and nodded in agreement.

"Yes. The payment is four million Spirit Crystals for a mission that only needs around a week or so. What do you think?"

Aria and Alex exchanged looks before nodding their heads.

"We accept." Aria smiled before asking. "By the way, is there any other person joining us?"

"Nope. This is only for you. I want to have another person, but he is currently on a mission, so I can't really recall him back." She shook her head.

"In that case, we don't have any problem."

"Good. You can head to the family tomorrow. It will take you three days from here, and the place is around four to five days of flying. It's not really a secret place, but just make sure you are not bringing trouble upon yourself."

"Yes." Aria nodded.

"This is my token and my letter. You can give this to her, and she will accept you." Melvie handed a wooden token and a white letter as if she had predicted that Aria and Alex would accept this.

"I understand. May I know the information about the family first?"

She snapped her finger as a few papers appeared on her hand and gave it to them.

Alex took it before passing it to Aria.

"I will learn the information today and head over there tomorrow."

"Sure." Melvie nodded.

"Since you have accepted this mission, give this to her if you think the kid is a talented person." Illevis didn't forget to give them her recommendation letter for this young kid.

She doubted Aria's eyes for talent, but Alex seemed to be a real deal. After all, he wouldn't be with her except he found her talented. So, he let them choose whether this child was worth it or not. Either way, it wouldn't shake the fact that these two were more talented than her.

After finishing their business, Illevis and Melvie left the house.

"Peak Master. Do you think they will do well?" She asked.

"You were so confident earlier, now you are worried?" Illevis glanced at her with a slight smile.

"As far as ability is concerned, I don't have a single doubt they will finish this mission. However, I don't know if they will serve as a good motivation to the little girl that I have considered as my little nephew." She let out a long sigh. "You know...They act a bit too mysterious, making it hard to approach them."

"I can understand you. I do feel them that way, but at least I know Cypress Family. As long as the guy is attached to the girl, it lightens my stress a bit. For now, we will see whether they will bring a positive influence or their light will cast a shadow in many people's hearts."

"I see. This sect has fierce competition. Even I need to gamble with my own lives to reach this point. If these two existences can shake their hearts, they are not qualified to take the top spots." She smiled.

"That's all about it. For now, we will wait and see. After all, it's not even a year since the first day they came."

"True enough. But those two have become much stronger. I wonder what will happen in a decade."

The peak master only shrugged and returned to the mansion.

Meanwhile, Aria gave the rundown about the information.

"The requester this time is Alcea Luezar from Luezar Family. The mission is to protect her daughter, Nella Luezar. The strongest person is their grandfather, a Rank 5 God. However, he can't really make a move because he is suppressing many influences right now to prevent them from getting the inheritance.

"Due to that, the family only set low-level people so they won't be too noticeable, making it hard to find them missing inside their mansion. That's why the mission is only for 1-Star to 5-Star. The big threats in this mission should only be the bandits or powerful monsters.

"I see. It's hard to stop a few influences at once, so I believe they can't really spend so much on this mission even though this is very important. Probably they can spend one or two powerful Martial Saints, but I doubt there will be more. And in this information, it's briefly explained that we can't get anything about the inheritance." She briefly explained the information while reading the rest.

"We don't need the inheritance for now. Having too much is not that good, so it won't matter. The problem will be how long..." Alex thought for a moment. "And the enemies."

"There is a bandit group in the area that is rumored to be under one of their enemy's influence. They have three hundred people among themselves, and I think there might be people from the family that is controlling the bandits. I don't know their strength."

Alex fell silent before smiling. "You have gotten better at analyzing things."

"Thank you. It's all thanks to you teaching me."

"For now, there is nothing we can do other than preparing. Do you know the path?"

"Only the destination. We can come up with the path, I think. Even if they have an original path, we can just lie and tell them we saw a bandit around that area." She shrugged.

"It's not that easy, but if the letter can give us the power to negotiate, it will be good. So, here is the plan..." Alex smiled and started explaining.

Chapter 940 - A Scheme

When the next day arrived, Aria and Alex went toward this Luzear Family. The journey didn't take too long, but they ended up taking another stroll in a nearby forest.

"Are you sure about this?" Aria asked. Her face was full of doubt.

"We had discussed it yesterday. There are a few perfect spots to ambush the group, so it's better to set up traps around here first before arriving there."

Aria could understand the reason he was doing this was to not use his full power, but the possibility of this failing was very high. "Don't worry. If these Array Plates are not used, I will be the one taking care of them. You can go back to the sect first."

"No, no. I am not worried about that. It's just a few hours of work, so it doesn't really mean anything. What I am concerning is the probability of them having a God Rank Expert."

Alex thought for a moment and shook his head. "Nope. There won't be any God Rank Experts. You don't know anything about them. If a God Rank Expert makes a move, many will notice it, so whether it's from the Luzear Family or their enemies, no one will send a God Rank Expert. There might be 8-Star or 9-Star Martial Saint, but I am not really sure about a 10-Star Martial Saint. Either way, if we can solve the situation with just traps, it will be good."

"I doubt it though. Why don't you just save the money to buy the Array Plates for cultivation?" She sighed.

"Haha, you start budgeting me now?" Alex smiled.

"You can do whatever you want with your money. It's your money anyway." She shrugged and looked away.

Alex smiled and kept placing the array plates for another hour.

"Let's go." Alex walked to her after finishing his job.

Aria nodded and started flying again.

It took them another six hours to arrive in Middle City. They went in without much of a problem and immediately headed toward the Luzear Family.

As they expected, the mansion looked like her Cypress Family, just a bit bigger. They found two people holding a spear, waiting in front of the gate.

When they approached them, they crossed the spear and asked. "Who are you?!"

"We are disciples from Unsurpassed Blade Sect. I am here to take a mission from the Luzear Family, specifically madam Alcea Luzear." Aria showed her disciple token and Luzear Family token to let them know it was a legitimate request.

"..." The guards exchanged looks before one of them went inside while the other one said, "As much as I want to let you inside, we need to ask the madam first because of the current situation."

"It's fine. We have been briefed about it as well." Aria gently nodded.

What made the guard hesitate was actually their masks. They couldn't really identify them because they didn't show their faces, increasing the possibility of them being fake.

Not long after, a middle-aged lady walked out of the mansion and found two masked people.

"I am Alcea Luzear. Are you who I am waiting for?" She asked while furrowing her eyebrows.

Aria took out the letter from Melvie. "My name is Aria Cypress. This is the letter from Senior Sister Melvie."

She took the letter and opened it right away. After reading the letter, she glanced at them back and forth as if she couldn't believe what the letter told her.

"Melvie is my childhood friend. Although the path we take is different, I still trust her words. Since you two are the ones she sent, I will trust her. Come in first to meet my daughter, and I shall explain the plan." Despite saying so, she had yet to move to her position. "Before that, can you take off your mask? The letter has told me about your disability, but I want to check it first because there is a chance that you are an impostor. After all, our situation is not in good condition."

"I can, but I don't know if he..." Aria took off her mask but felt Alex didn't need to.

"Since I have confirmed it, I won't say anything. You can put your mask back on. Sorry for asking you to do that."

"No, I think this will be perfect." Aria decided not to put on her mask again for a few reasons that she and Alex had talked about.

"Alright then." She nodded and invited them in.

After making a few turns, they arrived in a room with three people inside. The first one was a young female that seemed to be Nella Luezar. The second one was another youth with 6-Star Martial Saint strength, while the last one was a 9-Star Martial Saint middle-aged man.

"These two are the escorts that will help you during this mission. They are Aria Cypress and Nyx. The lady is a 2-Star Martial Saint that can fight against a 5-Star Martial Saint while the other one is a strong 4-Star Martial Saint that has the ability to rival that of the girl." Alcea introduced them, believing it would make everything smoother.

"Ho?!" The middle-aged man observed Alex and Aria before the hair on his hand raised without any apparent reasons. "Since that is the case, I don't have a problem. Besides, it's better to have them with us rather than a full-fledged 8-Star Martial Saint."

"Yes." Alcea nodded. "Millman, I will be leaving these two in your care."

"I understand, Madam. I will do my best to make this campaign successful." The middle-aged man nodded with a solemn expression.

"Good. This is Millman, the leader of this entire operation." She introduced the middle-aged man to Alex and Aria.

They shook his hand with a smile.

Meanwhile, the young lady brushed her light red hair gently, not knowing why Millman accepted them.

"Mother, isn't our force enough to reach the palace?"

"Our force might be enough, but their mission is to ensure your safety while the group is to make sure everything can proceed according to the plan." She shook her head.

"..." Nella fell silent and kept staring at Aria, wondering what was so special with this blind woman. Alex was also wearing a mask that made him too mysterious. "I can take care of myself though...But since mother has gone all the way to do this, I will just accept this one."

"Yeah, thank you, dear." Alcea smiled.

"This is Andre, the second-in-command for this operation. He is originally the one ensuring her safety, but with both of you here, he can go fight those bastards instead."

"Nice to meet you." Andre stretched his hand to Aria and shook her hand before looking at Alex.

Alex shook his hand too, but to his surprise, he suddenly felt the other party clenched his hand tightly.

Alex sighed inwardly, knowing this would happen. However, there was another thing that made him concerned. In the middle-aged man's body held dormant green energy that seemed to be a poison. Meanwhile, there was a trace of the same energy in the young man's hand, so this made Alex curious about this young man.

Why would he act this brazen when he could just stay quiet for a while? If this plan were sabotaged, the situation would turn worst.

"I don't know why you are clenching my hand this tightly...But if you are going to challenge me or something, it's better you piss off." Alex narrowed his eyes.

The atmosphere became tense. Andre had been their retainers for decades, so they just couldn't believe what Alex said.

"I am sorry, I just want to see your strength. After all, the introduction was a bit too hard to swallow." Andre gently smiled while putting a bit more energy into his hand.

"In that case, don't blame me." Alex sighed. Suddenly, he accelerated and grabbed Andre's elbow before breaking his hand until it bent weirdly.

"Argh!" Andre screamed in pain as he fell down and held his hand while glaring at Alex.

"Oops, I just wanted to see the strength of the great 6-Star Martial Saint. Unfortunately, you are just a waste who can't even understand the course of your action. I am starting to worry now." Alex looked down on him, surprising every person in this room.

"Nyx!" Aria sweatdropped as she never expected it turned this way. He taught her to swallow everything, so they didn't make a problem, but this was the exact opposite of what he said.

At the same time, Alcea, a Rank 10 God, pointed her hand toward him while the middle-aged man took out his sword.

"You...What did you just do?!" Nella gritted her teeth and helped him up.

"Why would you do something like that? Depending on your answer, I might need to send a corpse to my childhood friend..." Alcea glared at Alex while releasing her killing intent.

Alex looked at her before moving to the middle-aged man. "You are poisoned."

"Stop lying!" The middle-aged man obviously didn't believe him.

Alex thought for a while. He obviously couldn't tell them he had the ability to see the energy in his body, so he knew about it. He remembered how many characters in many stories acted like a doctor, so he said, "When I shook your hand, I realized from your pulse that you are poisoned. If you are not convinced, you can puke the area near your abdomen with a silver needle and see it for yourself."

The middle-aged man's body shook before glancing at Alcea, wondering what the madam had to say.

"Bring our Elder Po here and ask him to check your body. I will be watching these two people. If it's not as he said, I will solve this with my own hand."

"I understand." The middle-aged man nodded.

However, when he was about to leave, the youth suddenly turned pale as he took out something from his Space Ring.

Because of what happened earlier, Aria had been on the full alert. When she realized the youth was moving, she activated her lightning element to arrive right next to the youth, cutting his hand that seemed to take out a pouch before kicking the man to the wall.

Of course, as an expert, Alcea didn't sit by and tried to stop her before cutting Andre's hand, but Alex caught her hand and said, "Look at what he takes out!"

When she heard that, she looked at the leather pouch and used her Divine Energy to grab the pocket.

As soon as she was distracted, Alex disappeared once again before a scream filled the entire room.

"Argh!"

They immediately turned their head and saw two spears impaled Andre on his two shoulders, preventing him from moving.

"I am sorry, I don't like to grasp someone's neck and ask them to tell the truth. Instead, it's better to immobilize your hands first using this method." Alex said coldly before pointing at the bag in Alcea's hand.

Nella gritted her teeth and shouted. "Why did you do that?"

"Nella!" Alcea stopped her before looking at the pouch. Because of her position, Nella obviously didn't see this pouch since it was in her blind spot, but when she looked at the pouch, she fell silent, realizing it wasn't this simple. "Change of plan. Nella, you bring Elder Po here while the rest can't leave this room until everything is confirmed."

Nella hesitated for a few seconds before rushing to bring the requested person.

After five minutes of waiting, she brought an old man carrying a case that seemed to be filled with his tool.

"Madam, do you need me?" He asked before finding Andre. "Oh no! Do you want me to heal him?!"

"No!" She shook her head and pointed at Millman. "Check his body, especially his stomach."

The old man walked toward Millman while keeping his eyes on Andre, wondering what just happened here.

He inserted five silver needles on Millman's stomach before three of them turned black.

"This...He is poisoned. The fact that it only reacts with three means that it is in the dormant stage, so there won't be any symptoms."

Thump!