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Chapter 547 Adversity

The intensity of Kyle's strikes increased even more.

He was striking with all of his power, but this time, he was also striking far quicker and more frequently.

The Yin-Fire bulged again and again, and it looked very different from the outside.

Instead of a bonfire going straight up, it kept swinging from side to side like it was bending under the wind.

When Kyle noticed that he saw more and more of the outside, he grew nervous.

This wouldn't damage the Law Well, right?

So, he asked Wolfmistress about it.

"You can do with the Yin-Fire whatever you want on the surface. The actual Law Well is deep beneath you. As long as you are not attacking that, it won't get damaged."

That made a lot of sense to Kyle. After all, a man could punch flames as much as he wanted, and it wouldn't do anything, but if he punched the fuel, that might accidentally destroy the flame by scattering the fuel all across the area or by momentarily cutting off the fire's oxygen.

When Kyle heard that, he stopped worrying and just kept striking wildly.

Naturally, Wolfmistress watched Kyle from time to time.

She knew that Kyle couldn't be weak. After all, he had become a Parasite, and that wasn't easy.

However, the speed at which Kyle improved was astounding.

From what she could see, Kyle was well on his way to comprehending the Law of Body.

As a Transcendent, this was extremely rare.

Comprehending Elements was very different from comprehending the Law of Body.

Elements were outside forces that one had to understand, while one's body was an internal source of power.

Understanding Elements was more about finding out how to calculate their effects, while understanding the body was more about practice and listening to one's feelings.

In terms of motivation, there was also a big difference.

In terms of activities, understanding Elements was more akin to Sudoku or chess.

One had to train one's mind to get better at finding patterns and thinking far ahead.

Understanding the body was more like bodybuilding or other kinds of sports.

Usually, someone from Earth might enjoy getting better in one thing while not enjoying getting better at the other.

Someone who loved getting better at chess might find the extreme training one needed to do to become a top athlete strenuous, painful, tiring, and bothersome.

On the other side, an elite athlete might find grinding chess matches to be strenuous, tiring, boring, and bothersome. If one didn't get a great feeling of satisfaction from getting better in one activity, one was more likely to lose focus and neglect one's training.

Of course, there were plenty of cases in which people enjoyed doing both, but that was not a given.

As a Seeker, one needed both, and the Realm progression made sure that people who weren't motivated enough to improve in all aspects wouldn't make it too far.

Understanding the Elements was imperative to becoming a Transcendent.

However, understanding the body was imperative to becoming a Crusher, someone in the Sixth Realm, the Compression Realm.

The Primal Realm was all about one's body and physical power, and comprehending the True Law of Body was a necessity to become a True Crusher.

Without it, one could only become a False Crusher, and one's path to power would end.

Usually, Transcendents focused on comprehending a Pure Level Two Law to reach the Primal Realm.

Some of the Transcendents would also create a powerful Complex Law that included their Pure Level Two Law before advancing to gain a combat advantage.

Yet, almost nobody focused on the Law of Body.

People very often had difficulties in getting used to learning more about their body, since they needed to employ a different way of comprehension to make any significant progress.

Sebastian was a good example.

Sebastian was so amazing at comprehending lightning that he comprehended Yin-Lightning before becoming a Transcendent.

Yet, he hadn't managed to comprehend even a single Fragment of the Body before advancing.

It was clear that Sebastian wouldn't have it easy when it came to unlocking the Eighth Cluster in the Primal Realm.

However, if he managed to get past that hurdle, he would not have much difficulty in unlocking the Ninth and Tenth Clusters.

If he got past the initial hurdle, he would become stronger than 99% of all Primals.

Meanwhile, Kyle had comprehended his first Fragment of the Body by accident.

People had different strengths and weaknesses.

As Kyle kept swinging, his Ether was reaching rock bottom.

His Fragment of Metabolism was emptying his Ether, but Kyle just kept going.

His body was having difficulty recovering from his injuries.

He needed Biological Ether to recover, but he was using all of it to attack.

Everything in Kyle's mind was telling him that this was a bad idea.

He might freeze and die if he continued.

Fear assaulted Kyle.

Naturally, just like everyone else, Kyle also felt fear.

When he had flown across the Tertiary World to comprehend his Law of Meteor, he had also been afraid.

Everyone felt fear.

However, what differentiated people was how they acted in the face of fear.

Kyle didn't let his fear win.

He knew that this was dangerous, but only in the face of real adversity could one truly grow.

Everyone faced adversity in their lives.

Suddenly getting laid off from a job.

Losing a loved one.

Having to take on debt to survive.

Abusive relationships.

Being the victim of a crime.

People generally didn't seek out these circumstances. They didn't choose to be in this situation.

Yet, it happened regardless.

And if one managed to get through it, on the other side of the dark tunnel, one would realize something.

If another dark tunnel appeared, it would still be horrible, but they had already gone through something similar.

The person had grown.

They had become stronger.

Of course, that didn't always happen.

Sometimes, people looked at their current situation. They looked at the injuries the dark tunnel had given them and looked back.

"If I hadn't been in that tunnel, everything would be so much better. The way things are is all the tunnel's fault."

In that case, one could argue that this person had left the tunnel, but their mind was still in it.

However, there were also people who looked at the tunnel in a different way.

"If it weren't for that tunnel, I wouldn't be who I am today. Without the experience I received by going through this suffering and adversity, I wouldn't have managed to climb this hill."

Sometimes, people like that even looked at their dark past with a hint of fondness and gratitude.

Some people might despair at seeing another tunnel on the horizon.

Others might narrow their eyes and approach it with conviction.

Kyle was of the latter kind.

"RAAAAH!" Kyle shouted as he swung again.

His Ether bottomed out, and his body was freezing.

He was dying.

But then, something happened.

While his Biological Ether was empty, there was still quite a bit of Ether left in his Center.

At this moment, the Ether of his Center transformed into Biological Ether with far greater speed than before, and Kyle's body healed.

Kyle's entire body hurt.

His instincts shouted at him that he had nearly died.

The Yin-Fire was still freezing his body.

The Sin Flames were still burning.

And yet, Kyle just smiled.

'The Fragment of Efficiency,' he thought. 'I can now use less Ether to accomplish the same effect as before.'

Kyle swung again with his full power, and this time...

His Biological Ether didn't drop.