

## The Almighty Dragon General Chapter 2021 –

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Marcello was simply too strong.

He, the Son of Heaven, could only reach the 100-meter mark, whereas Marcello easily passed the third barrier.

After passing the third barrier, he returned.

This time, the golem formation did not attack him.

Upon returning to James' side and looking at his dumbfounded expression, Marcello smiled and said, "Actually, passing through the golem formation isn't a difficult endeavor. As long as your movements are agile, you should be able to dodge their attacks easily. Why don't you give it a try?"

"Me?"

James looked at the golems before him. He was not confident in his own strength.

"Go on," Marcello said, "Aren't you curious how far you can go?"

"Alright, then."

James approached the golem formation and looked at the golems. Then, he catalyzed True Energy, summoned all his strength, and charged toward the golem formation.

The moment he stepped into the formation, a sword imbued with terrifying power came slashing at him. Before they even made contact with James, he could feel an overwhelming pressure coming toward him.

Though the golem had great speed, James managed to dodge the attack by taking a sidestep. At that moment, a second golem swung its sword.

James bent his body and pressed his body against the ground, dodging the attack.

Just as he dodged the second attack, another sword came slashing at him from the ground. Like a spring, he leaped into the air and dodged the attack.

The moment he entered the formation, he had been paying full attention to his surroundings. In the beginning, the golem's attacks were sparse and disorganized. So, he could dodge the attacks using his reaction speed alone. As he continued dodging the attacks, he soon reached the fifty-meter mark.

When he arrived there, however, the golem's attacks intensified.

Golems on both sides swung their swords violently. Even James had to summon all his strength to barely dodge them.

Then, his back was struck. As overwhelming power came crashing toward him, he collapsed heavily to the ground as an excruciating pain reverberated throughout his body. This greatly affected his reaction speed.

Before he could crawl up, several swords came swinging at him.

Panicking, he swiftly staggered backward. As he retreated, the golems stopped their attacks.

Disgraced, James exited the formation. He wiped the blood trace off his lips and shrugged, "I can only reach a few meters at most, probably a tenth of the total journey. It's impossible to pass this formation."

Only now did James know how terrifying Marcello was.

Marcello, meanwhile, had been closely observing James. Though James possessed a mysterious physique, he did not exert his full strength.

"I think you can do this. It's just that you have yet to demonstrate your full strength." Marcello said after brief contemplation.

"Is that so?"

James was doubtful.

His full strength? Was he referring to his tenacity and incredible recovery speed? What else was there?

James looked at him puzzledly.

Marcello looked at him and explained, "After experiencing the challenge myself and observing you while you tried to pass the barrier, I hypothesize that this formation acts according to one's strength. The stronger you are, the stronger they will be."

"Really?" James was puzzled.

"Yes."

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Marcello nodded and said, “The Primordials were the ones who left the Celestial Abode behind. This should be a piece of cake. Let me impart to you some of my techniques. You should be able to pass the barrier easily.”

Right then, the Son of Heaven stood up.

Though he failed a moment ago, he now had a rough understanding of the formation. Then, he tried breaching through the formations’ defenses.

James and Marcello observed him intently.

The Son of Heaven charged into the formation and dodged a succession of attacks flawlessly. Soon, he was already halfway through. In the end, a dozen golems attacked all at once.

Meanwhile, the Son of Heaven performed an unusual technique. No matter how many golems attacked him, he was able to dodge them in time.

Eventually, he passed the formation.

Standing at the other side, he turned to look at James and Marcello and flashed them a smirk. Then, he turned to leave, descending the slope and disappearing from view.

Marcello was unconcerned. After all, this was only the third barrier. There would be more to come, and there was no way the Son of Heaven could pass through all nine barriers.

James looked at Marcello and asked, “You were saying you’re going to impart me some of your techniques?”

“Mhm.” Marcello nodded slightly and said, “Although you are strong, you have never undergone official training. Thus, you’re unable to exert your full strength.

“Now, sit in a lotus position on the ground.”

James did as he was told.

“Close your eyes and empty your mind.

“Relax...

“Try sensing your surroundings with your Psynergy,” Marcello said.

Then, he suddenly struck James with his fist. However, James managed to instinctively dodge his attack.

“It’s done,” Marcello said.

James opened his eyes and looked at Marcello, stunned.

Marcello smiled and said, “Our eyes have blind spots, and our senses have a brief moment of delay. When you charged through the formation just now, you used your senses to detect the attacks. Then, you transmit the information to your brain, which will then make a judgment. However, this process requires time. This caused your speed to slow down, thereby failing to pass through the golems.

“Empty your mind and discharge Psynergy to sense your surroundings. Let the body make its own decision, not the brain. Just now, when I tried striking you, your body dodged instinctively. That’s because your Psynergy sensed a looming threat and performed a conditioned reflex.”

James listened intently.

Marcello’s words seemed to have opened his mind.

“Don’t look at me like that. These are merely the fundamentals. With your current strength, you should be able to pass the third barrier with no problem at all once you master what I’ve told you. However, it takes time for the body to learn to perform a conditioned reflex. Regardless, there’s no need for you to learn this now,” Marcello said.

“Mhm.” James nodded slightly.

Marcello said, “Once I finish training you with my methods for a few days, you should be able to pass the third barrier.”

“Thank you.”

James was thankful for him.

Marcello smiled and said, “Without further ado, let’s begin.”

After he spoke, he appeared before James in the blink of an eye and struck him. Before James could react, he was sent flying and collapsed heavily to the ground, groaning in pain.

“Hey, at least give me a heads-up!”

He crawled up with great difficulty.

However, the moment he stood up, Marcello immediately appeared before him and launched a succession of attacks. Still, Marcello had controlled his strength. James would not be in any danger.

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Marcello was training James' reflexes.

“Remember not to rely on your brain to make a decision at critical moments, James. Use the natural reflexes of your body,” Marcello said.

“Th-This is hard.” James panted.

Marcello explained, “Once you learn the trick, it's going to be a piece of cake. Besides, I'm not asking you to train your entire body into doing this. I just need you to pass the third barrier.”

“I'll try my best.”

James relaxed his mind and discharged Psynergy. With the help of his Psynergy, the surrounding objects nearby began to surface in his mind.

Marcello struck once more.

Sensing Marcello's hand, the trajectory of his attack surfaced in James' mind. However, by the time the information was transmitted to his brain, he was already sent flying.

“Your physical body is strong, and your conditioned reflexes are much faster than an ordinary human. When you sensed my attack, your body should have dodged instead of waiting for your brain to issue the command.” Marcello gave James his advice.

Though James understood what he said in a theoretical sense, he simply could not do it. As such, he was beaten up many times. After a whole day of beating, however, he gradually improved, dodging some of Marcello's attacks.

Then, a group of people arrived at the golem formation.

They were all top-notch cultivators. Apart from a few who had reached the Supernatural Consummation rank, the rest had at least released the Eighth Inner Seal of their bodies. After these Overworld Outsiders arrived, they tried passing the barrier.

However, they could not despite possessing enormous strength. The strongest only managed to reach the 400-meter mark before being forced to retreat.

Meanwhile, James continued training. After being trained by Marcello, his reflexes improved drastically. However, he was still a distance away from passing the third barrier.

Gradually, more and more people arrived at the third barrier. However, everyone was trapped there.

Soon, three days passed. In the meantime, only a handful managed to pass the third barrier and descended the slope.

“Forget about me, Marcello. You should go by yourself. With your abilities, you should be able to obtain the Celestial Abode.”

Although James trained arduously for the past few days, he still could not pass the third barrier.

Marcello stared at him and furrowed his eyebrows, murmuring, “This shouldn’t be... He possesses incredible physical capabilities. Why can’t he accomplish such an easy feat?”

He did not give up.

“Have a seat.”

James immediately sat in a lotus position on the ground.

“Empty your mind and feel your surroundings. From now onward, you and nature are one and the same.

James did as he was told.

Then, Marcello waved his hand, and a few rocks on the ground levitated in mid-air. Then, they shattered into tiny stones and hurled toward James.

Instinctively, James managed to dodge them with ease.

“That’s more like it!” Marcello grinned. “James, you have to empty your mind of all things. Do not allow your mind to wander at any cost.”

James stood up.

“Alright then, go give it another try. If you fail again, I’ll be leaving you behind,” Marcello said.

Unwilling to disappoint him, James nodded and approached the golem formation, taking a deep breath to calm himself down.

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“Is James going to give it another try?”

“I wonder if that earthling can pass the third barrier.”

Many had gathered by the third barrier after failing to pass. They all wondered if James could accomplish what they could not.

James emptied his mind and removed all impurities before taking a step forward. At the same time, he discharged Psynergy that sensed his surroundings, and every movement of the golems surfaced in his mind. He could clearly see the trajectory of their attacks, thereby allowing him to dodge in advance.

As he dodged agilely, he pressed onward.

Soon, he was at the 200-meter mark.

However, the golems' attack speed accelerated. Even though James could sense their incoming attacks, he could not dodge them in time.

His shoulder was struck, sending excruciating pain throughout his body. Meanwhile, he was showing signs of falling over. After being struck once, James suffered many more injuries from the golems.

As blood trickled down from his lips, he silently murmured, “Calm down, James.”

Immediately, he catalyzed Ataraxia, and his mind began to clear.

However, it was no use. He could not dodge the golems' attack in time. Their speed was extraordinary, and their force great. Even though he possessed impressive rejuvenating abilities, he only managed to proceed for another fifty meters before conceding defeat.

He hurriedly retreated to his starting point. Wiping the blood trace off his lips, he looked at Marcello dejectedly and said, “I failed again. I think you should go on without me. The Son of Heaven has already left for three days. You might not be able to catch up if you linger around here any longer.”

Marcello bit his lips. He truly wanted to help James out.

However, it appeared that James would not be able to gain insight into the techniques he imparted to him in a short amount of time. It was not James' fault. In fact, it was impressive enough that he managed to accomplish this much in just a few days.

"Alright, then I'll be taking my leave. But don't be dismayed. This Celestial Abode has nine barriers, with each more difficult than the one before. In my opinion, it might take years for any of us to reach the end. So, cultivate well, James."

"Mhm." James nodded.

Leaving that remark, Marcello swiftly left.

Upon seeing Marcello pass through the third barrier, the crowd was dumbfounded. Many tried with all their strength and barely made it. Now, Marcello managed to pass the third barrier just like that.

It stunned everyone.

"Who is he?"

"He's so powerful... He managed to pass the barrier so easily."

"He seems to be well-acquainted with James."

Many conversed as they glanced at James.

James, however, paid no heed to them. He stood before the golem formation and contemplated how best to proceed.

Though passing the golem formation was nigh impossible, the Celestial Abode was simply too enticing.

"Marcello said it might take years for anyone to pass all nine barriers. I might still have a chance," he murmured.

Then, he sat in a lotus position on the ground and meditated, contemplating and sensing everything Marcello had taught him.

'Conditioned reflex?'

Marcello said that it would allow the body to acquire conditioned reflexes. He would be able to pass the barrier easily that way. However, accomplishing it was hard.

After thinking for a moment, James settled for a simple plan. He would challenge the barrier repeatedly despite the injuries he may suffer. After all, he had cultivated the Novenary Golden Body Siddhi, and the golem formation was the perfect spot to train his physical body.

James believed that his body would eventually learn to acquire the conditioned reflex ability sooner or later after being pummelled as many times as needed.

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James was not concerned about his temporary setback.

He already had a cultivation plan in mind. In his opinion, he simply had to try repeatedly to cultivate his physical body. Sooner or later, he would surely pass the third barrier.

Even if he did not obtain the Celestial Abode in the end, he would gain tremendously by improving his strength.

After pausing for a brief respite, he charged into the golem formation once more. This time, he came here not to pass the barrier in mind, but rather to cultivate his physical body.

Soon, he arrived at the 200-meter mark.

By then, the golems' attack speed had increased so drastically that James could no longer keep up. In a short amount of time, he suffered many wounds.

The golems' stone swords were not sharp and could not inflict any external injuries. However, their force was great, and James collapsed to the ground repeatedly. Just like that, with his physical body alone, he managed to press on for another hundred meters.

After arriving at the 300-meter mark, the golems' speed and strength increased once more. Unable to continue further, James could only retreat from the golem formation.

He then sat in a lotus position on the ground and absorbed Emyrean Spiritual Energy, catalyzing the Novenary Golden Body Siddhi to nourish his physical body. Soon, the injuries on his body recovered, and his strength only increased slightly.

Then, he continued trying.

This went on for three months.

Over the past three months, more and more were gathered by the third barrier. There were now approximately 1000 of them.

However, not many managed to pass the barrier. Only around a hundred managed to accomplish that.

With the beatings over the past few months, James' body grew increasingly stronger, and his reaction speed improved. Now, his body was capable of instinctively dodging attacks upon sensing a looming threat.

Three months later, James made another attempt. Like an agile fish in the water, he darted around the formation.

Soon, he reached the 400-meter mark.

By the time he arrived at the 400-meter mark, he was unscathed. However, the golems were now as quick as lightning. However, after three months of cultivation, his physical body had strengthened to the point where he could dodge the attacks flawlessly.

As he reached the 450-meter mark, he suffered an injury. However, he paid no heed to the injury. Summoning all his strength, he charged toward the exit. In the end, he successfully passed the third barrier.

Once James passed the third barrier, he panted. At that moment, he was covered in bruises all

over his body. However, they rejuvenated at a rapid pace. Soon, his body was completely unscathed.

Standing up, he turned to look at the golem formation behind him.

Then, he took a deep breath.

"I finally passed the third barrier after three months of hard work. However, there are six barriers left. I wonder where the Son of Heaven and Marcello are at now."

Though James did not know where they currently were, he knew that they had yet to pass all nine barriers and obtain the Celestial Spirit. After all, if that came to pass, everyone else would lose the right to continue the challenge. Since the challenge was still ongoing, this meant that no one had been able to pass the ninth barrier.

James pressed on.

Soon, he arrived at the foot of a mountain.

There was a river by the foot of the mountain. Its water was crystal-clear, and there were many fishes swimming freely inside. There was also a bridge a hundred meters long over the river.

At that moment, many people were crossing the bridge with great difficulty. Some had only just begun crossing, while others were already halfway across.

As James approached the bridge, he murmured, "Is this the fourth barrier?"

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