

【Silver Tier】 From \$2 in the Bank to the Global Stage

The Invitation at Rock Bottom

I have a confession to make. Before this trip, Axis was running on fumes.

We hadn't hit PMF, funds were burned, and my personal bank account balance was literally \$2. I asked myself:

Should I quit and go back to being an engineer?

In that moment of darkness, an email arrived from Superteam UAE:

Axis has been selected as a finalist for the SEZ Demo Day.

The Logic of Decision: Yes or Yes

No money? Can't travel?

I decided to solve those problems *after* saying yes.

I replied immediately.

I had already dropped out of university and turned down stable engineering paths.

Ignoring this chance was simply not an option.

Wings Provided by the Community

With no money for flights, what saved me was the NFT mechanism and *you*.

The sentiment "We want to support Muse" turned into over \$1,000 in funding, physically carrying me to Dubai.

This wasn't just travel money; **it was a tangible form of your expectation.**

Preparation & Mindset

I couldn't afford a hotel. In Dubai, Mr. Nagumo (@SouthCloud0703) let me sleep on the floor of his Airbnb.

My blanket was the one I took from the airplane.

Abandoning pride to ask for help, and resolving to repay that debt with *results* that was my true preparation for Dubai and Abu Dhabi.