

Reincarnated as an Energy with a System

Chapter 31: Just around the corner

Late at night, Hyesi was staying outside of his stone house with his mother. Ning was still wondering why they weren't eating any of the food there.

'Do body cultivators not really require food at all?' he was still quite affected by this piece of thought. He couldn't imagine what it would be like to live without eating anything.

'Oh wait.... Hahaha. Aren't I doing the same thing?' he started laughing in his head. He looked around the village. And although he couldn't see anything at night, today had some moonlight and wasn't completely dark like yesterday.

He saw all the villagers, some 40 people, sit outside the dozen or so houses. Although he couldn't see any children, so they must've been asleep by now. After all, they had to wake up before sunrise to do their daily cultivation.

Suddenly, a bunch of footsteps sounds from far away. Many people straggled along the forest, entering the village.

"Lord Ikinaka, are you guys okay? We heard what Hyesi said. Is it true that Fufuliki is much stronger than we thought?" An old man started speaking the moment the group of people entered the forest.

"Inikaka had mercy on us that we lost none of you," said a middle aged woman, who stood up and walked up to the leader and gave him a hug.

"Don't worry my light, We will never die to that demon." The leader reassured, who Ning assumed, was his wife. "Let the people settle, we will talk later. Also, cook a fish for today. The people are tired and hungry from their fight with the demon."

A woman stood up and immediately walked up to the storeroom where the fishes were kept and brought out one of the fish that was encased in salt.

Someone lit a fire using a few stones and dried leaves and they hung the fish directly on top of the flame. Ning looked at Hyesi, a little annoyed that he made him learn Candle Fire when making flames was so easy for the villagers.

'I'm gonna make him work way more tomorrow,' he thought. After the fish was cooked, it was first served to the leader, then to the people who fought and then to the rest of the villagers. They enjoyed the meal and went to sleep.

Similar to yesterday, everyone woke up early in the morning to do the same routine. They would perform some sort of dance preparing for the sun to rise, and after it was done rising above the horizon, they would stop.

This time, Ning understood what was going on.

'System, if these people are succeeding in cultivating their bodies, does it mean that their body produces no Yin?' he asked.

<Please buy the information from shop>

'Sigh. How much does the basic yin and yang bodies explanation cost?' he asked.

<Basic Yin and Yang body knowledge costs 45,000 Energy>

'Ummm... I can get that easily. Buy it.' Ning suddenly knew that there was information in his head as if he knew them all along.

Most people were born with a body that produced both Yin and Yang. These people's Yin and Yang canceled each other out and they remained with a normal body.

Some people, however, were born with bodies that produced one in excess over the other.

In the case of some people, they produced more Yin, which destroyed all the yang in their body, leaving them with a Yin Constitution. These people don't succeed in the cultivation method of the Klavians.

Hyesi was one of these.

On the other hand, there were also people born with excess Yang, which destroyed all of the Yin in their body, leaving them with only Yang.

'Wait, do these people succeed the most? Hey system, What body type helps the Klavians the most?' he asked the system.

<Please buy the answer from shop>

'Even for this?' he proceeded to buy the advanced knowledge which cost him 20,000 Energy.

'Huh? So Yang Constitutions are bad as well?' he was shocked to learn that since their bodies were already accustomed to yang, they didn't get as much benefit from the cultivation method.

The only people who got the most benefit were people with neither Yang Qi nor Yin Qi.

Days started passing by. In just a few minutes, Ning's cooldown for gaining more energy would be off of the 24 hours cooldown. He happily waited for that with Hyesi who seemed a little distracted.

"What's wrong?" Ning asked.

"No-nothing. I'm fine," Hyesi replied in the most obvious manner.

"Tell me what you're thinking?" Ning asked.

"Bright Inikaka, you told me you would give me strength in 6 days, yet it has already been 7 days. I am started to doubt your words now." Due to Ning's 24 hour penalty, he wasn't able to do the same task starting at the same time the next day.

So, inevitably, it had been pushed back a few days, since most of the time, the fire burned till the night, and Hyesi had to return home by then.

"It's okay. I just... uh... I overestimated how good you were. But you were really weak so I had to increase your tasks by a few more days."

Hyesi started to get gloomy when he heard that. Everyone called him weak in the village and now even his own god was starting to do so.

Ning saw his gloomy face and immediately spoke, "That does not mean you will forever remain weak, however. I will make you stronger starting tomorrow morning. Count on your god's words."

Hyesi's face returned back to normal. "Yes, bright Inikaka." He proceeded to do the task that he had been accustomed to for the last 8 days.

Ning however, opened his status to check how close he was. 'Status'

[Status

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Energy: 20,468,285

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map, Beginner's Klavis Language, Candle Fire

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Ning smiled as he saw that he had less than 2 million energy required to reach the 22 million to unlock the Yin to heat transformation skill.

"Here we go Hyesi. Starting tomorrow, you will start getting ridiculously strong."

Chapter 32: Yin to Heat

Ning woke up from his 'sleep' as the fire around him died down. He looked around and only saw ashes remaining from the leaves that Hyesi had put on him.

'Did I reach it?' he wondered. 'Status'

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Energy: 22,952,548

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map, Beginner's Klavis Language, Candle Fire

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"YES, I did it," he shouted out of the stone inside the fire hole. "Inikaka?," Hyesi came to his side, with his necklace already in his hand.

"Uhh... I mean, WE did it. Good job Hyesi, Now you will become strong starting today."

Hyesi's eyes turned wide when he heard this. "You are not lying, are you, Inikaka?" he asked.

"Of course not. Have I ever lied to you? Look at everything I have made you do. Doing up and down, running around, picking up rocks. Hasn't that made you strong?" Ning sounded as if Hyesi had just said something very offensive.

"That is true, Inikaka. I feel like I have become much stronger. Yes, I will believe you then." Hyesi let go of any doubt he had.

"Good," Ning said with annoyance in his voice as he quickly switched to Hyesi's necklace.

On the inside, however, he was feeling different. 'Holy hell, this kid doubts a lot. System, give me that ability now.'

<Do you wish to purchase 'Yin to Heat conversion' skill for 22,000,000 Energy?>

'Yes, buy it.'

<Confirmed>

Ning felt like something was added to his head. 'Status,' He opened his status again.

[Status

Name: Ning Ruogong

Energy: 952,548

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map, Beginner's Klavis Language, Candle Fire, Yin to Heat conversion

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'Well, I don't have that much energy remaining. I will have to find a way to get stronger faster.' He started thinking of ways to gain energy, besides the obvious 'burn in the fire' method.

'Oh, that's right. I can increase the cap perhaps? System, tell me, how can I increase the cap of energy I can gain in a day?'

<You can buy increased cap from the shop>

'Oh, right. You mentioned that. Show me the shop then.'

<Double the Cap with 25 million Heat Energy>

<Double the cap with 25 million Sound Energy>

<Other sources of energy not unlocked>

'Huh? Heat energy and Sound energy? Why are the energy type separated, system?' he asked.

<Increase of energy gain cap can only be bought with specific energy type>

'Oh, and how much of each energy type of energy do I have?' he asked.

<Please buy the Separated Energy tab from the shop>

'Huh? You can't tell me? And how much is that gonna cost me?' he asked.

<Separated Energy tab can be purchased for 10 million energy>

'Goddammit system, You suck. Now you're going to tell me that I need to buy that before I can increase the energy gain cap, aren't you?' he asked.

<You do not need to buy the Separated Energy tab to use the separate energies>

<You only need it to view how much you have at the moment>

'Oh thank god. Alright, now that I have this technique, I should start helping this kid. I wonder if I just have to use it like the Candle Fire. By the way system, are there any limitations to this technique? Actually, how does his skill work?' he asked.

<The skill has an area of 5 meters, inside which you can swallow all the Yin in the surrounding to yourself and turn them to heat energy>

<Heat energy that is not swallowed will return to Yin energy>

<It will not cost you energy to use this skill, but will increase your mental fatigue>

'Hmm... doesn't sound too bad.' He decided to use it immediately. "Kid, stop there. I will do something to your body that will make you stronger starting tomorrow morning."

Excitement appeared on Hyesi's face. He couldn't keep his emotions as he asked, "Right now, Inikaka?"

"Yes, sit down and let me start." Hyesi immediately complied as he sat down on the sand and waited for whatever his god was going to do.

Ning on the other hand imagined himself taking a deep breath and activated the technique.

"Mmm..." Hyesi sounded. He had seemingly felt something moving in his body. Ning couldn't see anything, but he could feel a sort of very unnatural coldness on his body. It didn't seem like the coldness of a low temperature, but something else entirely.

'Is this Yin?' Ning wondered. Suddenly, the coldness started to turn into heat. This was the genuine and natural heat that he was used to. As he kept gathering the Yin, the heat increased as well.

Since the heat was all concentrated on the stone in the necklace he inhabited, Hyesi started to feel the heat too. He started to feel uncomfortable. Even he, who could touch a stone that was burning for hours on end as if it was barely hot, was starting to have problems with the heat.

Then, Ning felt that the energy he was gathering had stopped, so he stopped as well. Suddenly, all the heat energy he had gathered immediately turned back to normal yin again.

Some even traveled back to Hyesi, making him feel uncomfortable. When Ning finally realized what had happened, he started shouting,

'Stupid!! Stupid!. How could I forget that I was already capped for today? I can't absorb any more energy. Ah, god I'm so stupid. Sigh, I will have to tell that kid some other lie now.'

"Hyesi, are you alright?" he asked.

"Bright Inikaka... I... You... You finally showed this child of yours your true strength, didn't you? That fire burning in my chest just now, that was your true power wasn't it?" Hyesi said with the utmost reverence.

Ning was shocked for a while but then realized what had happened when he heard the word 'fire burning in the chest'. ' Ah shit, did I hurt the kind?' he thought.

He waited for a moment for Hyesi to finish praising him and then said, " Yes. That was my power. In fact, that was just a hint at what I could do. "

"Just wait until tomorrow morning to see my real power. I will show you just how strong you can be with my assistance."

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'Today is not gonna work either, is it?' he wondered. He would have to wait until late into the day for his Yin to Heat conversion technique to work.

It was just before the dawn right now and Hyesi and his mother had already awoken. Ning was also awoken by the system at the same time. Since he couldn't absorb any energy, he felt really bored and had gone to sleep.

Slowly, more and more of the villagers started to wake up, ready to cultivate as more and more light started arising from the horizon.

Everyone started doing their daily routine waiting for the first light of the day to arrive. Ning got to working on his own thing.

'It will be up any minutes now,' he thought as he looked at the horizon and realized that the sun would be up at any minute now.

He started concentrating and used the technique. A sudden unnatural coldness started to converge on the stone that he inhabited. All yin from a 5 meter radius was now on him.

This meant that everyone close to Hyesi had their Yin energy taken out of them.

The sun slowly started rising from the east. Just then, all the yin energy that Ning had collected also started to turn to heat energy, staying around the stone in the necklace.

Yang energy came from the sun and started washing over the bodies of the different people in the village. Hyesi shuddered a little as he felt the most impact from the pure yang energy.

The pain on the outside let him know that his god was looking after him, while the pain inside of him told him that his god was also helping him from the inside.

He felt a sudden surge of strength as the yang energy finally finished cleansing his body. He abruptly opened his eyes as coldness tried to enter him after his god was done blessing his body.

Ning had stopped using the technique as the mental fatigue from it was starting to catch up to him. 'Oh god that is so hard to keep up. You do all that to collect the Yin, turning it into heat, and in the end, it doesn't even matter.'

The heat around him had already gone back to being Yin. Some of it disappeared in the atmosphere, while some tried to enter the closest body without the sunlight in it, Hyesi.

Hyesi shuddered as some managed to get inside him, while some remained outside. He balanced himself and got down on his knees, like everybody else, to pray and thank the sun god, Inikaka.

Hyesi walked into the forest like everyday, and started to reflexively pick up the dried leaves.

"What are you doing?" Ning asked.

"Picking up the dried leaves for your fire, Inikaka."

"Oh, you won't need to do that anymore. I will let you know if I require it again. For today, you are free to do whatever you want. Although, tell me, Did that work? Did I help you or not?" Ning was genuinely curious.

"I think so, Inikaka. I feel like you have helped me tremendously," Hyesi said as he made a fist, feeling the power within.

"Good, Good," Ning said, "We keep doing this for a while and you will be incredibly strong. You will surpass your mother in no time." Ning tried to hype up Hyesi.

'Although, that might not happen. Given that his mother is always within 5 meters of him during the morning cultivation, she might end up becoming the strongest at this rate. He will never get to be the man of the house. Speaking of which...'

"Hey, Hyesi. I haven't seen your father around. Where is he?" Ning decided to ask.

"My father? I heard he died in a fishing accident when I was young," said Hyesi.

"Oh, how did he die in a fishing accident?" Ning asked. 'Aren't most people here super tough? What sort of fishing accident kills them?' he wondered.

"Apparently, my father always had a weak body, even weaker than mine and one day he ended up having to fight a giant fish near the ocean and was taken down by the fish. I was around 2 years old when this happened."

"Hmm..." Ning got curious, "and your grandfather?" he asked.

"Mother's father is still alive, in the village. But my father's father was dead before I was even born. They say he too was weak. In fact, in my entire lineage, despite being very weak, I am the strongest," Hyesi seemed both proud and sad while saying that.

'Everyone in the male side of the family weak? Is this a hereditary case of Yin Constitution?' he wondered. "Don't worry, You won't be weak anymore."

Ning just made Hyesi do normal, for the Klavians at least, exercises. He didn't bother absorbing any energy as he wanted to do that tomorrow morning.

The day quickly went by and night came. Since they came back, the leader's group hadn't left again. Although, they seemed to be making plans to attack the demon in the water once more.

Night went by as well and morning arrived before anyone knew. Hyesi woke up from his sleep. So did Ning. The villagers started to slowly gather outside their homes, ready to perform the morning routines. Even the children were awake.

As the sun started to let them know it was coming, the Klavians proceeded to do their morning cultivation. Slowly their body started to glow.

'Now is a good time,' Ning thought as he activated his Yin to Heat conversion technique. Slowly, Yin started gathering around him, turning into heat.

<You have gained 23,000 Energy>

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The mental stress from the technique today was far worse than anything he had felt during the last two times. 'Is it because I am actually absorbing the heat?' he wondered.

Before the sun even rose up, he hit the Cap. The sun finally rose up after a few minutes and the energy washed over everyone's body. Hyesi felt his strength increase once more.

Chapter 34: Doubling Energy Cap

'Ah!! I didn't manage to do it in time.' Ning lamented as he watched the sunrise above the horizon. It had been over 10 days since he started absorbing the Yin energy as heat.

Every time he used his Yin to Heat conversion technique, he would spend a few minutes to reach the energy cap for the day. Starting with the time he reached the cap, he would then have a 24 hours period where he couldn't absorb anything else.

After 10 days of continuous conversion and absorption, he had reached a moment in time where the 24 hours weren't over even though the sun was already up.

The group of people started to kneel down on their knees and pray to their god in the sky. Hyesi did too.

Hyesi walked away from the group and walked towards the forest. He had tried the 'Falling from the tree without pain' test a few times already and had realized that he had in fact become very strong.

"Thank you for helping me today as well, Inikaka." Hyesi was genuinely happy with how strong he had become. In just 10 days, he was starting to catch up to some of the adults.

"You don't have to worry child. I did what I promised. You helped me earlier, so it is my turn to help you."

"But I have received more help than I gave, Inikaka. Please tell me what I can do for you and I will do it," Hyesi even fell onto his knees and banged his head on the ground.

'Hmm...' Ning started to think of what he would require next. 'The moment I get a body, I would stand out in this group. I should find myself a separate place to live until I can get strong enough to leave this place.'

"Alright, here is what you need to do." Ning started to give him orders regarding his next set of tasks. Hyesi immediately got on it.

Ning on the other hand decided to think of ways to gain more energy so he could speed up the process. 'Hmm... do I have enough for increasing the cap?' he wondered.

'Status'.

[Status

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Energy: 25,952,548

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map, Beginner's Klavis Language, Candle Fire, Yin to Heat conversion

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'Hmm... it has in fact been 10 days. So 25 million is accurate. But still, it quite amazing seeing so much energy at once.' Ning felt a little excited when thinking that he had done basically nothing and increased his energy so much.

'Ahh... Yin to Heat conversion technique is the best decision I have ever made. System, how much is the energy gain cap price again?' he asked.

<Double the Cap with 25 million Heat Energy>

<Double the cap with 25 million Sound Energy>

'Ah, right. I only absorbed heat for the last 10 days, so the energy amount must be enough, right? System, Buy the double cap with 25 million Heat energy.'

<Buying it will double your energy cap, are you sure?>

'Oh, it seems I have enough energy. Yes, buy it.'

<Confirmed>

<Energy gain cap has increased from 2.5 Million to 5 million>

'Ah, nice. Do the price for future energy gain change now system?' he asked.

<Prices for Energy gain cap increase have been modified>

<Double the Cap with 250 million Heat Energy>

<Double the cap with 25 million Sound Energy>

'Ah, only the one I used to buy increased in amount. That should be enough. I should look into buying the next cap with 25 million sound energy. Although that might take a lot to gather.'

Ning wondered if he should buy the Yin to sound conversion technique as well, but that seemed like a bad idea. 'Nah, it costs too much, and I already have the heat one.'

'So now that I have another 2.5 million energy I can gather, should I do it now? Or wait for tomorrow morning?' he couldn't decide.

'Ah, whatever. I will do it now, it's not like I will have to gather when Hyesi is cultivating. As long as I gather the yin out of his body, that should be enough,' he thought.

Ning decided to start right there. Immediately, yin energy started to gather around the stone he inhabited.

"Inikaka?" Hyesi was startled as he was on his way to do what Ning had asked. Getting no response, he decided to wait for a while.

Ning on the other hand was focused at the moment. Slowly the coldness around him turned to heat as he started gaining energy. However, the energy he gained was very low compared to what he got in the morning with Hyesi.

'Hmm... is it because I already absorbed most of his Yin this morning that I am not getting any? Not even the surrounding has that much Yin anymore. Urghh... I shouldn't have done it after sunrise. The sun's yang energy has probably dissipated most of the yin energy that gathered here overnight.'

He had done something without thinking and ended up failing at what he had decided to do. 'I should stop being so impulsive.sigh.' He checked his energy and realized that he didn't even manage to get a million energy from the yin to heat conversion right there.

Hyesi felt that whatever his god was doing had stopped and asked, "Were you helping me again, Inikaka?" he asked.

'Helping him? What?' Ning was surprised for a second but realized soon enough what he meant.

"Ah right, I just decided to see if I can help you when you weren't cultivating and it seems you can't become strong." Ning decided to lie once more.

"I'm sorry for disappointing you, Inikaka," Hyesi said with a sad face.

"Don't worry about it, go on your way. You still have a job to do, remember?" Ning consoled him.

Hyesi struck his palm with his fist in realization and said, "Ah, right Inikaka. I almost forgot. I will do it quickly. I promise, by the end of the day, I will have a small house ready for you."

Chapter 35: Vision

Over a kilometers away from the village, Hyesi was doing his best to dig a large hole on the ground. He had already gathered a lot of giant stones from near the beach and was ready to build Ning a home.

Ning, however, was still unsure how long it would take for him to use it. However, since he was starting to get 5 million energy every day now, so it was going to get faster for sure.

'Will I get ostracized from the village when they see my white skin?' he was worried. He didn't really want to change what he looked like, but it seemed he would have to.

'Hey, System. Can I remove something later on if I wanted to?' he asked.

<Anything is possible with the shop>

That gave him some relief. 'But I don't even know if they will accept me. They don't seem like they are used to visitors. So it might be a bad idea to just introduce myself to them.'

Hyesi continued building a house for Ning. Ning wanted to live in this house for a while before going to the village. Or maybe even never going there. He might instead directly leave the island and go to the main continent. At least that was what he had thought at the moment.

By nightfall, Hyesi completed the house. The stone house wasn't anything fancy. It wasn't even as good as an igloo. But, Ning thought it was okay for what it was supposed to do.

"Let's go back. We will return tomorrow to hide it with dried leaves and stuff," Ning said.

"Okay, Inikaka," Hyesi complied with his orders.

It was dark the way back, and Ning could see nothing. But Hyesi could and Ning was jealous about that. 'Should I buy night vision?' he wondered.

'Uhh... it should come to be of help, right?' he deliberated. 'Whatever, it's not like I won't have time to do other things. I can live forever, making some investments now would be a good choice.'

'Hey, System. How much does Night vision cost?' he asked. 'Actually, on that note. I need to increase my vision clarity as well.'

<There are 3 levels of Night Vision>

<Night Vision I : 500,000 Energy>

<Night Vision II: 5,000,000 Energy>

<Night Vision III: 50,000,000 Energy>

'Huh, 3? What is the difference between them?' he asked.

<Night Vision I is Infra-Red vision. It shows the images in gray>

<Night Vision II amplifies normal night light to give as close to day-like vision as possible>

<Night Vision III shows you vision even in places with no light>

'Oh wow. Night Vision III is kind of amazing. I should get that sometime,' he thought.

'Alright, buy Night vision I and show me the distances I can buy for my vision.'

<Confirmed>

<Congratulations, You have obtained Night Vision I>

<You can buy focus distance of your vision for 200,000 Energy per meter>

'That's 5 meters per million right? Hmm... since I have over 5 million, maybe... no. Give me 3 million worth of extra focus distance.'

<Confirmed>

<Your vision range has been increased by 15 meters>

Ning decided to look outside. 'Woah', suddenly he could see in the dark. It looked gray like those movies he saw on the TV. He could also see much further with clarity.

'Finally, I can see more than 10 meters ahead of me clearly.'

Ning checked how much energy he had left now. 'Status'

[Status

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Energy: 2,347,948

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map, Beginner's Klavis Language, Candle Fire, Yin to Heat conversion technique, Night Vision I]

'Hmm... I still have quite a bit of energy left. I wonder what I should get.'

While he was thinking, Hyesi suddenly spoke, "Oh, they must be cooking fish again. Let's hurry up, Inikaka." He said.

"Hmm..." Ning tried to look in the direction of the village's center, but it was hidden amongst the trees and the buildings. "How can you tell they are cooking a fish? You shouldn't be able to see the center of the village from here," he asked.

"Of course it's because I smelled the fish, Inikaka," Hyesi said nonchalantly.

'Smell? Oh, God!! That's right, smell. System, why didn't you give me the smell sense yet?' he asked.

<Hosts have never had requirements for olfactory senses which were provided with the human bodies most of them created>

<You can buy the sense, but the system suggests you just wait for the body>

'Uhh... I guess that is true. I should be able to get my body in 20 or so days.'

Hyesi was already given some of the fish and was eating it. "Do you like eating fish?" Ning asked in a whisper after seeing him hungrily munching on the fish.

"Like? Not really. Although I don't dislike it either. It's just food," Hyesi said.

"Then why are you gobbling it down so fast," Ning chuckled a little as he asked.

"Oh, that is cause I was hungry. I haven't eaten in a few days, you know," Hyesi said with a smile as he finished the fish.

"You guys get hungry? Then why don't you eat every day?" Ning asked.

"What are you saying, Inikaka? Of course, we get hungry. But, we don't have anything to eat," he said.

"What about the fish in the storage room?" Ning asked.

"Oh, those are our stocks for when the cold days come. You don't show up for many days during the cold days and we don't get to cultivate. So we need to sustain ourselves with food in shorter intervals," Hyesi said.

'Oh, so they don't have much to eat because they prepare for winter huh. No wonder they have the fish encased in salt in the storeroom. But...' Ning wondered.

"Hey, Hyesi. Why don't you guys just get more fish then? You are near the ocean. You can get one whenever you want right?" he asked.

"We cannot, Inikaka. Due to that damned demon, Fufuliki, all the fishes in the area have run away. We rarely get any fish due to him," Hyesi replied as he gritted his teeth.

'I see... I wonder if I can do something to help them.'

Chapter 36: Food and Water

Everyone went to sleep outside their home and only Ning was wide awake looking at everything in black and white. 'Feels like I'm watching an old movie,' he thought.

He looked at Hyesi, who too had started to sleep outside after getting stronger, sleeping with a smile on his face. 'He must've really liked the fish,' Ning thought as he looked at the young boy.

He looked at the other villagers, and they were mostly asleep with smiles as well. 'Can I really do anything to help?' he wondered. In his mind, the only method was to directly kill what they called the Demon and be done with it. Fishes would return and they would get some more food.

But that wasn't a choice for right now. No one in the village had enough strength to fight the demon and it would take Ning forever to get enough energy to be strong or make Hyesi strong enough to fight the demon.

'Hmm... why don't they eat coconut?' he wondered. He looked around and remembered they were all asleep. 'Ah, I guess I will ask Hyesi tomorrow.' Ning went to sleep as well.

Early in the morning, the system woke up Ning just as Hyesi and the rest started to wake up. Ning looked at the horizon and realized that the sun was still a bit away from rising.

'Let's see, since I collected 2.5 million energy after sunrise yesterday and increasing my cap to 5 million, I still haven't capped out for the day. So, If I were to collect right now, I would be capped and would have to wait for 24 more hours, right? Hmm... I guess my best choice is to not collect right now so that I can do it in a few hours,' he thought.

Everyone started cultivating the Sun God's Morning Cleansing technique. Sun came up and washed them over with its yang. Hyesi frowned as he didn't feel his god doing anything for him today. 'Is something wrong with Inikaka?' he thought.

Ning on the other hand was jolly, waiting for a few more minutes to collect 4 million energy at once. 'Wait, I can collect 5 million if I wait for some more minutes, right?'

Hyesi started to walk out of the village to go to the jungle when suddenly, he heard, "Wait Hyesi, go back inside your house for a few more minutes."

Hyesi immediately stopped when he heard his god. "Is something wrong, Inikaka? You didn't help me today either," he asked.

"I was too busy thinking of something and forgot to help you. Go back to your house and I will do it again," Ning said.

Hyesi made no objections and went back to his stone house. His mother looked at him weirdly for returning inside his house but made no comment about it.

After a few minutes, Ning collected 5 million energy from the Yin that was in Hyesi's body and inside the house itself. "Alright, we can go now."

"Did that help me this time, Inikaka?" Hyesi asked. Ning had said yesterday that it didn't help him, but he had still decided to help him once more.

"It doesn't matter if it helped you right now or not, in the long term, it will help you," Ning said something that was sort of true, but mostly a lie.

Hyesi still accepted it and walked to the jungle. His task today was to collect different dried leaves and use them to cover Inikaka's home that he was making.

Ning looked at the different coconut shells and decided to ask the question. "Hyesi, Why don't you guys eat coconut?" he asked.

"What's a coconut, Inikaka?" Hyesi asked.

"These things inside these shells, don't you eat those," he asked.

"Ah, you mean Jebiento, yes we drink their water," Hyesi said.

'Jebiento? Is there some sort of language problem here?' he wondered. 'Hey system, what's the price for the next Klavis language?' he asked.

<Intermediate Klavis Language costs 1,500,000>

'Alright, buy it.'

<Confirmed>

<Beginner's Klavis Language advances to Intermediate Klavis Language>

'Ok, this should work now.'

"Say that once again," he asked.

"Oh, I said we drink the coconut's water," Hyesi replied.

"Does that mean you've never eaten the flesh of a ripe coconut?" he asked.

"Ripe coconut? I don't know about that, Inikaka. We just take the green ones and break them for water. After all, we can't live without water," Hyesi said.

"Yeah, but why coconut? Why don't you drink the other water, and leave coconut for food?" Ning asked.

"Other water?" Hyesi fell into thought and said, " Aside from the occasional rain, there is no other water, Inikaka."

"What about the ocean water?" he asked.

"Those are salty, Inikaka. It just makes use more thirsty. We just use it to get salt to preserve fish for winter."

"Just salt? Oh, you guys don't know how to get drinkable water from saltwater, do you?" Ning realized. 'But can I even teach them how? There are no materials here.' He thought.

'Maybe I will have to use the system or something,' he thought. He tried to remember how exactly he could help them get drinking water from seawater on such a deserted island without suddenly introducing plastic or metallic materials.

'That is going to be troublesome,' he thought. 'Let's just focus on the food aspect for now. Since they have a temporary source of water, it should be fine,' he thought.

After collecting the different dried leaves, Hyesi walked to Ning's house and started laying it around the stone house to camouflage it as much as possible. It would also work as protection from the elements.

"Dried leaves won't last that long though, will it?" Ning asked.

"Yeah, it would be good if we could get those giant leaves from the other island. Those would be perfect to cover your house Inikaka," Hyesi said.

"Huh?" Ning was suddenly shocked at what he had just heard. "Another island?" he asked.

"Yes, Inikaka. The island that's just a little over there," Hyesi said as he pointed towards a direction.

Chapter 37: Inquiring About the Next Island

Ning looked in the direction Hyesi was pointing at, but all he could see were the tall palm and coconut trees. There was nothing else visible from his location, not even the ocean.

"You are saying there is an island in that direction?" he asked once more to be sure.

"Yes, Inikaka. There is an island in that direction that takes a short time to get there," Hyesi replied.

"And you are saying there are big leaves there. Are the plants there different from these?" he asked.

"Yes, very different. The trees there are thick and strong, there are also small trees that grow in a bunch, and weirdest of all Inikaka, there are even small trees that grow just a little bit off the land. Walking on those feels so much better than the sand. I used to go there all the time with the chief and others," Hyesi started reminiscing of the old days.

'Small trees? Is he talking about grasses and bushes?' Ning thought. 'If that is so, then there should be possibilities of food there.'

"Why did you guys go there?" he asked.

"We? We went there to get the giant leaves for the houses, or the strong wood for spear shaft, or small, strong rocks for spearheads. Sometimes, we went there to even kill some animals for their meat." Hyesi's mouth nearly watered when he said meat.

'Sounds like the vegetation there is much better than here. There is even wildlife there.' Ning decided to continue asking more questions.

"And you guys don't go there anymore? Why?" he asked.

"Inikaka, as I said, the demon, Fufuliki won't let us go even near the ocean. So, for the last 2 years, we have been unable to go anywhere." Hyesi started to feel sad.

"Hmm..." Ning thought for a second and asked another question. "If there really was meat there and sticks and leaves there, why don't you guys stay there? Why stay on this island where even water is hard to get."

"But, Inikaka. The trees there are so big that it is impossible to see you until it's very late. So, we can't cultivate at all. And if we can't cultivate, we will die to even the fishes." Hyesi's words had truth in them.

'I see. That makes sense. I wonder how the other island is like. I should go visit it,' he thought. He was really intrigued by the description of the island and wanted to see it.

'I should actually wait until I have a little more energy. I will then teleport there to see if there is anything in there that can help me find some food for these poor people. That should be a good alternative until I can get strong enough to defeat whatever that demon is.'

Hyesi completed covering the stone home with different dried leaves. It didn't look very good, but it was workable and Ning accepted it.

During the next dozen or so days, Ning helped Hyesi cultivate, and gain energy for himself. Hyesi's progress during these times had been incredible. Even Ning himself was surprised just how much devouring the Yin and letting a yang free and yin free body cultivate the Sun god's Morning Cleansing technique helped a weak person.

The increase in strength was at least 50 times faster than the last few times. In just about 25 days of him being here, he had helped Hyesi get as strong as 3 years' worth of progress.

However, the one that got stronger than him, was his mother, Belini. Although her progress wasn't as good as Hyesi's, she still progressed by a year or so worth of cultivation. The already strong mother had gotten even stronger.

Thinking that now Hyesi was strong enough to not be called one, Ning decided to visit the new island he was so desperate to go to. He looked at his status one last time before going to the next island.

'Status'

[Status

Name: Ning Ruogong

Energy: 71,394,458

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map, Intermediate Klavis Language, Candle Fire, Yin to Heat conversion technique, Night Vision I]

'Damn, I'm so close to getting a body,' he thought. 'But, even if I do get a body, I will still have to earn more points to make that body any usable at this state. And I would probably also need food to eat to maintain that body.' He thought of all the requirements for maintaining a healthy body.

'Hey, system. If I get a new body, and I need to switch it later, does that body die or can I use it again?' he asked.

<If you leave the body and don't return, the body will go on to rot like every dead body>

'Sh*t! That's pretty bad. Still, if I want to visit the world like a regular person, I will need a body. Uhh... never mind, I will think about it when the time comes. For now, I will need to go to that island.'

He took Hyesi to the home he had built and asked him to put a small stone on the ground. Ning was planning to use this stone as a source for the teleport.

The inside of the house was nice with dried leaves laid down on the ground and had a very clean look to it. Ning had already laid down in the middle of the room in the small stone.

He then spoke, "Hyesi, I will be leaving for a short time. I do not know how long it will take, but I will return. Come back here every day to check if I am back or not."

"I understand, Inikaka. I will do as you say every day." Hyesi bowed with his head on the ground.

"Alright then. I am leaving now. When I come back, I will help you personally fight the demon-like you always wanted to."

Hyesi got unusually emotional after hearing this and started nodding furiously.

"Alright then, I'm off."

'System, teleport.'

<Confirmed>

The stone vanished from in front of Hyesi.

Chapter 38: New Island

<The nearest island is 8.3 kilometers away from here>

'Teleport' Ning said.

<It will cost you 22,000 Energy. Are you sure?>

'So cheap? Yes of course. Do it.'

<Confirmed>

One second Ning was looking at Hyesi and his curious look, and the other minute, he was on a beach, looking straight at the blue ocean.

'So, this is the other island huh.' He looked at the opposite side and saw the island with the vegetation from what he had previously expected. 'It looks exactly like what I imagined it would.'

'Oh yeah, system. That teleport was quite cheap. Can you tell me why?' he asked.

<Teleport costs you based on the distance of travel and weight of the object you inhabit>

<Total energy cost for teleport is Total distance in kilometers times 2000 plus Total weight in kilograms times 15000>

'That's ... no wonder it's so cheap now. By the way, what is the cost for permanent teleportation?' he asked.

<Permanent Unlock of Teleportation costs 10,000,000,000 Energy>

<Permanent Unlock of Teleportation will only cost energy for distance traveled and can be used with objects of any weight>

<However, Permanent Teleportation will not allow you to leave off of a planet unless you have 10% of that planet's energy>

'Yikes, that will probably take quite long,' he thought. 'Oh, yeah, you said this place is about 8 kilometers away from the other island right? Hmm...' he tried to think of something but couldn't.

'Does the map not gain distance, system?' he asked.

<Maps start getting distance with Beginner's Map>

'Oh, I should buy it too I guess. Alright, buy the beginner's map of planet Kumia then.'

<It will cost you 1,500,000 energy. Are you sure?>

'Huh, for some reason I had remembered it being more expensive. Is my sense of what's a lot and what's little changed so much?' he wondered. 'Yes buy it.'

<Confirmed>

Suddenly, a hoard of information appeared in his brain.

'Oh... OH...OHHHH,' he screamed in his mind as he saw the numbers on the map now. The map in his mind was a bit clearer and bigger. Now he could easily see the individual islands strewn about in the giant ocean.

He looked at the circular shape of the Northern continent, covering the majority of the northern hemisphere. He then looked at the many islands and started calculating their distances.

It took him but a moment to realize that deducing his location through this map was impossible. There were hundreds if not thousands of such islands, so he would have to use another information to find his current location.

'Holy Sh*t. This world is so big. No wonder it can host so many humans. System, what is this size compared to earth?' he asked.

<Planet Kumia has 23 times the surface area of Earth and can thus hold many humans>

'I see. It will take me quite a while to get around this land then,' he thought.

Suddenly, something came to the beach. A bear-like a creature, looking for food left by the ocean. It sniffed everywhere along the beach and eventually got close to the stone.

'Alright, let's go see how this island really is on the inside.' Without any hesitation, he used the parasite on the bear and started riding it wherever it decided to go.

'System, can you mark the last location I was in the other island as some sort of checkpoint?' he asked.

<Done>

'Oh. I thought it would've cost me energy. Think not.'

The bear found some dead fish that had been washed up and ate it. Afterward, it went back to the jungle. Ning looked at all the different plants and wildlife inside the jungle and felt a little nostalgic as it reminded him of the animals back in the zoo.

The inside of the zoo was usually made to resemble the habitat of the animal that was kept inside, so most of the animal cages had trees in them.

'It would be quite hard to do anything if there were Tigers or lions in here. What if they are strong like those in the Southern Continent?' he wondered.

Thankfully, there weren't many animals that seemed to be predatory in nature, so he should be fine for now. When Ning reached, what he thought should be the middle of the island, he used parasite on a large tree and started using it as his host.

The tree was tall, much taller than the other trees, so he could see out into the ocean far away. He even managed to see a vague image of what looked like the island Hyesi and his people lived in.

He then looked at the opposite side and saw nothing but trees, large dense trees that left no sunlight inside. 'No wonder they didn't want to stay here. It would be a horrible place for them,' he thought.

'Hmm... now that I'm here, what should I do for them? Should I go find some trees with food, or should I kill some animals? How do I even do those things, to begin with?' he wondered.

'Hmm... should I learn some skills like telekinesis? System, what's the cost for Telekinesis?' he asked.

<Telekinesis skill costs 240,000,000 Energy>

'I guess I'm not learning that anytime soon then. Hmm... should I just continue with my plan to get a human body then? That should be faster,' he thought. Then, he looked around the jungle, with its thousands of trees, thousands of animals, and god knows how many insects are in there.

'Yeah, no. The body is a no-go for a while. how would I even keep my body safe after making it? Hm... I think I should go for Telekinesis for now. That or find some sort of animal with good dexterity and control its body. That could work too.'

'Ahhh, I feel too mentally fatigued right now. I will just go to sleep and think about it later. System, wake me up when I can start absorbing energy again,' he ordered.

<Confirmed>

Slowly, he lost consciousness and fell asleep.

Chapter 39: Storage

Ning opened his eyes just as he went unconscious, and was back to consciousness. Although it felt instantaneous to him, he knew some time had passed. That was how it always was.

He looked at the jungle below and saw surprised at how dark it just was. He looked at the sky and could see some hints of light towards the east, but there was absolutely no way to know that in the jungle.

'I didn't think it would be so bad for them. The Klavians would've died by now if they had lived in such a dense forest.' He looked around for a few more minutes and decided to do what he had woken up for.

He was going to collect energy while it was still night. With a single thought, the Yin to Heat conversion technique started working,

Hyesi was not around, so he was worried that there wouldn't be enough Yin in the air to completely fill his cap, but oh how wrong he was.

When he had been using this technique around Hyesi, he had been staying in the small stone bead on his necklace. So, when the technique started, the 5-meter radius it covered was good, but not a lot.

However, now that he was in a gigantic tree. One of the biggest ones he had ever seen, the 5-meter radius that started at the surface of the tree, covered an overall volume of at least 50 times that of the small bead.

The tree immediately started heating and Ning collected 5 million energy before 10 seconds even passed. Ning let the remaining Yin go away since he had no use for it anymore.

'Ah, that was good. Huh... what is this heat? Didn't I already let go of the technique?' he thought as he looked out and saw that most of the dried trees at the top had started catching on fire.

'Well... that's bad,' he thought. 'Wait, will that fire spread and destroy everything in the area? First of all, if it all burns away, then I will be in danger of losing all this energy as well. I need to get rid of that fire soon. System, any ideas?' he asked urgently.

<You can shoot water at the top and extinguish the fire>

<You can shoot out CO2 gas to extinguish the fire>

<you can shoot out ...>

<...>

<...>

<... to extinguish the fire>

The system suggested multiple different ways to extinguish the fire. 'Which one has the cheapest skill in the shop?' he asked.

<You can buy 'Water shot' for temporary 1-time use for 200,000 energy>

'Arghh,' it bled his figurative heart to spend such a high amount of energy, but he couldn't do anything about it for now. 'Alright, do it. Extinguish that fire.' He ordered the system.

<confirmed>

A stream of water appeared out of nowhere and fell directly onto the bunch of burning dry leaves, extinguishing the fire. 'That was close,' he thought and looked for any more possible fires.

After a few minutes of not finding any, he looked around and thought, 'I should do what I set out for, and get some food for those poor guys. Although, again, the same problem is here. Do I get the human body first, or the telekinesis, or just control an animal's body?' he started thinking.

By now, the sun was halfway up the horizon. 'Wait for a second, even if I do get foods, what do I do with them? Let them rot while I gather more? I need to find something to keep the food while I search for more. Hmm, is a refrigerator an option by any chance? Probably not,' he thought.

Unable to find any ideas as to do what with the food when he did find them, he resorted to his only way of finding a possible solution every time, the system.

'Hey, system. Do you have any idea how I can store foods without them rotting?' he asked.

<System highly suggests you buy Interdimensional Storage with Stopped Time>

'Oh, Right. Interdimensional Storage, how come I didn't think of that?' he would've face palmed himself if he had either of those. 'How much does it costs then?' he asked.

<Interdimensional Storage costs 500,000 Energy for every kilogram of items stored>

<With Stopped time, the price is increased to 10 times>

<So, it costs 5,000,000 per kilograms>

'Geez, that's a lot. Thankfully, I can a few of those for now. Buy 5 kilogram worth of it,' he ordered the system.

<Buying Interdimensional Storage with Stopped Time (5 kilograms) for 25,000,000 Energy, are you sure?>

'Yes,' he said.

<confirmed>

Ning didn't feel anything. 'Do I have it? Let's check the skills list. Status.'

[Status

Name: Ning Ruogong

Energy: 50,571,484

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Beginner's Map, Intermediate Klavis Language, Candle Fire, Yin to Heat conversion technique, Night Vision I, Interdimensional Storage (Stopped Time; 5 KG)]

'It is there, I should try using it on something,' he thought as started looking for something to store. He looked at a couple of stones at the bottom of the tree and decided to use them for the experiment.

'Alright, so I just think about it yes?' he started concentrating on the stones, imagining them disappearing to some faraway place.

Suddenly, the few small pebbles and stones in the ground suddenly floated in the air and came straight towards Ning. He was scared for a second, thinking it will hit him, but before it could, the stones disappeared.

'Wha-What? Why did they come toward me? System, what just happened?' he asked.

<The Dimensions where the storage lies is inside you>

'Oh, so that's why they came towards me? You should have warned me. I was scared for no reason.' Just as he said that a small rabbit-like animal came hopping around the tree he inhabited.

'Alright, let's go and see what else I can find in this forest. I should come across some food, right?' Thinking so, he let the rabbit take him around the forest.

Chapter 40: Air Cutter

Ning had been looking around the places the rabbit took him when he happened to see something red on a bush. 'Hmm... is that a berry?' he was surprised to find some so easily. He looked more carefully and realized the bush had a bunch of red berries, all bunched up in small sections.

'Nice, I found some berries. That should help them a bit.' Ning started getting happy. Coincidentally, the rabbit jumped towards the berry's bush as well.

'Hmm... what is that dry lump over there?' he wondered but didn't care much about what he saw. The rabbit reached the bush and climbed over the dry lumps on the ground to eat some berry.

Ning was ecstatic at reaching the berries. 'Alright, so I just have to put them inside the storage. Can I do that while they are still attached to the plant?' he wondered.

'Trying won't hurt,' he thought and started concentrating on making the berries go into his storage. He tried for a bit, but it didn't work at all.

'Sh*t. I will have to think of something else. Uh... what if I pick it off of the tree first? No, I don't have hands or telekinesis for that. If I could just cut it off the tree... hmm... that could work. Hey, system! Do you have something to cut those small vines those berries are attached to?' he asked.

<System suggests you get the skill 'Air Cutter'>

'Air Cutter? Cutting the air?' he was confused. 'Oh, wait, using air to cut? Is that it?'

<Yes. You send a sharp slash made up of Air and cut whatever is in the way>

'What's the price then?' he asked.

<Air Cutter costs 5,000,000 Energy>

'Huh? That's... surprisingly cheap. Considering how useful it is. Well, compared to Candle fire, it's not. But that costs energy to use as well— Wait! Don't tell me this one does too?' Ning asked nervously.

<Air Cutter uses 200 energy per centimeter of the cut and 2000 energy per 5 meters of distance traveled>

<Distance of fewer than 5 meters has no distance-based cost>

<Remaining energy costs based on the power of the slash>

'Oh, it's not as bad as fire then. Alright, buy it,' he ordered the system.

<Confirmed>

<Congratulations. You have successfully obtained 'Air Cutter'>

'Oooh, nice. Alright, let's chop that vine then,' he thought. 'Distance won't cost energy for now, and since that vine is so tiny, I doubt I would even need more than 1 cm of length. This should be a piece of cake,' he thought.

He concentrated on the little vine that held one of the bunch of berries. With a single thought, a small, barely visible slash originated from him, traveling to the vine. And in a single slash, it cut it.

The bunch of berries started falling, and before it even fell to the ground it started changing trajectory. It flew straight towards the rabbit and then disappeared.

'Yes!' Ning shouted excitedly. Just as the berries had fallen, he had sent the berries to Interdimensional Storage. 'Thank god it works now that the berries aren't connected to the vine.'

He then proceeded to collect more berries. He would send the Air Cutter flying towards the vine and use his storage ability to store them before they even fell.

He was really excited. He collected them for a while before something happened. 'Why do I feel so bloated? Almost like I ate too much,' he thought.

'System, what is going on?' he asked.

<Interdimensional Storage with Stopped Time is at full Capacity>

'Oh, we're full already? So we collected all 5 KGs of berries. That was quite fast. Guess that's it then.' He decided to wait for the rabbit to finish eating and then leave.

He waited for a few minutes. Slowly, the few minutes turned to a lot of minutes. Which seemed to extend as well.

'What is going on?' he looked outside and saw that the rabbit wasn't moving at all. It wasn't even eating. 'What's wrong with it?' he thought as he looked at it.

The rabbit had half a chewed berry, with some froth at the mouth. And it was absolutely not breathing. 'Huh? What's wrong?' he was shocked. 'Is it dead?' he thought.

It was then that something caught his eyes. It was one of the dry lumps that were on the ground. It looked surprisingly like a...

'A rabbit?' he then turned to another lump. This one looked like a bird. Another one looked like a squirrel. Another one looked like something else.

All in all, every single one of the dry lumps was in the shape of some sort of animal. They were all corpses left out after dying.

'Does that mean...,' a frightening thought appeared in his mind. 'Are these berries poisonous?' he thought. 'System, are these berries poisonous?' he asked.

<Yes>

The system confirmed his suspicions.

'Oh my god. I would've killed that entire village of people if I hadn't seen these dead animals.' He could feel just how scared he was right now. 'That was a close call. I will need to get rid of all of those berries I collected.'

'How do I do that though?' he fell into a small problem. 'System, how do I throw out the items in my storage?' he asked.

<Taking items out of storage is the same as storing them>

<You have an all-seeing eye over everything in your Interdimensional storage>

<You can see everything in your storage with a single thought and choose what to take out>

'Do I? Let's see.' He concentrated on trying to see if he could see into his storage. Suddenly, a bunch of information started popping into his mind.

'Woah. I do.'

It was as if he knew everything about his storage. He knew that there were 244 berries in 16 different vines. He could also see the 6 stones he collected just this morning.

He tried thinking of throwing every single item out in the wild, and suddenly the entirety of his storage poured out. All the berries and stones were out in the field.

And finally, Ning stopped feeling so bloated.

