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Chapter 1081: We are Leaving

Fatax would be lying if he said he wasn't happy that Eminia continued to be herself. Nevertheless, it wasn't a very good thing for him to hear that the Matriarch was gone. "What would we tell back in the clan once we're back?" One must remember that only half of their clan was against the Matriarch. The other half supported her.

"There's no need," Eminia replied. She now had all of Langara's memories. Of course, she knew how to separate them from her own. "Don't forget that Matriarch also left a Soul Flame behind. Now that she's gone, the Soul Flame is definitely extinguished. Whether the Clan Head accepts it or not won't matter. He won't be able to deny the truth."

Eminia was right. At this very moment, back in the Talan Clan, the entire place was in an uproar! News that the Matriarch Langara's Soul Flame was extinguished quickly spread. Naturally, the Clan Head heard about it. "That can't be..."

Rean and Roan knew about the Soul Flame. It was a method to tell whether someone was alive or not. Back in the Zasfins' planet, the important members of the Zasfin Race also used the same method.

"I see..." Fatax nodded after hearing that.

Rean then raised his hand, telling Eminia, "Well, since that was your Matriarch's decision, then I won't say anything. However, we still have our deal." After that, Rean used Divine Sense to talk with Eminia. After all, the fairies would definitely want those fragments as well. 'It's time for you to tell me where I can find the Fallen Light Star Fragments.'

Eminia understood and immediately checked the memories left behind by Langara. Not too long after, she replied to Rean, 'It's located in a place called the Lost Star Realm.'

'Lost Star Realm?' Rean obviously had never heard about it. 'So, where can we find it?'

Eminia then took a deep breath to calm down and explained, 'It's located to the west of our Huring Closed Continent, the Lanqueas Continent. To be more specific, its entrance can be found in the Trimazo Region, inside Galanmord Country. It's not a Dimensional Realm, though.'

'Is that so?' Rean asked, 'But where exactly in Galanmord Realm?'

Eminia replied, 'You'll be able to find it easily. That's because the Lost Star Realm is open for everyone willing to risk their lives inside. Simply put, it's a famous place where many cultivators and demon beasts frequently visit, looking for treasures. Matriarch Langara found this Fallen Light Star Fragment there... and that's also the place that forced her to start a clan in our Huring Closed Continent.'

Rean was confused by her words. 'What do you mean by that?'

'I have to tell you that Matriarch Langara was very powerful in her prime. Transition Realm cultivators could be killed with a single flick of her fingers. Yet surprisingly, she got seriously injured there. I'll be sincere, Rean, Roan. I'd rather hope you don't go into that place. Chances are that you will die there,' Eminia warned them with a concerned expression. Rean and Roan had helped her and her brother a lot, so she didn't want anything to happen to them.

Rean and Roan looked at each other before nodding back at Eminia. 'We'll see in the future. It's still not guaranteed that we will go there. Besides, it seems like you also know about the Closed Continents. That already helps out a lot.'

Eminia nodded before she turned to Thicket. "Senior Thicket, thank you very much for the help you gave us. It didn't go as I expected at first, but it still resolved our immediate issues."

Thicket didn't seem to mind it. "It's fine." Soon after, he took the Fallen Light Star Fragment out. "I only helped you because of this little baby here. I have no use for it anymore. However, my disciple definitely does."

Newt, who was listening in on the conversation, couldn't help but become surprised. "Master, thank you!"

Thicket smiled in response before saying, "It's still too early to thank me. You're still a young fairy in the Energy Gathering Realm. You have many years of training before you can make use of this item. Until then, I shall keep it by my side."

"Yes, Master!"

Rean and Roan then asked Fatax and Eminia, "So, what will you do now? We are sorry but...we won't be traveling with you anymore. Do you want us to bring you to the next city first before we separate?"

However, it was then that Fatax thought about something else. "Wait! If Matriarch Langara gave everything to you, couldn't you be used for the same purpose? What if the Clan Head forces you to go into the others' body to have your soul eaten away?"

Eminia shook her head in response. "I received everything from Matriarch, but I'm still not someone from her race. It's not wrong that I'm very close to being what she was due to my bloodline and her sacrifice. Unfortunately, only a true member of the Vitri Race like Matriarch Langara could use the method of transferring her soul into her descendants. Besides...the others aren't my descendants. It wouldn't work anyway."

Fatax sighed in relief before he looked at Rean and Roan. "In that case, we will take you up on your offer. It would be quite risky to leave Erqs Forest without your help."

Thicket then took the chance to ask, "Since you've all decided what to do, then you don't need me anymore, right? In that case, just leave my residence. I still have a lot of things to do."

Roan remembered something, though. "The Fairy Queen said that you're on bad terms with another Fairy Race. Can you tell us more about that?"

Thicket immediately shook his head. "No can do. You will need an order from the Fairy Queen first before I can say anything. If I were you, I wouldn't get into this. Problems between fairies must always be resolved by us. We don't like it when others try to meddle into it."

The twins nodded after that. It seemed like they really couldn't do much for Rana now. Well, considering Rana's cultivation, they couldn't do much either way.

Rean then looked at their group after that. "In that case, Fatax, Eminia, Roan, we're leaving."

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Chapter 1082: Advice

Rean then called Rascal out, who was brimming with energy. The guy had been treated quite well during the time they stayed in the fairies' territory. In fact, it even felt somewhat unwilling to leave.

Rean just smiled after seeing that. "Everyone, get on Rascal."

Roan, Fatax, and Eminia quickly jumped on the Demon Bird before Rean asked it to take flight. Not too long after, Rean used Sienna's Fairy Essence Pearl to pass through the barrier once again.

Back in the tree at the center of the fairies' territory, Rana looked at them with her Divine Sense. In the end, she sighed while thinking, 'Sigh...to think that such a thing was possible. Then again, how come I couldn't control their karma threads? There seemed to be something blocking my ability to touch them at all. Could it be that their luck can't be manipulated?'

Rana had offered Rean and Roan her blessing so that she could have one of her faeries follow them. However, she was lying about that fairy being able to increase their luck. She just wanted someone to report to her how the twins were doing. 'Well, something tells me that this wouldn't be the last time I'll see them.' Rana then stopped using her Divine Sense once Rean's group got too far away.

While Rean was flying over the Erqs Forest, he took the chance to ask Eminia something else. "Now that Langara gave you everything, including her last powers, does that mean you're the most talented member of your clan?"

Eminia, who still had a sad expression, wasn't sure about that. "Now that you said it, I'm not sure. From what I can see through the Matriarch's memories, it was the devouring process that increased the hosts' talents. However, Thicket's skill was far from letting a soul eat another. For example, there was no pain involved."

Fatax couldn't help but ask, "Do you guys have an Aptitude Measuring Orb with you?"

Roan had to admit he was also curious, so he quickly took one out of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. "Here you go."

Eminia caught it and was just about to try when Rean asked something else. "Wait! What was your aptitude color before? I want to compare."

Eminia nodded before responding, "I wasn't anything impressive. My Aptitude Color was just yellow. As the Matriarch told you before, someone with a purer bloodline doesn't mean they would have higher talent. I'm...well, at least I'm a prime example of that. I don't know if it has changed, so I need to check."

Fatax, Rean, and Roan then looked at Eminia's attempt. The orb then shone for a moment before the surface color finally began to change. Not long after, a deep purple color was reflected in their eyes.

"Wow!" Rean couldn't help but feel impressed. "No wonder your Clan Head wanted your Matriarch's soul so much! You went straight from a Yellow Color Talent to a Purple Color Talent. That's the highest aptitude there is."

Fatax and Eminia were also left speechless by that sight. They did expect a good increase in talent, perhaps going up to green or blue, and, if lucky, red. But to head straight to purple, and a very deep color at that, that was something that far surpassed their expectations.

Roan then warned the two. "I don't know if it's a good idea for you two to head back to your clan. Is there anyone with similar talent to yours back there?"

Eminia quickly shook her head. "Not as far as the Matriarch's memories go. We have two Red Color Talents, both on the Clan Head's side. These two were also the ones the Clan Head intended to use the Matriarch's soul on most likely."

Roan nodded after hearing that. "Then, you have even more of a reason to not go there. Change your appearances or go somewhere far away. If you head back and they find your new aptitude, considering you're part of the opposition's power, the Clan Head might try to get rid of you first."

Rean agreed with Roan. "The ice block is right. He obviously knows that it was the two of you who were involved with Langara. With that being said, he would need to be an idiot to not think about testing your aptitudes once you're back. Now that your side of the clan lost the Matriarch, it's an even more dangerous moment for you to go back."

Fatax and Eminia looked at each other. "But...we have never lived outside of the clan before."

Rean shrugged his shoulders. "There's a first time for everything. Come on! You're both in the Soul Transformation Realm already. You're also adults on top of that! I refuse to believe you can't take care of yourselves. Anyway, that's just an idea. If you still want to go back, Roan and I won't stop you."

Fatax pondered over it as Eminia was clearly not very happy with that option. "Are you worried about our parents?"

Eminia nodded in response. "Wouldn't they be impacted by what happened?"

Roan then added, "This is another reason for you to disappear. Since Langara died, they might think you died as well. Or could it be you also have Soul Flames left in the clan?"

Fatax and Eminia shook their heads. "Our cultivations are too low. Creating a Soul Flame for us was not worth the cost."

"Then it will be most likely fine." Roan continued, "If you disappear just like Langara did, they can only think you're all dead. The Realm of Gods is too big. Just head somewhere else. One day, once you're strong enough, you can come back to check on them."

Rean smiled at them. "That's true. Besides, if you go back, you would put them in a lot more danger as they might be used to control Eminia. You should really take Roan's advice."

Fatax looked at Eminia, who nodded in the end. "Alright, thank you for letting us know. We will leave for the time being."

Fatax patted Eminia's head after that, telling her, "Then, we need to find a good place to go. We can check for one once we arrive in the city."

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Chapter 1083: A Message

Naturally, the twins would head back to the Lukimira Sect first so that they could get Kentucky. They more or less decided to take the same route back and stop at the nearest city from Erqs Forest to leave Fatax and Eminia there. "Well then, I wish you two good luck. Remember, try to change your appearance to something else before leaving the Kamos Kingdom. It will give you the best chances in the future."

Fatax and Eminia immediately nodded in response as Eminia thanked the two. "We understand. Rean, Roan, thank you for your help."

Roan just nodded while Rean laughed. "Hahaha! I have to thank you as well. This journey was a lot more interesting because of the two of you. Besides, the information regarding the Fallen Light Star Fragments was very important."

Eminia pondered in silence for a bit before taking out a jade slip from her spatial ring. Following that, she used her Divine Sense to save some information inside. "Here, take this. I have poured Matriarch Langara's memories from the time she visited that deadly place. Chances are most of the places have changed now, but it might still be of some use for you."

Rean quickly took the jade slip as he flashed a smile at Eminia. "Great! Any help is more than welcome. Now then, goodbye!"

With that, the group bade their farewells before Rean and Roan took flight with Rascal once again. As for Fatax and Eminia, who knows what they would do from now on...

On their way back, Roan asked Rean to change their route slightly. "Last time, we avoided Werlin City since we were in a hurry to reach Erqs Forest. This time, try to stop there."

Rean knew from where Roan was coming from. "It's the biggest city on our way back to Lukimira, right? Surely they should have a Royal Office there where we can use our tokens."

Roan nodded in response. "You already have an idea on where to get Light Element materials for your breakthrough to the Elemental Transformation Realm. However, I have no idea where to find Dark Element materials. I guess it's normal for it to be hard as these elements aren't part of the mainstream elements."

Rean didn't mind and asked Rascal to change his flight direction slightly. Just like that, they made their way to Werlin City during the next few weeks. Of course, they kept cultivating and stopping at demon beast territories to train. Naturally, that wasn't all, as Roan didn't want to fight only demon beasts. With that, they often intervened in some cultivators' affairs. As one could imagine, robbery was the main affair. These fights for the sake of training ended up delaying their trip to Werlin by at least four days, not that the twins were in a hurry anyway.

As for cultivation, they could still feel the Divine Energy reaching them through their connection with Celis and Kentucky. Those two weren't holding back at all. Rean and Roan could tell that it wouldn't take more than a few more weeks before they reached the Late Stage of the Soul Transformation Realm. It had been only five months and something since the last breakthrough. If it was back in the Mortal Realm, several years still wouldn't be enough for them to achieve something like that.

Eventually, the twins sighted Werlin City's walls in the distance. "Sure enough, it's even bigger." Rean immediately noticed that Werlin City's walls were ridiculously high compared to the 'small' cities like Cosec. Not to mention that the walls spanned even further.

"Since Cosec already has hundreds of millions of humanoid residents, like humans, perhaps this city has over a billion?" Rean wondered. Because of how high and long the walls were, Rean and Roan could see it from much further away. Obviously, they could already see many cultivators, caravans, as well as flying and terrestrial-tamed demon beasts entering and exiting from it.

Fortunately, they didn't need to queue in front of the many gates of the city. Since they were part of the Beast Tamer Guild, they could enter for free and through the skies since they had a flying demon beast. Well, they stopped on the top of the wall to ask the guards there where the Demon Beast Taming Guild Branch of Werlin City was located first.

After leaving Rascal to be taken care of by the guild members, Rean and Roan made their way out of the city before heading to the Royal Office. Their Royal Family Token made everything much easier as well.

As they were at the entrance of the Office, the Royal Family Office in Werlin City was definitely worthy of its name. There were huge queues with thousands of people waiting for their turn to reach the counters. As for counters alone, there were definitely a few hundreds of them.

However, the twins didn't enter any of the queues. Since they had Fabio's token, they might as well make use of it. After showing the token to one of the guards there, they were immediately brought to a private room, not having to wait even a second before being attended. "Welcome to Werlin's Royal Office, esteemed friends. I'm the vice manager of this branch, Ricao Sidixa. As you have the Royal Family Token, you have priority here. However, would you mind letting me check the token first? This is all part of our security measures."

Rean nodded after hearing that. "No problem at all," Rean replied as he passed the token to Ricao.

Ricao then put the token on something that looked like a formation, which activated straight away. Seeing that, Ricao nodded in satisfaction as he told them, "It's genuine. Thank you for your patience, friends." It was then that he noticed something else. "Oh! It seems like there is a message for you as well."

"A message?" Rean and Roan asked.

Ricao quickly took a jade slip and put it on the formation. A stream of energy entered it right after before Ricao retrieved it. "Here you go. Only those whose the message is destined to are allowed to check it, so I don't know what's inside."

Rean and Roan didn't need to think much to know that it was Fabio who had left it to be delivered. "Since Fabio didn't use the Thoughts Transmission Talisman he left with us, it shouldn't be anything urgent."

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Chapter 1084: One More Reason

They quickly sent their Divine Sense inside the slip and checked the message. 'This message is for Rean, Roan, Gulia, Samanta, and Regio. If any of the Royal Offices happens to receive them, deliver it over.'

Rean and Roan nodded after that as Rean could not help but say through their Soul Connection, 'Seems like it wasn't directed at us alone, but all the people Fabio made an agreement with using the Soul Binding Contract.'

They continued to read. 'The Royal Family and the other main powers of Kamos Kingdom are preparing to send a few representatives to the Huring Sacred Land. As Gulia, Samanta, and Regio already know, the Sacred Land opens its doors for recruitment once every hundred years. That's why our Kamos Kingdom promotes the assemblies a year earlier as a means to find more talents. Rean and Roan probably don't know about it yet since you came from somewhere else, so consider yourselves informed.'

'However, this isn't part of the agreement I made with the five of you, so you don't need to feel obligated to come. I just thought that this would be a good opportunity for you. Since I said that I would help out with your training as much as possible, I added your names to the Royal Family's list of talents tagging along. Our Kamos Kingdom has a total of 250 vacancies, so it wasn't hard to do so.'

'If you feel like you want to participate, make sure to appear at the Royal Capital by the end of the year. Otherwise, your slots will be given to someone else waiting in line. Once you arrive there, just show the tokens I gave to the five of you to the guards in front of the Royal Palace, and I'll be informed that you've arrived.'

'Last but not least, the participation requirements are pretty similar to our assemblies. Anyone under the age of 50 can take part in it as long as they have an official slot. Obviously, the five of you fulfill these criteria. Anyway, that's all.'

Rean and Roan then looked at each other with weird expressions. "Don't you think this is a bit too much of a coincidence?"

Roan nodded in agreement. "Indeed. However, we didn't even know about the Sacred Land before we visited Rana. If Rana hadn't told us about it, we still would have received this message once we stopped here in Werlin. In the end, we would have been interested and gone there regardless."

Rean had to admit Roan was right. This message was probably sent to all the Royal Family Offices in the kingdom for Rean, Roan, and the three other people to see it. "However, it's pretty obvious that Fabio holds little hope for us in this recruitment."

Roan knew that Rean was telling the truth. "There's no helping it. Considering that all countries are going to have their talents sent over, it's quite clear that our chances aren't that high. We already fought against many Saint Realm experts below the age of 50 in the assembly in Cosec City. As you know, that's just a 'small' city. The talents of the Royal Family, for example, might already be in the Elemental Transformation Realm. Let alone the talents of all the other countries in the area."

"However, since Fabio is giving us this chance, it means that cultivation isn't everything, don't you think?" Rean asked back at Roan.

Roan faintly smiled in response as he nodded. "Indeed. Now we have two avenues to use to get into Huring Sacred Land. The first one is through the use of Rana's Glittering Coin and Tulipa. This one isn't guaranteed, though. The second one isn't easy either, but I do feel like trying this one more. We haven't seen how further behind we are compared to people from big powers."

Rean agreed with him. "So, I guess that's decided. By the way, should we even go back to get Kentucky and Celis? I don't think this recruitment will allow demon beasts since no demon beast would normally have sentience below the age of 50."

Roan pondered over it for a bit and had to admit Rean was right. "Then, we can use these guys to send a message to those two. It's not like they want to move anytime soon either."

With that, the twins looked at the manager before saying, "Thank you for the delivery. We would like to send a message to Lukimira Sect in Cosec City."

The manager immediately accepted the task. "Definitely. Just put the message you want in a jade slip and tell me who I should deliver it to. I can guarantee that it will arrive and that no one will see the contents."

Following that, Rean used his Divine Sense to leave his thoughts in the jade slip. "This is it. Tell the messenger to hand it to Kentucky or Celis. The people in the sect will know who they are."

"Very well." The manager then tapped the table before a worker came inside the room. "You heard them. Make sure it gets to the receiver."

The worker quickly took the jade slip and nodded before leaving the room.

"Now then, little friends, is there anything else our Werlin Royal Office can do for you?" the manager asked after that.

Hearing that, Roan asked his question. "I want to see if you know some material with Dark Element in it. The more, the better."

"Dark Element?" The manager narrowed his eyes after hearing Roan's query. "If it was one of the five mainstream elements, it would be easy. However, such an element is quite hard to find. Please wait for a minute. I need to check the archives."

Rean and Roan were not in a hurry, so they just nodded. It took around an hour for the manager to come back with the information. "We're sorry. I looked into our information, but we couldn't find any place that sold this kind of material, much less to say searching for it."

Rean and Roan weren't surprised. Langara had told Rean how hard it was to find Fallen Light Star Fragments. The fact the fairies were so excited when they saw it proved how hard Light Element materials were to find. Naturally, the opposite wasn't bound to be easy either. "Seems like we have one more reason to head to the Huring Sacred Land."

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Chapter 1085: The Royal City

The twins were quite far from the Royal Capital, so they decided to depart on the same day. However, when they asked the manager regarding the fastest way to arrive there, the guy replied, "Oh, you can arrive today if you want."

"Today?" Rean and Roan were surprised to hear that.

The manager then explained, "Indeed. Since you have the Royal Family Token, you can use the Intercity Teleport Formations for free. Didn't you know that?"

"We didn't..." They had just recently got it, so how would they know? They also noticed how they traveled this far for no reason. "Oh well...we at least trained and cultivated a lot, so it wasn't a bad experience." Sure, the Intercity Teleport Formations were very expensive. However, if it was free for Royal Family Token users alone, that couldn't even be considered an expenditure worth noting.

Of course, since they could do such a thing, they might as well head straight to the Royal Capital. "Senior, we would like to use the Intercity Teleport Formation."

The manager nodded before saying, "You can find the Royal Family's exclusive formation in this building of ours. Let me bring you there."

Rean then remembered something. "Oh, right! The Golden Rascol." He pondered over it for a bit before asking, "Senior, would you be able to deliver my Golden Rascol to the Lukimira Sect as well?"

"Sure, but I need you to show that our Beast Tamer is a friend and that it should follow its command. Once that's done, our Royal Office will guarantee the safe delivery of your Demon Bird there," the manager explained.

"Great! Let's go there, then."

Rean then left with the Royal Office's Beast Tamer and returned around an hour later. Roan was already waiting in the room with the Teleport Formation. Without wasting more time, Rean and Roan took the teleport formation to the next city. There were teleport formations that could send one straight to the Royal Capital. Of course, such formations were too expensive and complex, depending on the distance. Unless it was urgent or one was a direct descendant of the throne, they wouldn't be used.

Rean and Roan didn't mind, though. They simply had to use each Intercity Teleport Formation and jump from one to another. The process took around half a day to be complete, but it wasn't a problem for them. First of all, if they had traveled with the Golden Rascol, it would have taken them over half a year to arrive. What was half a day compared to that?

Suddenly, a teleport formation in the corner of a giant building began to activate. A moment later, it shone brightly before a flash of silver light came out.

Vup!

As soon as it disappeared, a pair of white and black-haired twins appeared over it. Naturally, they were Rean and Roan. They looked around and could see the other teleport formations in the area. However, the building was almost empty, with very few teleport formations being used.

Suddenly, a well-dressed woman came to receive the twins. "Welcome to the Royal Capital, friends. This is the Royal Family and its representatives' exclusive teleport formations. Would you mind showing me the Royal Token?"

Rean and Roan nodded before giving it to the young woman. 'No wonder it's so empty. Others can't use it...'

The woman tested the tokens and confirmed they were genuine. "Thank you very much, Rean, Roan. You may come back to use this building's teleport formation anytime you desire. Do you have any requests?"

Rean nodded as he said in response, "Can you have someone show us the path to the Royal Palace? This is the first time we came to the Capital."

"Sure, one moment, please." The woman quickly left and returned a minute later. Beside her, Rean and Roan could see a young teenager. "Hello, I'm Farius. Let me guide you to the Royal Palace."

The Royal Token was really useful. With just a few words, Rean and Roan were already set to go to the palace. Farius guided them out of the building, which allowed the twins to see the environment. "That's quite the view."

Turns out the Royal Capital was built around a giant mountain. The building with the teleport formations for the exclusive use of the Royal Family and its representatives just happened to be on it. Obviously, that gave the twins a privileged view of the rest of the city below and how far above they could go as well.

There were no clouds close to the mountain. In fact, Rean couldn't see any clouds as far as his eyes could reach. He was a Formation Master, so it was easy to tell that it was like that because of a

formation. 'Most likely, it was made to allow the ones from above the mountain to always be able to see the city below and vice versa,' Rean thought.

The top of the mountain, however, wasn't exactly a mountain top. Instead, it was the palace itself. It looked as if the top had been slashed out, and the palace was built similarly to fit the top's old shape. In a certain way, it was quite a stellar piece of architecture.

As Farius guided the twins through the streets leading to the top, Rean took the opportunity to ask, "Can you tell us a bit about the Royal Capital?"

Farius smiled and nodded before explaining, "The Royal Capital has been in existence for over 12000 years. It was built once the Kamos Royal Family ascended to power. The Capital, however, isn't the biggest city in the empire. It only ranks 19th due to its young age. The total range is 430 kilometers, but it's expanding year by year. Even though it's the 19th biggest city, it has the third-highest population, with a total of four billion, three hundred and fifty-two million residents. It's obviously the number one when it comes to the total amount of business being done per year."

"Over four billion..." Rean was truly impressed with that number. Back on Earth, the entire planet only had around 7 billion. This city alone had above half of that amount.

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Farius then brought the twins to the palace's entrance. "Here we are, friends. From here onwards, you will need permission to go, which I don't have. This is as far as I can guide you."

Rean patted the young man's shoulder in response and thanked him. "That's good enough, thank you."

Farius smiled in response and bowed to the twins before turning around and leaving.

Rean and Roan then stepped forward to go through the palace's gate. Obviously, the guards there didn't let them go much further. "This is the Royal Palace. Please show your identification."

Fabio's token was immediately pulled out for the guards to check. "Thank you. This is Fabio's Royal Token, so we will need to contact him first. Please, wait a moment."

"Sure, we have a lot of time," Rean said in response.

The twins didn't have to wait for long, though. After fifteen or so minutes, an old man appeared by the palace gate to fetch the twins. "Hello, my name is Colen, and I'm the house manager of Fabio's residence in the palace. Fabio isn't here at the moment, so I'm the one in charge of its management while he's out. Fabio has already informed me of your arrival. Please follow me."

Colen then showed the guards some identification before they allowed the twins to pass through. As one could imagine, the palace was enormous, and many workers could be seen everywhere. Sometimes, Rean and Roan passed by a few members of the Royal Family or some important person, as their attires were easily recognizable. All workers had matching uniforms with different colors, but the Royal Family and those important people obviously didn't follow that trend.

Along the way to Fabio's residency, Colen and the twins ended up bumping into another house manager from someone else. "Oh, Colen. It's rare to see you out of your Master's house. Could it be that these are some guests? They sure don't look to be well dressed enough to be in here."

Colen's expression didn't look very well as he looked at the other old man. "It's because I don't like to see faces like yours that I rarely come out. Also, the attires of my Master's guests are none of your concern. You should know that Master Fabio doesn't care about such things."

"That's one of the reasons he isn't seen with good eyes by most of the family." The other manager shook his head in disappointment as he told Colen this. "Why can't you see that his presence here is just a bother?"

Colen snorted in response when he heard that. "Sure, he is a bother...to your branch of the family, that is. Are you guys that concerned, Nolanf?"

Nolanf didn't seem to care as he replied, "Concerned? Are you talking about that bullshit idea of recruiting outsiders? Hahaha! What can people without the Royal Family's bloodline even do? Don't get ahead of yourself."

Colen then turned around, seeming to expect that answer. "Since that's the case, you have no need to worry. Rean, Roan, let's keep going."

The twins looked at each other and felt the event to be quite familiar. That reminded them of the struggles in the Sasamil Empire's capital quite a lot. Well, this wasn't an empire, though, just a single country. They didn't say anything either and simply ignored Nolanf as they followed Colen.

Colen, however, was surprised by the twins' silence. "Aren't you curious about what that was?"

Roan shook his head as he told Colen, "A Royal Family with over ten thousand years of existence. The least I would expect was for it to have its own internal struggles due to the size it has reached. This isn't the first, nor will it be the last time it will happen. It also explains why Fabio would want the help of talents in the future."

Colen nodded after hearing that, happy that Roan saw through it. "That's correct. In any case, you can ask Master Fabio once he returns. He should be back in a month or so as he was tasked with solving some Royal Family issues in a nearby town."

Rean then asked something else. "By the way, he had called not only us but five of the people he had the agreement with. I believe the five of us were the only ones below the age of 50 if I'm not wrong. Are the others here already?"

Colen nodded in response. "Two of them are here already, Gulia and Regio. I don't know if Samanta has seen her message already or not, though. The fact is that she hasn't arrived yet."

Rean understood as he nodded. "I see...well, Samanta has six more months to see the message, so she might appear at some point."

"Regio, Samanta, and Gulia haven't met you yet, so I'll take this chance to introduce you two to them. Since only Regio and Gulia are here, I'll start with them," Colen told them after.

They arrived at Fabio's residence a few minutes later. Although it looked very small compared to the entire palace, Fabio's home was still very big. It definitely had enough space for at least a few hundred people to live in. "You have everything you need here. Cultivation chambers with formations for use.

Alchemists, blacksmiths, and other people with various side occupations are ready to take your orders as well. You just need to give them the materials, and there will be no fees. As long as you don't demand anything ridiculous, you can probably get it. I'll separate two rooms for you as well."

"Thank you, Senior Colen." Rean thanked him as Roan simply nodded.

"Oh! Senior Colen, are these the two new guys?" Suddenly, a feminine voice came from behind the twins.

Colen smiled as he looked at the owner of the voice. "Nice timing, Gulia." Colen then introduced the twins. "These are Rean and Roan, the twins with high talent that Master Fabio found recently." Fabio also did the same for Gulia. "This lady is Gulia Orval. She will be taking part in the Sacred Land Excursion."

'Initial Stage of the Saint Realm,' Rean and Roan thought at the same time. Surprisingly, they were sure about one thing after taking a quick glance at her. 'This girl could definitely trash any of the Saint Realm competitors from Cosec City's assembly.'

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Chapter 1087: Eyes

That made sense. After all, Fabio was recruiting talents for the future. He obviously wouldn't get someone that couldn't at least put up a fight against the geniuses of his own Royal Family. However, the twins also understood that in a one-on-one fight, they were most likely not this girl's match. After all, she also could jump realms to fight, just like them.

Gulia then came forward to shake Rean and Roan's hands. "Nice to meet you, Rean, Roan. As Senior Colen mentioned, I'm Gulia. Senior Fabio found me in Trixeos City in the north. It's good to see that he found more young people to join our group."

Roan simply nodded as Rean talked back, responding, "Nice to meet you as well. We're only Soul Transformation Realm cultivators, so we hope you can show us how things are done."

Gulia smiled in response after hearing that. "Sure, if you need a sparring partner, I'm all for it."

"Ahem..." Colen then called the twins' attention. "You better be careful if you accept this offer. This lady seems harmless, but when in battle, you definitely don't want to be her enemy."

Gulia then showed her tongue to Colen. "You're no fun."

However, Roan was more than willing to take up the offer. "Good! I'll be your sparring partner. Where can we fight?"

That obviously received a big nod from Gulia. "Hahaha! Great! Come with me! We'll have a lot of fun."

Without even waiting for Colen or Rean to say anything, Roan and Gulia disappeared from the entrance hall. In the end, Rean could only scratch the back of his head while looking at Colen. "Well...since they're happy to spar, I guess it's fine?"

Colen sighed and agreed with Rean. "True. In any case, I gave him my warning. If your brother wants to suffer, that's his problem. Don't worry, she won't kill him."

"As long as he doesn't die, there won't be a problem," Rean said in response.

Only then did Colen remember Fabio's description of the twins and their abilities. "Oh, right! You have that crazy healing ability of yours. Then, it should be fine. Your brother should become a good punching bag for Gulia." Colen then turned around before continuing. "Let's go. I'll show you your room and your brother's room. By the way, don't you want to see it?"

"Not really." Rean could share memories with Roan and vice versa. Roan could simply share it with him later to see how it went.

In the corridor leading to the twins' rooms, Rean and Colen just happened to bump into Regio.

Colen smiled at him before asking, "Are you done with your cultivation already?"

Regio nodded with a poker face before he headed to his room...or so he tried.

"Wait, wait, wait!" Colen couldn't help but call his attention. "Before you go, let me introduce you to this lad here. His name is Rean, and he's part of your group as one of those who made an agreement with Master Fabio."

Regio then looked at Rean. "Regio. Anything else?"

Somehow, the guy reminded Rean of Roan a lot. Could face, few words. 'Roan, I think I found your lost child.'

Roan's mouth twitched on the way to the fighting area. Obviously, Rean was sharing the entire experience through their Soul Connection.

[Hahaha! Indeed. Look how pale he is! Doesn't it remind you of Roan's expression back when he was a Death Spirit? If their relationship isn't that of a father and a son, then perhaps he's Roan's real brother.]

Rean obviously agreed with Sister Orb. 'Now everything makes sense!'

'Makes sense your ass!' Roan almost exploded after that. 'Stop bothering me if you don't have anything of value to share.' Roan then blocked Rean's memories from reaching him and focused on following Gulia.

"Ahem... Rean, are you alright?" Seeing how Rean was silent, Colen could only ask.

"Ah!" Rean got too entertained in his delusions with Sister Orb. "Sorry, sorry. There isn't anything else. However, if you receive any injury that you think you can't heal, come to me. As a cultivator with Light Element Affinity, I can most likely get it fixed."

Regio nodded and was about to head to his room when suddenly, something popped into his mind. "Can you heal someone's impaired vision?"

Let alone Rean, even Colen was taken aback. "Regio...do you have a sight problem?"

Regio noticed that he didn't explain it well. "Not me, my mother."

"Oh, right! You did mention something like that in the past," Colen said as he recalled this memory.

Rean pondered in silence for a bit before saying, "It will depend on the injury. However, I most likely can." Nevertheless, as he thought about it some more, a question popped up in his head. "With the Royal Family's alchemist available for you, shouldn't you have healed her already?"

Regio shook his head in response. "I tried. Didn't work."

Rean then looked at Colen, who nodded at him. "It's true. We do have pills that can even regrow one's eyes, but it was useless as even new eyes didn't give her vision back."

Rean nodded after hearing that. "If you don't mind, I can give it a shot."

Regio obviously accepted. Since Rean and himself were under the same Soul Binding Contract with Fabio, he wasn't afraid of Rean trying anything he shouldn't. "Follow me."

'Just like Roan indeed,' Rean thought as he followed Regio with Colen right behind him.

Rean then looked at Colen and sent him a Divine Sense Message. 'Was the reason he accepted Fabio's agreement this one?'

Colen shrugged his shoulders in response. 'How would I know? It's not like they told me what was in the contract.'

Rean had to admit Colen was right. Nevertheless, his opinion of Regio became a lot better.

A few minutes later, they finally arrived at the room where Regio's mother was. It was obviously located just beside his own. Regio went in first and then called Rean inside sometime later. "Enter."

Inside, Regio's mother was sitting on the bed while a few maids took care of her. Due to the Soul Binding Contract, Fabio had to help them as long as they didn't ask anything absurd. For a member of the Royal Family like him, such a thing couldn't even be considered a bother.

"Is someone there?" Regio's mother asked as she heard more people enter the room.

Rean nodded before saying, "I'm here to check your eyes, madam. My name is Rean."

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Chapter 1088: Rean's Treatment

"Don't worry too much about me, child. I've grown used to not seeing, so it's fine. Even if you can't do anything, I won't think anything from it." Regio's mother obviously became weary of the many treatments so far, so she simply didn't care or hold any hope anymore. It couldn't be helped. If even the Royal Family couldn't fix it, then the chances of anyone else doing it were next to impossible.

Rean didn't know what was wrong either, so he didn't promise he could fix it. "Well, there's no harm in trying, so let me check first. Madam, I'll put my hands on your face, alright? Also...ahem... I'm a Light Element user."

"Is there a problem with being a Light Element User?" Regio's mother asked after hearing him specify this.

Rean then looked at Regio, Colen, and the maids and decided it was better to explain the situation through a Divine Sense Message. That way, only the old lady would hear it.

"This..." The old lady couldn't help but feel a little flustered when she heard Rean's explanation. "I... understand what you mean." Soon after, she looked at everyone else. "Everyone except Rean and Regio, get out. I'll call you back once we're done here."

Colen and the maids were puzzled but did as they were told. Rean also explained to Regio why that had to be so, which made the guy not look very happy. "Is there no other way?"

"This is a side effect of the Light Element. There's nothing that I can do at the very least," Rean explained.

In any case, recovering his mother's issue was more important, so Regio could only nod in response. "Very well."

Once everyone went out, Rean used his Light Element to analyze the condition of Regio's mother. Fortunately, she knew what to expect, so she was able to control her impulses once the Light Element entered her body. It's just that her face blushed as a result of Rean's Light Element.

Rean kept checking her eyes and couldn't help but ask, "Were you able to see before?"

Regio immediately answered, "Yes. She lost her vision during an attack our settlement received from some bandits in the past."

Rean narrowed his eyes in response. "This is weird. There's nothing wrong with her eyes. I can see that they have been regrown with the alchemists' pills of the Royal Family. With that being said, whatever was wrong with the old ones is now fixed. By the way, madam, I haven't asked your name yet."

Regio's mother began to get used to the Light Element, which allowed her to talk a little. "I-I'm Natalia Klin."

Regio also added something else. "The physicians said the same thing when they analyzed my mother's eyes. There wasn't supposed to be anything wrong there."

"They were right," Rean agreed with Regio's words. "Since she can't see, that means the problem is further behind the line. Let me check."

Rean immediately went deeper into the connections of the eye. To be more precise, the connection between the eyes and brain. Only then was he able to see something different. "Oh! There we go! No wonder she can't see." Rean then asked Natalia, "Madam, when you lost your vision, were your eyes hit by some kind of searing heat? Something that only targeted your eyes and nothing else?"

Natalia was surprised to hear that question. "That's correct. I told it to the physicians and alchemists before, but they said they couldn't find anything related to the attack on my eyes. That's why I didn't mention it to you. How did you know?"

Rean smiled as his hair changed into a mix of black and white. "It's not their fault. The attack you received was created through a mix of Yang Energy, Fire Element, and some kind of flashing light. The person who did it is quite good at controlling Yang Energy, I have to say. If I'm not wrong, you weren't the only one affected either."

Rean continued, "Anyway, this mix created a poisonous effect that went through the retina of your eyes and lodged itself between the connections of your eyes' roots with the brain. The amount is also very small, almost undetectable. However, since vision signals are nothing more than small electrical pulses, it was more than enough to completely shut down the transfer of information."

Soon after, Rean used his Light Element to protect the brain and eyes. At the same time, Roan's Dark Element made its way to attack that foreign energy. "Regio, please hold your mother and make sure she doesn't move much. It's going to be quite painful."

Regio, who seemed quite hopeful now, immediately followed Rean's order. "You can fix it, right?"

Rean nodded with a smile. "I should be. Anyway, are you ready, madam?"

Natalia nodded. "Go ahead."

Rean immediately started to destroy that foreign energy, which indeed caused a lot of pain, even with his Light Element ensuring the integrity of Natalia's eyes and brain. Fortunately, there was just a little of that energy in the connection, so it took only a minute to fix it.

"Alright, I'm done," Rean said as he took his hands off Natalia's head.

Regio also looked at her, waiting for his mother to open her eyes.

Natalia then opened them and couldn't help but cover her eyes soon after while feeling pain.

Ouch!

"What?! What happened?!" Naturally, Regio became worried about his mother's reaction.

However, Rean put a hand on his shoulders and laughed. "Hahaha! It's fine. It's just that she hasn't seen the light for a long time, so her eyes hurt quite a little when she opened it just now." Rean then turned to Natalia. "Do it slowly, madam. Let your eyes get used to the light again."

Natalia nodded and followed Rean's instructions. At first, there was only a big flash in her vision. But slowly, the eyes got used to the light as the forms of the outside world began to take shape in front of her. In the end, she couldn't help but let the tears flow down. "I... can see again..."

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Chapter 1089: Roan Lost

Even Regio couldn't help but get a little emotional after seeing his mother well again. Although that emotion on his expression disappeared as fast as it came.

Eventually, Natalia looked at Rean, still in tears. "Thank you, thank you! How can I ever pay you back for this?"

Rean shook his head after hearing that. "There's no need. Regio and I are part of Senior Fabio's group, so it's my duty to help. If there's any payment, Senior Fabio would be the one to do it. Hahaha!"

Regio, on the other hand, didn't like hearing it that much. "I owe you a huge debt. As long as it doesn't go against my principles, I will do anything you ask."

Rean patted Regio's shoulder in response. "How about smiling more as payment? Trust me, you don't want to grow all grumpy like a certain person I know."

Regio was taken aback. "This...might be a little difficult."

"Well, think about it," Rean said before he turned to the door. Soon after, he opened it and let Colen and the maids back inside. "Senior Colen, I'm done here."

"It worked?" Colen asked straight away. However, there wasn't a reason for Rean to answer as it was obvious to everyone due to Natalia's happiness. "Impressive...you did something even the Royal Physicians couldn't achieve."

Rean nodded in response. "It's just as I mentioned before. I have a huge advantage due to my Light Element Affinity. It's not that the physicians were bad. It's just that they can't copy me. No one without Light Element Affinity can." Rean left the Elemental Exchange out of the explanation, though.

Colen sighed before coming out of the room with Rean. "Let's leave Regio with his mother for a while. I still haven't had the chance to show you your and your brother's rooms."

"Sure, let's go there." Rean also wanted to have some rest.

With that, Colen finished the introductions and left Rean in his room before going back to do his own chores. He was still the house manager, after all.

"Sister Orb, is there any monitoring formation here?" Rean asked once he was left alone.

[No. There are no formations in this room except for the Anti-Divine Sense and Soul Power Scan Formations Colen showed you.] The room had inbuilt privacy features, and Sister Orb's words confirmed it.

"Good! Then, I can enter the Soul Gem Realm for a while. Let me know when Roan comes back." With that, Rean headed straight to the blacksmith workshop in the Dimensional Realm. He still wanted to work on the Earth's Remnants he got from the Cosgles's Village. Rean was in a good mood and was definitely having a good time in the blacksmith workshop.

Someone who wasn't having a good time, though, was Roan.

Bang!

Suddenly, a body was sent flying through the illusory combat room.

Crash!

Crumble...

That body was none else other than Roan. Just now, he had been overwhelmed by Gulia's power, not being able to bear the grunt of it.

Rumble...

He didn't give up, of course. He slowly came out of the rubble as he looked at Gulia in the distance. Gulia proved to be several times stronger than the Saint Realm cultivators in Cosec, which Roan had already expected. He could defeat Middle Stage Saint Realm cultivators from that place alone. Gulia, on the other hand, was only in the Initial Stage, but even he couldn't get the upper hand. "Interesting."

Of course, Gulia found the fight very entertaining. She looked around her body and could see a few small cuts here and there. Sure enough, Roan was still Roan. He might have no chance of winning, but he wouldn't go down without leaving a few cuts. "Truly impressive. I'm three stages above you, and I'm also in the next realm. Even with that, you can inflict injuries on me. I don't think you can bridge the gap between us with an extra stage or two. However, if we were in the same level, I would probably be the one losing here."

Gulia then pointed her greatsword at Roan. "However, that only makes me excited. That means I still have a lot more potential left to explore. I don't believe I can't match anyone at the same level. Let's continue!"

It turns out that this girl was quite brutal and used her higher strength together with her higher talent to overwhelm others. Roan also thought that her weapon of choice was very fit for the girl.

Hearing Gulia's words, Roan could only nod. "You're correct. You still have more potential to be unearthed." Roan also pointed his White Star at Gulia. "Let's go!"

Around an hour later, Rean was called by Sister Orb. [Roan's back now...or what's still left of him.]

"Left of him?" Those words puzzled Rean, which immediately made him pause his work to come out and see. "Holy shit!"

Rean had never seen Roan in such a mangled state. It was obvious he had many bones broken. Blood could be seen everywhere. One of his eyes seemed damaged while he held his White Star with another hand than his usual one. Well, for Roan, both hands had the same power as he practiced with both. It's just that he usually used the side that most bothered the opponent to fight against.

Rean couldn't help but ask, "Are you dead? No, you were already dead in the first place. I mean...are you dead dead?"

Roan glanced at Rean with his good eye, telling him, "Stop the bullshit. I'll heal myself soon."

Both Sister Orb and Rean were puzzled, though. [Why haven't you healed yourself yet?]

Roan then took out a few Divine Stones from his Spatial Ring before absorbing the energy inside. "I healed once in front of Gulia, which made her understand that she couldn't give me time to do that. Naturally, I couldn't heal myself as I had to defend and attack all the time. We fought nonstop until I finally ran out of Divine Soul Power and lost."

Rean was surprised to hear that. Nevertheless, it was obvious that Roan carried a hint of praise for Gulia behind his own words. "It's quite rare for you to recognize someone like that."

Roan nodded in agreement. "It's quite rare to see someone using their abilities to that extent, after all. If those participating in the Sacred Land Excursion are all like this, then it'll be very interesting."

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Chapter 1090: Give Me Face

Of course, Rean's Instant Recovery skill wasn't omnipotent. To use it, he needed to focus on the injuries, let alone Roan. It's just that they always were given the necessary time to use it. However, Gulia wasn't an idiot and understood what she had to do from the get-go.

Roan wasn't the only one impressed, though. Inside Gulia's room, she worked on the injuries Roan inflicted on her. Roan's Dark Element still caused a lot of trouble for her. "How can his element hurt so much? If I didn't use my Divine Energy to drive his power out fast enough, I might have gotten into trouble. Besides..." She then thought about the thing that impressed her the most. "Just how the hell does he have so much Divine Energy? Even though I succeeded in making him use all of it, I used a lot more Divine Energy than what I usually would against someone of his level."

Obviously, that's because of the Light and Dark Element Cultivation Techniques given by the Soul Gem System. It was responsible for Rean and Roan's Dantians that could store three times as much energy compared to other cultivators.

On the next day, Regio came to pay a visit to Rean together with his mother. The old lady wanted to thank him properly, which Rean didn't mind. Regio also began to train with Rean and Roan from that point onward. Sure enough, Regio ended up being a little stronger than Rean and Roan. That served to show that Fabio truly recruited real talents.

Well, that made Regio feel a little down, though. After all, Rean and Roan were two stages below him. He was at the Peak Stage of the Soul Transformation Realm while the twins were still in the Middle Stage.

Time passed in a flash, and two weeks went by. During this day, Rean and Roan felt the energy from Celis and Kentucky heading their way much faster. Obviously, those two had reached the limit of the Middle Stage Six level as demon beasts. Naturally, that meant Rean and Roan were at the limit of the Middle Stage as well.

The twins quickly headed to the cultivation chambers that Colen showed when they arrived. There, they focused on their breakthrough as well. With Celis, Kentucky, Rean, and Roan working together, the breakthrough went as smoothly as it could go. First of all, it wasn't only Celis and Kentucky that had a huge amount of Divine Energy to use. One must remember that the twins were at the Royal Palace of the Kamos Kingdom. Obviously, this place had even more Divine Energy as the Kamos Royal Family was the one who grew the Divine Veins.

Roan pondered in silence for a bit after the breakthrough before saying, "We still have half a year before we depart for the Sacred Land. Considering the concentration of Divine Energy here and the help Celis and Kentucky are giving us, we can definitely reach the Peak Stage before that."

Rean agreed with Roan after hearing that. "For that, we better not head out of the Capital for the time being then. Not that we have a reason to do so."

The twins agreed with each other and decided to focus on cultivating. Of course, they also had access to a lot of materials for Formations, Alchemy, and Blacksmithing. How could they pass up the chance to improve their side occupations in the meantime?

Thanks to the breakthrough, Rean and Roan got a lot stronger during their practices with Regio and Gulia. Gulia, of course, could still defeat any of the two on a one-on-one battle. However, Regio wasn't able to do so anymore. Even though the twins were one stage behind, they could now hold the upper hand against him.

Well, that only made the cold Regio train even harder. He knew that his issue wasn't cultivation. The twins excelled more at combat. Otherwise, he would be at least on par with them. It couldn't be helped as Rean had been following and sparring against Roan since the Varen Tribe. Roan was simply on another league altogether.

A month after the twins' arrival, Fabio finally returned to his residence.

"Welcome back, Master Fabio," Colen said, already waiting for him at the entrance.

Fabio nodded as he took the opportunity to ask. "So, did any of my proteges see my message?"

Colen nodded as he replied, "Yes. Rean, Roan, Regio, and Gulia had already arrived. We haven't received any news from Samanta, though."

Fabio was already satisfied that four of the five appeared. "That's good enough. This is just an opportunity that I'm giving them to broaden their horizons. They don't have much chance of doing anything in the Sacred Land anyway." Sure enough, Rean and Roan's conjecture was right about Fabio's reasons.

Fabio then called the four of them just to see that the twins had a breakthrough. "Oh! Congratulations! Late Stage of the Soul Transformation Realm, and both of you at the same time. Since you have the Royal Family's resources now, you should be able to reach the Peak Stage in a year and a half, so train hard." Little did he know about the twins' real capabilities.

Fabio then looked at Regio and Gulia and asked them, "How about the two of you? Any signs of breakthrough?"

Regio nodded. "Three more months." And that's all he said.

Gulia shook her head in response. "I broke through half a year ago. I still need a lot of time before I can reach the Middle Stage. Nevertheless, it's thanks to your resources that I got to the Saint Realm this fast, Senior Fabio."

Fabio nodded in response, satisfied. "That means we'll have two Initial Stage Saint Realm cultivators and two Late Stage Soul Transformation cultivators. That's quite good when you compare it to the Royal Family's descendants."

Fabio then smiled after that. "Talking about them, I believe you already know that it isn't all sugar and spice inside the Royal Palace, right?" Everyone nodded and waited for Fabio to continue. "Good. A month and a half from now, there will be a small gathering between the houses of the Royal Family. I hope you can give me some face when that time comes."