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Chapter 121: Challenges

Rean arrived back in the sect by the end of the day. Once again, when the distance between him and Roan was reduced to a certain point, their connection was reestablished. Both twins noticed it at the same time.

'You took quite some time.'

Roan said.

'There was no helping it. Contracts, teaching, agreements, all of that takes time. I was even intending to stay there two or three more days to observe the first days of forging and sales. But in the end, I was broke, so I came back. Did anything change while I was out?'

Roan's first sect duty arrived, so he was now working as... teacher!

'Wait, what?! How come you became a teacher?'

'The other elders had seen us during the Sect Entrance Exam, so they know my skills with the Sword, Spear, and even the Staff. Now they put me in charge of the sword training for the new disciples at the Energy Gathering Realm.'

Rean felt like he was given a worse treatment.

'That's not fair, they put me to take care of the Demon Beasts in my first duty, how come you became a teacher?'

Roan snorted, though.

'As if I cared. Besides, you might have more free time than me in the end. Just use it to train more once it starts. Also, I know that you quite like animals too.'

'Well, that's true.'

Rean then changed the topic.

'What about Malaka, did you see her at all?'

Roan immediately answered.

'No, it seems like she is completely locked inside the Blue Orchid District. In fact, other than those two girls guarding the Blue Orchid area's entrance, I haven't seen any other girl with the same badge and robe as them.'

Rean narrowed his eyes. However, it seemed like it wasn't something targeted at Malaka alone, but all the Blue Orchid Faction's girls. Because of that, he doesn't know if she was doing well or not.

'Is there a way I can check it?'

Roan shook his head.

'I looked for it already. It seems like this district and faction loves to stay isolated from the other sections. They would only appear once they leave for a mission or when they enter the arena to challenge an Inner Sect disciple.'

Rean didn't like how it was going.

'What about Elder Hulian or Elder Guliva, have you tried any of them?'

'No. We can't forget that we are just new disciples, that would be overstepping our boundaries. The Dalamu Sect isn't a place where we can simply do what we want. Nor are the elders here that tolerant to those who break the rules. I doubt they would go out of their way to ask favors to other factions.'

Rean had to admit that Roan was right. Otherwise, how could they let a bunch of kids fight the demon beasts by themselves? It's just that due to the talent Rean and Roan showed, they were being a little more favored. Rean then thought for a time when suddenly, his eyes lit up.

'Don't worry, there is still a hand that we can play.'

Roan's interest got picked instantly.

'What is it?'

'Simple, the arena. As long as we pay the necessary points, we can challenge any disciple, right?'

Roan immediately understood what he meant.

'I see, but it can't be us, it has to be Lenna. Our cultivation is too high, and we are considered to be 12 years old. It goes against the rules of the sect.'

'Isn't Renna 11 years old? She won't be able to challenge Malaka either.'

Roan disagreed.

'She is not that older. Malaka is becoming 10 years old next month, but I doubt that Lenna is the same. As long as she isn't really two years older, which means a complete 24 months, she is still eligible for the challenge. We can use that chance to ask Malaka what is happening.'

Rean agreed with that plan.

'Very well, how many Sect points we need to challenge her? She isn't an Inner Sect disciple, so it shouldn't be that much.'

Roan nodded.

'I looked into it before. To challenge an Inner Sect disciple, you would need at least 2000 points. But to challenge someone in the outer sect, 200 points is enough.'

Rean pondered a bit before asking.

'Can points be transferred? We can't simply ask Lenna to give away her points.'

Roan nodded.

'It is. The disciples often use their own points to buy or sell things. We could simply do the same. By the way, my teaching duty will last another two weeks, and it will give me 100 points in the end. How long will your duty take, and how many points is it?'

'Give me a moment, I'll go to the affairs office to ask.'

A few minutes later, Rean used their soul connection to answer Roan.

'It will last one week, and it gives me 50 points in total.'

Roan pondered a bit before saying.

'We will more or less finish our duties at the same time. In that case, we better take a mission to amass a big bulk of points at once. We can use it to have Lenna challenge Malaka and for other things as well.'

Rean immediately agreed with the idea.

'That's good enough. Besides, we might receive some information in the meantime as well.'

Rean's duty day quickly arrived. The place where the demon beasts were treated was localized on the back of the sect. One must understand that Dalamu's Mountain is enormous, expanding for over 50 km in all sides. Even with the thousands of disciples, it still had a lot of unused areas. The back of the mountain had another forest with more mountains in the distance.

Rean easily noticed the building where the Demon Beasts were treated. In general, each one of them was several times bigger than his room. But that was to be expected since it held Demon Beasts from Stage Two to Stage Five!

Kraaa!

Rean almost had a heart attack when he approached the Demon Beasts' section. That cry came from one of the enormous buildings that probably housed the Stage Four and Five ones. It also just had to happen when he was passing by it.

"Holy Shit, this thing made my heart stop for a second."

Rean then took a deep breath and continued forward. Everywhere he looked, there were demon beasts and disciples taking care of them. He had never seen so many of them in the same place.

He didn't have time to look at all of them for long, though.

"You there, where you came from?"

Rean looked at a middle-aged man who came walking his way. From the looks of it, he was also an Outer Sect Elder.

"I was assigned to this place for the next week, my name is Rean Larks from the Iron and Blood District."

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Chapter 122: Snow Crane

"Oh! You came from the body training maniacs district. That's good, you guys usually are the best ones to take care of the Demon Beasts."

Rean couldn't help but feel like the name suited his faction very well.

The elder had stopped him since Rean looked to be lost. Well, he was just dazzled by all the demon beasts around, though.

"Anyway, I'm an outer sect elder of Demon Beast Tamers Faction. The one who commands this place is elder Reliance Gongol, from the Inner Sect."

He then pointed at the only building that seemed to have nothing to do with the Demon Beasts.

"That's where you get your assignments for the week. Also, be careful not to enter any of the stronger demon beasts buildings, especially those with cages inside. Anyway, that's all, you can go."

The elder then continued to make his way to one of the big buildings.

Rean didn't mind and went to the office that the elder mentioned. After reporting his arrival to the disciple inside, he was asked to go talk with an elder called Javiu.

Surprisingly, that was the same elder he bumped on the way.

"Hum? How come you are back?"

"The disciple told me that I was supposed to talk to you."

"Me? That's weird, I didn't ask for any extra help. Oh well, whatever. I won't refuse any extra hands. Come with me then, I was just about to enter the Snow Crane's building, so you can take a look to familiarize yourself with the process."

Rean nodded.

When Rean heard the name Crane, he thought about Earth's Cranes. However, he was taken aback when he saw the one in front of him. It did look like a Crane, but it was enormous! It was at least five times taller than the elder. Still, Rean thought that this Crane was really beautiful. It was completely white, and there wasn't even a spec of dirt on its feathers.

Kra!

Now that he was inside the building, he had to cover his ears. This Crane's cry was deafening!

"Alright, alright. I know, I know."

Elder Javiu gently touched the Crane to help it calm down.

"You there, bring that basin close to the entrance. Fill it with some water too."

Rean followed the elder's orders and quickly brought the basin over. Javiu then took a bottle with a red pill and mixed it in the water. The Crane reluctantly drank it. It was evident that it hated the taste.

"Rean, right? Help me arrange her nest. We need to leave it as clean as possible. Snow Cranes hate dirt more than anything else."

Rean nodded, and the two began to clean everything as the Crane rested there. Rean worked fast and cleanly, not neglecting any point. As Javiu looked at that, he nodded satisfied.

A few minutes later, they finally finished everything.

Javiu then looked at Rean to ask.

"Wanna touch her a bit?"

Rean's eyes lit up. It would be a lie if he said that he didn't want to.

"Yes!"

Javiu saw Rean's excited expression and couldn't help but laugh.

"Hahaha! Great, come here. Just be gentle."

Rean nodded and began to caress the Crane's feathers. The Crane was a little suspicious of Rean at first, but as he continued to treat her well, she eventually dropped her guard.

It was then that Rean's expression changed again.

"This..."

Javiu looked at him before asking.

"Is something wrong?"

Rean pondered a bit before saying.

"Was she perhaps hurt recently?"

Javiu was surprised that Rean asked that.

"Why do you ask?"

"I can feel that there is blood coagulation below her spine close to the neck..."

"Hm? There another one close to her stomach. It seems quite... painful."

Elder javiu was surprised that Rean could tell this much.

"Kid, you are quite good. Indeed, she suffered a few injures during a dispute between our Dalamu Sect and the Umbral Sect. It has been quite a few months, so her feathers already recovered. However, the internal injuries are more severe, so she has yet to recover from them."

When it comes to life force, Rean is probably second to none in the Dalamu Sect. All living beings have life force, and the Crane was no different. It was because of this that Rean eventually found her injuries. Her life force around the arena of the injuries was obvious in disarray as if it was trying to fight something, but ended being absorbed instead.

Rean then came near the area close to the stomach, where he felt the second injury. However, when he touched that place, the Crane opened her eyes and began to act wildly. Obviously, it felt very painful when one touched that place.

Elder Javiu quickly pushed Rean away as he did his best to calm the Crane.

"You see? It will probably take a long time for her to recover, so don't touch her there."

However, Rean shook his head.

"She will not recover. Instead, she will only get worse from now on."

Javiu was taken aback.

"What do you mean?"

"I was only able to touch for a second, but I felt the presence of some kind of energy that is slowly eating her life away. It's very unique."

Rean thought that it looked a little like Roan's Dark Element. However, the semblance stopped there. It was definitely not Dark Element even because no one else should be able to use it.

Javiu opened his eyes wide as a name appeared in his mind.

"Bastards! They infected her with Umbral Energy."

"Umbral Energy?"

Javiu nodded.

"It's the skill native to the Umbral Sect. It is very hard to remove and to detect as well. I didn't think they would use it against the Crane since only the top cultivators of the Umbral Sect are allowed to learn it. Now it became troublesome."

"Why?"

Javiu continued.

"It has been too long since it entered her body, so it has probably contaminated the organs around the two injuries. With the support of the spread of Umbral Energy, the two main sources will be very hard to eliminate."

Rean pondered a bit before saying.

"I don't mind giving it a try."

Javiu felt like he heard a joke.

"Try what? This is not something that can be removed just because one wants it. I'll need to see if we can get a healing pill from Sect Master. However, a pill that can heal this stage of Umbral Energy... The Sect Master might not agree to spend so much in the Crane."

Rean shook his head, though.

"Then just let me give it a try. It's not like you have anything to lose anyway. All I need is for Elder Javiu to keep the Crane Calm."

Javiu was just about to refuse again when Rean's hands suddenly began to shine with milk-white light. Even though Elder Javiu wasn't touching it, he could sense a very warming feeling that seemed to invigorate his body.

"I see... you are the twin that can use Light Element. I've heard about you from the other elders."

Rean nodded.

"That Umbral Energy inside her looks a little with my brother's Dark Energy. The difference is that my brother's one destroys the life force, while this Umbral Energy drains it."

Rean then thought to himself.

'Well, Roan's one is hundreds of times more aggressive, though.'

Elder Javiu pondered a bit and nodded in the end.

"Very well, as long as you don't make it worse, then I'll give you a hand."

Rean nodded.

"Don't worry, I don't know if I can eliminate it, but I won't make it worse for sure."

Elder Javiu then approached the Crane's head and seemed to whisper something into her ears. After a few seconds, he nodded at Rean.

"You can try it now."

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Chapter 123: Assault with Dark Element

Rean once more touched the area close to the internal injury. The moment he did that, the Snow Crane shivered, but because Javiu was there with her, she didn't try to push Rean away.

Rean then sent his Light Element inside, trying to get a better view of the situation in his mind. He didn't try to stimulate the Life Force around the Umbral Energy, though. If he did that, chances were that the Umbral Energy would have even more Life Energy to grow.

"I see... It really has some semblance with Roan's Dark Element."

Rean pondered a bit and then decided to try something different. Suddenly, his part of his hair began to change color as he exchanged Light Element for Dark Element with Roan. Roan, of course, noticed it.

'What is it?'

Rean then answered through their soul connection.

'Nothing much, I'm trying to help an elder here in the Demon beasts Faction.'

Roan then cut their connection. Since Rean wasn't in danger or anything, then he didn't care.

Rean then manipulated the Light and Dark Elements together. His Light Element was used around the main source of Umbral Energy to protect the organs, while Roan's Dark Element was going to assault the Umbral Energy itself. Rean and Roan have free control of the other Element, so he knew that it would not affect his Light Element.

"Elder Juvian, it will probably be painful, so do your best to hold her down."

Javiu nodded, and he began to pour his Spiritual Energy into the Snow Crane. It spread through her body rapidly until suddenly, it paralyzed her nerves.

"Alright, go ahead."

The Crane noticed that it couldn't move anymore and tried to use its own Spiritual Energy to break free from the restriction. However, Javiu held her there.

Rean didn't hold back and initiated the attack against the Umbral Energy. At the same time, the Snow Crane's eyes went bloodshot. It wanted to cry, but elder Javiu had control over its body.

However, it wasn't anything easy to do. The Snow Crane is a Stage Four Demon Beast, equivalent to a Core and Soul Fusion Realm cultivator. Elder Javiu is only at the Core Formation Realm, so he was definitely weaker than her. If not that the Crane trusted him, he wouldn't have got control over her movements.

"Be fast, I won't be able to hold her for long."

Rean began to sweat rivers. The Umbral Energy's quality couldn't be compared to Roan's Dark Element. However, the strength was definitely much higher. The cultivator who attacked the Snow Crane with Umbral Energy was definitely far above Rean and Roan in cultivation.

Fortunately, Umbral Energy didn't have anyone's support. With Rean's constant attack of Dark Element against the Umbral Energy, it quickly began to lose its power.

The reason the Crane was feeling so much pain was not the Umbral Energy, though. It was all due to Roan's Dark Element, which destroys life energy/force. It was definitely much more painful than the slow absorption process of the Umbral Energy.

Fortunately, Rean was the one controlling it, so he could use his own Light Element to support the Crane in this internal battle.

Finally, the last bit of Umbral Energy disappeared. Rean then quickly ceased the use of Dark Element, and his Light Element began to pour inside like torrents! It was also at this moment that Elder Javiu lost control over the Crane.

However, just as the Snow Crane was about to push Rean away, the pain suddenly disappeared. On the place where the Umbral Energy was acting before, only a very comfortable feeling remained. Rean kept pouring more and more Light Element as it fed the Crane's life force.

It was then that Rean fell on his butt while gasping for air.

"Sorry... I need... some time..."

Unfortunately, Rean didn't have enough Spiritual Energy to finish healing the Crane. In fact, he didn't achieve even 20% of total healing. The Crane was a Stage Four Demon Beast, after all. There was no way for someone at his level to totally heal her in one go.

Elder Javiu then helped Rean. He could see that Rean's Spiritual Energy went completely dry.

"How was it? I thought she would attack you straight away after I lost control, but she didn't. Could it be that you were successful?"

Rean smiled before nodding.

"Yes. I couldn't get close to heal the injury, but the Umbral Energy Source was utterly wiped out. Even if I don't do anything, she will eventually reach full recovery in that place. The Umbral Energy contamination around will also disappear now that the source is gone."

Rean then sat on the ground and brought out a few of his Spirit Stones from his bag. He closed his eyes while concentrating on recovering his Spiritual Energy. Elder Javiu, on the other hand, used his Spiritual Energy to check the Crane's injury condition.

"Hahaha! Great! It is already showing signs of recovery."

Suddenly, Rean almost fell to the side. That's because the Snow Crane's head began to rub against his body. Seeing that, Rean and Javiu laughed out loud.

"Alright, alright. Let me recover my Spiritual Energy first before I continue to heal you."

The Crane nodded before returning to its resting position.

"Elder Javiu, can it understand my words?"

Javiu nodded.

"She can understand a little indeed. She is a peak Stage Four Demon beast, so her intelligence is partially awakened already. Once a Demon Beast enters Stage Five, they will gain full intelligence, just like any other human. She is very close to doing the same thing."

Rean was surprised to hear that.

"As intelligent as a human? No, wait, almost stage five? Isn't that the same as a Divine Soul Realm cultivator?"

Elder Javiu nodded.

"That's exactly it."

"No wonder she nodded back at me. She is already quite intelligent since she understood my words."

Javiu then pondered a bit before saying.

"Can you help to eliminate the other source of Umbral Energy as well? I'll be sure to report your achievements later, so it should give you a lot of Sect points."

Rean's eyes lit up after hearing Sect points. He would do so even if there weren't Sect points. But now that Javiu said it, he is even more willing.

"Sure, leave it to me!"

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Chapter 124: Direct Contact

This time, it was easier to convince Snow Crane to accept Rean's treatment. One thing worth to mention is that Roan wouldn't be able to do it even if he used Rean's Light Element. That's because Rean relied mostly on his perception of life force, which Roan can't feel at all.

Sure enough, the Snow Crane went through a lot of pain as Rean used Roan's Dark Element to get rid of the Umbral Energy. But with Javiu's help, everything ended fine. Rean stayed there for the day, continually recovering his Spiritual Energy with Spirit Stones and then healing the Snow Crane's internal injuries.

When night arrived, Rean was exhausted.

"Great job, kid. I didn't think that Light Element was so useful. However, you better not tell anyone that your Light Element can deal with Umbral Energy. I will do the same as well and only tell the Snow Crane's owner that I got a better medication."

Rean, who was lying on the ground, looked at Elder Javiu.

"Her owner?"

Javiu nodded.

"Most of the Stage Four and above demon beasts have someone who tamed them in the past. Although most of them are disciples or previous disciples of our Demon Beast Faction, there are also a few from the other factions. They pay us to take care of their own demon beasts since we are better at it."

Rean nodded. This place really had everything they would need to take care of the demon beasts. The Sect might have several factions, but they are ultimately the same Sect, so things like this happened a lot.

"By the way, who is her owner?"

"It's me."

Elder Javiu and Rean jumped in fright! Out of nowhere, a woman appeared leaning against the opposite wall, and it seemed like she had been there for a long time already. However, they didn't notice her at all.

She has long black hair with black eyes and a slim body. Her appearance was of someone around her late twenties. Still, Rean knows that cultivators can keep their appearance for much longer. That being said, she is probably several times older than she looks like. Nonetheless, she was a beauty in her own merit.

The only one who didn't seem surprised was the Snow Crane, which rubbed its head against that woman.

"This... Elder Tiria, how long had you been there?"

Elder Tiria gently caressed the Snow Crane as she answered.

"From the moment you began to heal my Nana's second internal injury."

"Nana?"

Javiu explained.

"It's the Snow Crane's name that elder Tiria gave."

Rean nodded.

"Elder Tiria, about the-"

Tiria didn't let Rean finish talking.

"I know. You were able to get rid of the Umbral Energy, which is indeed something impressive. Usually, we need to pay a high price for a pill capable of doing such a thing. It is to the point that my Nana's value might not be worth it. To be honest, I knew about it, but acquiring the pill for the Snow Crane was just too hard and expensive."

"You don't need to worry, I won't tell anyone about your ability. Otherwise, the Umbral Sect might send some assassins to get rid of you. With your cultivation, you would be dead the first moment you step outside."

Rean felt a chill on his back. He didn't think that helping the Snow Crane was so dangerous like that. But Rean felt puzzled for a moment.

"Even a Core Elder like you can't get the pill to heal the Snow Crane."

Tiria smiled a bit before saying.

"I do have enough authority to get one pill, but I had to use it myself in the end."

Rean was taken aback. Javiu, on the other hand, wasn't. Elder Tiria participated in that small fight against the Umbral Sect a few months ago. So it's not surprising that she was also a victim of the Umbral Energy. From what he heard, that was quite a fierce battle. Of course, the Dalamu Sect also left their own gifts for the Umbral Sect.

"I see, at least elder Tiria is already healed, so that's a good thing."

Tiria's smile got bitter when she heard that and murmured.

'Healed, uh?'

Rean and Javiu didn't hear that, though.

She patted the Snow Crane twice. The Crane understood her meaning and returned to its nest.

Tiria then approached Rean and grabbed one of his hands, which puzzled both Rean and Javiu. It was then that she put his hand between her chests! Well, not exactly there, but closer to her neck instead.

Rean's face became as red as a tomato! He is quite weak to this kind of thing. Rean tried to pull it back, but with Tiria's cultivation at the Nascent Soul Realm, he couldn't possibly be stronger than her.

Javiu, too, was taken aback by that.

"Cough, cough. Elder Tiria, should I go away and leave you two alone?"

Rean felt like crying! Can't you see the child molestation here? Help me for fucking sake! This is wrong!

However...

Pah!

Elder Tiria did a chop motion with her other hand, hitting Rean's head.

"Aren't you too self-aware for a kid? You better calm your little brother down there, or I swear I'll cut it off!"

Rean's face went from red to pale in the next second. As for his little brother, it immediately lost all its excitement, quickly returning to normal sometime later.

"I have no interest in you, just do the same thing you did with the Snow Crane to check my condition."

Rean and Javiu were taken aback once more.

'So that's what you wanted! Anyway, why the hell did you have to select that arena to put my hand? Couldn't it be your belly or your shoulder? How the hell does your head work?!

Of course, neither Javiu nor Rean said that in front of a Core Elder.

Rean then took a deep breath and sent his Light Element inside elder Tiria's body. Immediately, an extremely comfortable feeling spread through her body, making her let out an involuntary moan.

Rean almost fainted! If others heard that without seeing what was happening, what would they think was happening between the two?!

In fact, even Tiria wasn't expecting to let out such a sound, so she felt a little embarrassed too. As for Javiu, he pretended that he didn't hear anything for his own safety.

However, Rean's expression changed a second later.

"Holy Shit! The Umbral Energy inside you is at least 10 times stronger than the ones I healed from the Snow Crane!"

Rean then released his hand and understood why she had to put it between her chests. If he didn't use that place to send his Light Element inside, it would be hard to reach where the Umbral Energy is concentrated. Elder Tiria is a Nascent Soul Realm cultivator. Her body had a natural Spiritual Energy

barrier that made it difficult for Rean to Circulate his Light Element inside. That's was basically because of their difference in cultivation. Only by touching a place 'close' to where she received the attack of Umbral Energy directly would he be able to check it properly.

'Still, couldn't you have told me in advance? I might look like a kid, but I'm still a man, you know?'

Elder Tiria had never heard the term 'Holy Shit' before, but she didn't care since she could guess why he said that. She then got up and asked.

"Did you see? Tell me what you think."

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Chapter 125: I Want to Pass Out

"Cough, cough. Didn't Elder Tiria use a pill to eliminate the Umbral Energy?"

Tiria nodded.

"I did. However, there was too much of it inside my body, so the pill could only eliminate part of it. I was too careless in the battle a few months ago. Because of that, I was hit head-on by one of the Umbral Sect Core Elders, Furen Posin. That's why I got into this condition."

Rean nodded.

"I see... To be honest, I'm impressed that elder Tiria is still alive. You said you got infected by it a few months prior. Considering the amount of Umbral Energy, I don't know how you can even walk."

Tiria laughed after hearing that.

"Once your cultivation goes further, you will be able to control Spiritual Energy much better. In my case, I basically created a barrier of Spiritual Energy that prevents it from spreading or drain too much life force. As long as I have enough Spirit Stones, I can continue like this for quite a few more years. However, I won't be able to enter a battle in my condition, so I need to get rid of it as soon as possible."

Tiria then looked at Rean.

"Then, out of nowhere, a Kid capable of dealing with Umbral Energy without alchemist pills appeared right in front of me. How could I let this chance pass?"

Rean nodded.

"I understand. Anyway, that thing inside you is quite complicated. I had to use almost all my energy just to take the Snow Crane's one. But yours is just too strong. I definitely don't have the cultivation necessary to eliminate it in one go. However, I shall tell you in advance that it is excruciating. If Elder Javiu wasn't holding the Snow Crane, it definitely wouldn't let me finish. Still, all of these aren't the main problem..."

Rean stopped at that moment. He really couldn't bring himself to say the next words.

"What is it, do you need something else? If it is spirit stones to recover, you don't need to worry. I have plenty. I can also give you quite a few Sect points. Helping a Core Elder with an issue like this is definitely worth the work."

Javiu also tried to convince Rean.

"She is right, you should take this chance while you can. With Elder Tiria's cultivation, she will eventually get the Umbral Energy removed. It's just that you could accelerate the process several times."

When Rean heard that, his eyes lit up.

"Does that mean that Elder Tiria doesn't really need my help, she can heal on her own?"

Tiria nodded.

"I can, it's just that it will take at least ten years of constant care, and chances are that it will take even more without the help of more pills. If the sect needs my help during it, I would not be of much use."

Umbral Energy is not that omnipotent. As long as it is contained, a Divine Soul Realm cultivator can eventually expulse it from his or her body. Of course, the Snow Crane definitely wouldn't be able to do it since she isn't a Stage Five Demon Beast yet."

Rean nodded.

"Great! Then you should totally heal it yourself!"

Tiria and Javiu were taken aback. Did he hear anything they said just a moment ago?

"Why don't you want to help?"

Rean shook his head.

"Trust me, you definitely will prefer to do it on your own."

Elder Tiria's eyes narrowed.

"Kid, cut the crap, just tell me what you need, and I'll arrange it. If you keep wasting my time like this, I won't give you a single Sect Point for healing Nana."

Rean scratched the back of his head after hearing that. In the end, he dropped his head while coughing.

"Cough, cough... Well... the problem is that I'll need to make... direct contact, no clothes on the way. Also... we both know that you haven't been hit close to your neck, but right over the right breast. That means..."

Finally, Tiria and Javiu understood why Rean was so reluctant to mention it. Doesn't that mean that Tiria would need to show one of her breasts to the kid and let him... grab it? Even Tiria felt like it would be too much. Before, she had just allowed him to touch her clothes' surface, and his hand wasn't really between her chests per se, but more close to her neck instead. That's why she could bear with it at first.

"I told you, didn't I? Just take your time and heal it properly. Your body has this natural spiritual energy barrier, so I can only treat it if I touch the right place directly. At least, that's my limit with my actual cultivation. Let's pretend that we didn't discuss it, shall we?"

Javiu didn't say anything, but he also felt that Rean was right. That would be stepping too far.

In the end, Elder Tiria also nodded.

"We shall... forget it..."

Rean finally let out a sigh of relief.

'I really can't deal with this kind of situation. If Tiria had gone ahead with it, I think my heart might have stopped.'

There you have, your 41 years old virgin soul. Rean really couldn't step that far. If it meant losing his Sect Points for healing the Snow Crane, then he could only accept it.

Tiria left sometime later, leaving only Rean and Javiu behind.

Javiu could only show a weird smile at Rean before saying.

"Don't mind it much. I'll make sure to deliver 300 Sect Points for helping with the Snow Crane's condition. I would give you 1000 if I could. After all, the Snow Crane is almost a Stage Five Demon Beast. Unfortunately, to give you this much, I would need to tell the real reason. For your own safety, it is better if I don't."

Rean didn't mind. 300 Sect Points was a lot more than he needed at the moment.

It was already night time, so Rean bid farewell to Elder Javiu and made his way back to the Iron and Blood district... or so he tried.

Suddenly, his body was enveloped by a powerful spiritual energy. Before he could say anything, he was dragged through the skies at high speeds.

The G-force was so great that he almost fainted! Finally, he stopped after a minute or so. His blurry vision and mind slowly came back to normal. But just as he was about to contact Roan through their Soul Connection, he saw a familiar face in front of him.

"This... Elder Tiria, is there something?"

Elder Tiria's face began to get a little red as she struggled to speak. But she ultimately opened her mouth.

"Let's go ahead with your plan."

Rean felt that perhaps, it would have been better to pass out.

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Chapter 126: Sister Orb, Help Me!

Rean looked away from her, trying to keep his eyes as far as possible while saying.

"Cough, cough. Elder Tiria, I don't think this is appropriate. I'm just an innocent kid with no experience in life. You couldn't really want to tarnish my pure mind, right? This kind of thing should be reserved for your loved one, not a kid."

Rean noticed that there was no response, so he looked back just in time to see her finish removing the right side of her robe. What appeared in front of him was a perfectly shaped boob. Elder Tiria wasn't that big in this regard, but she was not small either. The smooth white skin with a beautiful round and pink 'babies' territory. Seeing that, Rean couldn't help but swallow his saliva.

Rean's heart really almost stopped. He could somehow accept his new mother's one when he was little since he really decided to take her as his mother in this world. But elder Tiria was a completely different story, especially since his mind is, in fact, a 41 years old virgin. He quickly closed his eyes after that while focused on the Soul Gem Dimension.

[Why should I? I'm having the time of my life watching the show. Hahahaha!]

Rean felt like crying but had no tears.

'You have to do something. Will you really abandon me here?'

[Abandon you? First of all, what exactly you want me to do? Knock her out? Sorry, but I'm not nearly as capable as that. Besides, if I really intervene, what do you think will happen after I reveal my existence? It's just a breast, the same one used to feed babies. You touched them before, you even sucked them as well, didn't you?]

'That's because I had to keep my baby's pretension. Besides, I do respect my new mother in this world, I really think about her as my real mother too, so it's totally different.'

[Anyway, there is nothing I can do. The reason is simple, if you don't do it now, you will have to do it later. I doubt Tiria will give up that easy. Also, look at her, she doesn't want to do it as much as you, but she gritted her teeth and went ahead with it. Just grab it already. Since you are already at it, make sure to get a good grasp. Men love this kind of stuff, don't they?]

Rean finally understood that Sister Orb would be utterly useless in this situation.

"Why are you closing your eyes? Do you think I like it? If not that you are just a kid, I wouldn't be doing it either. Listen, the faster we start it, the quicker we will finish. Besides, do you really think I'll let you leave just like that? Similarly, you have already seen it, so I can totally take your life so that the word won't spread."

Rean immediately retorted, though.

"But if I do grab it, you will have even more of a reason to kill me later. Would you, a Core Elder of the Dalamu Sect, let a kid who grabbed your breast walk around free? I highly doubt so. Anyway, I'm not doing it! This is wrong. That's a place reserved for your husband and future kids."

Elder Tiria looked at the extremely unwilling face in front of her when suddenly...

"Pst..."

"Hahahahaha!"

Rean got confused. He kept his eyes closed, though.

"What is it?"

Elder Tiria patted Rean's shoulders several times while laughing, which increased Rean's confusion.

"A place reserved for my husband, you say? Hahaha! To think I would receive such an indirect marriage proposal. And it came from a kid on top of that."

Rean almost vomited blood!

'Who the hell is proposing marriage?!'

What Rean didn't notice was that Elder Tiria's embarrassment disappeared entirely. Rean looked so innocent that she couldn't help but tease him more. Of course, she still thinks about him as nothing more than a kid.

[Hahahahahaha!]

Even Sister Orb couldn't hold back anymore, which made Rean feel even more helpless.

"Cough, cough. Elder Tiria, you are mistaken, I'm too young to think about marr-"

Grab

Rean suddenly felt an incredibly soft, warm, bouncy, and comfortable feeling on his hand. Before Rean could finish his last sentence, Tiria had used her spiritual energy to force Rean's hand to grab her breast.

"Done! What that, you have no choice other than marry me. Now stop wasting our time and start the procedure."

Rean's face was so hot that he felt like it would explode in the next second. Tiria found that even more funny, the little man was simply too pure.

In the end, he could only grit his teeth.

"Fine! But you have to let me go after that. I promise that I won't say a single word about it either."

Elder Tiria smiled and retracted her Spiritual Energy, which released Rean's body.

"Very well, let's start. I also prepared enough Spirit Stones for you."

Rean then told her once more.

"It's really going to hurt, so be prepared."

Tiria nodded.

"Don't worry, I can bear with it. I might not look like it, but I suffered a lot during battles in the past. Any cultivator at my level is the same. That being said, I'm already used to pain. Just go ahead and do what you must."

Rean nodded. He then took a deep breath as the color of his hair began to change into a mix of black and white.

Roan noticed it once more, but he didn't care since Rean had warned him earlier. He simply thought that Rean was still using his Dark Element for the same thing. Well, in a certain way, he will be using Roan's Dark Element for the same purpose indeed.

Tiria was curious before when she saw that, and now, she was even more so. She knew that Rean and Roan could exchange elements since she was there during the last entrance exam. However, she didn't really go out of her way to ask. But now that it was happening in front of her, Tiria decided that she might as well do so. However, just as she was about to open her mouth.

Grab!

Rean grabbed her breast with his other hand a well!

For a second, she thought that the kid was trying to take advantage of the situation. But she soon noticed that it was not the case. Rean was manipulating both Dark and Light Elements. He used one hand to control the Light, protecting Elder Tiria's organs around the Umbral Energy. At the same time, the other attacked the Umbral Energy with Dark Element.

The moment the Dark Element began to attack the assault, Elder Tiria's body shivered. Rean wasn't kidding; it was really excruciating!

Moan!

"Stop making this kind of sound!"

Tiria felt embarrassed once more. Of course, Rean understood that this time, it was because of the sudden pain.

"Bear with it, with the amount of Umbral Energy, we won't be over before quite a few sessions. If you can't endure it now, let alone when we get close to finish."

Tiria gritted her teeth as well and did her best to not move. Just like that, Rean began the process of enjoy- cough, cough, attacking the Umbral Energy.

Death... and me

Chapter 127: I Survived!

The next morning, Rean was feeling exhausted, both in body and mind. He had to control his own urges for a certain part down there to not go out of control. At the same time, he had to recover his Spiritual Energy more than twenty times, while not stopping assaulting the Umbra Energy.

It reached a point where even Roan contacted him, complaining that he was using too much of his Dark Element/Energy. Rean could only grit his teeth and say that he had no other choice. Nevertheless, Rean convinced Roan when he said that he would get a lot of Sect Points when he was over.

Finally, the last strand of Umbral Energy was wiped out of Elder Tiria's body, completely wiping out the source of the problem. If she had to participate in a battle later, there shouldn't be an issue.

Rean then fell on his butt as he gasped for air. His clothes were drenched with sweat too. He wasn't the only one, though. Roan Dark Element/Energy destroyed Life Force, so an entire night resisting the Dark Energy continually entering her body was a tough ordeal. If not that Rean's Light Element/Energy was helping to protect her body, she didn't know if she would resist it to the end. Tiria would rather go into a Death and Life situation than repeat it again. Because of that, her entire body was as drenched with sweat as Rean's one.

Rean didn't notice it before since he was concentrating on ignoring the soft feeling in his hands and controlling the Elemental Energies. But after he fell back a little, he noticed that Elder Tiria's body lines were clearly visible through her robe. Besides, she still hasn't covered her right boob. Rean then looked away as he suggested.

"Cough, cough. Elder Tiria, we are done with it. You should seriously change your clothes."

Elder Tiria was a lot more worried about the Umbral Energy, so her entire attention was on it the whole time. Even after Rean finished, she kept using her Spiritual Energy and Spiritual Sense to check if the Umbral Energy was really gone. Because of that, she completely forgot about her exposed breast and didn't even notice how her body was almost completely visible because of the sweat in the clothes.

Tiria opened her eyes and looked down. Her face went red once more as she quickly covered her breast. Right after, she disappeared in a flash. A few seconds later, she reappeared in front of Rean again. This

time, she was using clean clothes. Of course, she didn't have time to wash her body or anything like that. So her hair was still messy, and the scent of sweat still lingered.

Rean wasn't happy with anything like this. After all, he could die at any moment to cover the secret.

Elder Tiria looked deeply at him. It looked like she was struggling to make a decision. On one side, he touched her and saw her body naked (well, almost). On the other side, it was she who asked for it. Not to mention that he really saved her ten or so years of work in one night.

In the end, she remembered that it was also Rean who helped Nana, her Snow Crane. It would really be too unfair, not to mention that Rean was still just a kid. Besides, she still found it quite funny when she teased him last night.

"Sigh... Listen, kid. Last night never happened, do you understand?"

Rean's eyes lit up as he nodded vigorously. He also did his best to prevent eye contact with Elder Tiria and kept looking away.

"Don't worry, I want to forget that such a thing happened more than anyone else. I would wipe out my memories at this very moment if I could."

Elder Tiria's expression immediately went dark!

Pah!

Suddenly, Rean was hit on the back of his head, much for his confusion.

"Are you saying that touching me and seeing my body is a horrible memory?!"

[Hahahahahahaha! You really are helpless!]

Rean felt like crying; no, he was really tearing up already! Sister Orb's laugh didn't help either!

However, he at least understood that the way he put his words could really lead to such a misunderstanding. That being said, he immediately tried to correct himself.

"Of course not! The perfect shaped body curves and the 'oh so soft and warm' feeling that I still can't forget in my hands was incredible! Truly! Believe me!"

Pah!

"Are you courting death, pervert?!"

Elder Tiria's face felt so hot that she couldn't even look at the kid in front of her anymore.

Rean, on the other hand, wanted to die already.

'Just what you want from me, woman?! Besides, who would court that ice block?'

Never underestimate a 41 years old virgin soul!

"Cough, cough. Don't worry, I won't open my mouth. By the way, I better go to the Demon Beasts Faction. If elder Javiu notices that I didn't appear right after what we talked about yesterday, he might get some ideas. It would be bad for both of us, especially me since I'm the one who could die at any moment."

Suddenly, Elder Tiria's powerful spiritual energy enveloped Rean, just like when he was 'kidnapped' last night.

"Oh shit!"

That's everything he could think. In the next second, he was dragged through the skies at high speeds, once again almost passing out due to the extreme G-Force. When his brain finally came back to the right place, he was standing right in front of the Demon Beasts Faction Area. No one noticed how he appeared there, though.

As for Elder Tiria, she was nowhere to be seen.

'FREE! I'm finally free! I survived! Hahahahaha!'

It was then that an intense feeling of fatigue assaulted Rean's body once more. He immediately sat on the ground and took a few Spirit Stones from his bag. But it was also at this moment that he noticed. His bag was filled to the brim with Rank Two Spirit Stones! Not only that, but there was another one attached to his robe on the other side as well.

'1000 Rank 2 Spirit Stones! Great! At least she knows how to repay one's favor.'

It was then that Rean heard a voice coming from the Demon Beast Faction.

"Rean! You are finally here."

It was none other than Elder Javiu.

"Come with me, there are a few injured demon beasts that I would like you to try to heal."

Just like that, Rean's second duty day taking care of Demon beasts started without any time for rest.

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Chapter 128: It's a Lie

Finally, for the first time in two days, Rean was able to go back to his room once more. Rean didn't even cultivate that night. Instead, he went straight to bed and slept like a rock.

The next morning, Rean went directly to the Demon Beast faction and started his day taking care of them. As for healing Demon Beasts, there was no need to do it all the time. It's not like all of the Demon Beasts were injured or anything to start with. Elder Javiu only showed the worst cases and put Rean back to the regular job of a disciple on the Demon beasts Duty after he was done.

The days quickly passed. The Snow Crane seemed to have got a like for Rean, so Javiu also put him in charge of the building she stayed in. Of course, the Snow Crane was allowed to take flight anytime she wanted. But as a tamed Demon Beast, she would come back after a few hours or a day at most.

As for elder Tiria, Rean hasn't seen her ever since that night. Well, he felt that to be better since he didn't know how he should act in front of her.

Just like that, his week in the Demon Beast faction/area was over. When he collected his Sect Points in the only office building there, Rean found out that he got above 400 points instead of 350 that he was expecting. The disciple in charge told him that he received a bonus for healing other demon beasts around too.

Rean was more than happy with the extra points, so he immediately returned to the Iron and Blood District to talk with Lenna. Roan's duty had also finished a few days ago, so he went there as well to discuss it.

"Hm? You want me to challenge Malaka?"

Rean nodded.

"We can't contact her, so we need an excuse to bring her out of the Blue Orchid District. Don't worry, you can simply give up when the battle starts. As for us, we will provide you the points to do the challenge. As you know, she is our little sister, and we promised her family to keep an eye on her. We can't challenge her ourselves because our cultivation levels are too different."

Lenna looked at Rean and Roan before pondering for a moment. In the end, she nodded.

"Okay. If I can simply give up, then it is fine to do so. When do you want it?"

Rean and Roan looked at each other before looked back at her.

"It's still early, so it would be good if we go now. Do you have anything else to do?"

Lenna shook her head.

"Other than the morning exercises and cultivation during the day, I'm pretty much free. My duty in the Alchemist building only starts next week."

With that, the three of them went to the Arenas. Of course, Rean first transferred 200 points to Lenna so that she could issue the challenge. Due to the number of disciples in the outer Sect, quite a few of them sparred here, so no one found it weird that someone was issuing a challenge.

The disciple behind the counter passed the information and then waited. A few minutes later, they received a message.

"Inna Malaka seems to be in a mission. She can't receive the challenge."

The twins' narrowed their eyes.

"When is she coming back?"

The disciple shrugged his shoulder.

"No idea. Each mission has a different duration. Sometimes the missions are issued to the disciple on purpose so that they will gain more experience outside. Anyway, you will need to wait until she is back."

Roan then asked.

"Is it possible to see which mission was taken by her?"

"It depends. Once you take a mission, you can choose to leave the information open so that others know where you went if necessary. Or you can ask to hide it if you have a reason to not wanting others to know about your movements. Anyway, you will need to check in the mission hall. However, since the girl you are looking for is from the Blue Orchid District, chances are that she hid her information."

Rean and Roan didn't need to think much to understand why. A lot of disciples pay attention to this unusual faction, especially men. By hiding the information, it would prevent male disciples from going after the Blue Orchid disciples. It is basically so the girls there can prevent harassment.

"Thank you."

Rean, Roan, and Lenna then returned to the Iron and Blood district.

On the way, however, Rean asked them to pass by the Blue Orchid District. Roan and Lenna didn't understand why since they couldn't enter, but they agreed nonetheless.

After that, the twins thanked Lenna and returned to their own rooms. Lenna wanted to give Rean his points back, but Rean asked her to keep it for now in case he needs something similar later.

Rean and Roan entered their room and began to talk through the Soul Connection.

'It's a lie.'

Roan narrowed his eyes.

'You sure?'

Rean nodded.

'You might not know this, but Life Energy in each person is different. After spending so many years with Malaka, I know her Life Energy very well. It's like a Digital Imprint. Of course, it isn't at the level that you

and I are at. Even after going all the way to Majorias City, I could still tell the exact direction you were located at. With Malaka, however, I need to be very close to feel her Life Energy. It would be the same thing with Alanda, Father, and Mother. I spend a very long time with them, after all.'

Roan understood what he meant.

'I see, that's why you asked to pass by the Blue Orchid District. Their district is the smallest one, so you should be close enough to feel her presence. Anyway, does it mean you can feel all the life forces around at the moment?'

Rean immediately shook his head.

'No. Unless they are just a few meters away from me, I can't feel other people's Life Energy presence. But in that case, it is much better to rely on Spiritual Sense since it goes a lot further. Malaka, Alanda, Mother, and Father are special due to the long time I spent with them. How can I saw this? It's as if I created a very delicate link between their Life Energy and mine. Still, I can only feel that around 2 kilometers at most. More than that, and I won't be able to tell anything.'

Sister Orb then added.

[Rean is not lying. The same way Roan is the epitome of 'death,' Rean can be considered the 'life' one. It isn't strange at all that he can do such a thing. But the main reason would definitely be because of his Cultivation Technique, though. His control over the Light Element reached this point thanks to that.]

Rean nodded and continued.

'Anyway, I can tell that Malaka is definitely inside the Sect at the moment. Or to be more precise, inside the Blue Orchid District.'

Roan pondered a bit before mentioning.

'It's still not guaranteed. There are no rules saying that a mission inside the Sect can't be issued. In fact, you can really find a few ones if you want. Maybe Malaka is taking one of those.'

Rean couldn't help but ask.

'Do you think it is the case?'

Roan shook his head.

'If I were to guess, no. But we need to confirm it first.'

Rean and Roan were not in the same room, but they could tell that they had the same idea.

'Seems like we have no other choice.'

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Chapter 129: Bending More Than Light

Rean pondered a bit before saying.

'Should we go to the mission hall or the Blue Orchid District?'

Roan also thought a bit about the two options.

'The Blue Orchid District has the least amount of people. So, in theory, the orchid District would also have the least amount of security. However, it might be one more reason for them to reinforce the vigilance. I would say that we should check the Mission Hall first. If there is really a mission issued to be done in the Sect, we should find the information there. In that case, the fact that Malaka is in a mission wouldn't be a lie.'

Rean nodded, and the twins left sometime later. The Sect had disciples coming and going all the time. You never know when a group would be coming back from a mission. Because of that, the Mission Hall was always open. That being said, it wasn't hard for them to sneak inside.

Ever since Rean used his camouflage ability for the first time back in the Hyenas' Territory, he had been improving it nonstop. His ability to bend Light simply couldn't be compared anymore. That being said, it wouldn't be easy to see him with the naked eye.

However, if Spiritual Sense was used, he would be discovered straight away.

Going four years back in time, Rean had just started to think about Spiritual Sense when it came to his camouflage skill.

In a certain sense, Spiritual Sense is just like Light. It has a source, and it would spread outwards. Since Light can be bent, why can't Spiritual Sense? The question is. Would a Spiritual Sense owner notice if his Spiritual Sense bent as Rean does with Light? Would he think that his Spiritual Sense is being interfered with by something or someone?

Rean, with Sister Orb, Roan, and others' help, had been testing his theory. It turned out that it depended on how significant the interference was and how far both parties' cultivation was apart.

How did Rean reach this conclusion? That's because of a rule that Juri explained to him in the past.

"When a strong cultivator, let's say a Core Formation one, enters the Spiritual Sense area of an Energy Gathering Realm one, the Energy Gathering Realm cultivator can't sense him."

Rean couldn't help but think, why does it happen? It is not something done voluntarily, but that happens automatically. However, only when Rean encountered the Zafa Bank expert, back in Astreg City, that he finally understood it better. At that time, the Core and Soul Fusion Expert of the Zafa Bank explained to him.

"There is a limit to how well a Higher Realm cultivator can hide from the Spiritual Sense of a Lower Realm one. For example, let's say an Initial Stage Foundation Establishment Cultivator tries to enter the Spiritual Sense range of an Energy Gathering Realm one. At that time, whether the Energy Gathering Realm Cultivator can feel the Foundation Establishment guy or not will depend on how much interference was caused."

"If the Foundation Establishment guy moves fast, the higher will be the interference. In that case, the Energy Gathering Realm cultivator will probably notice him. However, if he slowly approaches the Energy Gathering Realm cultivator, chances are that he won't be detected. Of course, if the cultivator's realm is much higher than yours, then it won't matter even if he runs."

It was then that Rean's idea of Spiritual Sense being bent gained strength. If we use a metaphor, it is pretty much like air in a closed space. If you stay still, you won't feel it since there is no wind. However, if you start moving, especially running, you will feel the air hitting your body. The wind is the cultivator's Spiritual Sense. Only when you walk or run can he feel your presence.

As for why much Higher Realm cultivators can run in the air without you noticing, Rean came up with another theory and metaphor for it.

"It's like aerodynamics. The higher your cultivation, the more aerodynamic you become. Low-Level cultivator's Spiritual Sense would be considered a 'gentle breeze.' Thanks to the overwhelm aerodynamics of Higher Level cultivators, the Low-Level cultivators can't feel their 'gentle breeze' touching the High-Level cultivators' 'aerodynamic' body."

"At the same time, the higher your Realm, the stronger your 'wind/air,' which is the Spiritual Sense, becomes. If the other cultivators want to hide from it, their 'aerodynamics' must improve even more, which means that they need to be at even Higher Realms."

At that time, Roan and Sister Orb had to admit that Rean's theories made Sense. In fact, chances were that he was probably right. Even Sister Orb's Soul Gem System didn't have any information about it, so she recorded everything.

Now, here's the million dollars question. How to become more 'aerodynamic' without having higher cultivation? That's when Rean's concept of Light and Spiritual Sense came into play. The Light Element was directly related to Life Energy. Spiritual Sense, as far as Rean knows, can only be used by 'living being.' That being said, Spiritual Sense is a type of energy, just like Light and Spiritual Energy. It was so much that a cultivator needed to use Spiritual Energy to fuel it. If you keep it going for too long, you will get tired, so Life Energy was included in the process too.

Rean had to thank the fact that he came from Earth at this point. Ancient Cultivators simply never stopped to think about such complex issues. These conceptions are too 'futuristic' for this place, especially the concept that Light is a type of energy, just like Spiritual Energy or any other kind.

However, it was one thing to talk about a theory, but another to put it into practice. Rean took months just to find a link between the Light Element, then Life Energy, and finally Spiritual Sense 'Energy.' But from that point onwards, the world of Spiritual Sense changed for him.

Now, Rean is already 10 years old. It has been 4 years that he had been practicing not bending only Light, but Spiritual Sense as well, all of that through his control of the Light Element.

Today, it was the first time he would try to use it outside the Varen Tribe. The reason is simple. What if others found out that he could hide from Spiritual Energy? It was better to keep such a secret between him, Sister Orb, and Roan.

Death... and me

Chapter 130: Spiritual Rebirth

Although Roan wouldn't be doing as much as Rean, he could still move on the shadows and find the best spots. His perception is much better than Rean when they are not using Spiritual Sense too. One must remember that if Rean or Roan used their Spiritual Senses to move around in the Mission Hall, those at their level would feel it. Also, there was an even more significant reason for Rean and Roan to infiltrate the Mission Hall together.

"I hate it."

Rean shrugged his shoulders.

"There is no helping it since I need to use all my concentration for the task alone. Also, it's not like you will feel tired anyway. Besides, the smaller the area I have to cover, the better. It will be even better if I can leave all the movements to you."

At this moment, Rean was piggybacking Roan, much to Roan's dissatisfaction. Rean wasn't lying. If the only thing he has to concentrate is the Light and Spiritual Sense bending, that will be much better. Even having to walk around would use some of his concentration. So as much as Roan doesn't want it, he has to follow this arrangement.

Rean and Roan were behind a corner outside the Mission Hall. Rean then began to use the Light Element and Spiritual Energy to bend the light, making them transparent. At the same time, he covered the two of them with the same two energies to form a weird barrier.

This barrier was the result of Rean's study and training. It simulated the same natural barrier that all cultivators had. The best thing is that it really worked as if Rean's cultivation was much higher. He could feel when someone scanned the area he was in with Spiritual Sense, but they couldn't tell that he was there.

Of course, this ability of his is still on an elementary level. Rean believes that he would at most be able to hide from Spiritual Senses at the Initial Level of the Core Formation Realm. Simply put, Rean couldn't make the two of them 'aerodynamic' enough to hide against stronger cultivators. That is also the reason why Roan preferred to go to the Mission Hall instead of the Blue Orchid District. That place is full of high-level talented disciples. It would be much harder to avoid their Spiritual Senses compared to the disciples taking care of the Mission Hall.

If someone could see the twins now, they would think that they are playing some game. Roan moved from corner to corner as if carrying some kind of precious package. It's just that the package was Rean himself.

Finally, they entered the Mission hall through the front door. Rean could feel some Spiritual Senses from the Disciples around. Usually, the place would have a lot more disciples looking into the mission. However, since they came late, there weren't many at the moment.

Roan quickly moved in the counter's direction, where a disciple took care of a few documents.

With a jump, Roan passed over the counter and beside of that disciple. When he landed inside the office, there wasn't even the slightest sound. Roan was definitely much better than Rean in this kind of thing.

However, the disciple still felt a breeze passing by his side. He spread his Spiritual Sense for a moment to see if something fell there, but it returned no results.

Rean and Roan didn't care, though. Roan looked around and waited for Rean's signal through their Soul Connection.

'Alright. There is no Spiritual Sense passing through here.'

Roan looked around and could see three disciples in total. He waited for the moment that none of them was looking and opened the door to the archives.

The twins went directly to the Mission Reports. Everything was well organized by day and time, so it was easy to find what they wanted. Now that they weren't moving, Rean extended his Spiritual Sense bending ability to the files in front and had Roan browse through them. If he left the files out, others' Spiritual Senses would see a bunch of paper floating in the air by itself. Naturally, they would come to verify straight away.

Roan didn't know the exact day the Malaka 'took' a mission, so he went to the files that started the day prior and backward.

Yesterday...

Two days ago...

Three days...

Four...

He kept browsing through all the missions ongoing. Although he passed through two tasks taken by the Blue Orchid District disciples, neither of them had Malaka there. Finally, he reached on the very first day that day joined the Sect.

It was then that he saw a few highlighted worlds with a different color in a mission file.

-Internal Mission Request, Spiritual Rebirth: Inna Malaka and Oka Talantoi.-

-Posted by: Zaia Shinsuo.-

-Duration: Unlimited.-

Rean and Roan looked at each other.

'Isn't Oka Talantoi the only other girl that joined the Blue Orchid District with Malaka?'

Roan nodded.

'The one and the same.'

They confirmed that Malaka was indeed in a mission. Not only that, but she also started that mission on the very first day they entered the Sect.

However, why were only their mission highlighted in the files? They had seen a few other tasks that happened inside the Sect and that were issued by elders. However, none of them was highlighted like Malaka's one.

Besides, this 'Spiritual Rebirth' made them feel very uncomfortable.

'Someone is coming.'

Roan quickly put the files back, and they stepped aside. A disciple quickly put another bunch of mission files in their place and left right after.

'We should leave. This Light and Spiritual Sense bending of mine aren't perfect. Besides, it is very tiresome to keep it running.'

Roan nodded, and they quickly made their way out of the Mission Hall. From start to finish, no one knew that they had been there. Once outside, they began to ponder about Malaka's issue.

"Should we ask elder Guliva or Hulian about it?"

Roan shook his head.

"That's a terrible idea. Even if elders knew, it is probably something important. Why would they tell us? Besides, the way it was treated, it might be a secret of the Sect. The fact that we know about it could instead spell calamity for us. Also, how do you plan to explain that we know about it? They will want to know how we found this information."

They couldn't help but think.

'Is there really no other way to check what is happening to Malaka other than going there?'