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Chapter 1251: If you say so

[It definitely has use.] Sister Orb answered. [You can use its Yin and Yang Energy to cultivate. You don't even need to come into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Because the Dimensional Realm is yours, you can redirect its emanating Yin-Yang Energy and Dark and Light Elements into your bodies. That's exactly what your cultivation manual needs, after all.]

Rean and Roan had to admit it was definitely useful. "So, how faster would our cultivation be?"

[Something around 10%. It's like you upgraded your Divine Energy Absorption perk two levels at once.]

Rean and Roan were surprised to hear that. Just a 5% upgrade would cost them 50000 Destiny Points, after all. Another 5% would cost them even more.

[Of course, that's only for you two. Because you're connected to Celis and Kentucky, the effect won't be as good since part of your cultivation progress is shared with them.]

"That's not a problem," Rean said in response. "Celis and Kentucky helped our cultivation increase in speed a lot. It's good that we can do the same for them. Besides, if we buy the Divine Energy Absorption Upgrade, they would receive that as well."

[That's true.]

With his questions answered, Roan turned to the Soul Gem Orb. "Let's buy our upgrades now. Those extra 80000 points will help out a lot."

Sister Orb didn't mind. [Good! The last time you checked, you had 42631 Destiny Points. During this time, the system accumulated another 2314 points from the changes in the people's destinies. Now that you obtained an extra 80000 from the Foundation Fragment, you have a total of 124945 Destiny Points available for use.]

The twins nodded before accessing the reward list.

[Soul Power and Spiritual Energy Fusion – 20000 Destiny Points] (Bought)

[Nascent Soul Revival – 20000 Destiny Points] (New)

[Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Pass – 10000 Destiny Points]

[Dragon Bones – 5000 Destiny Points] (Bought)

[Spiritual Energy Absorption Upgrade Level 5 – 50000 Destiny Points] (It will go to 25% when they buy it, they have 20% at level 4)

[Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade Level 4 – 50000 Destiny Points]

[Yin Yang Bathhouse – Reward from Destiny Strugglers Title]

[World Essence Formation – Reward from Grade 2 Efficiency Title]

[Breaking Bounds (One-time use) – Reward from Breakers of Bounds Title] (Used)

[Soul Connection Range Upgrade level 5 – 50000 Destiny Points] (100000km) (New)

[Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop Upgrade Level 4 – 10000 Destiny Points] (New)

[Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop Upgrade Level 4- 10000 Destiny Points] (New)

[Soul Gem Electrical Formations Repository Upgrade Level 4 – 10000 Destiny Points] (New)

[Destiny Perception Range Upgrade Level 1 – 50000 Destiny Points.] (New)

However, Rean and Roan also noticed a new option, one released to their new Starlight Body Cultivation Technique.

[Yin and Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique – 100000 Destiny Points.]

Rean and Roan were taken aback by that. “Sister Orb, how good is this Yin and Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique compared to the one we used?”

[Do you even need to ask?] Sister Orb could not help but say in response. [Unlike the one you possess, this one has no flaws. No, that’s not correct. It’s better to say that this one doesn’t have flaws as long as it’s you two using it. They wouldn’t be as good for someone else.]

There was a reason why Roan didn’t allow Rean to cultivate the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique after they connected to his star. Roan himself hasn’t cultivated it yet, either. That’s because he wanted to revise it thoroughly, using the other body cultivation techniques to create something as perfect as possible for them. He didn’t expect the system to come up with a cultivation technique itself.

However, Sister Orb warned them. [Since the cultivation technique is perfect for you two, it’ll also be much more difficult.]

“What do you mean by that?” Rean immediately asked.

[For example, your Starlight Body Cultivation Technique allows you to use several different items to refine your bodies during the stages of cultivation, correct?]

Rean and Roan nodded in response. Not only the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique, even the other body cultivation techniques allowed the use of different materials to refine one’s body.

Sister Orb continued. [The Yin and Yang Starlight Cultivation Technique will need very specific materials. You definitely won’t be able to use something else if you decide to use this one. It could be said that this is the reason why it’s flawless for you two. The system selected the materials that would perfectly match your bodies and the stages of the technique.]

Rean and Roan understood after that. “That means we might never be able to find some of the materials since they’re too scarce or perhaps extinct.”

[Partially correct. The too scarce comment is correct. However, the system definitely wouldn’t select a material that’s extinct. That much I can guarantee you. Well, it might really be something that only a real god can acquire, so you have to think about it carefully. Once you decide to use this technique, there’s be no turning back. You will have to use this technique, and changing to another one will be impossible.]

Rean and Roan nodded after hearing that. Perfection had never been something easy to come by.

Roan then asked something else. “By the way, Sister Orb. Our Soul Power and Divine Energy are fused together. Will we be able to fuse our bodies as well once we cultivate them?”

[That I don’t know. At the very least, the option isn’t available in the Soul Gem System. Then again, it’s not like you need the system to do it. You can devise a method yourselves in the future. Remember, the system isn’t omnipotent. It has its limits, which means you can do things it can’t do in the future.]

Roan agreed with Sister Orb on that. “It makes sense. And it’s also more interesting.”

Rean then asked Roan, “We were planning to buy the perception range with those points from the Dimensional Realm upgrade. If we buy the manual, we won’t have enough to buy the others.”

Roan nodded after hearing that. “It’s fine. Our personal strength has to be our main priority, so the technique should be our choice. We can accumulate more Destiny Points after that.”

Rean shrugged his shoulders in response. “Well, if you say so...”

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Chapter 1252: Let's Check the Materials

[Are you okay with the requirements for this technique?] Sister Orb asked soon after.

Rean smiled back in response, telling her, “We have to. After all, I highly doubt we can fuse our Divine Energy, Soul Power, and our bodies together in the future if we don’t follow it.”

Roan was surprised to hear that from Rean. “You’ve come quite a long way, haven’t you? That’s right. Considering the perfection with which our Soul and Divine Energies are fused, only a perfect body cultivation technique would allow us to fuse all three together.”

[Hahaha! So you’ve already noticed that? Then I won’t say anything else anymore. Go ahead and buy it. Besides, you will still have 24945 Destiny Points remaining after that. It’s not like you need to start from zero to buy the next upgrade.]

The twins immediately sent their request into the Soul Gem Orb.

[Yin and Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique – 100000 Destiny Points.]

[Confirm purchase?]

“Yes!”

[Destiny Points: 124945]

[Conditions met. Creating Yin and Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique.]

The Soul Gem Orb began to shine a mix of black and white light. The process continued for quite a few minutes until finally, its voice echoed into the twins’ minds once again.

[Yin and Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique successfully formed. The host can access it the same way as the Divine Energy Technique.]

They didn’t waste time and immediately looked at the new technique available in the system. Or, to be more specific, the stages of cultivation.

-First Grade Star Body (Immediately applicable)-

-Second Grade Star Body (Immediately applicable)-

-Third Grade Star Body (Immediately applicable)-

-Fourth Grade...

However, what impressed them the most was the information at the end of the first three grades.  
“Sister Orb, what does it mean by immediately applicable?”

[It means that as long as you can find the items to refine your bodies, you can enter those grades straight away.]

“That fast? Why would it be like this?”

[Because of the bone upgrades you’ve gone through before. The Yin and Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique also improves your bones. However, you already did that with your Destiny Points. Simply put, the rest of your bodies are simply waiting for the chance to catch up to the bones’ level. Of course, your bones aren’t perfect yet. After all, you didn’t have Starlight Energy when you upgraded them. Nevertheless, having spent Destiny Points on them, you obtained the opportunity to jump levels straight away.]

Rean and Roan were happy to hear that. However, the most impressive thing was that their Dragon Bones were only enough to bring them to the third grade. There were many more grades above the third, so it was obvious that they were far from the limit of what the body could do.

Rean also noticed something else. “Then again, it seems like the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique doesn’t have stages between levels. You already jump straight to the next one after concluding the previous grade.”

[That's correct. In fact, most of the body cultivation techniques are like that,] Sister Orb told them. [On the other hand, it takes a very long time to accumulate the necessary Starlight for the breakthrough, not to mention the required material.]

And that was the part that puzzled Roan. "Why can we break through straight into the Third Grade, then? We do have the bones, but we don't have the Starlight necessary for the breakthroughs."

Sister Orb answered. [What are you talking about? You have a lot of Starlight Energy for use, just enough to reach the third grade.]

"We do?!" Rean and Roan were taken aback.

Sister Orb confirmed. [You do. It's right at the center of the Dimensional Realm.]

The twins immediately looked at the Foundation Fragment. That was the only thing present there. "You mean this fragment has enough energy for our breakthroughs? How?"

[Quite simple. The Foundation sustains the entire Universe. Naturally, it also sustains the stars. After who knows how many years, it has accumulated quite a bit of Starlight Energy. Well, the fact is that it should have much, much more of it. But because of how long it was kept in that mausoleum, it lost more than 99% of the Starlight it had accumulated. That's why you can only reach the third grade with it.]

Sister Orb continued. [Well, even if it had more Starlight Energy, your limit would still be the third grade anyway, so it'd be useless. You will have to gather Starlight on your own after reaching the third grade.]

"That's quite convenient. However, there's another problem. The Starlight inside the fragment isn't the same as our own stars' Starlight. We shouldn't be able to use it for cultivation, remember?"

[You're correct. You shouldn't be able to use other stars' Starlight. However, the energy inside the fragment is different. As the Foundation of the Universe, everything in it is compatible with everything outside it. The Starlight inside the fragment is the only foreign Starlight you'll be able to absorb.]

Rean couldn't help but ask, "Then... can't we use this method a few more times? Use the fragment to gather the foreign Starlights and let the fragment make it compatible with us."

Sister Orb laughed after hearing that. [Hahaha! Of course you can... as long as you're willing to wait for it to accumulate the necessary Starlight Energy, that is.]

Rean and Roan immediately noticed the problem with the theory. "Er... how long would we need to wait for it to accumulate enough Starlight Energy to enter the fourth grade?"

[Hehe! A million or so years should do the trick.]

Rean and Roan immediately gave up on the idea.

Sister Orb then explained. [In the end, it's because it had been accumulating Starlight Energy for eons that it has this much. The fragment had never been something that existed for collecting and making Starlight Energy compatible with others. Think of it as a positive side effect of the fragment. You two can accumulate Starlight Energy from your own stars countless times faster.]

Rean and Roan nodded after hearing that. "Well, we can't complain that we can head straight to the third grade because of it. Now then, let's check the material we need for the technique."

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Chapter 1253: The Items

Surprisingly, the first material was very simple. It only needed the blood of a Stage Five Demon Beast called a Gargantuan Mikrel Worm. Rean and Roan had never encountered one, but they knew it was fairly common in certain regions of the continent. Perhaps the Realm of Gods itself.

Rean couldn't help but ask, "Sister Orb, isn't this item way too easy to procure? I can go to the store in the Sacred Land, and I most definitely can find it for quite a low price."

[Seems like you're misunderstanding something, Rean,] Sister Orb told him. [It's easy for you at this moment in time. You're already in the Saint Realm and could easily defeat such a demon beast. However, the First Grade of the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique was supposed to be cultivated at



the Core Formation Realm. Do you think someone at that level could match a Gargantuan Mikrel Worm at Stage Five? As for the price, do you think someone at that level could afford it?]

“This...” Rean had to admit Sister Orb was right. “Indeed, this would be an extremely hard material to come by at the Core Formation Realm.” Then again, one thing puzzled Rean. “Why can you only start to cultivate the first grade at the Core Formation Realm? Shouldn’t it be at the Energy Gathering Realm?”

Roan was the one to answer that. “All body cultivation techniques are like that. From what I found during my study, refining your body without having your foundation complete could destroy your dantian due to the pressure it exerts. You would need to be at least at the Core Formation Realm to start.”

Rean nodded after hearing that. “I see. Well, I was just curious.”

The twins then looked at the second item for the second grade of Star Body.

-Deep-Sea Stage Seven Spiked Clam Pearl-

-Amount necessary: 100 each-

Rean bitterly smiled after seeing that. “The difficulty has escalated quite a bit, don’t you think?”

Roan didn’t know the mentioned demon beast. “Do you know of it?”

Rean nodded, explaining, “This pearl can be used in forging. It’s a very rare and expensive item used in Golden High and Peak-level equipment. If crushed into powder and used in the process to forge armors, it can increase the resistance of the equipment by at least 5 to 10%. It’s also good for weapons, but it’s mainly used in defensive-type equipment.”

Roan understood after that. “So? How much does it cost?”

Rean sighed before saying, “Depends on the level of the pearl. Stage Seven ones cost 100 Rank Two Divine Stones each. However, the problem isn’t the Divine Stones but the availability. Very few Deep Sea Spiked Clams are able to produce those pearls. Also, it can only be found in deep seas, obviously. With that said, they’re hard to track in that environment. Even if I had the Divine Stones, I doubt the Blacksmith Store in our Sacred Land would have this amount available for sale.”

“Does any deep sea have these demon beasts?” Roan soon asked.

Rean pondered in silence for a bit regarding the information he had before saying, “Hard to tell. What I know is that the Fosza Sea at the north of the continent should have them. The problem is finding the clams. Not only that, Stage Seven ones would live in territories with many similar or stronger Sea Demon Beasts. We might bump into some Stage Eight or even Transition Realm Sea Demon Beasts while looking for them. This is another reason why each pearl is this expensive.”

Roan wasn’t sad, though. “There’s nothing bad about it. At the very least, we know that we can acquire the pearls, even if it takes time. You can try to forge a lot of those Element Gathering Weapons of yours and get the Rank Two Divine Stones necessary.”

Suddenly, Rean had an idea. “No! There’s no need to get Divine Stones. Hahaha! All I need to do is say that those who can give me three pearls will be able to jump ahead in the queue to forge their weapons. It might be dangerous for us to look for the Deep Sea Spiked Clams. However, there are a lot of disciples here with big backgrounds, even in the Sacred Land itself. They would definitely ask the experts of their clans, sects, and other organizations to go find those three pearls for them.”

Roan agreed with him on that. “That’s good, then. You’ll have to spend quite a few weeks forging equipment, but it’s something that will contribute to our overall strength, so it’s okay if you don’t train much during this time.”

Rean smiled in response. “Then it’s decided. Now, let’s check the third item for the Third Grade Star Body.”

-Molten Divine Rock Flower-

-Amount necessary: 10 each-

Rean looked at Roan, somewhat confused. “You’re an alchemist. Do you know this flower?”

Roan immediately shook his head. “Never heard of it. However, the Divine in its name makes it pretty obvious it’s a Divine-level material. It makes sense that I don’t know since I only studied alchemy at the Golden-level. I would need to gain access to the higher levels of the Alchemist Hall Repository to know more about it.”

“Let me guess, only Core Disciples can enter that,” Rean could not help but say.

Roan nodded in response. “Yes. However, that’s not a problem. I don’t need to go there to study. All I need is information about the flower. With the Merit Points we got from the five Yin Ghost Cores, it will be easy to ask a Core Disciple who does alchemy to look for it.”

Rank Three Divine Stones could only be acquired by Core Disciples and above, and each cost 50000 Merit Points. Naturally, the Core Disciples would love to do such a task for Roan.

“Alright!” Rean then looked at Roan and told him, “You go to the Sacred Land’s store and buy the Gargantuan Mikrel Worm’s blood. Meanwhile, I’ll go outside to tell the disciples about the new rule for forging. The Blacksmith Hall’s store doesn’t have that many, but they definitely have a few pearls. Those disciples will definitely rush there to buy them so that I can forge their weapons.”

Roan nodded in agreement to the plan. “I’ll take the chance to look for someone who can search up information regarding the flower for me.”

With that said, the twins went out of their residences to start their work.

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#### Chapter 1254: Time to Challenge the Ranks

Rean came out of his residence for a moment and said to the crowd there. “It turns out I’m in need of a new item called a Deep Sea Spiked Clam Pearl. Usually, it costs around 100 Rank Two Divine Stones. You all know that my Special Edition equipment costs 300 Rank Two Divine Stones. With that said, those who can bring me 3 Deep Sea Spiked Clam Pearls will be able to jump the queue and have their order made ahead of others. However, I’ll only accept three pearls per person. Otherwise, someone will definitely try to bring me a lot of them, which is not nice for the others.”

\*Wow!\*

Immediately, the information spread throughout the Inner Sector, prompting hundreds of cultivators to rush into the Blacksmith Hall. Rean was right, though. The Blacksmith Hall had Deep Sea Spiked Clam Pearls, but only a few. 37, to be more specific. Those pearls were sold almost instantly before their buyers returned to Rean's residence. "Very good! Come with me to the Blacksmith Hall."

Rean then took their order and asked if they would provide the materials once again. Soon, he began his forging process. 'A few people also had the pearls themselves. Putting the Blacksmith Hall's pearls together, I already got 54 pearls. Not a bad start as I need 200 of them, 100 for me and 100 for Roan. By the time I finish forging these people's equipment, more pearls would have arrived already.'

Meanwhile, Roan ditched the people who wanted him as a helper and went to the Sacred Land's store in the Mission Hall. That would be the place where he could find the blood most easily. Once he got inside, one of the attendants immediately came to him and asked, "Hello, sir. What do you need?"

Roan nodded before asking, "Do you have Gargantuan Mikrel Worm Blood? I need two vials of it."

The attendant sighed internally, feeling like this would be a cheap sale. Nevertheless, he had to go ahead. "Definitely, sir. Each vial costs 500 Merit Points."

Sure enough, it was a very cheap item, just like Rean mentioned. Well, at least it was for people of Rean and Roan's level. Roan took out his badge and quickly paid for the two vials before leaving for the Alchemist Hall. There, he asked the attendant to leave a message at the counter about his request and that he was willing to pay Merit Points for the information. Only then did Roan return to his house once more.

Of course, Roan didn't start cultivating the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique straight away. After all, Rean would spend quite some time in the Blacksmith Hall. Considering Rean was able to forge one weapon per day, he would take at least 70 or so days to accumulate the 200 pearls they needed. Obviously, that was already extremely fast when one thought about the task's difficulty.

Roan then decided to take another look at the manual to make sure everything was okay. In fact, he really wanted to cultivate. However, because of their premature breakthrough in the Demising

Catacombs, the twins wouldn't be able to cultivate for three months at least. Otherwise, they might damage their dantians.

On the next day, Roan left his residence and headed straight to the arenas. Now that he had the Merit Points, he might as well fight there. "Oh, you're back. You even entered the Initial Stage of the Saint Realm. Congratulations." The worker there was the same one that gave Roan the idea to work as a helper for Merit Points.

Roan nodded in response, telling the worker, "Yes. I came to challenge the Saint Realm Ranking Board."

The worker didn't mind and gave Roan a list with many green and red names. "The names in green are cultivators who are available at the moment. Those in red are obviously not. Since it's your first time challenging the rank, you can only challenge the bottom thirty in the ranking."

Roan nodded as he looked at the Saint Realm Ranking Board. There was a total of 1000 positions. However, it wasn't much. In the Soul Transformation Realm, for example, there were 10000! As for the Elemental Transformation Realm, only 100 positions were available. 'It's just like the Outer, Inner, and Core Sectors. The lower you are, the larger the number of cultivators,' Roan muttered inwardly.

Roan checked the list and could see that all thirty guys at the bottom were either at the peak of the Soul Transformation Realm or at the Initial Stage of the Saint Realm. Roan ignored that and simply selected the cultivator at the highest point possible, number 973. Cultivators 972, 971 were marked in red, so they weren't available for Roan to challenge.

The worker received Roan's request and nodded, telling him, "It will be 10000 Merit Points to challenge them, sir."

Roan also added, "Take another 100000 Merit Points for yourself."

The guy was taken aback. "T-This... W-w-why would you give me such a thing?" He couldn't even talk properly. One must remember that workers were not part of the Sacred Land. However, they were paid in Merit Points when they decided to work here. Of course, compared to the Sacred Land disciples, the number of Merit Points they could make was ridiculously low. This worker, for example, didn't make more than 100 points per month. They only accepted working like this because the Sacred Land itself

had a ridiculous amount of concentrated Divine Energy. This place was definitely the best place to cultivate in, so the almost volunteer-like work was worth it for them.

Roan shook his head in response, telling the worker, "That idea you gave me to work as a helper helped me a lot. Just take it as payment." Roan wasn't lying. It was because of this guy that Roan found the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique in the end. Compared to that, what was a measly 100000 Merit Points? He just felt it was the right thing to do.

"But..."

"Enough." Roan cut him off. "I told you to take an extra 100000 Merit Points for yourself, so take it. Now, here's the guy I want to challenge." Without even waiting for the worker's response, he pointed at the 973rd person on the list. It was time to challenge the ranks.

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The guy Roan challenged appeared in the arena around an hour later. After all, Roan paid the fee, so he had to accept as a rule. Well, the result of the fight was pretty obvious. Roan won the fight with ease since he and the guy were at the same cultivation level.

Roan continued at the same pace...or so he wanted. After he defeated the previous guy and took the position of 973rd, Roan returned to the worker to choose his next opponent. He didn't feel tired after the battle at all. Unfortunately...

"Sorry, Roan. The rules say that no more than one challenge can be issued every three days," the same worker explained.

Although Roan didn't like it, he understood why. 'They're trying to prevent people from getting full of themselves before they end up crippling themselves after just one victory. It seems like it happened quite a few times in the past for them to apply this rule.'

Roan then nodded at the worker after that. "Very well. I'll be back in three days."

Roan pondered in silence for a bit about what to do when an idea came into mind. 'I might as well try to see if I can talk with Etherian.' Now that Rean and Roan got the catalyst for their breakthrough to the Elemental Transformation Realm, they could finally leave the Huring Continent. However, they still had to talk with Etherian to know more about the path they should take.

Etherian just so happened to be back at his residence as well. After so many days, he finally finished the office work given to him by Cassia. When he heard that Roan was looking for him, he immediately let him in. "I heard about what happened in the Demising Catacombs. Say, was it you and your brother who caused that?"

Roan's expression didn't even change. "How could we? We're just in the Initial Stage of the Saint Realm while many Elemental Transformation Realm cultivators died. If we were there, we would be more dead than them."

Etherian's instincts told him that Roan wasn't speaking the truth. But then again, Roan's words were reasonable. How would the twins be alive when those at the Elemental Transformation Realm all died? "Well, so be it. That's a training ground for those at the Elemental Transformation Realm and below, so it matters little to me. Go ahead. What did you come to see me for?"

"I wanted to know more about the continents we're passing through on our way to Jhiod Continent. I learned something about the Lanqueas Continent, but what about the others? How many continents will we need to pass through to arrive in Jhiod?" Roan asked.

Etherian nodded as it was him who told the twins to look for him after the Demising Catacombs. "Alright. As I've told you before, I traveled through many continents during my life, and Jhiod was one of them. However, I was already strong at that time, so I was able to use the official channels to do so."

Roan remembered that. "I know. You did mention the tunnel in the continental barrier that opens every ten years."

Etherian nodded in response. "Yes, but that's only in our Huring Continent's case. The other continents' paths to the continents connected to them have different businesses and necessities, so the time it takes to open a path between them varies. For example, you intend to go to Lanqueas Continent to gather that Light Element Catalyst first, right?"

Roan nodded and waited for Etherian to continue talking. “The path between Huring and Lanqueas is obviously open every ten years. However, the next continent on your path, the Yubisval Continent, is open every 25 years. That’s simply because Huring Continent has a lot more businesses with Lanqueas than Lanqueas has with Yubisval.”

Roan then mentioned, “We’re planning to use the smugglers you told us about, so we won’t need to wait for the official path to open.”

Etherian nodded after hearing that. “True. However, I can only tell you the smugglers of our Huring Continent. The smugglers of other continents, if they have any to start with, will be up to you to find. If you can’t, then you will have to wait for the official paths to open. Not to mention that you will have to find a way to enter the batch of cultivators who are being exchanged during such times.”

Roan narrowed his eyes after hearing that. He expected Etherian to know more about the smugglers of other continents, but that didn’t seem the case. But then again, he didn’t need to use them to start with, so it made sense he didn’t have that much information.

Etherian continued, “Anyways, I can at least tell you the continents you need to pass through to reach Jhiod. They are Lanqueas Continent, Yubisval Continent, Treavin Continent, Pol Continent, Xinfia Continent, Aefer Continent, Hiwer Continent, Lebgram Continent, and finally Jhiod Continent.”

“Nine continents, huh? Does that mean nine continental barriers?” Roan asked.

Etherian nodded as he replied, “Exactly. I’ll give you the times that the official passages open. After all, you might not be able to use the smugglers or any other method to reach the next continent. Lanqueas to Yubisval is 25 years, Yubisval to Treavin is 15 years, Treavin to Pol takes 8 years, Pol to Xinfia is 12 years. Xinfia to Aefer is the shortest, only taking 3 years between each opening. Aefer to Hiwer takes 7 years, Hiwer to Lebgram takes 20 years, and finally, Lebgram to Jhiod takes 9 years.”

Etherian also added, “Of course, I’m not counting here the time you will take to travel between one continent to another. You might want to add it to your calculations as well.”

Roan nodded after hearing that. “It’s good to know that already as we might really need it.”



Etherian couldn't help but ask again, "Are you sure you don't want to stay and cultivate? You can take the official channels in the future once you surpass the Transition Realm. It will be a lot safer as well."

Roan shook his head. "No. The harder way is fine."

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Roan also added, "Besides, although each opening happens at different times, we won't really have to wait for the whole duration. We might arrive in a continent just a year or two before the tunnel opens."

Etherian nodded in agreement. "That much I have to agree with."

Roan then proceeded to ask Etherian things he should pay attention to in each continent. For example, Pol Continent was mostly a huge sea, with just some islands for one to stay at. If one couldn't fly, one's only choice was to navigate. Treavin Continent, on the other hand, was just a huge desert. They talked for a while about those things.

"Well then, that's about it. I don't have anything else I can tell you," Etherian said as he concluded their conversation.

Roan nodded and decided to take his leave. However, it was then that he remembered something. "Oh, right! I wanted to ask if it's possible to see the Guardian Beast of the Huring Sacred Land."

"Our Guardian Beast?" Etherian was surprised by Roan's request. "Why would you ask such a thing?"

"Because of our demon beast that came with us from the Mortal Realm," Roan explained. "Kentucky is a Divine Demon Bird, so he wanted to ask the Sacred Land's Divine Demon Beast about his race."

Etherian nodded in understanding. "I see... Still, I didn't know that your black and white Demon Bird was a Divine Demon Bird. Which race is it from?"

"A Minokawa," Roan answered.

“Minokawa, huh?” Etherian seemed to recall something. “That’s weird... Minokawa weren’t supposed to have that feather crown on their heads.”

Roan knew that. Elder Reliance told the twins back in Sunkan Planet that Kentucky’s mutation gave birth to that crown on his head. The twins believe it to be an effect of being born in their Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. After all, they always had a connection with Kentucky. “That’s a mutation, as far as I know, at least. Still, since it seems like you know Minokawas, shouldn’t you have recognized it even if Kentucky simply has a feather crown? After all, the rest is supposed to be the same as a normal Minokawa.”

Etherian looked at Roan, puzzled. “Normal? He’s very different from a real Minokakwa. Well, at least he’s different from the Minokawas that I know.”

“How come?” Roan asked.

Etherian then explained what he knew. “To be honest, Divine Demon Beasts are very rare. Our Huring Continent probably doesn’t have more than three or four of them. Obviously, our Guardian Beast is one of them. With that said, I haven’t seen a real Minokawa until now. I only heard about what they should look like.”

Etherian continued, “Sure, your Kentucky seems somewhat similar to one. However, the feathers on his body are different, not only the feather crown on his head. Real Minokawas, as far as I know, have metal feathers. Your Kentucky, on the other hand, has normal feathers.”

Roan understood what Etherian meant by that. “Oh! That’s because Kentucky isn’t controlling them. If he wants to, his entire body will be full of feather blades as resistant as Golden Middle-level metals. But if he isn’t in battle mode, he keeps his feather in their fluffy form.”

Etherian didn’t know that. “That’s the first time I’ve heard of it. Well, as I said, I’ve never seen a real Minokawa before. They might really be able to change their feathers between metal-like and normal ones.”

Roan nodded in response. “That’s why we would like to talk with the Guardian Beast. He, as a Divine Demon Beast, might know something.”

Etherian pondered over it for a bit before asking, "Why do you want to find more Minokawas? Do you want to give Kentucky back to his race? I can tell that you have a connection with each other, so shouldn't you keep him by your side?"

"That will depend on what he decides to do," Roan replied. He and Rean really relied on Kentucky for many things. However, Kentucky had never really been a prisoner. If he ever decided to leave, neither of the twins would stop him. Finding his race might be a good thing in that regard, especially as a species. There were bound to be many things that other Minokawas could teach Kentucky that the twins would never be able to, nor would Kentucky figure on his own.

Ethereal then let out a light sigh in response to Roan's request. "The problem is that our Guardian Beast is in a deep slumber at the moment. To put it in simpler terms, our guardian beast is already very old, much older than me, for example. He entered into a deep slumber so that he could live for as long as possible. Unless the Sacred Land falls into a calamity, he definitely won't wake up."

"So that's why..." Roan remembered Kentucky saying that he could feel the Guardian Beast, but the Guardian Beast didn't seem to be in a state that it could talk. "Can we give it a shot? Perhaps since Kentucky is also a Divine Demon Beast, the Guardian Beast will hear his call."

Etherian pondered over it for a bit and nodded in the end. "Alright, I'll give you access to the dwelling place of our Guardian Beast."

"That easy?" Roan was expecting some refusal or at least the need to fulfill some conditions.

"You seem to have the wrong idea here. As I said, unless a calamity happens, it won't wake up. Nevertheless, it's extremely strong. Neither you, Rean, or Kentucky could possibly force it to wake up by brute force. In fact, you couldn't damage it at all. You're too weak that even while sleeping, it's immune to you two."

Roan doubted that. After all, he could use Dark Element. If he used it on the Guardian Beast while it was sleeping, he was sure that he would cause some damage, even if it took some time due to the cultivation difference. Of course, he wouldn't do that. He wasn't going there to buy a fight.

Etherian concluded, "That's why there's no problem. Besides, we have people watching it, so they'll act if they see your group doing anything wrong."

Roan still found it way too easy. "There is another reason why you won't stop Kentucky from trying, right?"

Etherian was taken aback before he burst out into laughter. "Hahaha! You truly are a smart guy. Indeed, there's one more reason. The thing is... our Sacred Land would also like to talk to it, but that guy simply doesn't wake up at all. If you can make it wake up, you will be doing us a great favor."

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#### Chapter 1257: Waking Up the Guardian Beast

That made a lot more sense in Roan's head. "That's fine. However, wouldn't it be bad if someone else other than you find out that Kentucky is a Divine Demon Beast? You said it yourself. Divine Demon Beasts are very rare."

Etherian nodded. "In normal circumstances, yeah. But you have me, so there's no need to worry."

With that resolved, Roan went to the Beast Taming Hall to fetch Kentucky. 'Come on, I got the pass to see the Guardian Beast.' Roan also took the chance to explain what he heard from Etherian.

Kentucky, obviously, answered back with Divine Sense. 'Oh, really? Well, I don't know if I can make the guy wake up, but we'll see.'

Rean was also informed through the Soul Connection, but as he was busy, he just let Roan and Kentucky go ahead.

Roan and Kentucky met Etherian back at his home. From there, Etherian took flight and guided them through the skies, heading to the Sacred Land's center. There were several formations along the way that one needed the authority to pass through. Obviously, such a thing wasn't a problem for Etherian with his high status.

Eventually, they arrived in front of an enormous building. Kentucky hadn't seen the demon beast yet, but just its aura alone made Kentucky feel a chill on his back. 'This guy is crazy strong. The Divine Demon Beasts in the Zasfins' planet can't hold a candle to it.'

Roan, on the other hand, could only hear a loud snore. 'Seems like you two have something in common, though.'

Kentucky pretended he didn't hear anything as they entered the place. It turns out that the entire area was made for the Guardian Beast alone. There were no such things as corridors, rooms, and so on. Once they entered the building, they were already in front of the Guardian Beast.

The two looked far away and could see the enormous guy sleep while snoring continuously. "Is that... some kind of golem?"

Etherian nodded as he explained, "He sure is. More specifically, he's part of the Diamond Golem race, a type of Divine Demon Beast that rarely appears between the Earth Golems. Of course, Earth Golems aren't Divine Demon Beasts. Only the Diamond Golems are."

Etherian then looked at Roan and Kentucky, telling them, "No one will bother you, so you can go ahead and see if you can make it wake up. I don't have much hope, though."

Roan shrugged his shoulders in response. This time, even he felt that he might not be able to wake it up with his Dark Element. After all, a golem's body was mostly 'dead' in a sense. Unless he could reach the core, he wouldn't be able to cause it any pain. 'Well, I wasn't planning to wake it up in such a way anyway.'

Roan then looked at Kentucky and told him, "It's up to you."

"Even if you say that, I'm not really sure how I would wake this guy up. Even I don't have as much defense as him," Kentucky could not help but say in response.

Kentucky then flew in front of the golem, hoping that his own Divine Demon Beast bloodline would cause some reaction to the golem. But then again, golems don't really have a 'bloodline' to start with. He wasn't sure if the golem would be able to feel his presence.

\*Snore...\*

\*Snore...\*

\*Snore...\*

Sure enough, it was as if Kentucky didn't even exist. Kentucky then flew up and landed on the gigantic golem's back. Only then did he notice that two more cultivators seemed to be observing him from a little far away. "Who are those guys?"

Etherian landed on Kentucky's side a second later, bringing Roan with him. "The Sacred Land Leader and the Vice Leader. They also want to talk with the Guardian Beast. Don't worry, I already got a word with them."

Roan and Kentucky were surprised to hear that and looked at the two guys. It was the first time they had seen the Land Master. However, the other party didn't seem to care much about their presence.

"So, how is it? Can you make it wake up, Kentucky?" Etherian asked.

Kentucky came back to himself and looked at the Diamond Golem below him. It was then that Roan recognized the look on Kentucky's face. "Are Diamond Golems... tasty?"

Kentucky was taken aback for a moment. Indeed, the look on his face was the same one when he felt the presence of a rare material for him to eat. "Ahem... his body does look very tasty."

Etheiran's mouth twitched after hearing that. "You're not planning to eat him, right? First of all, can you even take any part off his body with your cultivation?"

\*Chomp!\*

As fast as lighting, Kentucky's head moved and ripped off a big chunk of the Diamond Golem's body. Well, considering the Diamond Golem's total size, the chunk Kentucky took from him couldn't even be considered a mosquito bite. "Seems like I can. Delicious!"

Although Etherian was shocked that Kentucky could really take a part off the golem's body, Roan didn't find it strange. Kentucky had always been able to cause damage to metals far above his own level with his beak. That was simply a trait of his race.

Kentucky swallowed the golem's piece and looked below himself with a hungry expression. "How can he be so tasty? Let's take a few more pieces."

Naturally, Etherian immediately moved to stop him. He couldn't let Kentucky eat the Diamond Golem's entire body, right? However...

\*Rumble!\*

It was then that the enormous body began to move as the aura of the Diamond Golem increased. Eventually, an extremely loud voice, capable of reaching the entire Sacred Land, echoed.

"Who dares to cause trouble in my Sacred Land?!"

That voice was amplified by Divine Sense, making everyone in the Sacred Land look in his direction, not knowing what was happening.

Etherian quickly enveloped Roan and Kentucky in his Divine Energy and got away from the Diamond Golem. He truly didn't expect it would wake up. "I don't understand this. The damage Kentucky caused was ridiculously small, so how did he wake up?"

Kentucky laughed in response. "Hahaha! That's the perfect way of waking a demon beast up, the fear of being eaten by another demon beast."

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Chapter 1258: There is Nothing Else

The Sacred Land Master was delighted to see the Diamond Golem wake up. However, the golem seemed very angry, so he immediately moved to calm it down. "Wait, wait, wait, Senior Donkauhk. No one's attacking our Sacred Land. Please calm yourself."

The Diamond Golem looked at the Sacred Land Master and narrowed his eyes, saying, "I felt a huge danger against my life just a moment ago. How come nothing's happening, Kristio?"

Naturally, Kristio was the name of the Sacred Land's Master.

"Oh! You felt in danger because of me. Hello there!" Kentucky said on the other side.

Etherian and couldn't help but let out a bit of sweat. Not that he was afraid of Donkauhk, but that Donkauhk might take it personally after Kentucky put it so bluntly.

"Hmm?" Donkauhk looked back and saw the black and white Demon Bird. Only then did he notice the Divine Blood in Kentucky's body. "You are... a Minokawa? No, you're quite different from one. There are no feather blades on your body."

Surprisingly, he seemed to forget why he woke up after hearing Kentucky.

Kentucky then poured Divine Energy into his feathers, changing them into blades. "I can control when they're like blades and when they're just normal feathers."

"This..." Donkauhk didn't know what to say. "I didn't know Minokawas could do that. But then again, I've only seen one in my life. Perhaps he can do that as well."

Donkauhk then thought about what Kentucky said. "I see... if you're a Minokawa, then it makes sense why I felt I was in danger. Your beak has a special ability that allows it to break through any raw metal. My body just happens to be full of it even though someone of your level shouldn't be able to chomp it. That's the greatest proof that you're a Minokawa."



Kentucky was surprised to hear that. "Really? Does that mean senior knows where I can find more Minokawas? Oh, right! Sorry for waking you up. Making you feel the danger of being eaten was the only way I could think about that could wake you up."

Donkauhk then looked at Kristio and asked once more, "There really are no enemies?"

Kristio nodded. "There aren't, Senior Donkauhk." Kristio then continued, "We allowed him to try to wake you up because we had some things to discuss."

Donkauhk finally relaxed, knowing that everything was okay. "You brats really gave me a fright." He then sat down, making the whole place tremble with his weight. "You do know that I keep myself hibernating because I want to extend my lifespan as much as possible, right? I'm too old already and have no chance of breaking through anymore. Every minute I stay awake is another minute lost."

Kristio nodded in response. "We know, senior. We won't bother you anytime soon after we are finished."

Kentucky then cut them off. "Hey, I was the one to wake him up. I have the right to talk first!"

Kristio narrowed his eyes as he looked at the Minokawa. He was the Sacred Land Master, you know? How many people or beasts would intervene in his conversation?

However, Donkauhk didn't seem to care that much. "Go ahead, little one. It has been a very long time since I saw another Divine Demon Beast, so I'll let you talk first."

Kentucky wasn't by any means small. Still, in front of the Diamond Golem, he truly looked like nothing. "Great! I want to know if you know where I can find other Minokawas. The egg I was in was found within a group of bandit spoils, so even my friends have no idea how I ended up being separated from other Minokawas."

Donkauhk nodded after hearing that. "That's quite a sad thing. It's just that we golems don't have parents, so I can't really understand how you felt. Anyway, as I mentioned before, I've only seen a single Minokawa in my life, and that was around... errr..." Donkauhk then looked at Kristio and asked, "How long have I been sleeping this time?"

Kristio immediately replied, "This slumber lasted 3329 years, Senior Donkauhk."

Donkauhk then continued, "Good. Then the last time I saw a Minokawa was around 6000 years ago, more or less. I didn't really count the days. Unfortunately, that's about it. I didn't ask that Minokawa from where he came from or where he was going. Is there anything else you would wish to ask?"

Kentucky looked at Roan, trying to see if Roan wanted something else. Roan then pondered over something for a bit before saying, "Can you at least tell us where you found that Minokawa? We might be able to find some clue in that place."

Donkauhk didn't mind. "Just so you know, that Minokawa was much stronger than me. It simply passed by, but we never talked. With that said, I don't know if its business was in the place I saw it or not. I was in Hiwer Continent at that time. Now that I think about it, Hiwer is quite close to Jhiod. Considering that Jhiod seems to be allied with some big power, the Minokawa might have had some dealings there."

Roan was surprised to hear that. After all, Jhiod was the destination they had in mind. "Thank you."

Donkauhk asked once more. "Anything else? Otherwise, I will have to ask you to leave since little Kristio here seems to want to talk."

Kristio's mouth twitched after hearing that. Sure, he wasn't nearly as old as Donkauhk, but he wasn't a kid either. But then again, he didn't complain as Donkauhk wasn't saying that on purpose. It was just how he treated almost everyone.

Roan then contacted Rean through their Soul Connection and explained the situation. 'So, do you have anything you want to ask other than what I did?'

Rean stopped forging for a moment and pondered about it. 'Hmm... how about you ask him if he could give me a small part of his body? Since Kentucky found it delicious, his Diamond Golem body is definitely an amazing forging material.'

Roan completely ignored Rean's question before looking back at Donkauhk, saying, "There is nothing else, thank you."

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Chapter 1259: Three Months

There was no way Roan would ask for a piece of the guy's body. What if he took it personally and decided to kill them all? Perhaps even Etherian won't be able to stop him.

Donkauhk didn't mind. "Very well. I'll see you some other time in the future."

Etherian then looked at Kristio, who nodded back at him. "Alright, Roan, Kentucky, we're leaving."

However, Kentucky couldn't help but ask before they left, "Can I have some of your body for lunch?"

Roan almost vomited blood! He already ignored one, and then the second idiot just had to do that instead. However...

\*Crack!\*

"Here you go. Don't try to eat everything at once." Donkauhk simply tore a small part of his belly and passed it to Kentucky. The chunk was so big that it was almost half of Kentucky's size! Well, that was almost nothing compared to the Diamond Golem's actual size.

"Is that really okay?" Roan couldn't help but ask.

Donkauhk understood what Roan was thinking. "It's fine. Such a small piece will grow back in one or two days at most. Minokawas can get stronger by eating strong materials. It makes me proud to know that a Minokawa considers my body strong enough to be worth consuming."

Kentucky immediately put his claws on the huge chunk before thanking the golem. "Thank you, senior. I'll take my leave now." Soon after, he took flight.

Rean also saw what happened through his connection with Roan, though. 'Kentucky! Don't eat everything! Leave some for me!'

Roan didn't know what to do with those guys, so he simply ignored both this time.

Etherian then brought the two back to his residence. "Thank you for the help. We did have a way of waking Senior Donkauhk up. However, it would probably be bad for his body. Kentucky did make him wake up on his own, so that helped a lot." He then asked, "Is there anything else? Remember that my offer is still valid. You can stay in the Sacred Land for as long as you want."

Roan shook his head in response. "We have already decided. We will be leaving once we get the things we need here."

Etherian didn't insist. "Very well. If you find something else you need, let me know."

Roan nodded and then brought Kentucky back to the Beast Taming Hall. "Don't eat too much. Remember that your body needs time to digest rare ores, and that guy's body is definitely something much better than anything you ate so far."

Kentucky nodded, telling him, "I know that. One mouthful of Diamond Golem ore is enough to keep me full for an entire month." Well, considering Kentucky's size, one mouthful was still over 20 kilograms. It's just that Donkauhk gave him a lot of it."

It was then that Rean's voice appeared behind the two. "Hmph! If I leave you alone, you will eventually eat everything. Now, use your beak and separate 20% of the ore for me. You can eat the rest."

"Shouldn't you be forging equipment?" Kentucky asked.

"I was," Rean answered. "I just stopped for a moment to come and get the ore. After that, I'm heading back."

Kentucky didn't want to do that, but Rean simply didn't let him have his way. After a long argument, Kentucky unwillingly used his beak to cut 20% of the chunk he got before Rean put it inside the Dimensional Realm. "Good! I'm heading back. Wait, where's Roan?"

Roan didn't have the patience to wait and see their argument finish, so he left as soon as they started. "Oh well, whatever." Rean then went back to the Blacksmith Hall after that.

With that out of the way, Rean, Roan, and Kentucky focused on their own things. Time passed in a flash, and soon, three months went by. During this time, Roan kept challenging the Saint Realm Ranking Board's cultivators. It slightly disappointed him that he could only issue one challenge every three days.

As mentioned before, the Saint Realm Ranking Board had 1000 positions. Roan was successful in heading up to the 257th position. Considering the time Rean had been forging weapons and armors, Roan could have gone further. However, after he passed the 600th position, all the cultivators were in the Middle Stage of the Saint Realm. Roan continued to win, but it became a lot more difficult.

After the 300th position, all the Saint Realm Ranking Board opponents were in the Late Stage of the Saint Realm. There was an occasional Middle Stage Saint, but those were rare. Since Roan was still in the Initial Stage of the Saint Realm, it became quite a challenge for him to go up. Surprisingly, he even lost two battles. The fights Roan had with the Late Stage Saints were very difficult, with him getting close to losing near the very end. Well, he was quite satisfied with that anyway. It meant better training for him.

Little did he know how much attention he gathered. After all, he was basically the only Initial Stage Saint there. The closest Initial Stage Saint in the Ranking Board was down in the 634th position. The difference was simply huge! He was quickly recognized as the strongest Initial Stage Saint Realm cultivator of the Sacred Land. People were just waiting to see how he would fare after reaching the Middle Stage.

Talking about reaching the Middle Stage of the Saint Realm, the three months that the twins and Kentucky couldn't cultivate were finished as well. They finally started to cultivate once again, much to Celis's happiness back in the Lukimira Sect. Their dantians, as well as Kentucky's demon core, had finally adapted to their level. Well, they had just started, so it would take a long time before they accumulated enough energy to break through to the Middle Stage.

As for Kentucky, he spent most of his time digesting the Diamond Golem ore he got from Donkauhk. It's just that he didn't use even a hundredth of everything. In the end, the level of Donkauhk's Diamond Golem ore was too high for him to finish absorbing fast enough.

Another good thing happened after those three months. On this day, Rean had finally finished forging the last piece of Element Gathering Equipment before he gathered the 200 Deep Sea Spiked Clam Pearls.

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## Chapter 1260: Star Body

Of course, there were still people waiting outside, hoping Rean would forge even more. During the time he forged equipment, his fame as a blacksmith increased even more. Instead of going down, the number of customers only increased. "Alright, everyone. I already got all the Deep Sea Spiked Clam Pearls I need. I'll be taking a break from forging now, so don't bother me."

"What?!"

"You can't be serious!"

"I've been waiting forever!"

Rean narrowed his eyes after hearing their complaints. "Shut up! I haven't cultivated at all during the last three months!" Not that he could cultivate anyway, but he wouldn't tell them that. "I need time to train as well, so I won't forge any more equipment. If you need a weapon or armor that much, then ask the other blacksmiths in the Blacksmith Hall. I'm leaving!"

Of course, they weren't here for any equipment. They were here for Rean's equipment! If it wasn't his Special Edition equipment, then none of them needed a new weapon or armor. Unfortunately, they couldn't force Rean either.

"When will you resume forging weapons?" one of the cultivators there asked.

The truth was that Rean didn't know. If everything went according to plan, he and Roan would be leaving after they finished their breakthroughs in the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique. "I'm not sure. I have to catch up with lost time, so we'll see. I'll let you know when the time comes." Rean left the Blacksmith Hall right after.

Rean went back to his residence and could feel that Roan was also on his own. "How is it? Did you finish checking the system's Starlight Body Cultivation Technique?"

Roan nodded, telling him, "I did. I have to admit I can't find any flaws, at least not at the moment. However, the further we go, the more complicated it becomes, so there might be something in the future. We'll have to find out and see."

"That's good enough," Rean responded. "How about we start our body cultivation now? There shouldn't be a problem, yeah? I just finished gathering the 200 Deep Sea Spiked Clam Pearls."

"That's good, then." Roan agreed with Rean in starting their body cultivation. "The Gargantuan Mikrel Worm Blood is inside the Dimensional Realm. Take a vial, and let's start."

According to the Yin and Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique, one had to use the Starlight to refine one's body with the materials necessary. In this case, it was the Gargantuan Mikrel Worm Blood.

[Alright, you two. Come inside the Dimensional Realm. It'll be better for you to be close to the Foundation Fragment when you start to absorb the Starlight Energy accumulated there. After you come in, I'll be telling you the steps to follow.]

The twins quickly entered the Dimensional Realm before Sister Orb continued.

[First, apply the blood all over your body. Simply use your Divine Soul Power to keep the blood touching your skin so that it won't fall to the ground.]

The twins nodded and followed Sister Orb's instructions. They had already read the manual, but they were used to having Sister Orb guiding them. At least at this point, she always did a good job.

[Good! Now, instead of focusing on your stars' Starlight Energies, focus on the Starlight inside the fragment. Pretend that it also has the same energy as your stars and absorb it. When the Starlight Energy starts to make its way into your body, it will carry the blood on your skin through your meridians. Your meridians are connected to every point in your body, so that's the best way to bring them there fast enough.]

\*Argh...\*

Sure enough, the pain that everyone knew from body cultivation techniques was immediately felt by the twins. However, Rean and Roan's hairs turned into a mix of black and white before both of them used Light Element to protect their bodies. In less than a moment, all the pain disappeared.

[I wonder how angry other body cultivators would feel, knowing that you two won't feel their pain.]

The twins ignored Sister Orb and continued the process.

[Alright, alright. Redirect the Starlight to your body as a whole and use the method in the manual to refine it with the worm blood. Don't forget to go over every part. Make sure it's evenly distributed between the organs, blood, and bones.]

It was a slow process, which all body cultivators hated due to the pain they had to endure all throughout. Well, it was not a problem for the twins, though. In fact, most cultivators would try to accelerate the process so that they could get rid of the pain earlier. However, that might also cause the refinement to not finish correctly. The twins, on the other hand, took a very calm and long time refining their own. Some would find it even boring if they could do what the twins did. In any case, it was a perfect refinement.

[Good! Now, use your Yin and Yang Energy to complement the refinement. This is the part that makes the system's body cultivation technique much better than the original technique.]

The twins did exactly that and could tell that the effects had indeed improved.

Time continued to pass. 14 hours later, Starlight Energy burst out of the twins' bodies simultaneously, followed by Yin and Yang Energy. For a moment, the twins' bodies seemed to shine with red light before they returned to normal. They finally achieved First Grade Star Body!

"Phew... it's finally over," Rean said.

Roan shook his head, though. "Not really. You have the pearls, don't you? Let's keep up the momentum and cultivate the Second Grade Star Body."



Rean then asked, "Sister Orb, is it okay to cultivate the next grade straight away?"

[No problem. The system's manual is supposed to be flawless, remember? Even if you cultivate all grades one after another, it shouldn't be a problem. It's quite unfortunate that you don't have the items or the Starlight Energy to do that.]

Rean nodded, waving his hand as he said, "It's fine."

Roan immediately took his 100 pearls, telling Rean, "Don't waste time and let's get over with it. I'll head back to the Alchemist Hall after this to see if someone knows about the Molten Divine Rock Flower."

With that, the twins began their breakthrough to achieve Second Grade Star Body.