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### Chapter 131: Sect Gathering

The Initial Stage of the Core Formation is the limit for Rean. Even their infiltration to the Mission Hall was quite risky since there were one or other elders above that level who worked there. If they are caught inside the Blue Orchid District, they most likely won't leave alive. The last encounter with the Blue Orchid Disciples made their instance very clear.

That being said, they decided to gather intelligence first.

"We don't know if this mission is focused on Malaka and Oka or if the other disciples also passed through it or not. Let's go out and make a few questions."

Rean nodded.

"Alright. It isn't too hard to figure it out. All we need to do is ask if all the new Blue Orchid Disciples disappeared right after they joined the Sect for some time. If we find out that it was the case, then we know that all new disciples probably have to go through the same Spiritual Rebirth mission."

Roan agreed.

"Look for some breaching point too, some clues that would make the infiltration easier. Just don't make it too obvious."

They waited for the morning exercise to be over and immediately run around, asking the older disciples. To not catch too much attention, they didn't stay in a single district but went to other ones as well. Although there are several factions, it doesn't mean that they can't interact with each other. In fact, the Sect encouraged the disciples to do so. After all, the Sect wasn't trying to create several feuds between its disciples. The only exception was really the Blue Orchid Faction.

"Hm? If the disciples who joined with the Sect me but went to the Blue Orchid Sect didn't appear for some time? What is it, kid? Are you interested in one of their girls? You better be careful since they won't show any mercy to you."

Sure enough, the majority thought that Rean and Roan were interested in the beauties inside that faction. However, they also got a few pieces of information.

"Well, now that you said, that seems to be the case. I remember that Lisa and Yuna didn't appear in the Sect before three months were gone during my time. At least, I don't remember to have seen them before that."

"That's true, the new disciples never come out after they enter. You won't see them before a few months have passed by."

Rean and Roan also found another interesting information.

"One month after every entrance exam, the Sect would have a gathering between the factions. It is a rule that all factions must participate too. Perhaps you can find the girl you are looking for there. Of course, those on duties or missions don't need to come. However, you better don't try to get close to those girls of the Blue Orchid, or your head might fly."

"I've been to a few of the Sect Gatherings, but I don't remember to have seen any new disciple from the Blue Orchid Faction/District participating. I wonder why, though."

"Usually, several elders and even the Inner Elders responsible for the factions make an appearance as well. It is a good chance to show off your abilities since the Sect promotes some duels during those times."

"The Blue Orchid girls also like to take the duels to show their superior abilities and training. As you probably know, only extremely talented girls can enter it. I totally understand you, little brother. You might be young, but you obviously like beauties too. That will be a good opportunity to see those girls in their splendor. I can guarantee you won't regret it."

Between misunderstanding and new pieces of information, Rean and Roan gathered everything they needed. They came back at the end of the afternoon to put everything together.

Roan then started.

"Alright. It has been almost three weeks since we entered the Sect. The Sect Gathering is happening in a little more than a week. To be more specific, ten days from now."

Rean nodded.

"Also, everyone we talked about said that the new girls always disappear for a few months. That pretty much confirms our suspicions. All new disciples probably must take the Spiritual Rebirth mission. Another thing that I noticed is that it doesn't matter who it is; all the girls from the Blue Orchid District would distance themselves from everyone else. I believe that even old friends are included."

Roan pondered a bit before saying.

"All the new disciples wouldn't appear for the first three months at the very least. So whatever they are doing, it will at least take this amount of time. Our chance lies in the Sect Gathering. A lot of elders and disciples have to participate, so the vigilance in the Blue Orchid will be at its weakest. That will be the best time for us to enter."

Rean agreed with Roan.

"That's true. However, we can't break the rules. If we are not in a mission or duty, we will need to participate in the Gathering. So what should we do?"

Roan shrugged his shoulders.

"Who cares? At most, we will get some punishment for avoiding it. It's not like others can find where we are to start with. After we deal with whatever is happening with Malaka, we might even have enough time to come back to the Gathering. Besides, we are not sure that she is in a predicament to start with. Everything might be just our imagination."

Rean had to admit that Roan was right. Even if someone comes looking for them, who will think that they went into the Blue Orchid District? That would be too much of a coincidence.

[Don't forget you still have the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. If you think you will be caught, just enter it straight away. No one in this place will be able to find you.]

Rean and Roan nodded. They also thought about doing it in the Mission Hall if necessary. But because no one could see through Rean's Light and Spiritual Sense Bending skills, they had no need for it.

"Then it's decided, the infiltration plan will start during the Sect Gathering ten days later."

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#### Chapter 132: Blue Orchid District

The days passed in a flash as Rean and Roan planned the best approach for the infiltration. They reached the conclusion that it would be better to go through the front gate straight away. That's because, in theory, the side walls would be the place that most would want to use to enter.

With Rean's Light and Spiritual Sense Bending, together with Roan's silent approach, they should be able to pass by those Foundation Establishment disciples. They also reach an agreement that they would immediately enter the Soul Gem Realm the moment Rean felt a Spiritual Sense pass through his Spiritual Sense Bending.

One good thing about Rean's ability is that different from other low-level cultivators, he can tell if someone's Spiritual Sense touched his 'barrier.' He can't feel the Spiritual Sense of someone at a level much higher than his. Still, he can tell that those powerful Spiritual Senses passed through his Spiritual Sense Bending.

Of course, keeping his Spiritual Sense Bending running all times is out of the question. So if someone with much higher cultivation checks him before he activates it, he won't be able to tell.

The sect began to get busy. Disciples were running everywhere, preparing for the Gathering. There is no lack of stories where someone gained the elders' favors after showing their abilities during it. Everyone is confident, so they wanted to show what they were capable of.

Julio and Lenna were no different. After almost an entire month going through the Bodily Training of the Iron and Blood Faction, they got more or less used to it. Although the changes weren't that big, they could already feel the differences that this faction training brought to their body and cultivation.

Rean and Roan pretended to be preparing as well, not raising anyone's suspicion. Just like that, the first month after the Sect Entrance Exam was gone.

The Sect Gathering was held halfway up to the Dalamu Mountain. Usually, this is the territory of the Inner Sect Disciples and Elders. But once every year, it opened for the disciples of the sect to take a look. This is also a way to motivate the Outer Sect Disciples to put more effort into becoming Inner Sect ones.

There, you could find an enormous building, which was always used for the gathering. On the morning of that day, the Inner Sect opened its door, allowing all the Outer Sect Disciples and Elders to step inside. As one can imagine, there were several areas marked as restricted. Without permission, those disciples couldn't step inside there.

Rean and Roan were also marking their presence. At the Inner Sect's entrance, some disciples recorded all the names that entered the Inner Sect. The twins didn't want to waste time, so they were one of the first to mark their names there.

They quickly run away from the others, paying attention to avoid restricted areas. When they saw that there was no one around, Rean activated his Spiritual Sense Bending for half a second. That's because he first wanted to check if there were any High-Level Spiritual Sense feeling them. Because his Spiritual Sense Bending was only activated for that moment, it wouldn't be able to bend the other side's Spiritual Sense. That being said, whoever could be watching them, they wouldn't find anything strange.

'Here is not good. I could feel two Spiritual Senses that are definitely above the Initial Stage of the Core Formation Realm.'

Roan nodded, and the two of them moved to another area. The twins changed position another five times until Rean finally found a place without any Spiritual Sense looking at them. Without wasting time, he jumped on Roan's back and activated both the Light and Spiritual Sense Bending. Although it was quite comic, that was still their best approach.

With their analysis of the Spiritual Senses' positions, they quickly found a way out of the Inner Sect without alerting anyone. With their name marked there, it will take quite some time before anyone notices that they aren't around.

Roan carried Rean while they moved through another path that few were using. They also tried to avoid anyone who looked like an elder. After that, they only took twenty minutes to arrive at the Blue Orchid District's border with Roan's speed. That is already a good mark since Roan had to continually change positions on the way to prevent them from being seen by someone's Spiritual Sense.

The two of them found a corner and began to wait. It would take some time before the gathering started per se. That being said, there are probably disciples and elders of the Blue Orchid Faction/District who hasn't gone there yet.

'The Gathering is starting in two hours, so we will move 15 minutes before it. By that time, everyone who was supposed to be in the Gathering will have left already.'

Rean agreed with Roan as they kept waiting and rehearsed their plan.

[Alright, it's time. You two can move forward now.]

With Sister Orb's voice, Rean once more jumped on Roan's back and activated his Light and Spiritual Sense Bending Skills.

Roan moved straight to the entrance of the district. Sure enough, two disciples at the Foundation Establishment Level were guarding it as always.

'Their Spiritual Sense is active. Don't move too fast, or it will be hard to bend them.'

Roan nodded, and he approached silently like a ghost. He slowly squeezed through those disciples' backs and entered the Blue Orchid District.

'How is it?'

'So far, so good. Other than the Spiritual Sense of those disciples at the entrance, I can't feel any other.'

'Good. Which direction is Malaka?'

'Northeast, almost two kilometers away.'

Roan's eyes went sharp as he made his way there. As expected of the Blue Orchid District, there were almost no disciples around. The place looked more like a ghost town. Even if the Gathering is happening, the other districts definitely wouldn't be this empty. That's the shortcome of having so little amount of disciples to start with.

Around a kilometer inside the Blue Orchid District, Rean's Soul message came out.

'Stop, there is a Spiritual Sense.'

Roan jumped to a concealed corner before asking.

'Did they find us?'

Rean shook his head.

'No. We are at the very border of this Spiritual Sense, so it is too weak to see here. However, this one is definitely above the Initial Stage of the Core Formation Realm. We can't go further than it or whoever is releasing this Spiritual Sense will feel our presence.'

Roan nodded.

'Alright, I'll go around.'

With Rean's guidance, they avoided that Spiritual Sense. But soon, they found that more Spiritual Senses at a high level in the direction where Malaka was staying. Suddenly...

'Enter!'

\*Vup!\*

In less than half a second, Rean and Roan entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. A few seconds after they disappeared, a middle-aged woman appeared at the place where they had been a few moments ago.

"Hm? Am I feeling things wrong?"

Inside the Soul Gem Realm, Sister Orb projected an image of the outside world for Rean and Roan to see.

"Didn't you notice her Spiritual Sense in time?"

Rean shook his head.

"That wasn't the problem. She wasn't using her Spiritual Sense when we got close. She only activated it when we were there. Naturally, I didn't feel it until it was too late."

Roan nodded. That was really unlucky of their part. There was nothing they could have done about that.

"Let's wait a bit. Before she felt our presence, her Spiritual Sense had to force its way through my Spiritual Sense Bending first. So before it really touched our bodies, I had already given the order to enter the Soul Gem Realm. She definitely didn't feel our presence for more than a tenth of a second, so she probably thinks it was a mistake."

As they observed the outside, another two girls who looked to be a lot younger appeared as well. They then quickly bowed in respect.

"Hello, elder Zuna."



Rean and Roan finally knew her name.

"Cilia, Rana, have you seen anything around during the patrol?"

The disciples called Cilia and Rana were puzzled.

"We didn't see anything, elder Zuna. We didn't get any reports either. Did someone enter our Blue Orchid District?"

Zuna narrowed her eyes as her Spiritual Sense scanned around. But other than the two disciples in front of her, she couldn't find anyone else.

"No, I think it was just my imagination. How is the Spiritual Rebirth going?"

Immediately, Rean and Roan's ears were picked.

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The two disciples immediately answered.

"Everything is going as planned. Inna and Oka already completed over 50% of the process, so it shouldn't take them more than a month to finish it all."

Elder Zuna nodded before speaking.

"Tell the other disciples to go to the gathering them. With the process being over 50%, there is no need for constant attention anymore. The other girls in the gathering would have some difficulty to show our Faction's Strength with their numbers alone, after all."

The two disciples bowed and went back to where Malak was staying. Zuna then left as fast as she came.

Back inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, Rean was happy and worried by what he heard. He was happy that there would be less security around Malaka but worried about what that over 50% meant.

However, Roan snorted right after.

"Hehe! What a cunning lady. These girls from the Blue Orchid District are really sly."

Sister Orb and Rean were taken aback.

"What do you mean?"

Roan then answered.

"There is no such thing as reducing the number of disciples around Malaka. If anything, chances are that the security will increase instead."

Rean's eyes narrowed. He wasn't an idiot, so he immediately understood what Roan meant.

"She said those words for us to hear. Even though she only saw a shadow of our presence that didn't last more than 0.1 seconds, she still believes that someone is around. Not only that, but considering how we were getting close to the place where this 'Spiritual Rebirth' is happening, she concluded that Malaka or Oka was our target."

Roan nodded.

"I believe that even if we leave right now, you won't be able to feel any Spiritual Sense around. Not only that, but you also might not feel a single one until you get close to where Malaka is staying. Any Spiritual Sense checking is probably focused there. This is, without a doubt, a trap!"

Rean couldn't think about a solution. How can they see Malaka in this situation?

Do they really have to retreat?

It was then that Roan's mouth curved into a cunning smile.

"Since they are reverting the guards to where Malaka is staying, why don't we enjoy the other empty places? I'm sure that quite a few goods are out in the open for us."

Rean was taken aback.

"Are you planning to rob the Blue Orchid Sect of their resources? I think we shouldn't go that far. We still haven't confirmed if they are doing anything wrong with Malaka or not. Besides, I don't think that they would leave important resources out in the open for anyone to take to start with."

Roan shook his head.

"You misunderstood me."

Roan then explained his idea to Rean and Sister Orb.

[Hahahahaha! Great! Let's go, I very much want to see if they will be calm enough to ignore it.]

Rean, on the other hand, was sweating rivers.

"This..."

However, Roan cut him right there.

"There is no this or that, that's what we are going to do. Or could it be that you don't want to know what is happening to Malaka? That's the best way of driving everyone out of that place."

Rean couldn't help but grit his teeth and nod.

"Alright!"

A small part of a finger appeared in midair in the place where Rean and Roan had entered the Soul Gem Realm. This was none other than Rean's finger. He was using his Spiritual Sense Bending to feel the surroundings to see if there wasn't any Strong Spiritual Sense.

Suddenly, two twins jumped out of space. One of them was piggybacking the other one.

'How is it?'

Rean concentrated on his Light and Spiritual Bending Skills for a moment before nodding.

'All clear, there is no Spiritual Sense around. In fact, I can't even feel the other ones which were weaker or too far to force their way through my Bending.'

Roan's cunning smile appeared once more, and they immediately departed. However, the place they had gone to wasn't where Malaka was staying.

Around a kilometer away, there is a tower almost 100 meters high. This tower was basically alone with no other building surrounding it. Inside, one could see two girls sat in the middle of a formation in which a stream of blue energy entered their Dantians. As time passed, the two girls' demeanor seemed to change little by little.

One could also see several female disciples keeping watch of those two. However, instead of looking at Malaka and Oka, they were more concentrated in their Spiritual Sense. Not only them, but the only elder around did the same thing. Not too surprisingly, she was Elder Zuna.

Usually, there wouldn't be so many people inside the tower. In a normal situation, two or three disciples would be more than enough to keep an eye if something went wrong with the new girls. But because of Elder Zuna's sudden order, quite a few disciples gathered inside the tower. In contrast, the Blue Orchid District became even more empty than it already was.

Over two hours passed, but so far, Elder Zuna didn't find anything wrong.

'Could it be that I was really imagining things? I could swear that my Spiritual Sense had caught someone's presence for a fraction of a second. The only thing happening in our Blue Orchid District at the moment is the Spiritual Rebirth, which was very close to where I felt that presence. Other than that, there is nothing else. There is no point in rob us of our resources either since we are the district/faction that receives the smallest amount of them.'

Although Elder Zuna had called quite a few disciples to the tower, she still left a few outside doing their patrols around just in case. The two girls in front of the District entrance were two of them.

Suddenly, one of the disciples responsible for patrolling inside the district came inside the tower in a flash. Everyone could see that she was in a hurry. However, judging by her expression, she wasn't afraid or anything like that. Instead, her face contorted as if she was trying to suppress the flames of fury inside her body.

From the looks of it, something terrible was going on.

Elder Zuna then immediately asked.

"What happened?"

The disciple couldn't calm down as she said while fuming!

"Someone... Someone stole all the underwears from our rooms. Including... including the used ones that were supposed to be washed later!"

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Immediately, the entire group went silent. It wasn't because those girls didn't mind, but because it took quite a few seconds for those words to fall.

"What are you saying? Are you sure such a thing happened?"

That female disciple didn't even care about being respectful anymore.

"Am I sure? Hehe! My room's door was fucking broken, and the drawers and baskets where I kept my underwear were fucking empty! The basket, obviously, was where I kept the clothes that needed to be washed. Then I checked the surroundings with my Spiritual Sense, and I could see quite a few more doors that had been breached. The pervert's target was obvious. Whoever took them, didn't touch anything else!"

Suddenly, killing intents began to rise all the way to the skies! At the same time, all the girls' faces, including elder Zuna, became as red as a tomato. Elder Zuna felt like she had never been so humiliated in her life.

'So I was right, there was really someone there before! But the target wasn't the Spiritual Rebirth. It was just a fucking pervert! And I just opened all our defenses for his robbery, ah!'

Let alone her, all the female disciples were blushing while their expressions showed nothing more than fury! Such a thing had never happened before.

Elder Zuna immediately fell in a dilemma, though. Was it a trap to lure her away from the tower? Or the trap was to lure her inside the tower? Which one was the enemy's real objective? Malaka and Oka, or the Blue Orchid Disciples' underwear?

However, elder Zuna almost immediately concluded that the trap was to have her and the other disciples and elders leave their positions to guard Malaka and Oka. After all, why would someone come to check the Spiritual Rebirth? There was no point in doing that since all the Inner Sect elders and the Sect Head knew about it already. After so many years, the other Sects' spies already had an idea about what they did here too, so it wasn't exactly a secret to start with.

That could only mean one thing, the enemy's real target had always been their disciples and elders' private things! Especially since they took away the... the used ones! Elder Zuna couldn't bear to imagine what this pervert would do with their used underwear. Well, in fact, she had an idea, but she didn't want to think about it.

Without saying anything, Elder Zuna dashed outside while spreading her Spiritual Sense. Right behind her, all the girls followed. Right after, they spread in all directions, going back to their own rooms to check if their own clean and used underwear were safe.

Else Zuna's first thought was to look for rooms that haven't been broken into yet. She was blaming herself and thinking about how she fell into such a trap! But when her Spiritual Sense reached her own room, she saw that even her door lock was broken. Naturally, all her underwear was gone!

For the Blue Orchid District/Faction, that was a declaration of war!

Elder Zuna then heard lots of screams around. As expected, other female disciples found out that their underwear was gone too!

"I WILL KILL WHOEVER DID THIS!"

"Find the culprit!"

"Close all the exits, don't let anyone pass through!"

While the female disciples were going crazy outside, Rean's mouth was twitching as he looked at the mountain in front of him. A mountain with hundreds of panties, bras, and a few other related things. They came in several colors and shapes. Rean was quite impressed that the Blue Orchid District/Faction girls, which always seemed cold-hearted, liked to use such cute things.

Embroideries of several different colors were present in almost all of them, small flowers, cute animals, you name it. Not only that but Rean noticed that most of their rooms would usually have a vibrant atmosphere, like any typical teenager from Earth. Such an image went totally against what Rean thought this district/faction to be. Rean expected that their rooms would all be plain, used only for the sole purpose of their existence. Let alone their underwear. However, he couldn't be more wrong!

'Are those rooms really used by those super cold-hearted disciples? How come I can't picture their coldness in my mind anymore? Even the elders' rooms, which are much older than the female disciples, were somewhat cheerful as well.'

Rean began to think that they might have got things wrong. That whatever the disciples of the Blue Orchid District/Faction showed outside wasn't what they really were.

Roan, on the other hand, couldn't care less. He kept looking outside, waiting for the moment to act.

As for Sister Orb, she couldn't stop laughing as she heard all the screams of the girls around. Rean even wondered whether Sister Orb simply had a female voice by default.

Roan then turned to Rean before saying.

"Alright, check the Spiritual Senses outside and see if any high-level one is present."

Since Rean had gone this far, he might as well see it to the end.

"There are only a few Foundation Establishment Spiritual Senses around, it should be good to go out."

Roan piggybacked Rean, and they immediately jumped outside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Obviously, Rean's Light and Spiritual Sense Bending skill was already activated. Even if those disciples were right in front of the twins, their eyes and spiritual senses wouldn't be able to see anything.

Rean and Roan had hidden close to the tower, so Roan only needed a minute to reach the front. The only thing that bothered him was how there were no other buildings around, which could make things harder if they needed to escape. Fortunately, Rean's Light bending ability really made the two almost invisible to the naked eyes.

As soon as they entered inside, the twins noticed Malaka in the middle of a formation with Oka. The blue spiritual energy kept entering their bodies without stop either. As for the disciples, there were only two of them which elder Zuna ordered to stay. After all, someone had to operate the formation.



[Let me analyze it first.]

Rean and Roan nodded and waited for Sister Orb's signal. A minute later, Sister Orb's answer came out.

[Alright. I can't tell what this formation does yet, but I'm sure it is entirely focused on the two girls. Even if you enter the formation, it will not disrupt Rean's camouflage or Spiritual Sense Bending. I'll keep analyzing it for the time being to find out what it does. You two can go inside and check what is happening with Malaka.]

Twi twins agreed with Sister Orb as they entered the formation. Since two disciples were observing it too, Roan carefully walked so that he wouldn't make any noise.

Once he stopped beside Malaka, Rean extended his camouflage so that the disciples outside wouldn't notice any difference in her. That's also why Roan didn't send Malaka a Spiritual Sense message straight away. Considering Malaka's personality, she would definitely have a big reaction after noticing that they came for her.

Roan then touched Malaka's shoulder as he asked with a Spiritual Sense message.

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"Ah!"

Malaka almost jumped in fright when Roan's Spiritual Sense Message appeared in her mind. Fortunately, Roan had released his Spiritual Energy, locking Malaka in place. Also, he made sure to cover her mouth with Spiritual Energy, too, so only Rean and Roan heard her surprised voice.

As mentioned before, Rean had extended his Camouflage Skill to Malaka's head. In the eyes of the disciples in front of her, Malaka was still quiet and undisturbed.

'Don't move, we just came to see how you are. Don't let your senior disciples notice that you know we are here. Otherwise, we might lose our lives.'

Malaka calmed down and nodded, not moving at all.

'You disappeared for a long time, so what happened?'

Malaka then explained.

'It's because of the Spiritual Rebirth formation. I have to stay here for two to three months straight. It's sooooo boring, but my senior sisters won't let me leave before finishing it.'

Rean and Roan were taken aback. As far as they can see, Malaka's personality seems pretty much... fine? However, since they are already here, they might as well ask more questions.

'What is this Spiritual Rebirth Formation? What is this blue energy entering your Dantian?'

Malaka sighed.

'It's a formation that all the new disciples of the Blue Orchid District/Faction must use. The Elder said that it will clean the passages of the Meridians into the Dantian, making it easier to control Spiritual Energy. That's why they call it Spiritual Rebirth.'

Suddenly, Sister Orb's voice appeared in Rean and Roan's mind.

[I haven't finalized the analysis of the formation yet. However, from what I can see so far, Malaka is most likely correct. It seems very beneficial for her and has nothing to do with a personality changing. Of course, I'll only be certain one hour later when I finish the full analysis.]

Rean sighed in relief. At least, it doesn't seem like the Blue Orchid is doing anything wrong to their Little Sister.

Roan then asked something that was puzzling him.

'We've heard that everyone who enters the Blue Orchid District/Faction becomes very cold-hearted and stops interacting with the others outside. Do you know anything about it?'

'Ah! I forgot I shouldn't be talking this much with you.'

Rean and Roan obviously got puzzled by that statement.

'Why?'

Malaka seemed to be in a dilemma. In the end, Roan could only use his ultimate weapon.

'If you don't talk, your fighting lessons will be doubled next time you come out.'

Malaka's face went pale as cold sweat appeared on her face.

'I'll say! I'll say! My senior sisters always tell me that I must not rely on anyone from outside. Now that I'm part of the Blue Orchid District/Faction, I can only ask them for help, not others.'

Rean and Roan's confusion got even bigger.

'Why is that?'

Malaka seemed to try to recall what one of her senior sisters told her.

'I remember now! Senior Sister Amanda said that our Blue Orchid Faction is too small. We also receive the least amount of resources from the sect. However, errr... what was the rest... Ah! If we began to ask for too many favors, others would think that we are weak because we only have women. She said that

Elder Zaia created the Blue Orchid Faction to prove that women can also manage their own faction without anyone's help, especially men. It had something to do with... Oh, right! Something to do with the women's pride or sort of. I don't understand it very well.'

It was then that Malaka remembered something Roan said and got angry.

'Right! My senior sisters are not cold-hearted at all! In fact, they are very welcoming and always help me when I ask, so you shouldn't say something like that. Senior Sister Amanda is especially nice to Oka and me. She is very easy-going and loves to give hugs. All the other girls like her too. The other senior sisters are very warming, and I like them all very much. All the girls here are very close to each other. Senior Sister Amanda said that it is because there are very few members, so we must always stay close.'

Rean finally made his head up around the teenage style of most of the girls' rooms. As he had noticed when they stole all the underwear, they weren't the kind of rooms that 'cold-hearted' people would use. The only difference was that they didn't have any electronics like teenagers would back on Earth.

'The only thing I don't like is this Spiritual Rebirth Formation. I've been in this thing for three weeks already. I can feel that I'm getting better at controlling Spiritual Energy, but it is still too boring!'

Rean and Roan looked at each other with a bitter smile. In the end, it seems that everything was a mistake.

'Sigh... alright, so you are not in danger, and no one is treating you bad, right?'

Malaka shook her head.

'There are those who bully me. Elder Zuna is one of them. She always makes me train too much and never gives me a break. My first week was really not fun at all. I wish I could give her a lesson!'

Roan felt the urge to slap Malaka's back head. It was evident that she was planning to slack off now that he isn't looking after her anymore. At the same time, he also gave this so-called Elder Zuna a mental nod. That was an excellent elder.

Rean then added

'Fine, as long as you are okay, then so be it. But I will not accept this thing about not talking with us anymore. If you really do that, I will have Roan triplicate your fighting lessons once you are out.'

Malaka sweated even more and nodded vigorously.

'However, you don't need to show it in front of everyone. You already know how to use Spiritual Sense, so you can simply tell us how you are doing with a Spiritual Sense Message when you pass close to us. Otherwise, your senior sisters might rebuke you if you stop to talk with us. Of course, if we are alone, then we can talk normally.'

Malaka finally sighed in relief. But it was then that she noticed something else.

'By the way, how did you come here? My senior sisters and elders are very strict with visits, and I heard that they never let anyone get close to the Spiritual Rebirth Formation.'

Roan looked away as Rean began to sweat himself. Only now did they remember that they bought a war with all the girls in this place to reach Malaka.

'Cough, cough... Listen to your big brother Rean. Sometimes, men must do what they must do to guarantee the safety of the ones they care about. We did some... 'slightly not nice things' so that we could make the disciples leave this tower. But we only did that because we wanted to talk to you, okay?'

Malaka was puzzled.

'What did you do?'

'Cough, cough... we stole all of your senior sisters' underwear.'

There was no point in hiding it since she would find out sooner or later.

Malaka's eyes opened wide! For some reason, Rean felt like there was a look of disgust on her face. This was the first time Rean and Roan saw that kind of expression. Malaka had just become ten years old a few days ago, so she is still in the middle of her mental transformation from a kid to a teenager. The Malaka from two to three years ago would have found it funny and laughed out loud. However, the Malaka now seems to think that it wasn't something funny at all.

'Now I understand why all the girls were screaming 'kill, kill, kill' all the time. What should I do? My brothers became... errr... what was the word Senior Sister Amanda used... Ah! My brothers became perverted dogs!'

Surprisingly, even Roan's ears got a little red after hearing Malaka's words.

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Sister Orb was laughing even more.

[Hahahaha! Good, I shall call you perverted dogs from now on.]

Rean also didn't have a very good expression.

"Cough, cough... don't worry, we will give them back."

Malaka rolled her eyes but nodded in the end. At least, she understood that they were just worried, that's why they went this far. Neither Rean nor Roan was this type of person.

"Alright, if you really give the senior sisters' underwear back, I won't say anything. But there is one condition, you need to help me escape this formation. I can't stand it anymore, I'm going to die of boredom!"

Roan's mouth twitched as he pinched Malaka, which made her almost scream.

"Enough bullshit. Since this is a good thing for you, make sure to finish absorbing all the energy. You better not let me find out that you ran away before it was over."

Roan then turned to Rean before saying.

"Let's go, we need to get out before more of her Senior Sisters come back."

Rean nodded and patted Malaka's head.

"Don't worry, if you hold it until the end, your big brother here will give you a gift once you come out."

Malak's eyes immediately lit up; she knew that Rean always kept his promises just like Roan. The difference was that Roan's promises always had something to do with something she didn't like, like more training, more training, and even more training.

"Alright! It's a promise, you can't go back on it, or I will tell everyone the truth!"

Rean nodded then retracted his camouflage from Malaka. Roan immediately moved outside the tower after that. Rean and Roan know very well which direction the elders' rooms were located after stealing their things, so they didn't think twice before following another path.

Their way out was a lot easier than coming inside. That's because all disciples and outer elders had their Spiritual Senses active all the time! That being said, when the border of the outer elders' Spiritual Sense reached Rean's Spiritual Sense Bending skill, he had enough time to make Roan change direction or enter the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. One must remember that Spiritual Senses become weaker the further they go. Rean was still able to bend them for long enough to not be discovered. Elder Zuna's case back then was special because she activated her Spiritual Sense only when they got close.

None of the Female Disciples thought that Rean and Roan would be so blatant to leave right through the main gate. Because of that, only four female disciples of the Blue Orchid District/Faction were guarding it. It was more than before, but they were all in the Foundation Establishment nonetheless. It wasn't enough to pass through Rean's Light Element Camouflage and Spiritual Sense bending.

A few minutes after they left, everyone heard a Female Disciple's shout.

"Found them!"

However, she wasn't talking about the culprits, but the panties, bras, etc. Right behind the Main Gate, there were two small mountains of them. Surprisingly, the pervert who stole them had kept them separated. The right side had the clean ones, while the left had the ones that needed to be washed. Rean was trying to at least be considerate when they took them.

Right in between them, there was a letter.

Elder Zuna quickly arrived and saw the girls looking for their own panties, bras, etc. Even more shocking was that it wasn't hard for the girls to find their own. That's because Rean also made sure to bind them with each room's numbers. He didn't know all the girls' names, so he could only use that to identify them.

Yes, Rean was genuinely trying to be even more considerate.

As for the letter that was left behind, it was passed to elder Zuna to read.

'I'm deeply sorry for the confusion. This was supposed to be a prank, but it seems like I went too far. I left all your panties, bras, etc. behind and marked them accordingly to the rooms' numbers I took them from. I just hope that the Blue Orchid District/Faction learns something from this and stop acting so cold towards others. Yes, I now understand the truth. All the sisters of the Blue Orchid are, in fact, very warm-hearted and welcoming. The cold expressions you show outside is nothing but a pretense. I'll be sure to keep it in mind.'

The letter was burnt instantly after.

"Outrageous! Who do you think you are to tell us what to do? You call stealing our underwear just a prank? If I don't skin you alive, I will not be called Zuna! I swear, I will find whoever did this!"



Rean's plans seemed to have worked pretty well. He didn't use 'we' even once in that letter. Instead, he made it look like a single person's job. Zuna didn't doubt it since she doesn't believe someone weaker than her would have pulled such a trick. It didn't matter how long they looked; they simply couldn't find who did it. In her eyes, it was definitely the work of a lone pervert adept at hiding skills.

Rean and Roan didn't stay behind to see what elder Zuna would make from now on. Instead, they rushed back to the mountain. The entire operation lasted almost four hours, so they had to go back. If they are lucky, maybe no one has noticed that they disappeared yet.

Rean and Roan sneaked back through the same path they used to leave. Once they left the restricted areas, Rean got back on the ground as he deactivated his Light Element camouflage and Spiritual Bending Skill. They then rushed back to the Gathering as if nothing had happened. But just as they were about to enter the building where the fights were happening, they noticed elder Guliva leaving it.

Guliva also noticed the twins and sighed in relief.

"Where the hell have you been? I wanted to have you fighting the other factions' new kids, but you were nowhere to be found. Even Julio and Lenna had no idea where you went. I was just about to check the entrance list to see if you had really come or not."

Rean quickly explained.

"Cough, cough... We went to explore the Inner Sect, so we didn't notice the time passing. Sorry, elder Guliva."

Guliva found it somewhat fishy. Would they need four hours just to look around? Still, since they were back in time, he decided to think about it later.

"Alright, I won't talk about it now. Come inside quickly before you lose the chance to challenge the other factions' new disciples. You need to show that our Iron and Blood Faction also has its own geniuses."

Rean and Roan mentally sighed in relief before following elder Guliva. A few minutes later, several female disciples of the Blue Orchid Faction also arrived. For some reason, these disciples seemed to be even colder than usual. There was an aura of 'get close and die' around them.

Elder Zaia, the Inner Sect Elder, and the one leading the Blue Orchid Faction found it weird to see all of them here. One of the disciples quickly came close and sent a Spiritual Sense message reporting what happened. In the next second, the temperature of the air around Elder Zaia plummeted to a terrifying extent.

The other elders also noticed her change. Elder Zaia always kept that smile of hers, so it was the first time seeing another expression on her face for some of them. Hulian, who was close to her, couldn't help but ask.

"Elder Zaia, is everything alright?"

Zaia gave a death glare at him, which made beads of sweat appear on his forehead.

'Di-did I do something wrong?'

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Chapter 137: Helping Out

Elder Zaia took a deep breath and quickly calmed down. To find the culprit between tens of thousands of disciples and elders would be almost impossible.

"Sorry, I just received some annoying information. However, there is no need to worry, it has nothing to do with you all."

Hulian sighed in relief. At least it wasn't something related to him.

Right after, Rean jumped over one of the arenas to challenge the disciple there.

Guliva had told him that this kid's name was Mialo Turan, a disciple of the Fire Faction led by an Inner Sect elder called Dierio Qasten. He joined the sect last year, has a Blue Color Aptitude, and cultivation at the Middle Stage of the Foundation Establishment. As one can expect, he has a Fire Elemental Affinity.

At the same time, in another arena. Roan challenged, lo and behold, a female disciple of the Blue Orchid Faction! Her name was Ria Zannue, a disciple at the Advanced Stage of the Foundation Establishment. Not only that, but she is also three years older than Roan. Well... only on paper since everyone believes Rean and Roan are twelve years old.

Seeing that, Rean couldn't help but sigh.

'Why must you go and find a problem with them right after we left their district?'

Roan didn't mind, though.

'It's because we were there that I'm challenging her. Have you ever heard that the best hiding place is right under the light? That's what I'm doing basically.'

Rean shrugged his shoulders and didn't say anything else.

All the arenas where the disciples showed their skills had a Judge at the Core Formation Realm. They were there to prevent the disciples from severely injuring or killing each other.

Seeing that both Rean and Roan were ready, the judges gave the signal to start the battle. As soon as that happened, the twins' hair color changed as they rushed forward.

Rean's opponent was a spear user. He gathered his Fire Element on his weapon and rushed at Rean as well. Just as the two weapons were about to hit each other, Rean acted. His Light Element gathered in his legs as he dodged to the side. Mialo was taken aback by that. He didn't expect that Rean would be able to dodge when they were so close to each other.

Still, he is a genius with cultivation higher than Rean, so he immediately adjusted his stance. The spear seemed to make a curve and struck like a viper, trying to hit Rean's abdomen.

However, Rean already expected that. He knew that Mialo would underestimate him because of their difference in cultivation, so his reaction was too slow. Using his sword, which was covered with Light and Dark Elements, Rean parried the Fire Spear and struck!

Mialo used all his strength to jump back, but Rean's Light Element on his legs made him much faster. Just as the sword was about to cut Mialo's throat, it stopped. The judge, who had a cultivation at the Advanced Stage of the Core Formation, blocked Rean's sword with his own.

Surprisingly though, there was no sound of metal hitting metal. Instead, if one looked closely, they would be able to see that there were a few millimeters between Rean's Sword and the Elder's one. They did not collide at all!

The Elder's eyebrow raised in surprise.

"Hahaha! So you were already going to stop to start with, uh? Kid, you are good."

He raised Rean's hand before announcing.

"Winner, Rean Larks."

Hulian was delighted to see that one of his disciples won. Especially since Rean is younger and has lower cultivation. It shows that his talent is better than Mialo. So far, his faction was giving quite an average show. But now things finally turned for the better.

"Hahaha! That kid isn't too bad, don't you think?"

Dierio Qasten's mouth twitched.

"Hmph! It was just luck."

Of course, he wasn't the least bit happy that one of the best disciples in his Fire Faction lost.

Back on Roan's side, the battle was still ongoing. Ria was definitely stronger than Mialo, and she was quite adept at speed with her Wind Affinity. Roan and Ria already exchanged quite a few clashes between each other.

But ultimately, she was challenging the master of all weapons. By using an opening that even Ria didn't know that was possible to be used, Roan sent her sword flying! She tried to jump back straight away, but Roan had Rean's Light Element support to strengthen his body, especially his legs. In the end, he stopped his own sword just before it pierced Ria's heart.

The judge nodded and raised Roan's hand, as well.

"Winner, Roan Larks!"

Ria seemed to be at a loss. She simply couldn't understand how he disarmed her. Looking at her face and considering what he did in the Blue Orchid District, Roan decided to send her a Spiritual Sense Message.

'It was your second step after the nearly diagonal slash. The Spiritual Energy accumulated on your right knee went out of control for a moment. I used this chance to dodge into a position where I could strike your weapon in the weakest part. At the same time, I used my spiritual energy to transfer some of my Dark Element into your hand. It made you lose the grip of your sword, which brought this result.'

'The reason it went out of control was the poor management of your Wind Element on your waist, which put extra pressure on the knees. Unfortunately, due to the meridians that you use and the way you control the Wind Element there, you won't ever be able to fix this issue. Also, most of the flaws I saw in your swordplay were pretty much related to the same problem. I only took this long to strike because of our difference in cultivation. Otherwise, this battle would have finished a lot earlier.'

'I recommend increasing the amount of Spiritual Energy on the joints of the knees instead of in your knees as a whole. At the moment, it has a 50/50 ratio, I would change to a 60/40. If you can't do that, you can also try to limit the number of steps during those strikes, which might also work. However, I strongly recommend the first solution since it is more practical in the long run. Although neither option will resolve the problem in your waist, it will be much harder to attack the flaws left behind because of it.'

Spiritual Sense messages are compiled of information that can be delivered in a second. So when Ria finally finished processing the whole message, Roan had already left the platform. She couldn't help but feel startled by what she heard, though.

'How did he see so much about me in just one quick fight?'

Ria came back from the arena without knowing whether she should try what Roan said or not. When her sisters saw her expression, they couldn't help but ask.

"Ria, are you alright? Did he hurt you?"

Rian immediately shook her head. She then turned to one of the girls of their group and asked.

"Senior Sister Amanda, can I ask something?"

Amanda nodded, not knowing why Ria had such an expression either.

Ria then told Amanda the entire message given by Roan. Amanda was also a sword and wind element user, so she was startled by what she heard as well.

"This! Isn't it exactly the problem that afflicts both our sword arts? It couldn't be that simple, right?"

It was at this moment that Amanda remembered one thing.

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Chapter 138: Trying the new changes

When Malaka joined the Blue Orchid District/Faction, she didn't enter the Spiritual Rebirth Formation straight away. As Rean and Roan heard before, she had been there for three weeks only. That means Malaka spent her first week doing other things there.

During that first week, Malaka's Senior Sisters, especially Amanda, tried out her combat power. It was then that they were shocked by her performance. Be it the use of Meridians, Elemental Control, Techniques, Staff Attack Style, etc. they were simply immaculate. The only reason she couldn't bring out the entire power of those moves was her lack of cultivation and comprehension. Nevertheless, a perfect foundation was laid bare for her already.

When they asked where how she learned all of that, she simply replied with a dark expression.

"It was Roan, he kept forcing me to train, train, train, and train even more. If anything I did was not to his like, he would punish me without mercy. I don't even want to remember anymore."

Amanda couldn't help but ask.

"Wasn't Roan a Sword User? Who taught you your Staff Style, and how is it called?"

Malaka pondered a bit before answering.

"Roan is good with any weapon. He can defeat me even if he suppresses his cultivation to my level using any type of weapon he wishes. Roan said he invented it. Roan calls it Death Style. My Staff is Death Staff Style, his Sword is Death Sword Style, the Spear is Death Spear Style, etc. He says that his style is totally focused on taking your opponent's life with the least amount of moves."

At that time, Amanda and the other female disciples didn't really believe it. After all, how could a kid be proficient with all kinds of weapons? It would already be very good if they were to master the basics of a single one. Let alone Malaka's other traits like the use of her Meridians, Elemental Control, etc. How could Roan know this much?

Back in the Gathering event building, Amanda began to doubt her convictions. Roan only fought Ria for less than a minute, but he already saw through all her flaws and even described them in detail. Not only that, but Roan also offered a solution! Of course, he also warned that it wouldn't fix the root of the problem. That being said, could it be that Roan had an idea of how to fix the Meridians problem on the waist?

Still, there was only one way to test the solution given by Roan.

Amanda then got up in the arena. Her cultivation is at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm. Her opponent just so happens to be a genius of the Sky Faction, which most of the Wind Element kids are brought over. He also has the same cultivation as Amanda, and their ages are only a single year apart. Amanda is 14 this year, while Lavo, her opponent, is 15.

The battle started, and it soon reached a stalemate. From the looks of it, a winner would not come out of it anytime soon. However, girls are naturally weaker when one thinks about the body resistance. There was no helping it. It was just how nature worked. If the battle really continued like this for too long, Amanda would eventually lose.

Amanda knew her opponent, that's why she decided to battle him. That would also be the best place to try out Roan's ideas. Although Amanda was reluctant to accept a man's help, she couldn't help but want to try it.

After changing the concentration of Spiritual Energy in her knees, as Roan mentioned, Amanda began her counter-attack once more. At first, the battle continued in the same stalemate. That's because this was something Amanda was trying for the first time, so she couldn't miraculously master such a change instantly.

However, as the battle progressed, Amanda got more and more used to her new stance. The stalemate that would bring her defeat began to crumble as she gained the advantage. The flaws left behind by the poor use of Wind Element and Meridians on the waist got harder and harder for her opponent to exploit. That wasn't all. Her attack power and speed were also improving with her new stance.

Finally, Amanda saw an opening. In fact, it wasn't really an opening. At least, it wasn't in the past. That's because she wouldn't be able to exploit it before hearing Roan's idea. It was a completely new opening that didn't exist for her previously. Ultimately, Amanda seized the victory against her opponent, thanks to that.

"Amanda Wins!"

Her opponent couldn't believe what he saw.

"Amanda, since when you got this strong?"

His full name was Lavo Cerfio. He knew Amanda very well, and they had fought several times in other gatherings. That's why he was shocked to have lost. Although victory wasn't guaranteed, he would always have a higher chance due to the difference in their resistance.



Amanda, of course, was startled too. At the last moment, her body almost moved on its own and was very comfortable to do so. It was the first time that her sword style connected a hit soo... naturally.

"I... I've been making a few changes in my Sword Style."

That's all she could have said. She then looked to the side just to see an 11 to 12 years old kid. He had pure black hair and looked at her with a weird smile. Sure enough, who else would it be if not Roan?

Suddenly, she received a Spiritual Sense message from him.

"I'm glad that those changes worked out."

Amanda's cheeks and ears went red. Others might not have noticed, but how could Roan not? Those were the changes that he proposed! Of course, Roan didn't mind it at all if Amanda wanted to take the credit or not. He only taught Ria so much to apologize for what Rean and he did in the Blue Orchid District/Faction. Obviously, he wouldn't talk about that, though.

Before Amanda could reign over her embarrassment and answer Roan's words, he already turned around and left. Roan had no intention of exposing the truth whatsoever. Since he gave the information to them, it was up to those female disciples to decide how to use it. He might as well consider it a gift too.

Amanda gritted her teeth and stomped her feet on the ground. She then turned around and left the arena while thinking.

'Hmph! You must be dreaming if you think I'll thank you.'

However, her red cheeks and ears would hardly convince anyone of her words.

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Chapter 139: Follow

The gathering continued for the day, and several other disciples of all factions fought. In the end, Rean and Roan only fought a battle each. Of course, they already caught enough attention by defeating

opponents about their cultivation level. Hulian felt very pleased with the eyes of envy of the other Inner Sect elders. In the end, he decided to reward Rean and Roan with 400 Sect Points each.

Rean and Roan obviously accepted it gladly. Sect points could be used for way too many things. However, before deciding what to spend the Sect Points, they had another more important decision to make.

[The Reward System has been upgraded.]

[Panther Bones - 50 Destiny Points] (Bought)

[Spiritual Sense Absorption Upgrade Level 1 - 100 Destiny Points]

[Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade - 40 Destiny Points] (Bought)

[Soul Connection Range Upgrade level 1 - 300 Destiny Points] (New)

[Destiny Points: 307]

Before, Rean and Roan had only 155 Destiny Points. However, with Rean's new partnership with the Janariz Weapon Store, his Steel Swords began to spread everywhere. It has already been a month since they signed their contract, so it was evident that the Steel Equipments started to change the destiny in a greater way.

One must remember that the Janariz Store Shop wasn't only present in Majorias City but had several branches in several others too. One entire month selling Steel Weapons and Armors changed who knows how many people's destinies. As Rean already expected, a weapon that could defeat a low-level spiritual one and is cheaper soon became famous. They were selling like hotcakes. That being said, Destiny Points began to fall into their pockets.

Another thing that also gave them Destiny Points was Rean's night with Elder Tiria. When he healed her back then, it also provided the twins with more Destiny Points. Elder Tiria is at the Nascent Soul Realm,

and she is a Core Elder of the Dalamu Sect. The fact that she came back into battle shape so fast obviously would influence the Sect as a whole.

Rean and Roan then looked at the new option available.

"What do you think? Should we go for the Spiritual Energy Absorption or Soul Connection Range?"

Roan pondered a bit before asking.

"Sister Orb, how far will the Soul Connection Range Upgrade go if we buy the upgrade?"

[At the moment, you can exchange your elements up to 10 kilometers. After buying the upgrade, it will be 30.]

"Seems a pretty good upgrade. We never know if we need to go into separated ways, so it might be of big help."

Rean nodded.

"I agree. However, I still think we should go for the Spiritual Energy Absorption first. Being close to each other is the best option, after all. Also, we might get separated because of a mission or something like that. Even if we expend to 30km now, it might not make much of a difference."

Roan had to admit that Rean was right.

"So, Spiritual Energy Absorption?"

Rean nodded.

"That shall be it."

They tapped on the Soul Gem Orb once more and made their choice.

[Spiritual Energy Absorption Level 1 - 100 Destiny Points.]

[Confirm Trade?]

"Yes!"

Suddenly, Rean and Roan felt their Meridians heating up. Not only that, but the ten pillars inside each of their Dantian Foundations seemed to increase in size too. Sure enough, the two fell on the ground and began to contort in pain.

The process continued for an hour before it was finally over.

Rean and Roan didn't have the strength to lift a single finger after that, though.

"Why... must it always... be so painful...?"

Sister Orb simply answered.

[No helping it, you are changing the very structure of your bodies and even your dantians in a span of just one hour. You should be grateful that you can get such improvements with a little bit of pain.]

Rean and Roan could only sigh helplessly.

When the two of them came out of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, they immediately checked their cultivation speed. Noticing the difference, They quickly nodded in satisfaction.

"It's really 5% faster, just as the Soul Gem System Mentioned."

Roan agreed with him.

"It might not look much, but it will make a big difference in the long run."

Rean then thought about something else.

"Sister Orb. Now that we bought the first level of the Spiritual Energy Absorption, is the second level available?"

[Yes. You can buy it at any time.]

"Great! How much is it?"

[1000 Destiny Points.]

Rean's mouth twitched.

"Cough, cough... Forget it."

Roan didn't seem impressed, though.

"That's to be expected. Otherwise, our cultivation speed might even double if it is too cheap. The fact that it can already increase the absorption speed without doing anything is already heaven-defying enough."

Rean sighed and nodded in the end.

"Let's save points for the Soul Connection Range Upgrade. It might come in hand in the future."

The next day, Rean and Roan finished the morning training. They were just about to leave when an outer sect disciple responsible for distributing the letters in the Sect approached them.

"Are you Rean?"

Rean nodded.

The disciple quickly passed the letter over and left straight away to make other deliveries.

After reading what was inside, Rean's eyes lit up!

"Great! The first payment has already been deposited into my account in the Zafa Bank. After one entire month of Steel Weapons and Armors selling, I made almost 2000 Rank Two Spirit Stones. As expected of a weapon store with branches in several big cities. In fact, Folca said that he used another 3000 for High-Level Blacksmith Materials, which are waiting for me there in Majorias City."

Roan nodded. Those things are Rean's field, so he won't intervene. Still, he was happy to hear that they will get more Rank Two Spirit Stones soon. They had been cultivating with Rank Ones so far, so it would be a good boost.

Rean then changed direction while using their Soul Connection to say.

'I'm going to Majorias City to take the materials and Spirit Stones. Fortunately, my duty in the beast taming faction helped a lot. I can borrow a flying demon beast to bring me there. I should be back by night time.'

Roan nodded once more.

'Alright, I'll be in the cultivation tower.'

With that, the twins went on their separate ways.

On his way to the Cultivation Tower, Roan took a more secluded path. At some point, he stopped, though. He looked behind, and his gaze fell on an inconspicuous corner.

"I wonder, how long do you plan to follow me?"

Right after, a shadow appeared as a person came into view.

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Chapter 140: Why Change?

"Your perception is much better than I thought."

Roan wasn't surprised to see her here, though.

"Amanda, right? Is there something you need?"

Amanda Rosenvil, the same female disciple that used Roan's idea after he talked with Ria. Ever since that day, Roan didn't leave her mind. Of course, the reason for that was obviously the changes he proposed to Ria. But above all, it was the fact that he could tell the problem on the meridians on their waists, something that they couldn't figure out so far.

"You know very well why I came. How did you find the problem in our sword skills? Tell me."

For half a second, Roan looked at the same corner Amanda came from. He then shrugged his shoulders before saying.

"For me, it is effortless to see such flaws as long as the cultivation difference isn't too big. I'm already at the peak of the Initial Stage of the Foundation Establishment, while that girl called Ria was at the start of the Late Stage. Our cultivation wasn't even two entire small realms of difference, so I could tell where the problem was."

"We both know that you used it after. Ria and another girl also applied the fix I told you later. Since everything is fine, why did you come?"

Amanda narrowed her eyes. Roan really looked no more than 11 or 12 years old. However, the feeling she got from him was that he was much older than that. Well, Amanda is only 14 this year, so she isn't that much older to start with. Yet, the feeling Amanda got was that she was talking with one of the elders of the Sect instead. Besides, there was one thing she was suspicious about. The incident of the underwear stealing. Considering the Malaka was going through the Spiritual Rebirth at that time, could it be that the twins had something to do with it?

"Indeed, we did apply your suggestion, and it played very well. What baffles me is, why would you help us? I know that many of you men like to show off in front of our Blue Orchid Female Disciples. However, different from the others, I don't feel like you are like them. If anything, you probably couldn't care less about our existence."

Amanda had been a member of the Blue Orchid for over 5 years already. She joined when she was only 9. From 11 to 12 ahead, she got used to the male disciples' eyes around the same age as her from the other factions. One could say that she got quite experienced with it. However, Roan was too young. Also, he didn't give her the same kind of feeling at all.

"Oh?! And why would you say that about me?"

Amanda snorted.

"Am I wrong?"

Roan chuckled as he shook his head.

"You aren't entirely wrong, but there is one girl there that I do have some connection with. Anyway, you probably know that already, so I won't jump into details."

Roan pondered a bit and then continued.

"Let's just say that if you are to keep those flaws, it could have affected Malaka's training while there. Since you got it partially repaired, it should be good for Malaka too. Anyway, there is no need to thank me."



Roan could tell

Amanda felt like beating Roan already. His attitude was just...

"Why should I thank you? You said what you wanted, no one of our Blue Orchid Faction asked for your help."

Roan nodded.

"Exactly! That's why I said there is no need to thank me. I did that because I wanted it. If you came here just to say that you won't thank me, then we are of the same mind. We can now follow our own paths."

Suddenly, another girl came out of the shadows. It turned out that it was Ria, the girl Roan fought against. Roan, of course, wasn't the least bit surprised by that either. Even after Amanda came out, Roan still felt her presence there.

Ria approached Amanda nervously.

"Senior sister, we didn't come here to fight, right?"

Amanda's mouth twitched a bit, but she knew that Ria was right. It's just that because of Roan's attitude, she couldn't bring herself to say the words she wanted to. In the end, the encounter reached an awkward silence.

Roan then turned around while saying.

"Well, if that's all, then I'm taking my leave. Make sure to treat Malaka properly. Farewell."

"Wait!"

Amanda bit her lips and finally began to ask what she really wanted.

"You were able to tell that the way we used our meridians in our waist to attract the wind element was wrong. That it couldn't be fixed, and the knees change was just to help make the flaws left behind harder to be exploited. If that's the case, does it mean that you know how to fix the problem?"

Amanda's cheeks and ears were completely red with embarrassment. It was even worse than that day when Roan sent her a Spiritual Sense Message on the arena.

Roan stopped his steps and looked behind. He noticed she definitely hated asking for help from outsiders, just like Malaka said. After all, she carried the Blue Orchid pride with her.

Roan chuckled a little before asking.

"And what if I know?"

Amanda was taken aback. Only then she remembered a crucial fact.

'That's right, he isn't like the others who will do everything to catch our attention. He simply doesn't care about our appearances at all.'

"Let's... Let's make a trade! You teach Ria and me how to fix the problems on our swordplay and meridians, and we will help with something else you need."

Roan's interest was finally picked.

"Anything?"

Amanda and Ria felt a chill on their backs.

"As... As long as it is within our abilities. But you better not go overboard. What if I'm wrong, and you are really a pervert like the others? Wouldn't we be throwing ourselves at the tiger's mouth?"

Roan was speechless.

"I didn't know that the Blue Orchid Faction's female disciples had such dirty minds..."

Amanda and Ria were taken aback. Their faces became even redder! That's right, Roan never said anything about that kind of topic.

"That's..."

However, Roan didn't have the patience to keep entertaining the two brats, so he went straight to the point.

"Leaving your mind aside, I do have something I want. I need a free passage into the Blue Orchid Faction to visit Malaka whenever Rean or I wish. Of course, we don't mind being accompanied by another of your disciples at that time. You don't know this, but we promised Malaka's parents to take care of her, and I intend to keep that promise."

Amanda and Ria dropped their heads in embarrassment once more. In the end, what he wanted has nothing to do with the two of them. Amanda couldn't help but think.

'Could it be that I'm the perverted one?'

She quickly shook her head and agreed with Roan's request.

"Cough, cough... That's fine. Our Blue Orchid Faction is usually strict for visits. Still, it's not like we prohibit anyone from entering as long as they have permission. However, it's just like you said. Every time you come inside, you will need to be accompanied by a disciple to make sure you won't do anything else while you are there. That's a female faction/district, after all."

Roan nodded.

"That's fine. As long as we can talk with Malaka, that will be enough."

Roan took the chance to pretend that he didn't know what was happening with Malaka.

"By the way, it has already been an entire month since Malaka entered your Blue Orchid District/Faction. Still, she hasn't come out even once to visit us. Since that's the case, can I go there now to see how she is faring?"

Amanda narrowed her eyes. It really didn't seem that Roan knew about the underwear incident.

'Well, to avoid all the elders of our Blue Orchid Faction with a cultivation at the Initial Stage of the Foundation Establishment would really be ridiculous. Perhaps, I'm only thinking too much.

"She is in a mission at the moment. She probably won't finish it before another month has gone by."

Roan seemed to get puzzled by that answer.

"A mission that takes over a month for a new disciple? What kind of mission is it? Also, how dangerous?"

Amanda shook her head.

"I'm not allowed to talk about it. However, you don't need to worry. I can guarantee that she will come back safely."

Roan nodded.

"I'll believe you for the time being. From what I heard, the Blue Orchid Faction/District isn't the type to say empty words."

Roan then put his hand inside his back, pretending to take something from inside. However, he was retrieving two books from the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm instead.

He then threw the two books at the girls before saying.

"This is my Death Sword Style Manual. Give up your sword style and change to this one."

Amanda and Ria were taken aback once more.

"Why would we change Sword Styles?"

Roan snorted before speaking as if stating a fact.

"Because your current ones are a PIECE OF SHIT!"