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Chapter 1371: Good To See You Again

"Gone? How are they gone?" Hurio and Lilia were obviously shocked to hear that. "First of all, where's the explosion that should have happened?"

Kentucky shook his head as he replied, "How would I know that? After that flash of bright light, everything disappeared. And by everything, I mean the meteorite and your sister's group."

Rean shrugged his shoulders after that. "Well, now we know what they wanted to do, although we don't know what purpose it serves." Rean then looked at Lilia and Hurio and said, "We only have another day or so before arriving at the altar. We don't have much time left. Do you guys want to go check what your sister was doing in that building, or do you want to go ahead?"

"This..." Hurio had the full Dragon Mark now, and Lilia would be safe with Sally on her side. If they went there, they might become involved in whatever Mira and Lamanto were trying to do in the Lost Star Realm.

Rean also added, "To be honest, I already got enough Fallen Light Star Fragments around three days ago. I'm only collecting more in case I need them for something else in the future. I'm a blacksmith, after all. If you want to go and see what your sister was trying to do, Roan and I will take our leave here."

Hurio couldn't help but say in response, "If you do that, then Sally will leave with you. She's only here because of your Light Element Affinity. Once that happens, Lilia and I will become helpless if the cultivators from the top ten powers find us. Let's not even mention the Light Element Wave that will come sometime later."

"Well, that's true." Rean didn't deny Hurio's words, nodding.

Roan then glanced at Hurio and Lilia and asked them, "Do you really want us to follow you, though? I believe you haven't forgotten that you still haven't told us what you needed the Fallen Light Star Fragments for. If Roan and I go there, wouldn't we find out? At the moment, we don't have an interest in whatever your sister's group is doing. But if it turns out that we can get something out of it, we won't mind using Sally to acquire it."

Sure enough, those words made Hurio and Lilia shut up. Sally was protecting their group, sure. However, she was protecting Rean above all. There was nothing Hurio and Lilia could do about that. "Sigh... fine. Let's head to the altar."

Roan narrowed his eyes, though. If they had said that they didn't care anymore, it would be fine. They could simply fly to that building with Kentucky and see what they could find. However, even now, Hurio would rather not risk Rean, Roan, and Kentucky from finding out what they were using the Fallen Light Star Fragments for compared to what Mira and Lamanto were trying to do. Just what could be that important?

Rean nodded with a smile after that, saying, "If that's the case, let's get on Kentucky and head to the altar. Who knows? Perhaps your sister's group found a way to enter that Divine Plane that no one knows, and we'll actually meet them there. Hahaha!"

Hurio and Lilia looked at each other after that. At the very least, Mira and Lamanto didn't seem to know much about the Light Barrier, the Light Element Waves, and the so-called Divine Plane. They looked very surprised when they saw that Light Element Wave for the first time as well. Could it be that they knew about it and pretended they didn't? Then again, why would they know about some secret entrance that even the top ten powers were unaware of? That didn't seem plausible.

Nevertheless, Hurio couldn't help but think about that boy they met in the park. He still remembered how that boy seemed to look in his direction just before he disappeared. 'Why do I feel like the boy and my sister's group are connected?' It's just that he didn't tell anyone about that.

Of course, Rean could try one last thing. "Sally, do you know what the people on that building were trying to do?" Sure enough, there was still Sally there. She seemed to be acquainted with the Guardian Beasts in the pools, so she might have an idea.

However, Sally just shook her head in response. "No..." It was hard to tell whether she was telling the truth or not. In any case, Rean didn't insist on it.

"Well then. Let's go." After that, Rean immediately jumped on Kentucky's back, followed by the others right after. Eventually, Kentucky took flight and resumed their journey.

Along the way, Rean took the chance to ask Hurio, “By the way. Are you okay with not looking for more Fallen Light Star Fragments? If so, I’ll tell Kentucky to bring us straight to the altar.”

Hurio and Lilia looked at each other after that as they seemed to be discussing something through Divine Sense messages. A moment later, Hurio finally nodded as he replied, “I already got more than I expected, so we’re fine. Of course, if we can get more, then that would be even better.”

Rean shook his head after hearing that. “Since you don’t need any extra ones, we won’t stop anymore.” Rean then turned to Kentucky and told him, “You heard the guy.”

“Yep. I won’t stop.” Kentucky then flapped his wings with a lot more strength and zoomed into the distance with Rean’s group on his back.

It took around a day and a half, but Rean’s group arrived at the altar that Opacli talked about. Not only that, but they soon found out that quite a few cultivators had gathered there as well. The majority of them had the clothes and badges of the top ten powers, with just a few other cultivators that didn’t really understand what was happening there.

Rean wasn’t sure how many of the top ten powers’ disciples died in the fights for the marks. However, it was obvious that not even half of the amount that first entered the Light Barrier was present. Perhaps some of them haven’t arrived yet, but there was no doubt that many had passed away by now, losing their marks for the sake of the selection.

“Zack! Zeck! Over here!” As they arrived at the altar, Rean immediately recognized a voice calling for them. Sure enough, Opacli was there. As for the disciples he was in charge of, only two of them seemed to be alive with complete beast marks on their foreheads. The other three disciples Opacli was in charge of were nowhere to be seen.

Moving closer to him, Rean smiled in response and said, “It’s good to see you again, Sir Opacli.”

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Chapter 1372: Resonance

Opacli nodded, saying, “Same goes for me. So, we should be very close to the number of cultivators with complete marks now. Once the time comes, everyone’s marks will interact with the altar in the center,

and the passage to the Divine Plane will open. That's also the moment where you'll have to tell me the methods to form an agreement with the ancient beasts."

Rean and Roan nodded in response. "That's obvious. We definitely don't want to die here for nothing. In the end, whether you can form agreements with the ancient beasts or not isn't our problem. After all, we intend to go back from where we came after we're done with it. That's why we don't really care that much in telling you since we would have reaped the benefits already."

Opacli was satisfied to hear that. Of course, he wasn't concerned since Rean and Roan... or Zack and Zeck had signed the Soul Binding Contracts. That's something one shouldn't be able to escape from. "Oh, by the way..." Opacli remembered something else. "You told me you had some relationship with our Croste Clan. However, I couldn't find anyone there that knew people that looked like you."

Rean just smiled in response, telling him, "Of course, you didn't. After all, this isn't our real appearance, nor is it our real name. Senior Opacli should know that we wouldn't reveal our real identities that easily, right?"

Opacli wasn't the least bit surprised by Rean's words. "As I thought. Then, what kind of relationship do you have with our Croste Clan? Would you mind telling me who it may be that you know there? Perhaps it can make things easier for your group once you exit the Lost Star Realm. We do have quite some power in this continent, after all."

Rean thought that Opacli might have an idea already. After all, Rean made it simple for them. Two brothers? Connection with the Croste Clan? Wouldn't that mean these brothers with different features were the same duo that had a relationship with Tixa? But then again, the relationship with Tixa was kind of a scandal, so chances are that almost no one in the Croste Clan itself knew of it. It would definitely explain why the Croste Clan didn't connect the dots.

"Leaving that aside, did you bring the Divine Stones and the vials of Freezing Star Liquid?" Rean didn't answer Opacli's question and instead asked for the items.

Opacli wasn't surprised that 'Zack' didn't answer and nodded right after. "Yes, here you go." He then threw a spatial ring to Rean, which Rean quickly checked. Inside it were the vials and the twenty thousand Rank Two Divine Stones.

Roan also checked the contents of the ring and was very satisfied. In the end, he didn't have to go explore this place without any guarantees that he would find the liquid. 'Send the vials and Divine Stones into the Dimensional Realm. If there's any kind of tracker on them, it will be useless in the Dimensional Realm.'

Rean agreed with Roan on that. 'Sure thing.'

The vials and Divine Stones then fell into the Dimensional Realm, which Sister Orb immediately checked. [Hehe! You were right. It's very well hidden, but there's a tracker inside the Divine Stones. Oh well, it's useless as nothing can enter or leave the Dimensional Realm without our permission, including the signal it produces.]

Rean and Roan nodded after that. Right after, Rean looked at Opacli again and said, "Everything is okay. Well, we do have a Soul Binding Contract active for both sides, so I wasn't afraid of our deal going south to start with."

Opacli sighed in relief. "So, can you tell me how to form an agreement with the ancient beasts? We have already reached this point, and everyone is more or less ready to enter the second plane. It shouldn't take long for it to open."

Rean shook his head, telling Opacli, "Wait until the passage opens. I want to guarantee that nothing wrong will happen."

Opacli could only play along as the contract did state that Rean had to pass the information before entering the Divine Plane. Since it hadn't opened yet, he didn't have to say anything yet.

In the meantime, Hurio looked at how Rean's deal was concluded and how the contract didn't take any effect on him. By now, Hurio was really thinking that perhaps the twins had a way to avoid the contract. 'Oh well... I've already reached his place, so I can only move forward.'

Another day and a half passed in a flash until finally, one last cultivator, surprisingly someone who wasn't part of any of the top ten powers, appeared with a complete bear mark. His presence obviously caught the attention of the people from the top ten powers. After all, none of them had noticed that guy before. Of course, it was obvious that he had to kill members of the top ten powers to get his mark. As for which of the ten powers had the bear marks, it was the Forse Guild.

The members of the Forse Guild, including their Void Tempering Realm elder, narrowed their eyes when they saw that. However, now that everyone had reached the altar, they couldn't do anything with the guy anymore. A complete mark couldn't be robbed, even if the owner was killed. Besides, his mark was necessary to open the Divine Plane. In any case, the elder and the disciples marked his features and would definitely look for this guy once the event was over.

Roan looked at the man as well and couldn't help but comment, "That guy... isn't part of the humanoid races."

Surprisingly, Roan was right. The man was, in fact, a demon beast who reached the Transition Realm. As mentioned before, demon beasts could assume a humanoid form when they reached that level. Here, in the Realm of Gods, that's also when they acquired intelligence. He had several features of his demon beast race, even as a human. However, above all else, his demonic beast aura was clear as day for everyone present.

Then again, there wasn't much time to think about it.. That's because the moment the guy appeared, all the third stage marks on everyone's foreheads activated and started to resonate with the altar in the center.

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Chapter 1373: Entering The Portal

From what the twins heard, the portal to the Divine Plane would appear at the base of the altar. The altar itself was enormous, having several tens of meters. Many inscriptions that no one could understand were engraved on it, all of which resonated with the cultivators' marks.

At some point, the Void Tempering Realm elders from the top ten powers felt spatial power gathering around the altar. The level of the spatial powers being attracted by the altar was very high, something that those elders couldn't even dream about wielding someday.

Eventually, the ground seemed to open... well, the ground was still there. It's just that the portal appeared right on top of it. The altar itself was in the middle, seeming to be floating on a pool of dark water. Sure enough, the portal appeared at the base of the altar, surrounding it completely.

As soon as that was done, one cultivator, who wasn't part of the top ten powers, rushed inside. He had been lurking around, trying to understand what was happening in the Lost Star Realm. There were quite a few others in the area in the same situation as him, knowing that the top ten powers were up to something that was probably very beneficial.

No one tried to stop the guy, though. In fact, Rean could see the disdain in the eyes of the disciples from the top ten powers. It was obvious that they knew something would happen.

Bzzzzzz!

Right when that guy entered the portal, the altar shone with white light, instantly enveloping his body.

Arrrrgh!

The white light seemed to melt the guy's body in the next moment, giving him only the chance to scream before his body was pulverized. That scene made Rean's group remember the Light Element Wave they saw before entering the depths of the Lost Star Realm.

The rest of the cultivators obviously didn't dare to get even close to the portal now. The guy who tried to rush inside was in the Late Stage of the Transition Realm but still died in an instant. Their fates wouldn't be any better if they tried it.

Eventually, some disciples from the Vanios Sect, which had marks that looked like a three-legged white crow, moved towards the portal. When they got close, the altar once again shone with the same white light. However, they didn't get affected by it at all. The three-legged white crow on their foreheads glowed as it released some kind of power that kept the altar's light from touching them. Following that, they jumped inside the portal on the ground and disappeared.

The other powers' disciples who had their third stage marks did the same, jumping inside the altar's portal one after another.

Rean then looked at Sally and said, "Sally, we are going ahead. You'll be responsible for protecting Lilia until the Light Element Waves are gone. Alright?"

Sally nodded and floated to Lilia's shoulder. Since Lilia didn't have any marks, she obviously couldn't enter the altar's portal. Lilia and Hurio then discussed something through Divine Sense before they bade each other farewell. After all, Hurio would be sent outside the Lost Star Realm after the Divine Plane closed a week later.

Rean, Roan, and Hurio then jumped on Kentucky's back. "Alright! Let's go, Kentucky!"

Opacli was taken aback and quickly reminded Rean. "Hey, you haven't told me the method to control the ancient beasts yet. You'll die if you enter the portal without telling me."

Rean looked at Opacli and laughed after that. "Hahaha! True, true! Very well, this is how I formed an agreement with the ancient beasts." Rean then retold how he gained Sally's trust, much to Opacli's shock. "What?! Did you heal that Armoured Salamander's child? Wait! That isn't useable at all! I made it very clear in the contract that the method had to be possible to be used by our clan. This is far from that."

Rean shook his head as he replied, "Of course, it's not! All you need to do is find an ancient beast with a child who's at the brink of death and help him. Of course, that's only if the ancient beast doesn't kill anyone who gets close."

Kentucky then took flight and headed to the portal. At the same time, Rean gave Opacli one last piece of information. "By the way, tell Tixa... no, wait! Her real name is Maeralya Croste. Anyways, tell Maeralya that her lovers are still alive and kicking. Next time, don't go around wiping out several cities. For now, we're taking these vials of Freezing Star Liquid and Rank Two Divine Stones for what you did. You shouldn't have tried to kill us, much less kill all those innocent people while doing that."

Opacli was enraged. First of all, what were the twins even talking about? Maeralya's lovers? He didn't know anything about that. All he knew was that those three vials of Freezing Star Liquid were worth a huge fortune, and even the Croste Clan would feel a huge pain to lose that. "Wait right there!"

Opacli immediately used his spatial powers and tried to stop the twins. However, Sally's eyes shone with a fiery light before her Fire-attribute spatial power came out and hit Opacli. This time, she didn't care about keeping him alive and immediately obliterated the guy. Opacli had nothing to do with the selection, after all. He didn't have a mark.

Sally then looked at the two disciples that were together with Opacli, which made them almost piss in their clothes. However, unlike Opacli, they had the third stage marks, so she couldn't do anything to them. Sally and Lilia waited for the twins to disappear into the portal after that. Once that happened, Sally covered Lilia with her spatial powers, and the two females soon disappeared on the spot. With Sally's control over space, none of the elders there could hope to follow them. And just like that, the Croste Clan lost an elder and a huge fortune.

The remaining elders of the other powers snorted after seeing that. In the end, there was no such thing as an ancient beast control method. For them, it was very good that they lost the bid since they would be the ones to receive the loss.

Not too long after, all the disciples and that demon beast with third stage marks entered the portal.. The portal disappeared right after, confirming that everyone who had the right to enter had done so already.

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Chapter 1374: What Is This Thing?

Nevertheless, in the area where the elders saw the disciples disappearing, their disdain as to what happened to the elder of the Croste Clan only lasted a few moments. After all, they had another issue, which was the fact that Rean's group had entered the Divine Plane.

"What now? I already informed my sect about what happened here," an elder of the Vanios Sect could not help but say.

"There isn't much we can do. As you know, everyone is teleported randomly in the Lanqueas Continent once the Divine Plane is done." This time, it was the elder of the Jix Organization who said that.

All these elders had been enemies not long ago, helping their disciples acquire the third stage marks. But now that the Divine Plane had opened, they didn't have a need to fight anymore. They could put their heads together to think about the twins' group and that demon beast who found out about the truth of the Lost Star Selection.

"I'm pretty sure the Croste Clan left some way of tracking those brats down. I definitely would if it was me."

“Indeed. However, we can’t risk it too much. It would be better if our disciples in the Divine Plane got rid of them.”

“That’s complicated. The Divine Plane was always used for cultivation, after all. If they lost precious time cultivating while looking for those guys, they wouldn’t achieve the breakthroughs they need to achieve.”

“He’s right. I also told my guild’s disciples that they should ignore everything and focus on cultivation. Only attack if attacked.”

“Not to mention that at first, they wouldn’t be able to do anything to anyone else. You know how the Divine Plane works.”

It was then that an elder mentioned, “But did you hear Opacli’s words before he died? He made sure the Soul Binding Contract’s clauses were written in a way that Zack and Zeck couldn’t avoid. However, it didn’t seem like those two suffered anything from breaking the contract.”

“Hmph! There’s no way to avoid the contract. It was definitely Opacli’s mistake that left some opening in the clauses that allowed those guys to ignore it.”

Yuan, the Lanqueas Sect Elder, shook his head as he said, “You all know just how important Feezing Star Liquid is for us. It’s an extremely rare material for Yin Energy cultivators. If it were you, would you leave any breaches in the contract those brothers could exploit?”

With that, everyone went silent. Sure enough, they would definitely not do something that stupid, especially with how fishy this ancient beast controlling method sounded. “Are you telling me that those brothers have a way to nullify the Soul Binding Contracts?”

Yuan nodded in response. “Yes.” However, he also warned everyone. “It’s just that I’m not sure. Who knows? It might really have been a mistake from Opacli’s side. I strongly doubt that to be the case, though.”

The elders there pondered in silence for a moment before they reached a conclusion. “We better contact our higher-ups and let them know about it. We must capture those brothers at all costs.

Someone try to contact the Croste Clan as well. With Opacli's death, there isn't anyone left to send a message to them."

The Jix Organization elder nodded. "Leave it to me. My Jix Organization is the closest one to the Croste Clan. I'll tell them to send someone to talk with them and try to understand more about those brothers. They said something about being lovers with Maeralya, and the only Maeralya I know is the princess of their clan. We need to learn more about it."

Eventually, they all agreed to that before they looked at the other cultivators in the area. Sure enough, they were all at a loss on what to do now that the portal had closed. All they could do was to wait and see what the elders of the top ten powers would do to survive the Light Element Waves and try to copy that.

However, those elders just snorted in response and immediately left together. They did have a way to survive. But they wouldn't tell those people how it was done. First of all, if not because they knew the Light Element Wave would kill those people, they would have done it themselves. Those cultivators had seen too much already.

Meanwhile, in the Divine Plane of the Lost Star Realm, the twins and the other cultivators from the various powers appeared one after another. The space was anything but big. It was possible to see the spatial barrier surrounding the area. Rean and Roan immediately recognized that since the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm had a similar barrier to separate it from the outside world.

All the cultivators that appeared in that Divine Plane then dropped to the ground as the portal was located on the ceiling of that plane. Rean's group also noticed the same altar that was located on the third level of the Lost Star Realm. As mentioned before, the altar opened a portal around it, and it seemed that the other half of the altar was inside this place.

Rean then commented through the Soul Connection with Roan, 'This place should span any more than a few dozen kilometers from one side of the plane to the other.'

Roan agreed with him. 'It's still bigger than the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, though. I believe it's around three times as big.'

It was then that they received a message from Celis through Sister Orb. 'Who cares about how big it is? Can't you feel the Divine Origin Energy? Stop wasting time and start cultivating already. Open a passage so that I can use my roots... no, forget making a passage. Bring me out and let's cultivate together!' Celis was obviously ecstatic with all the energy he could feel from the Dimensional Realm.

However, Rean and Roan had to first guarantee they were safe. After all, they appeared in this place together with the disciples from the other top ten powers. What if they all decide to attack their group?

'Wait!' It was then that Rean noticed something. 'How come Celis is talking to us? The Soul Gem Dimensional Realm should be closed at the moment due to the dangerous situation we're in.'

Sister Orb immediately answered. [There's nothing dangerous here. At least at this very moment, no one can attack you. Everyone here is pretty much immune to any damage.]

Only then did Rean and Roan notice that their bodies seemed to have a soft white glow over them.. It was very faint, so they only noticed it now. 'What is this thing?'

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Chapter 1375: Divine Demon Bird

Sister Orb immediately answered them. [That's the thing that's protecting everyone here. The Divine Origin Energy in this place is being mixed with Light Element before being attached to the living beings in this Divine Plane. Don't ask me how it's being done, though. All I can tell you is that there's a formation working on it, but its level is so high that even analyzing it would take me centuries at the very least.]

Fortunately, Rean and Roan were more than satisfied with that explanation. After that, they looked around and saw that the disciples of the top ten powers were heading to their own corners. They also saw the two disciples who were following Opacli look at them with dark expressions. However, even though both of them were in the Initial Stage of the Transition Realm, none of them tried to attack the twins.

Hurio didn't hear Sister Orb's explanation, so Rean told him about the protection barrier himself. Of course, he pretended that it was just an idea of his since no one attacked them. Hurio nodded after listening, obviously happy that they wouldn't need to fight in this place.

In any case, the Divine Plane was basically empty. Other than the white glow coming from its ground, there was nothing else to see in the area. That puzzled Rean's group a little, as the little girl told them that there was something else they might be able to acquire here.

"Can you guys see anything different in this place at all?" Rean asked.

Roan, Kentucky, and Hurio shook their heads in response. "Everything looks exactly the same. However, Divine Sense doesn't work well in this Lost Star Realm, so there might be something hidden here. Or perhaps the little girl was just making us look like fools all this time."

After that, Kentucky brought their group to a corner far from the other cultivators. Since this plane was basically a flat white glowing ground, it was very easy to see the other cultivators. And that was considering the fact that all of them distanced themselves from each other, spanning several kilometers.

Kentucky couldn't help but mention something at that point. "Since we're all protected by this light, why would those disciples from the top ten powers stay so far from each other? It shouldn't matter where you cultivate."

Roan agreed with Kentucky, coming up with an idea as he answered, "That might mean that this protection won't last forever. You all better keep your eyes peeled in case you see anything different. Anyways, let's not waste time anymore. Kentucky, go down."

To be safe, Kentucky landed as far as he could from any of the other teams before Rean, Roan, and Hurio hopped off his back. "Now then. Although there might be something else we should pay attention to here, that shouldn't be our focus. Instead, do as all the others are doing, and let's cultivate."

Rean nodded in response before he and Roan accessed the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and pulled Celis out. Suddenly, an enormous Demon Tree appeared in that Divine Plane, much to everyone's surprise.

"The hell?!"

"Where did that thing come from?!"

“It’s a Demon Tree... but which species is that?”

“Did it pass the test as well without anyone noticing?”

“As if! If it had, it would have entered from the same portal as we did. However, it just appeared several kilometers away from it.”

“Those guys from the Jhiod Continent are really resourceful.”

By now, the cultivators were really starting to believe that Rean’s group came from Jhiod. Otherwise, how would they be able to do such a thing? Hiding a Demon Tree on that side should be extremely hard.

Hurio, obviously, was even more shocked. “What the fuck is this thing?!”

Rean laughed before introducing the tree to Hurio. “This is Celis. Just like Kentucky, he also has sentience. He came from the same continent as we did.”

Celis looked at Hurio for a moment before completely ignoring him. Instead, Celis spread his roots all around, covering at least a kilometer in radius. He only wanted to cultivate and absorb as much Divine Origin Energy as possible, and his roots would help a lot with that. However... “This ground can’t be penetrated. I tried to burrow my roots into it, but my roots couldn’t go even a centimeter down.”

Rean then asked back, “Will that reduce your cultivation speed?”

Celis shook his head, replying, “No. This place isn’t the outside world. Since there isn’t a real ground for me to attach myself to, then the cultivation speed will stay the same.”

“That’s good.” Obviously, Rean, Roan, and Kentucky were happy to hear that.

Celis then looked at Kentucky after that and told him, “Come to your nest and cultivate there. With our synergy, our cultivation speed will be much higher.”

Kentucky didn't need to hear it twice before landing on Celis's back. In fact, Celis didn't even try to look like a different Demon Tree and immediately returned to his World Swallowing Cedar form. Thanks to that, someone in the group recognized his race.

"A World Swallowing Cedar!" Surprisingly, it wasn't the disciples from the top ten powers that recognized Celis. Instead, it was that demon beast who was in his human form, the only other being other than the twins' group who had entered this place.

He intended to first sit down and cultivate. However, after seeing that, he immediately came to talk with Rean's group.

Naturally, Rean's group noticed his approach. "Hello, sir. Do you need anything?"

The demon beast then looked at the top of the World Swallowing Cedar and saw Kentucky sit on his nest, looking at him as well. Eventually, he decided to ask, "Are you willing to sell this World Swallowing Cedar to me? I can pay a very good price for him."

Rean and Roan looked at Celis with weird expressions. Sell Celis? They didn't have that kind of authority. Rean then asked Celis through a Divine Sense Message, 'Well, you heard the guy. Do you want to sell yourself?'

Celis felt like giving Rean a beating. 'Fuck you. Can't you tell? He's obviously a Divine Demon Bird. Otherwise, why would he show any interest in me? He also wants to build a nest on me. Just so you know, Kentucky and I totally can feel the Divine Blood in his body.'

Rean was surprised to hear that, and he immediately looked back at that demon beast and asked, "Which kind of Divine Demon Bird are you?"

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Chapter 1376: The Door

Naturally, that demon beast also felt the Divine Blood in Kentucky. "Oh! So you can tell? Sorry, but I'm not going to talk about it as my race's abilities might be found. However, you can know my name at least. I'm called Tutilin. I can tell that your Demon Bird also has Divine Blood. However, since it hasn't gained sentience yet, it can't make full use of this Divine Demon Tree. It's not intelligent enough."

It was then that Kentucky snorted in response. "Hmph! Are you calling me dumb or something?"

Rean and Roan agreed with the guy, though. "Brother, you sure have good eyes. That's indeed a nonintelligent Demon Bird."

Kentucky felt like crying after that. "Fuck you!"

However, Tutilin was shocked to hear Kentucky's voice. "I-i-i-it has sentience?! How?! It's only a Peak Stage Seven Divine Demon Bird!"

Seeing that the Minokawa had already spilled the beans, Celis took the chance to talk as well. "Alright, there's no need to continue this conversation. Kentucky and I have already formed our connection. Even if I were to go with you, I wouldn't be able to do the same thing again. You better look for another Divine Demon Tree."

Tutilin was losing his mind after that. "How... even the Demon Tree can talk..."

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he said, "Well, leaving aside that they shouldn't be talking that freely, the fact is that demon beasts and plants can talk in the continent we came from." Rean then used the same excuse he has used countless times already.

"A continent where all demon beasts can use Divine Sense since Stage Five to send messages and literally talk at Stage Six? Well, that's a first. I've never heard about this Turin Region either." Tutilin didn't know how to proceed anymore. However, he still wished to have Celis. "Well, it'll be faster if I can directly talk to the World Swallowing Cedar."

Tutilin continued, "Celis, right? I can offer you all the resources they're giving you and so much more. How about you cut your connection off with that other guy?"

Kentucky felt like he was invisible. "You know I can hear you, right?"

Tutilin didn't seem to care, though. "So what? Do you have any idea how rare Divine Demon Trees are? They're definitely many times rarer than Divine Demon Birds like us. If not because everyone is protected by this annoying barrier, I would have killed you already just so that I could have Celis for myself. Well, at least that was the plan until I found out that you and Celis already had intelligence."

Hurio then looked at the twins before asking in a low voice, "Aren't you going to do anything?"

Roan didn't even bother answering as Rean replied with a smile, "What's fun about that? Let them decide whatever they want. Don't forget that we aren't really their masters or anything. If they so wish to, we will let them go at any time."

Kentucky wouldn't give up that easily, though. "Is that so? Too bad I do have sentience, and so does Celis. Now that we have our connection, our lives are also connected. You're too late. Go away and try to find another Divine Demon Tree for yourself."

Celis was surprised about another thing, though. 'So in the Realm of Gods, Divine Demon Trees are rarer than Divine Demon Birds, huh? Hmm... perhaps, this is only a regional thing.'

Nevertheless, he put those thoughts aside for now. He was supposed to be cultivating, after all. "Alright, that's enough. I already have Kentucky, and he and these brothers have done a lot of things for me. I'll be following them even if you can give me a better cultivation environment." Celis didn't really believe that, though. Rean and Roan's potential to earn even more high-level Divine Stones in the future was higher than any of the people he had seen so far. Especially Rean with his Circuitry Formations and forging methods.

Tutilin obviously didn't like that answer, saying in response, "You're wasting a great opportunity here."

Celis didn't care. "Even if I am, I am me. I have my own thoughts and am free to do whatever I want. At the moment, I have no interest in switching Kentucky for another Divine Demon Beast. Now, if you'll excuse me, I need to cultivate."

Rean then patted Tutilin's shoulder after that. "Well, I let him decide what he wanted and didn't intervene. Good luck finding another Divine Demon Tree in the future, brother."

Tutilin wanted to do nothing else but give Rean a beating. Didn't he hear about the rarity of Divine Demon Trees? Chances are he might never see another one again. "Hmph! I won't give up that easily. You'll eventually see that I'm definitely a better choice." Soon after, he left the twins' group alone.

"Alright, let's cultivate. Just ignore everyone else for the moment," Roan said.

Celis agreed. "You guys can fully focus on cultivation as well. I have all my roots spread a kilometer away from us around our position. If anyone enters its range, I'll be able to tell immediately."

Rean, Roan, Kentucky, and Hurio were obviously satisfied to hear that and immediately sat down to cultivate. Then again, the real difference there was Celis. The moment he began to absorb Divine Origin Energy, it looked like a whirlwind of energy formed around him. He could truly absorb a ridiculous amount of Divine Origin Energy at once.

Seeing that reminded Hurio of the first Divine Origin Energy area they found. Back then, a similar phenomenon happened. 'Oh... so it wasn't the twins who were absorbing Divine Origin Energy that time, but this Divine Demon Tree. It's just that the concentration of Divine Origin Energy in this place is much higher, so the phenomenon is even larger. Well, that makes sense,' Hurio thought.

Naturally, the others also noticed the huge whirlpool of Divine Origin Energy around Celis, but they couldn't do anything about it. Fortunately, Divine Origin Energy seemed to be unlimited in this place, so it didn't affect their cultivation either.

And just like that, half a day went by, and Celis' power brought the twins and Kentucky, as well as himself, to the door of the Elemental Transformation Realm and Stage Eight.

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Chapter 1377: Breakthrough

Rean immediately took all his Fallen Light Star Fragments out after that. At the same time, Roan also brought out the enormous door made of Life's Nemesis Rock. Each of the two had way more Light and Dark Element material than they needed, but at the very least, they wouldn't risk running out of them during the breakthrough.

Kentucky and Celis were a demon beast and a plant, respectively, so they didn't follow the same cultivation mechanics as the humanoid races. They didn't need catalysts at all. As long as the energy was enough, they could break through.

[Alright, now follow the steps. Unlike body cultivation techniques, you won't refine the materials in your body. Instead, you'll be using them as catalysts for the Elemental Transformation. You need the Light and Dark Elements in the materials you have to strengthen the Light and Dark Elements you'll use. That's why they're called catalysts. They can increase a certain type of reaction without changing it themselves, at least not permanently. In this case, they will make it easier for the Elements to be fused with your bodies.]

[Channel the Divine Origin Energy through the Fallen Light Star Fragments and the Life's Nemesis Rock. Then, absorb it and spread it through your meridians. In your cases, you always need both Dark and Light Element to progress, so you'll need to exchange these elements again. Obviously, you will have to use the catalyzed Elements this time around.]

Rean and Roan nodded in response and followed Sister Orb's instruction. Then again, they already had the entire process memorized. In any case, it was always better to have her telling the steps.

With that, Divine Origin Energy was poured on the Elemental Materials before Rean and Roan gathered the surrounding Light and Dark Elements into them. Thanks to the number of materials they had in their hands, it worked just fine, making it possible to catalyze as much Dark and Light Elements as they needed. That's why they had to have at least a certain amount of those materials. If there wasn't enough, the Elemental Transformation would be too slow, ending in failure before even starting. They needed a constant influx of catalyzed Dark and Light Elements for it to work.

[Good. Once the catalyzed Light and Dark Elements fill all your meridians, let them meld before spreading it through the rest of your bodies. Your dantians are already Light and Dark Element, so they have no need for this transformation. All that will happen to them is that they'll be able to hold much more Divine Energy once the breakthrough is made. The real change will be in your ability to control the Elements because of the change in your bodies. It's not wrong to say that your own bodies would turn into Light and Dark Element materials themselves.]

Kentucky and Celis just looked as the twins worked on their breakthrough. They were already at the door of Stage Eight and only needed Rean and Roan to finish their side. Once that was done, they would immediately break through. 'The cultivation process of humanoid races is so annoying sometimes...'

The Dark and Light Elements then spread through the twins' bodies, ultimately reaching every single corner.

Sister Orb was satisfied to see that. [Very good! Sure enough, the Yin Yang Cultivation Manual is just perfect. No side effects have been found so far. Now then, this is the important part. At the moment, the catalyzed elements are only present in your entire body. You need to use it to transform the body by absorbing those elements into your own cells.]

Hearing that, the twins began to absorb the catalyzed elements, which were present in huge quantities due to the catalysts, into their cells. In the Realm of Gods, they didn't call it cells, though. Instead, the Elemental Transformation Manuals said to absorb the Element into their life essence. However, the end result was the same. It was just that even the Realm of Gods didn't know the concept of what a cell was. It could also be said that it was one of the advantages Rean and Roan had while being on Earth in their previous life. Other cultivation manuals simply couldn't beat the Yin Yang Cultivation Manual.

Eventually, the transformation began to happen. More and more Light and Dark Elements passed through the Fallen Light Star Fragments and Life's Nemesis Rock, entering the twins' bodies. Those two materials were also quickly losing their own elemental properties due to the process. The composition was still the same, though. It's just that Rean and Roan probably wouldn't be able to use them anymore if they failed.

Eventually, every single cell in the twins' body seemed to gain a new component. From one perspective, it looked like some new chromosome or something similar. Fortunately, all the cells accepted that new part as if it was supposed to always be there from the very start. It was exactly that thing that marked the success of their breakthrough into the Elemental Transformation Realm. As soon as the last cell in their bodies gained that new elemental component, the twins' cultivation skyrocketed.

Divine Origin Energy entered their bodies like torrents while the Light and Dark Element materials lost their purpose. They were not needed anymore. At the same time, Celis and Kentucky's cultivation also rose together with the twins.

Finally, a huge burst of Divine Origin Energy came from the four guys at once while their cultivation stabilized at the Initial Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm, or the Initial Stage Eight.

Rean and Roan then opened their eyes and sighed in relief. Everything went smoothly in the end. Sure enough, they felt no barrier or anything like that.

"You..." Well, they forgot about the guy who saw all of that, though. "All four of you broke through at the same time! How's that even possible?!" Hurio was obviously shocked by what he had just seen.

Rean smiled in response. "Does it matter? The important thing is that we succeeded.. By the way, how's your cultivation? You're also in the Peak Stage of the Saint Realm, after all."

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Chapter 1378: Three quarters Of A Day Should Be Enough

Of course, Hurio had an idea that these four guys had something special to them. Their cultivations were simply too fast! "I don't know how, but your cultivations must be connected in some way." Eventually, he sighed, seeing the smile on Rean's face while no words were coming out. "Sigh... whatever. I don't have this advantage of yours, so I'm obviously not there yet. I'll need at least another half a day to attempt my breakthrough."

Rean and Roan nodded in response and tried to gather Light and Dark Elements with their Divine Soul Power. Sure enough, their ability to do that was at least twice as good in every aspect compared to the previous realm, not to mention that they had just entered the Elemental Transformation Realm. In any case, each breakthrough from this point onward would increase their control ability over the two elements even more. As a bonus, their ability to control Yin and Yang Energy would grow just as fast.

Hurio wasn't the only one who noticed the twins' breakthrough. After all, every time a burst of Divine Origin Energy appeared, it was because someone had done the same thing. In fact, the twins' group wasn't even the first one to do that. Another three cultivators, who were much closer to their breakthrough, had already done so. That's how good Divine Origin Energy was for the cultivators. It's just that it came as a surprise that Rean, Roan, Kentucky, and that Demon Tree that appeared out of nowhere broke through at the same time. That obviously caught more attention than the others.

Nevertheless, they knew what cultivation the twins had before. Now that the twins' group had reached the Elemental Transformation Realm, nothing changed in their eyes. Everyone here was at the late stages of the Elemental Transformation Realm or already in the Transition Realm. Now that the twins' group didn't have the ancient beast on their side anymore, they simply had no need to fear them at all. It's just that everyone was protected by that thin light barrier. Otherwise, some of them might have tried to kill the twins' group already.

Roan didn't care about what the others were thinking. Instead, he looked at Celis and Kentucky. He could see that those two had become a lot bigger after the breakthrough. Well, that's how the cultivation of demon beasts and plants worked anyway. "We still have six and a half days ahead of us. Not to mention that the amount of Divine Origin Energy is not waning down at all. Compared to that area where we found some Divine Origin Energy, the same one where those two ancient beasts battled, this one is several times better."

Rean agreed with him, saying, "With this much Divine Origin Energy and Celis's help, I truly believe we can achieve at least two or three more breakthroughs. We might be speeding up our cultivation way too quickly with this, but we shouldn't let the opportunity pass up."

Celis and Kentucky obviously agreed with that, especially Celis. "Hmph! You're underestimating me. Did you forget what race I'm from? I'm a World Swallowing Cedar! Every time I enter a new realm, my ability to absorb the world's energy increases several folds. If you think I was cultivating fast before my breakthrough, then you'll surely lose your minds right now."

Suddenly, the one-kilometer area filled with roots that Celis spread quickly increased to encompass a two-kilometer radius! Obviously, that wasn't the same as just double. When talking about radius, it meant the area around Celis. Suppose you take the area formed by the second kilometer and remove the area of the first kilometer from the second. The area formed by the second kilometer would look like a donut. Obviously, the area covered by that donut compared to the area from the first kilometer would be much, much bigger. That's because for it to go full circle and form the donut, the distance doubled.

Now that Celis spread his roots over two kilometers, and with his own ability to absorb energy being improved due to the breakthrough to Stage Eight, he could absorb a lot more than just double the Divine Origin Energy than before.

Of course, Rean, Roan, and Kentucky also experienced improvements in their Divine Origin Energy absorption speed. It's just that the amount of energy they needed for the breakthrough was much higher, so it would take longer for a breakthrough than before. Well, it's the same for all cultivators. But then again... they had Celis and Divine Origin Energy!

Suddenly, the hair of a few cultivators, those who were closer to the twins' group, began to move in a certain direction. That immediately caught those cultivators' attention. "Wind? This place wasn't supposed to have wind..."

It didn't take long for them to see that it wasn't the wind at all. Instead, it was Divine Origin Energy! The Divine Origin Energy was moving so fast in the air that it felt like wind. When they looked in the twins' group direction, they could not help but widen their eyes and open their mouths!

Before, one of them would have to pay attention to see the whirlwind of energy coming in the direction of the twins' group. This time, however, the thing looked more like a black hole... it's just that there was no black color. In any case, the amount of Divine Origin Energy rushing towards that spot was ridiculously high. Was it even possible to absorb that amount of Divine Origin Energy without exploding?

For normal cultivators, that sure would be impossible. However, that wasn't the case for the World Swallowing Cedar, especially one which had its own Divine Demon Bird nest. Let's not forget that Celis was already a Peak Stage Nine Demon Tree before. His body was ready to accept all of that and still have space to go further.

Kentucky, Rean, and Roan had to cultivate together just to make up for the difference Celis proportioned. That meant that Celis absorbed Divine Origin Energy as fast as those three combined! Of course, even though Celis did that, the Divine Origin Energy was equally distributed between the four of them.

Seeing that, Hurio couldn't help but ask, "Just... how long would you take to reach the Middle Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm?"

Roan pondered a bit as he looked inside his dantian before responding, "I guess one day should be enough."

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Chapter 1379: What Does That Mean?

Hurio's mouth twitched after hearing that. Doesn't that mean they would already be at the Middle Stage for quite a while after he entered the Elemental Transformation Realm? Up to that point, he thought that with his Energy Elemental Affinity, his cultivation speed was already very fast. But compared to these four guys and their simultaneous cultivation, he truly fell short, let alone the others.

The other cultivators noticed something else as well. If they sat closer to Celis' roots, they would be able to absorb more Divine Origin Energy. Hurio himself was in the best place, as all that Divine Origin Energy

was converging on his side. Naturally, he was happy with that, even if he couldn't match the speed of the twins' group.

It was then that a peculiar sight was seen. During every Lost Star Selection, the cultivators would all try to stay as far as possible from each other while cultivating. This time, however, they all moved closer to Celis. Some even pondered whether they could take Celis for themselves or not. Unfortunately, the light barrier made it impossible.

Of course, Celis and the twins noticed that. But then again, as long as those people didn't try to bother them, they wouldn't say anything. In fact, the amount of time Hurio needed to reach his breakthrough was decreased. In the end, thanks to being at the center of Celis's absorption range, his dantian was filled up three hours earlier, much to his delight. "Hahaha! It's time for my breakthrough!"

Rean smiled in response, saying, "Nice, go ahead and charge into the Elemental Transformation Realm." But it was then that a question appeared in his mind. "Now that I think about it, what kind of catalyst would an Energy Elemental Affinity cultivator use?"

Hurio also smiled with a playful expression as he replied, "Hehe! You will definitely find it to be very unfair. My catalyst... is Divine Energy itself! Or, to be more specific, any kind of cultivation energy. In this case, I even have Divine Origin Energy to choose from. Hahaha! Just stay there and watch!"

Indeed, Hurio initiated his breakthrough into the Elemental Transformation Realm. Considering he had Divine Origin Energy for that, his breakthrough was far smoother than before. He simply didn't feel like he had a bottleneck at all. His breakthrough was so easy and fast that it didn't lose to the twins' speed with their Yin and Yang Cultivation Manual. "What great energy!"

Hurio then used his affinity to try to gather Divine Origin Energy, and sure enough, it increased even more. "Nice! I've never thought I would have the chance to use Divine Origin Energy as a catalyst. That surely increased my overall strength a lot more than if I had used Divine Energy instead. I can feel the Divine Origin Energy in my life essence, running through my entire body." Just as mentioned before, cultivators didn't understand the concept of cells, so Hurio also called it life essence.

Even Rean and Roan, with their system's Energy Absorption Upgrade at Level 4, couldn't gather Divine Origin Energy as fast as Hurio. The only one who was obviously better than Hurio at that was Celis. Rean then looked at Celis before saying, "Could it be that Celis is an Energy Affinity Demon Tree?"

Celis heard that and replied, "You're not wrong when you think like that. My race does indeed have a huge affinity with energy. It's just that, as a Demon Tree, I don't need such thing as catalysts."

Roan didn't care about that, though. "Alright. Now that you've broken through, go back and cultivate. At your current speed, I wouldn't be surprised if you reached the Peak Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm before the week is over. The same goes for us since we have Celis's help."

Hurio then tried to calm down his excitement. "Alright, alright. I'll go back and cultivate."

Roan then looked at the faint light barrier around himself and narrowed his eyes. That was the barrier that protected everyone from attacking each other. 'As I thought. It has waned a little bit since we entered this place. At this rate, it should be gone in five days or so. This Divine Plane is supposed to be open for an entire week, which means that the last day will be open for anyone to do whatever they want.'

Rean, of course, heard what Roan was thinking through their Soul Connection. He then looked at the roof of that realm and could see that the portal was still there. 'I guess that's what they meant with leaving the Divine Plane after entering the Void Transformation Realm. The portal never closes, and once you enter it again, you'll be teleported somewhere randomly in the Lanqueas Continent. If we decide to leave just before the barrier disappears, we won't encounter any trouble. Of course, we would lose an entire day of Divine Origin Energy cultivation in exchange.'

Rean was right. The portal they used to enter this place from the third level of the Lost Star Realm's depths had already closed. But the one inside the Divine Plane wouldn't close at all. In fact, if there was still anyone present in this Divine Plane after one week, those guys would be dragged to the portal whether they wanted to or not.

It was then that Rean thought about a possibility. 'Roan... why do you think this place exists?'

Roan narrowed his eyes again as he asked in response, 'What do you mean by that?'

Rean then looked at all the Divine Origin Energy available in this place for cultivation. 'I might be wrong... but I believe this Divine Plane wasn't made as a reward for those who gathered the marks. Instead, we're here to help whoever created this place.'

Roan's eyes lit up as he could tell from where Rean was coming from. 'Excess Divine Origin Energy!'

Rean was happy that Roan understood. 'Exactly. Perhaps we're here to prevent this place from accumulating way too much Divine Origin Energy. That would also explain why there are patches of Divine Origin Energy appearing in random locations outside. Those patches are basically Divine Origin Energy that burst out of this place due to the pressure.'

The problem was, what did that mean?

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Chapter 1380: A Lot Of Cultivation

Roan had to admit Rean's words made sense. 'If that's the case, then we don't need to worry about running out of Divine Origin Energy. Although I don't know how it's generated.'

Rean pondered in silence for a bit before saying, 'In fact, it might run out of Divine Origin Energy. That's why you can only stay a week in this place and have a limited number of participants who can enter. We have to help release some of the pressure of this place as whatever's controlling it can't do it by itself. Perhaps it's also a bad idea to not have enough Divine Origin Energy running.'

Roan then looked at Celis before looking back at Rean. 'Whatever. We would never make this place run out of Divine Origin Energy, even with Celis's absorption power. As fast as Celis can be compared to cultivators at his level, he could only absorb as much as two or three Transition Realm cultivators. We have way more Transition Realm cultivators here than that. Also, a few of them have already broken through into the Middle Stage after they reached this place.'

Of course, Roan was talking about the top ten powers' disciples who came to the Divine Plane when they were at the door of the Middle Stage of the Transition Realm. With almost one day gone, all of them had already performed their breakthroughs into the Middle Stage. Roan could count at least ten or so in that situation, not to mention the others with lower cultivations who had also achieved their breakthrough. It's just that the others were still behind Celis in terms of absorption power.

'Not to mention that in the past, this place probably had situations where more Transition Realm cultivators than normal arrived here after the selections. There's no way we can make it run out of Divine Origin Energy if it had never happened in the past,' Roan concluded.

Rean could only agree with Roan's assessment. 'I was just thinking that perhaps this had something to do with what that little girl said. In any case, let's continue cultivating.'

And just like that, Rean's group continued to cultivate. Surprisingly, Roan was right in the end. Three-quarters of a day was enough for the twins to reach the limit of the Initial Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm. With the help of the Yin and Yang Cultivation Manual, they had a perfect and easy breakthrough into the Middle Stage.

By now, the other cultivators were already looking at them with jealousy. Anyone could tell that it was thanks to that Demon Tree that the twins' group was cultivating this fast. Only one day and a quarter had passed, but they had already advanced to the next realm and jumped one more stage. Little did they know that if Celis was alone, he probably would be at the Late Stage Eight level by now. However, he had to share his acquired Divine Origin Energy with Rean and Roan.

He wasn't sad because of that, though. If not because of the twins, chances are that he would still be locked in that underground facility on the Zasfins' planet. Not to mention that he got his own Divine Demon Bird, which had been nothing but a dream in the past.

The twins then continued to absorb Divine Origin Energy with Celis and Kentucky as they quickly calculated that they would need a day and a few hours to reach the bottleneck between the Middle and Late Stages. One must not think that it's that easy, though. Divine Origin Energy was supposed to be only present in Rank Seven Divine Stones or above. Then again, the current situation was as if the twins' group had been cultivating with those kinds of Divine Stones nonstop.

They weren't the only ones, of course. More and more breakthroughs happened all around them. They might not be as fast as Celis, but many of those cultivators arrived here ready to have their first breakthroughs. Two days and a half had passed already, so it was to be expected that they also got another breakthrough. If the twins' group had been at the door of the Elemental Transformation Realm when they arrived, they probably would be at the Late Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm by now.

It wasn't a problem, though. As Celis mentioned, each consecutive stage increased the amount of Divine Origin Energy he could absorb at once. It wasn't as drastic as ascending to another realm, but it increased nevertheless. Close to the end of the third day, almost one day and a half after their breakthrough to the Middle Stage, the twins broke through once again, reaching the Late Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm. If they get just one more breakthrough, they would have accomplished an entire realm upgrade.

At this point, Roan paid close attention to the faint light that protected their bodies. Seeing how much it had disappeared already, he warned his group. "Pay attention. The protection of the light barrier will last for another two days or so. From the looks of it, this protection energy was made so it would really last exactly six days, leaving only one extra day to try anything against the others."

Hurio nodded in response. "Indeed. I also noticed this point." Hurio had just reached the Middle Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm. Sure enough, even with his Energy Elemental Affinity, he was already an entire stage behind the twins' group. One must remember that he was ahead of the twins when they first met. "Two days... that should be enough for me to reach the Late Stage. I was still in the Late Stage of the Saint Realm when I arrived. I've never thought I would break through an entire realm during this adventure."

From what Rean could see, two days was more than enough for his group to reach the Peak Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm. "The question is, do we want to give up our last day in this place or risk staying? Look at the other cultivators from the top ten powers. I believe you all noticed that they look anything but happy with our presence here."

As soon as Rean said that, a burst of Divine Origin Energy came from one of those very same cultivators.. The first guy to reach the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm had appeared, and he still had a little over three days to try and break through into the Void Tempering Realm.