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Chapter 1431: Perhaps Another Day

Rean didn't waste time and went straight to the main topic, asking him, "We got information that brother Hui has some Molten Divine Rock Flowers remaining. Would you be willing to sell them to us?"

Hui was surprised to hear that, especially since he wanted to ask Rean something related to that point. "Such a coincidence. When I heard that another Golden Middle-level Formation Master had arrived, I thought about showing you the formation that uses this flower."

Rean narrowed his eyes in response, telling him, "But if I do that and it works, wouldn't you keep the Molten Divine Rock Flowers instead?"

Hui had to admit Rean was right. "In that case, how about this? I have three Molten Divine Rock Flowers with me. If this friend helps me complete the formation, I'll only use one flower and give the other two to you for free. That shouldn't be a bad deal, right?"

Rean looked at Roan, who nodded in agreement. "Alright, you've got yourself a deal. However, if I can't fix the formation, you have to sell them to me nonetheless."

Hui agreed with that. "Very well. Come with me. My project is still in my room even though I stopped it for a while." Along the way, Hui explained to Rean his plans. "This is a formation called the Blazing Formation, which I'm creating for the Blacksmith Guild. It seems like the head of the Blacksmith Guild in our city saw this formation working when he visited another continent. It seems to be a formation made for the instant melting of materials without the properties of the metals being greatly destroyed."

Rean could already imagine how it worked. His Soul Gem Electric Furnace didn't need the help of any formations as it was unmatched in both heat control and speed. Nevertheless, Rean understood that such a formation would be very good for high-level blacksmiths. "The Molten Divine Rock Flower is a material filled to the brim with Fire Element, so I guess you were trying to use it as the core of the formation, correct?"

Hui nodded, replying, "That's precisely the case. Unfortunately, the nature of the flower is too oppressive. The formation can't control the power generated by it, making it impossible to regulate the furnace's heat. I tried several arrangements of regulation runes, but none worked so far."

Sometime later, they finally arrived at the room where Hui worked on the formation. From there on, Rean and Hui spent several hours discussing and trying new things until finally, Rean understood where the problem was. "Sure enough, mainstream regulation runes won't work. It's too much for them to bear. If you want to fix it, we'll need to use Heat Striking Runes."

"Heat Striking Runes?" Hui was puzzled with Rean's choice. "But those runes are used in Fire-based slaughter formations. They basically release and conduct Fire Element as fast as possible in order to destroy the target."

Rean didn't deny that, telling him, "That's correct. However, I have a way of stacking the Heat Striking Runes with the regulation runes. We will use one to support the flower's power while the other will regulate its output. If all goes well, we should be able to use this formation in the furnace and have quite a high degree of control over the heat."

Hui, obviously, didn't mind giving it a shot. "Alright. I'll help with what I can. Let's start."

And just like that, Rean and Hui spent a few more hours on the Blazing Formation. At first, their attempts didn't work that well. However, they didn't give up. That's because they got a small level of control out of it, albeit too low to be usable. With each try, the control over the flower's power increased, making it easier and easier to use it correctly.

Eventually, Rean and Hui reached a level where they could keep around 97 to 98% of the original heat control while using the flower's power. It wasn't as good as Rean's Electrical Furnace, but it was definitely a nice piece of equipment. "Great! To think that you could really stack Regulation Runes with Heat Striking Runes. That arrangement has definitely opened my eyes for sure."

Rean smiled, saying, "Brother Hui's talent for formation was what helped us complete this formation this quickly. I'm sure the Blacksmith Guild's head will be delighted with the result. Perhaps it's even better than the furnace he saw outside." Rean, of course, didn't use any Circuitry Runes since this formation had to be replicated by Hui alone.

"Hmph! If he still dares to complain, then I want to see where he'll find something better than this." Although Hui said that, he was very excited about the result. "Oh, right! These are the remaining two Molten Rock Flowers I told you about." He then passed the flowers to Rean, who confirmed they were the real deal.

“Thank you, brother Hui.” Rean was happy to get his hands on two flowers this fast. “If you don’t mind, my brother and I have a few more things to do.”

Hui didn’t mind. “Sure thing. By the way, if brother Rean is willing, I have quite a few other projects I’m also working on. You’re more than welcome to take part in them.”

“Perhaps another day.” Since Rean didn’t want to waste time, he politely refused.

With that, Rean and Roan left the Formation Guild while Hui went to see the Formation Guild’s head. “Jume, do you know from where that Formation Guild badge comes from?”

Jume was the name of the Formation Guild’s head. Hui was curious about Rean’s badge, so he used his Divine Energy to project an image similar to it. Jume took a look at it for a moment and was surprised. “Wow... this guy came from quite far away, didn’t he? That’s a Formation Guild badge from the Huring Continent. You need to pass through three continents just to get there.”

“That far?!” Hui was shocked to hear that. “I’m surprised they got here with that cultivation of theirs. Should we inform them about it?”

Jume shook his head in response. “Better not. Since they’re not causing any trouble, I would rather not touch on this topic.”

Hui nodded after that.. “Very well.”

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Chapter 1432: More Flowers

The next place the twins went to was a cave abode used by an eccentric cultivator called Arfs. He was the second guy in Valantior that they knew had some Molten Divine Rock Flowers. Fortunately, it was a lot easier to get his. He simply set a price in terms of Divine Stones. “I have three flowers that I gathered during my last expedition into the Blazing Sands. How about a hundred Rank Two Divine Stones for each?”

In fact, Arfs was being very greedy. Sure, this flower would definitely be worth this much, perhaps even more on other continents. However, it was different in Treavin. Divine Stones were much rarer, so prices are obviously much lower. Usually, Molten Divine Rock Flowers wouldn't cost more than 20 or so Rank Two Divine Stones, and not everyone would be willing to pay that much.

"Oh! If that's the case, here you go." Rean immediately threw 300 Rank Two Divine Stones to Arfs, much to the eccentric man's surprise. For Rean, 300 stones weren't anything impressive. It was just the price of one of his Element Gathering Equipment, after all.

Arfs was shocked by the amount of Rank Two Divine Stones for a moment before he finally came back to himself. "Oh! Right! Thank you for the deal." Naturally, he would not refuse it. He immediately took the Molten Divine Rock Flowers from his spatial ring and mentally cursed himself for not having gathered more.

The twins then left his cave abode, not stopping at all. As for Arfs, he was a Middle Stage Transition Realm cultivator. Because of that, he truly considered whether he should have attacked the twins to see if they were rich as they seemed. However, maybe because he was a seasoned man, he had a lot of experience. Something told him that things definitely wouldn't play as he wished if he tried it out. In the end, he decided to guarantee the 300 stones, which was already a huge profit in his eyes.

After that, the twins went to the Formation Guild, where they paid to use the teleport formations. Well, in fact, Roan entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm while Rean changed his appearance once again and teleported alone. Not only could they save Divine Stones like that, but it would be harder to find out who they were.

As Roan mentioned before, the last person the Vulture Organization knew to have Molten Divine Rock Flowers lived close to the Blazing Sands. It was also the area where the flowers could be found, located two regions away from Valantior City. With one teleport after another, they quickly arrived at the City of Disgaio, located in the region of Qataban. That was the closest city to the Blazing Sands, so that was as far as the teleport formations could take Rean.

Roan already told Rean the specific location of the Blazing Sands, especially the location of the person who had more Molten Divine Rock Flowers. After all, the person lived close to that area. With that said, Rean quickly left the city and took Kentucky out of the Dimensional Realm. "Let's go, Kentucky."

"On it!" Kentucky took flight and disappeared in the distance.

Without teleport formations, things took a lot longer, so Kentucky still took two more days to go from Disgaio to a small settlement close to the Blazing Sands. Along the way, Roan also came out of the Dimensional Realm and flew on Kentucky's back. Once they arrived, Kentucky landed right in the middle of the settlement.

Well, not many paid attention to it as the Blazing Sands was a constantly visited area. Flying demon beasts appearing there wasn't anything uncommon. If there was anything that caught the cultivator's attention, it was the fact they had never seen a Demon Bird like Kentucky before, but that was all.

Rean looked around the bustling settlement before looking at Roan, asking, "So, what's the name of the guy?"

"The guy's actually a woman, to be more specific," Roan replied. "Her name is Xantanla, a Peak Stage Transition Realm cultivator who lives in this settlement. It seems like she's also the one responsible for the organization of this place."

Rean nodded before stopping at a stall to inquire about the woman. "Sorry, friend. Would you perhaps know where I can find Xantanla?"

The vendor looked at Rean in surprise, saying, "Do you even need to ask? Just head to the biggest building at the center. Where else would you find that demon beast?"

Roan narrowed his eyes in response. The information he got didn't mention that Xantanla was a demon beast.

Still, Rean smiled at the vendor before asking something else. "Friend, do you perhaps know about anyone selling Molten Divine Rock Flowers? We are in need of a few of them."

"Molten Divine Rock Flowers?" The guy was surprised to hear that. "That's quite a rare item from the Blazing Sands. Xantanla probably has some as she needs them for her own cultivation. Usually, she buys all of them when they appear in the market. Then again, it's quite rare to see anyone selling it. Try the Glingau Treasure Store close to Xantanla's residence. Maybe they have one. A piece of advice, though. I wouldn't get too close to Xantanla if I were you," the guy told them. However, he didn't explain why.

The twins nodded in response and thanked the guy before looking at the highest building. The settlement wasn't that big, so they could see it from afar. Of course, since they easily found Xantanla's residence, it was also easy to find the treasure store. They were very close to each other.

Unfortunately for them... "Sorry, friends. We had two Molten Divine Rock Flowers for sale a few days ago, but supervisor Xantanla bought them already. You will have to ask if she wishes to sell them, but I find that highly unlikely," said one of the attendants there. "Also... you better be careful. She isn't the type of demon beast that cultivators would get close to so easily. Almost everyone here dreads her, even those at her level."

The twins could only nod and leave the treasure store. Well, even if the woman didn't sell it, they would simply enter the Blazing Sands to look for it. In fact, they would most likely need to enter anyway since they still need another fifteen flowers.. Xantanla would hardly have that many since she used them for her cultivation.

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Chapter 1433: What Did You Do To Her?

Xantanla's residence didn't have any guards to speak of. To be more exact, it was basically a big building separated into two parts. One part was a huge open area that allowed very big things to fit inside. That was the area Xantanla used when she was in her demon beast form. The other part was a normal-sized residence for when Xantanla was in her human form.

Although it didn't have any guards, there were still two female cultivators who worked for her on other things related to the house. It was one of them that attended Rean and Roan when they appeared. She then guided the twins to where Xantanla was resting while talking to them, "You want to buy Xantanla's Molten Divine Rock Flowers? I'm sorry, but I find it quite hard to succeed. Also... are you sure you want to even get close to her?"

Rean nodded in response, although he didn't know why everyone was so afraid of getting close to the female demon beast. "It's fine. If she doesn't sell it, we'll just enter the Blazing Sands and look for the flowers ourselves."

Not long after, the twins were brought to the part of the residence where Xantanla could stay in her real form. As for Kentucky, he simply waited outside.

Eventually, the twins were able to see what kind of demon beast Xantanla belonged to. She was a Desert Fire Queen Dog. Well, in Rean's opinion, she simply looked like a very oversized beagle with fiery red fur, not that Xantanla would know what a beagle was since it was a species from back on Earth. 'Quite cute...' he thought while looking at her.

Xantanla, who seemed to be sleeping, finally opened her eyes, muttering, "Hmm? It shouldn't be the time for snacks yet."

Rean and Roan's mouths twitched in response. Did that mean she ate people from the humanoid races as snacks? Oh well, since humanoid races ate the meat of demon beasts, it did make sense that demon beasts ate meat from the humanoid races in exchange. This wasn't Earth, after all. Well, to be more specific, the big carnivores from Earth would definitely eat humans if they were hungry and were given a chance.

Rean and Roan then put those thoughts behind them before Rean stated the reason for his visit. "We got information from the Vulture Organization that you might have some Molten Divine Rock Flowers."

Xantanla narrowed her eyes in response, saying, "I do have some, but I need them for my cultivation. If that's all, you can leave already. They're not for sale."

Rean smiled after hearing that. "Are you sure? I'm pretty confident that I can pay for them even if you ask for some ridiculous price. That's how much we're in need of them at the moment."

Xantanla found it quite hard to believe. "Hmph! Is that so? Then what about 50 Rank Two Divine Stones each? It's more than double the price. Will you pay for it? Hahaha!"

Rean's eyes lit up after hearing that. Isn't that half the price they paid to Arfs? "Oh! How many do you have, then?"

Xantanla's laugh froze when she heard that. "Wait! Are you really willing to pay that much?"

Rean nodded without thinking twice. "We need fifteen of those flowers. You don't happen to have this many, do you? I have 750 Rank Two Divine Stones here with me."

"This..." Xantanla's impression of the twins quickly changed. Even her, with her connections and position, didn't have half as many Rank Two Divine Stones. She wondered if Rean and Roan were part of some of the several big powers of the Treavin Continent. One must remember that Treavin didn't have one main power that stood out from the rest, like Lanqueas and Huring. That meant the twins could be pretty much from any of the others who had similar strength in their own regions. "Who are you?"

Roan shook his head, saying, "Who we are doesn't matter. What matters is whether you have the flowers or not. We have the Divine Stones, so we would like to pay and just leave."

Xantanla didn't like Roan's behavior and wondered if she should just kill them and take the Divine Stones for herself. She was at the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm, but that wasn't all. With her terrain advantage, she could even fight some cultivators and demon beasts at the Initial and Middle Stages of the Void Tempering Realm. Naturally, if she could keep the flowers and the twins' Divine Stones, that would be the best since she needed both.

The twins then saw the red color of killing intent surrounding them and obviously knew why it was there. Rean then smiled at Xantanla before saying, "Please ignore my brother's behavior. He's like this to everyone, and that includes me, his own flesh and blood."

Rean changed the topic straight away after that. "Leaving that aside, Lady Xantanla is so cute. Your fur is so shiny with its fiery red color. At first, I didn't intend to pay too much for the flowers. But as soon as I saw you, I made up my mind that I would try to please you however I could. Just... would Lady Xantanla let me pet her fur a little? I simply love it."

In an instant, the red color of killing intent disappeared like smoke. No one ever treated this terrifying Peak Stage Transition Realm demon beast like that before. Unlike Rean, who thought of her as a cute red beagle with big ears, others only saw a 'humanoid race eating' demon beast that few had the courage to get close to. "W-w-w-what are you even talking about, brat?! Are you making fun of me? I'm a Desert Fire Queen Dog!"

However, Rean got close to Xantanla as his eyes shone brightly. "So cute... Just let me stroke you a little bit. I swear it won't be for long. How about this? I'll pay an extra ten Rank Two Divine Stones for the flowers if you let me pet you a little. Twenty if you let me hug you!"

Xantanla felt a chill on her back and immediately jumped back. At that moment, the only thing she wanted to do was to get away from him as far as possible. "S-s-s-stay away from me, pervert!"

Xantanla's servants looked at that with shock in their faces. 'Who is that? What did you do with Xantanla?'

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Chapter 1434: Roan Was Right

"Come on! Who's a good girl? Who's a good girl?!" Rean asked.

Xantanla suddenly felt a primitive urge surging from inside herself. "I-I'm a good girl..." However, she quickly suppressed that emotion. "Stop it! Get away from me!"

Rean couldn't help but ask, "So... no fur touching?"

Rean seemed quite disappointed, much to Xantanla's relief. "Forget that! I don't know what you're doing, so just stay away from me!"

Roan ignored all of that, though. Whatever Rean did seem to work, so he focused on the main topic. "What about the Molten Divine Rock Flowers?"

Xantanla shook her head, saying, "I only have two of them remaining, but I need them for my cultivation. I have no intention to sell them to start with. If you want more, enter the Blazing Sands and look for them yourself. Now, take this guy away from me."

Rean sighed in response, asking her, "That's not nice. Could you at least tell us where we can find the flowers?"

Xantanla, who just wanted to get rid of Rean, immediately answered, "Head to the north region. That's the part of the Blazing Sands that overflows with the most Fire Element. Because of that, the sand becomes crystalized, and the Divine Energy in the area makes this crystal slowly take the shape of a flower. Then again, this is something that only happens under very special conditions, so you won't find it easily. Anyways, that's the origin of the Molten Divine Rock Flowers."

That was a lot more information than the twins expected. Nevertheless, that helped a lot, so they thanked her and left the residence. Seeing that Rean was finally gone, Xantanla sighed in relief before noticing her servant's looks. "Get out before I devour the two of you instead!"

The two girls didn't dare to delay and quickly disappeared. Xantanla then laid down on the ground and put her paws over her head, using her huge ears to cover her face. 'What was that? What was that? What was that? Why did I suddenly feel so happy out of nowhere? I almost jumped in his direction to ask him to pet me!' In the end, her canine side won over her emotions. 'I wish he asked who's a good girl again...'

Bam!

Xantanla struck her head on the wall as soon as that thought appeared. 'Fuck this shit!'

In the meantime, Rean and Roan went back to the treasure store and bought a map of the Blazing Sands. After that, they jumped on Kentucky's back and took flight. Roan then took the opportunity to ask along the way. "How did you know she would act like a house dog?"

Rean shook his head, saying, "I wasn't sure. However, you saw the killing intent, didn't you? I simply thought her to be very cute, just like the beagles from Earth. Since we would end up in a fight anyway, I had nothing to lose when I tried to treat her like a normal dog. After all, you also know that there are no dogs in the Realm of Gods, only demon beasts. Of course, I still can't believe such a thing really worked. I thought she was going to get angry instead. I'm shocked that such bullshit really worked."

Roan nodded in response to that. "In any case, that worked pretty well. We might be able to use this method against other canine demon beasts in the future. I'm pretty sure she wasn't lying either as she didn't want to lose to her emotions."

Rean smiled when he heard that. "Chances are that her race has quite a few members living in the Blazing Sands. Who knows? I might be able to get an entire pack of Desert Fire Queen and King Dogs in the future. Hahaha!"

Roan found it an extremely bad idea. "Yeah? And what will you do with all of them? Forget that, and let's focus on the journey."

It didn't take long for the twins to enter the Blazing Sands. They quickly had to admit the name fits very well. The Fire Element concentration in this place was very high for sure. It was to the point that if the twins were below the Nascent Soul Realm, they probably wouldn't be able to resist it. Obviously, Kentucky would be in the same boat. "That explains why you couldn't see many cultivators below the Soul Transformation Realm. We're already a lot stronger than average cultivators, but it would already be hard for us even if we were in the Nascent Soul Realm, let alone others."

Roan agreed with Rean, saying, "This is an exploration site for those at the Saint Realm and above, though. Coming here at the Soul Transformation would still be too dangerous. Well, it makes sense since the Third Grade Star Body's materials shouldn't be something easy to get."

In any case, the twins didn't get into any trouble on their journey to the north side of the Blazing Sands. It wasn't like the place was a huge area either. It's just that Fire Element and desert-type demon beasts were plentiful in the area since the environment benefited their cultivations. Rean even saw a few Desert Fire Queen and King Dogs who haven't reached the Transition Realm yet. It wasn't a rare race of demon beasts by any means.

"My Divine Sense bending skill is still very useful at our level, it seems. None of the groups we passed by noticed our presence," Rean said as Kentucky approached the north region of the Blazing Sands.

However, Roan was a lot more alert. "Although the level of the cultivators in Treavin is lacking, we're still in the center of the continent. I won't be impressed if we bump into someone at the Void Tempering Realm. That would make your bending ability pretty much useless if we enter their natural spatial detection range."

Rean shook his head, saying, "We already know that their spatial senses are a lot smaller than their Divine Senses. I would detect their Divine Senses way before they get close to us to notice our presence."

Roan didn't agree completely. "And what if they don't use Divine Sense? If I was them, I would refrain from using my Divine Sense since I don't want to alert other Void Tempering Realm cultivators."

"This...." Rean had to admit Roan was right.

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Chapter 1435: Just Die Already

With that, Rean just had Kentucky fly very, very high on their way to the north region... or so he wanted to. Unfortunately for him, Kentucky got confused, asking, "If we fly this high, how will you look for the Molten Divine Rock Flowers?"

"Good point," Rean said. "Whatever then. Just fly at the same altitude, I guess. I'll still keep the Divine Sense and Light bending skill active since it's better than not doing it. Kentucky, you have the best vision between us three, so you look for the Molten Divine Rock Flowers on the desert ground."

"If you say so..." Kentucky didn't mind and did exactly that.

Eventually, the desert below began to show patches of crystalized sand due to the heat of the Fire Element. At the same time, the heat around the twins and Kentucky increased. Well, it wasn't as if it would bother them anyway.

Then again, it didn't take long for the heat to increase even more as the concentration of Fire Element reached a much higher level. The sand below had completely disappeared, swapped for molten glass made of the same sand. Rean detected a few Divine Senses here and there, but they were quite rare in this place. "Well, I guess that's obvious since the level of heat here wouldn't allow anyone below the Saint Realm to get close."

But even with that, it took over an hour for Kentucky to see something. "Oh! I believe that's what we're looking for." He quickly came down from the skies and hovered just a few meters above the ground. In front of them, they could see the molten glass in the shape of a flower. It had a lot of Fire Element concentrated inside, as well as Divine Energy. "This is the Molten Divine Rock Flower, right?"

Rean nodded and jumped down. "That is indeed the one. Sure enough, it's quite hard to find. Even with Kentucky's vision, it took us over an hour to locate one, and we need fourteen more of them." However, just as Rean tried to get close, he felt an intense wave of heat and Fire Element emanating from the flower itself. It was so intense that even he had to take a few steps back. "Hot! Hot! Hot! Hot! Hot!"

After that, Rean controlled the heat with his Divine Soul Power to stop burning his clothes. "Holy shit. This thing is hot as hell. How come the flowers I got before didn't show this effect?"

Hearing that, Roan replied, "It's simple. This flower used the land's heat and Fire Element to defend itself. The flowers you got before had already been harvested, so they lost the connection with this land. Now they only have the Fire Element and Divine Energy they stored by themselves. Well, it's still a lot since you could use it in that furnace formation."

"I see..." Rean then controlled his Divine Soul Power as well as his Yang Energy to protect himself from the heat. He was the pinnacle of Yang Energy, so even this intense heat had a hard time affecting him when he put his mind to it. Not long after, he finally picked up the Molten Divine Rock Flower. "Let's keep looking for more."

The heat and Fire Element Concentration varied from place to place in the North Region. Soon, Rean and Roan understood that it wasn't the places with the highest of both things that gave birth to the Molten Divine Rock Flowers. Instead, it was the ones where they were most balanced with Divine Energy. Not that it made it easier to find, though.

After an entire day, Rean and Roan found only seven flowers, which left them with twelve in total. They only needed eight more to have enough for them to upgrade their Star Bodies.

Kentucky continued to fly when he saw another flower in the distance. Naturally, he quickly came down just so Rean could take it. However, as soon as Rean was about to take the flower...

'Life Style, Second Form, Enhancement!'

'Death Style, First Movement Form, Shadow Steps!'

Rean's body disappeared from his location, reappearing several tens of meters away.

Boom!

Following that, an explosion of Fire Element and fire hit the location he was standing, creating an explosion that blew up a crater. It was definitely not an accident, from the looks of it.

Roan then came down from Kentucky and landed by his side before looking in a certain direction. "Why don't you come out? Your killing intent is overflowing to the point that you look more like a torch."

"Kekeke!" As the sound of a wicked laugh appeared, a man came flying from behind one of the molten mounts not far away from there. "Not too bad. Even though you're in the Elemental Transformation Realm, you still avoided my attack." He didn't look the least concerned by what Rean did, though.

Rean then shrugged his shoulders, saying, "Well, it wasn't anything hard. From the moment we descended close to this flower, I could tell that something wasn't right. After all, the flower didn't try to attack me with its heat and Fire Element explosion. That can only mean it had already spent its energy reserved for this ability and needed time to do that again. Since that's the case, someone else must have landed close to it not long ago. However, whoever caused it didn't take the flower right after. Even an idiot would notice this problem. I just didn't expect the fact that it would be this easy to lure you out."

The man's expression darkened after hearing that. Rean was right. The man had made the flower use its protection ability and was planning to take the flower. However, he noticed Rean's group approaching thanks to one of his skills. Since they were heading in the flower's direction, they were naturally looking for the flower. That was a good chance to kill the other part and gain any other possible flowers that they had collected. But even though the twins seemed confident, he quickly noticed their cultivation and remembered his. "Heh.. So what if you noticed? Just die here already."

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Chapter 1436: Void Tempering Realm Enemy

It wasn't hard to guess that the guy had Fire Element Affinity. After all, not only was he here in this place, he also wanted the Molten Divine Rock Flowers. What Rean and Roan were surprised by was the fact that they quickly felt the power of space contracting around them. 'Void Tempering Realm!'

However, that restriction in their bodies wasn't anything impressive as they could still move. One of the reasons was that the twins' cultivation wasn't that far away from the Void Tempering Realm. Second, they were much stronger than any common Elemental Transformation Realm cultivator. Last but not least, their enemy was only in the Initial Stage of the Void Tempering Realm. His control of the spatial powers was very limited.

In addition to Fire Element, Wind Element followed suit, increasing the enemy's power even more. At this level, it wasn't anything surprising that cultivators could use two elements with great proficiency.

Suddenly, a red dome of Fire and Wind Element spread around the guy's body, quickly covering everything over a kilometer around him.

'Melting Domain!'

[You two better be careful, he can use a domain.]

Rean and Roan could feel that, together with the restriction from the spatial powers, the red dome they were in was also trying to attack their bodies. It was as if the Fire Element was trying to melt their Divine Soul Power and bodies. 'Domain? Now that you say that, Sally used something similar, didn't she?'

Back at the second level of the Lost Star Realm, Sally used some kind of spatial ability that was fused with Fire Element. Then again, it covered an area far larger than what this red dome could.

[That was also a domain, but at a much higher level. Comparing Sally's domain with this guy's is basically the same as badmouthing her. They 'e not in the same league. First of all, this guy can only dream about fusing his spatial power with Fire Element. Not only does he lack the cultivation, but he also lacks the talent for it.]

Indeed. Even the twins could tell the difference. Although the guy was using spatial powers to try to restrict them while keeping his domain active, both powers basically had nothing to do with each other. They were being used separately.

All that conversation happened through the Soul Connection, so just a moment passed in the real world. The twins quickly drove their Divine Soul Power around their bodies, using Rean's Yang Energy manipulation to counteract the domain's power. The thing was really at a low level as Rean's Yang Energy manipulation got rid of the domain's effects almost instantly. 'The only problem is that I need to keep this up,' Rean thought as he used Divine Soul Power for that.

The enemy didn't know anything, thinking that the twins shouldn't be able to do anything. Fire Element from both his domain and the surroundings gathered again and were powered even more by the Wind Element. Following that, countless fire spears appeared everywhere inside the domain, all of them heading for Rean and Roan.

‘Myriad Heaven Spears!’

All the spears descended at the same time, giving the twins no space to dodge... not that they wanted to dodge anyway.

‘Death Style, First Defensive Form, Reversive Arcs!’

Countless threads of Light and Dark Element quickly appeared around the twins, following the pace of Rean’s sword and Roan’s scythe.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang...

Explosions appeared nonstop, completely destroying the entire area around the place where the twins were located. Except, of course, the center where the twins used the Reversive Arcs to defend.

“Impossible!” The guy’s mouth opened wide, looking at how the twins easily defended against his attacks. After all, he was a Void Tempering Realm cultivator! Not to mention that the environment and especially his domain increased the power of his attacks. How could Rean and Roan defend against that?

Well, he wouldn’t be wrong if he was one of the geniuses from big powers. However, he was someone who just barely reached the Void Tempering Realm and had been in the Initial Stage for over two hundred years. Simply put, he was the weakest type of Void Tempering Realm cultivator that could ever exist.

The twins could jump an entire realm to fight such geniuses, so when it came to average cultivators, especially someone like this guy, they could go even further. They didn’t wait for the enemy to process that information, though.

‘Death Style, Shadow Steps!’

‘Death World!’

Roan narrowed his eyes as soon as he used his Death World. That's because he couldn't materialize it at all. In the end, Rean and Roan could only attack without the Death World's help.

'Death Style, Third Form, Three Claws of the Dragon!'

Three scythes and three swords appeared on both the enemy's side, much to his surprise. 'So fast!' Without much choice, he could only use his spatial power to help move his body away. But even with that, he was still hit by the twins' attacks a bit, with six small cuts appearing on the vital points of his body.

Once again, the distance between the twins and the guy opened as the enemy threw his disdain away completely.

Rean then looked at Roan after that, asking, 'Why didn't you use your Death World? If he didn't see where we came from, we could have probably killed him right now.'

Roan shook his head, telling Rean, 'I tried, but it wasn't possible. As you know, my Death World works by spreading extremely thin threads of Divine Soul Power so that I can guide the Dark Element through them. However, this guy's domain destroyed my threads easily. In the end, he has a domain, while I only have some cheap copy that can't even be compared.'

Rean nodded after that. 'I see...'

Rean then put those thoughts aside before he and Roan resumed their assault.

Meanwhile, Kentucky watched the action from the sky. Yes, Kentucky didn't even participate. 'I wonder if they forgot I exist...' He couldn't help but think, 'Should I help them? Hmm... nope, they seem to be fine. I better just keep the flower protected in case some of the strikes end up destroying it.'

Of course, the twins didn't forget him, but they didn't think they needed Kentucky's help either. It was a good chance for them to test their recently acquired strength.

'Death Style, Fifth Form, Mirage Assault!'

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Chapter 1437: How Many Flowers?

The twins' clones quickly appeared as their forces tried to encircle the enemy.

'Death Style, Third Form, Three Claws of the Dragon!'

'Life Fire, Flaming Blade Arc!'

However, the enemy didn't let that happen. "Hmph! What is this? Some petty tricks?"

'Blazing Ring!'

A ring of fire suddenly appeared around him before it spread in all directions. In the end, two realms still made a huge difference as the attack was able to negate all of the twins' moves while still keeping up the momentum.

Rean and Roan jumped out of the way of the Blazing Ring, as did their clones. However, it was then that the enemy used his fire spears once again.

'Myriad Heaven Spears!'

Surprisingly though, he didn't attack the twins. Instead, the fire spears aimed at the twins' clones, hitting them at the exact moment they were at the peak of their jump. And just like that, the twins' clones were gone up in smoke. The worst part was that the clones used up quite a bit of their Divine Soul Power, so it could be said that they wasted their energy for naught.

Yet, that's not what Roan cared about. Instead, it was how easy the enemy identified which ones were clones and which ones were the real twins. 'Sure enough, our clones are getting weaker the higher our cultivation level gets. I guess that's how far clones made out of energy can go. It seems like his spatial senses can also tell which ones are real or not.'

The twins immediately gave up creating more clones as they were easy targets for the man. Instead, they attacked together, trying to overpower the man with sheer raw power.

‘Death Style, Death Scythe!’

‘Life Fire, Flame Emperor Slash!’

Naturally, the man didn’t hold back either.

‘Scorching Field!’

‘Triple Solar Collision!’

The ground under the twins suddenly lit up in flames while three massive fireballs headed in their direction. At the same time, the twins’ attack also appeared with flashes of black and white light.

Boom, boom, boom, boom...

Rean and Roan were forced back by the strength of the attack once again. Then again, the enemy wasn’t any better as he couldn’t gain an edge over the twins. Worse than that, the six cuts that the twins left behind in their first attack had Dark Element in them. With that said, the Dark Element was constantly rampaging in his wounds, trying to eat at his life force. Normally, he would be able to get rid of the Dark Element without much difficulty. But because the twins didn’t give him any time to breathe, he could only hold it back, trying to prevent the situation from getting out of control.

In any case, neither the twins nor the man found themselves in a critical condition. Both sides kept exchanging attacks but always had the power to resist the other.

Eventually, the man finally couldn’t hold back the Dark Element anymore. Spatial power gathered around him before his body quickly headed to the skies. The twins hadn’t reached the Transition Realm yet, so they obviously couldn’t fly and chase them.

With that, the man distanced himself from the twins and used his power to get rid of the Dark Element in his wounds while looking at the twins on the ground. "You two are not normal. From which power are you from? There's no way some nobodies could fight a Void Tempering Realm cultivator while still being in the Elemental Transformation Realm."

He wasn't the only one surprised, though. Rean and Roan thought they could easily defeat the man after what they saw in the first attack. Not to mention that they could tell that he wasn't any kind of genius. If the man was at the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm, the twins would have stomped him like an ant. However, that single stage that separated the man from the Transition Realm from the Void Tempering Realm increased his power several times.

"Even though you say such a thing, the fact still stands that we can't defeat you. That natural spatial perception of yours makes hidden attacks pretty much useless. You can also tell which of our clones are real with a glance. Last but not least, I didn't expect such a common cultivator could even hold the power of my Death Scythe," Roan said in response.

The man narrowed his eyes as it was not an answer to his question. "I'm Foliel from the Citaxin Sect. I admit I'm not anything compared to real geniuses like you two. If you were in the Transition Realm, perhaps I would have died already. Fortunately, that's not the case. Then again, it seems like you don't want to talk about your origins, right?"

Rean nodded in response. "We have no choice. It goes against the rules to use our background to scare others. If our elders find out that we did such a thing, we would be cast out of there." Of course, that was basically a lie as the twins didn't really have any background.

The man believed Rean's words, though. "Hmph! If I was your elder, I also wouldn't want you to do such a thing. Very well, you two. I'm leaving now. I will simply count it as an unlucky day to have bumped into you two."

Rean and Roan weren't against it. "That's fine. It's pretty obvious that neither side can kill the other. If we really push it to the extreme, there will be some price to pay to take the other's life. We both know that some Molten Divine Rock Flowers aren't worth such a thing."

Foliel agreed with the twins. "You aren't as immature as I thought." Foliel then looked at the Molten Divine Rock Flower and saw that Kentucky was protecting it. "So, what do you need those flowers for? Unlike me, you two obviously aren't Fire Element cultivators."

Rean answered truthfully, "Our body cultivation technique requires a material with a lot of Fire Element in it."

Foliel wasn't surprised by that. "No wonder you're this strong. You even cultivate a body cultivation technique.. Now I understand why my domain had little effect on your bodies." Foliel then pondered a bit before asking, "How many flowers do you need?"

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Chapter 1438: Roan Doesn't Care As Always

That question came as a surprise to the twins. After all, they were just trying to kill each other a few moments ago. "Eight flowers, seven if we count the one our demon beast is protecting." Naturally, Rean still told him since he wouldn't mind buying the rest.

Foliel nodded, saying, "To be honest, I was collecting the flowers to use in alchemy. I'm planning to make a cultivation-related pill with it, but not as direct as others would use them. My Citaxin Sect isn't very famous or big, and we're even less known for our alchemy. However, you're probably part of a big power that definitely has access to good alchemists. How about this? Would you be confident in concocting Fire Element Meridian Stabilizing Pills?"

Rean knew nothing about pills, so he immediately looked at Roan. Roan, on the other hand, had taken a look at this pill back in the Alchemist Guild in Valantior. "That's a Golden High-level pill, a very hard one to concoct at that. You know that, right?"

Foliel nodded, telling him, "I know, and that's part of the reason why I decided to stop this battle. I figured that your elders might be able to concoct it, so why not negotiate?"

Roan pondered over it for a bit and understood what Foliel was going to do. "It seems like you were trying to gather as many flowers as possible and then try to brute force the concoction. Even though many concoctions would fail, perhaps one of them would succeed. With that being said, you only need one batch of such pills, am I right?"

Foliel didn't deny that, nodding in response. "That's correct. To be more specific, I need three of those pills. As I mentioned before, I'm not a genius or anything like that. I had to put a lot of effort into reaching this level, and I did a lot of things wrongly in the process. One of them was overflowing my

meridians with way too much Fire Element. Of course, I'm currently paying the price for it. I need those pills to stabilize them again. Only with that will I have a chance to break through into the next stage."

Rean only cared about the flowers, though. "So, what do you propose?"

Foliel quickly explained, "I have gathered a total of eleven flowers. As long as you succeed in one batch, I can give you the rest. The pills are worth several times more than the flowers for me at the moment."

Roan nodded after hearing that. "That's obvious. Due to the pill's difficulty, even twenty flowers would not be worth the price of a single batch of pills." Then again, Roan was more than eager to try. "Very well, we accept the deal. In the end, we also need those flowers, and we can't find anyone else selling them."

Foliel was more than happy to hear that. "So, should I meet you back in Disgaio City? You can ask one of your elders who can concoct the pill to meet me there. I wouldn't mind forking the Divine Stones necessary for the teleportation either."

Roan shook his head, saying, "No need, just wait here while I concoct the pills for you." Before Foliel could say anything, Roan disappeared from his sight.

"What?!" Foliel was shocked by that. How did Roan disappear right in front of him? That shouldn't be possible as even his spatial detection couldn't sense anything. He just disappeared in thin air. "How did that happen?!"

Rean raised his hand and smiled at Foliel, telling him, "Oh, don't worry. He'll be back eventually." Naturally, Roan entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, where his Alchemy Workshop was located. It had the Soul Gem Tools that could make concocting a lot easier and more efficient.

Another reason why Roan entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm was to test whether the system considered it to be a dangerous situation or not. Fortunately, it turns out it didn't, which proved that Foliel had never been a risk to the twins' lives in the first place. Otherwise, the system would have blocked its entrance.

Roan had the Molten Divine Rock Flowers that the twins had gathered so far, so he could use them. That's why he didn't ask for Foliel's flowers since he was certain Foliel also wouldn't give them away. He would only trade his flowers for completed pills and not for a promise of a successful connection. At the very least, that's what Roan would do in Foliel's place.

'From what I remember, this is a Fire Element Pill. The problem is that you would normally need a Fire Element cultivator to concoct this pill. However, such a thing isn't a problem for me since my neutral pills can achieve the same effect.'

Roan then went to his medicinal garden, which was quite big and had many rare herbs growing there. It was so good that the Wood Element in the area around it stood out from the rest of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Well, Roan had Celis's saplings helping with its maintenance. What would be better than a Divine-level Demon Plant to take care of a garden?

Roan quickly gathered the herbs he needed for the Fire Element Meridian Stabilizing Pills. After all, it wouldn't work to simply use the Molten Divine Rock Flowers alone. More things were necessary. Following that, he didn't go to the alchemist workshop. Instead, he went to see Celis and told him, "Hey, Celis. Give me some of your old dead branches."

"Hmm?" Celis, who was cultivating as always, looked at Roan. "What do you need them for?"

"I'm going to concoct a few quite difficult pills. Divine Tree Wood would make the best fire."

Celis felt like giving Roan a beating after hearing that. "Are you trying to buy a fight?"

"Don't start it. We both know that you constantly renew your body and a few branches end up falling off. It's part of your evolution process. You have no use for them, and they would only become fertilizer if left alone."

Celis didn't like how Roan worded it. "Even so, your words make me feel like you're using my body as some kind of material."

Roan nodded in agreement. "Exactly.." Sure enough, Roan didn't care about anyone's feelings, much to Celis's anger.

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Chapter 1439: I'll Test It Myself

After complaining a lot, Celis eventually gave Roan the dead branches and barks that served no purpose anymore. In the end, Celis had to console himself with the fact that it was better than if they were going to waste. "Now go away. I don't want to see you anymore."

Roan obviously didn't stay. He went straight to the Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop to start his work.

Meanwhile, Rean was left alone with Foliel and Kentucky. "Well, if you don't mind, I'm going to collect that Molten Divine Rock Flower." After that, Rean strolled to where Kentucky was staying. During all of that, he didn't seem the least bit concerned.

"Wait! Where did he go?" Foliel asked. "No, first of all, what do you mean he'll concoct the pill? Is he a Golden High-level alchemist? He's only at the Elemental Transformation Realm."

Rean shook his head in response. "Not really. He's still a Golden Middle-level alchemist. However, these pills you asked for should prove a nice opportunity for Roan to break through to that level."

Rean was right. Roan was intending to do exactly that. One must remember that Saint Realm was only enough for one to reach the Golden Middle-level in a sub occupation. To reach the Golden High-level, one must be at least in the Elemental Transformation Realm. Roan, obviously, was now at the Peak Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm, but that was something that happened just some time ago. He hadn't had the time to make his breakthrough. The good thing was that he only needed the cultivation level. With Roan's own skills and the Soul Gem Tools, he could have entered the High-level a long time ago.

The same went for Rean. Be it in forging or formations, he could also become a Golden High-level practitioner. He only needed the time to practice. Of course, he could have used his rest time in Dry Sky City for that, but both the twins had decided that they wouldn't work on anything during that time.

Foliel didn't know what to say in response to that. "You can't be serious, right? Would you use such a hard to concoct pill to break through to the next level as an alchemist? That's ridiculous. You first need to start with the easiest ones and then spend time practicing before moving on to harder pills. He's bound to fail like that."

Rean shrugged his shoulders while he collected the Molten Divine Rock Flower. “Well, he’s using the flowers that we collected, so it’s not like you’re losing anything, right?”

“This...” Foliel couldn’t counter that argument. Indeed, he wasn’t losing anything at all. “Kekeke. I have to admit that’s right. Well, if it works, then all the better for me.”

It was then that Foliel remembered something. “Oh, right! You still haven’t told me where he has gone to. If you could disappear so easily like that, how come you didn’t use it to attack me earlier?” Of course, he could already guess that the ability related to Roan’s disappearance had some limitations of its own. Otherwise, he wasn’t supposed to be alive right now.

Rean sent the Molten Divine Rock Flower into the Dimensional Realm and got up, telling him, “Let’s just say that he’s still here, but you can’t see him. I can’t really tell you much about this ability other than that it isn’t anything impressive from where we came from.”

Foliel narrowed his eyes in response but didn’t insist. At the moment, what mattered was the Fire Element Meridian Stabilizing Pills. Anything else could wait. “Very well. However, I still think he’s wasting his time. My offer is still up even if he fails, though. You can go back and ask one of your elders to come and concoct your pills for me.”

Rean smiled in response. “That’s good to know.” Not that there were any elders Rean could ask help for, though.

Back inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, Roan had a dark expression while concocting the pills. ‘What a piece of shit. These pills turned out to be of such low quality. Sigh... I guess that’s to be expected due to its difficulty.’ Roan then looked at the side and saw two small piles of burnt materials. In the end, he failed two times when trying to concoct these pills. The main difficulty was the fact that he didn’t have Fire Element Affinity. When trying to change the pill into a neutral type that still carried the properties of Fire Element, he missed the first and second stages of the concoctions. ‘Well, whatever. These ones should do the job.’

Roan then put the batch of five pills he concocted in a special bottle that prevented the pill from losing its energy. Following that, he used his control over the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm to return to the Blazing Sands.

Once again, Foliel was shocked by that. This time, he kept his attention on all his senses, trying to find out from where Roan would return. Unfortunately, he was unable to feel his presence until Roan suddenly appeared in the same place again. 'Just how is he doing that? Could it be some spatial treasure?'

Roan didn't give Foliel much time to think before throwing him the bottle with the pills. "Here you go. I was only able to concoct five of them in the end. Then again, you said you only needed three, so it should be fine."

Foliel looked at the pills in the bottle in dismay. He truly didn't think Roan would succeed, let alone this fast. However... "Wait! These pills don't look like the Fire Element Meridian Stabilizing Pills at all."

Roan nodded, saying, "Obviously. I don't have Fire Element Affinity, after all. I had to make them in a different way. Don't worry, though. They should be at least 50% more effective than the normal ones."

Foliel found that even harder to believe. "You aren't trying to poison me, are you?"

Roan narrowed his eyes in response. "If you don't want them, then so be it. Just give me the pills back and go away. I can at least fetch a good price for them in the city."

"There's no need.." Foliel immediately took one of the pills as he said, "I'll test it myself."

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Chapter 1440: Back To Valantior

Roan's eyebrows rose a little when he heard that. "Oh... you changed your thoughts pretty quickly, didn't you?"

Foliel looked at the pill in his hand before saying, "You have no idea how many times I've tried already. You could say that this is what it means to be desperate." After saying that, Foliel took the pill and swallowed it.

Immediately, the pill melted in his mouth before the properties entered his stomach. From there, they spread like wildfire, quickly reaching every single meridian in his body.

Arrgh!

It was then that an intense pain filled his meridians as if the Fire Element from the pill was burning everything in its path. “Did you really poison me?!”

Roan shook his head, saying, “Don’t be such a kid. It’s just some pain, so bear with it. The healing properties should kick in in a moment.”

“He-Healing properties? Fire Element Meridian Stabilizing Pills don’t have such a thing!” Foliel complained as the pain increased. He even considered using his spatial powers to leave this place as soon as possible before trying to get rid of the pill’s effects.

However, just as he was about to do that, the healing properties really did appear. They washed over his meridians like a tide, quickly bringing relief to the pain. Of course, Foliel was still worried that the result of the previous attack would have permanently damaged his meridians.

“This...” However, he quickly noticed that not only were his meridians fine, but the instability of the Fire Element due to overflowing in the past was quickly disappearing. Above that, it seemed like his meridians were gaining new life while the Fire Element further integrated with them. It was way better than just stabilizing his meridians.

Foliel then calmed down and concentrated on letting the pill do its work. Pain washed over him from time to time, just to disappear a moment later through the pill’s healing properties. It wasn’t before ten minutes had passed that the pill’s effects finally wore off. “Phew...”

Foliel then tried to control his Fire Element and was able to tell that it was much easier than before. Better than that, his meridians could support a higher level of Divine Energy as well. “What a wonderful pill. It did way more than I expected.”

Roan wasn’t surprised by that. “All the pills I make that have something to do with meridians have this rejuvenation effect in them. I didn’t make it just for you.” Roan then warned Foliel and said, “However,

only a single pill shouldn't be enough to fully stabilize the Fire Element inside your meridians. You will need two more of them to get the best effect. However, don't take the second one right now. Give your meridians a few days to rest before you take the next ones. Same thing for the third. As for the last two pills, you can do whatever you want with them."

Foliel took Roan's warning to heart. "Kekeke! Very well. I will make sure to remember this." He then looked at Roan, who didn't seem very concerned. "Aren't you afraid I will flee with your pills?"

Roan snorted in response, saying, "It's one thing to use my background to threaten others. Our elders prohibited that. However, it won't be a problem to use its name to get rid of some idiots who can't keep their own words. I just hope you won't complain if your Citaxin Sect goes down with you."

Foliel felt a chill on his back after that. He didn't know if Roan was telling the truth or not, but he definitely didn't want to risk it. Roan proved that at such young age, he was already that strong and was even able to concoct a batch of Golden High-level pills. Only an idiot wouldn't believe that Roan was just some random cultivator with no backing... well, that was exactly the case, but Rean and Roan wouldn't tell Foliel that.

"Hmph! I won't lie. If it was anyone else, I would have taken these pills with me straight away. However, in your case, I would rather not risk it, so here you go." Foliel then took 11 Molten Divine Rock Flowers from his spatial ring, just like he mentioned he had before. In the end, it was still a very profitable deal. "Now, I need to go back. You should also leave since I'm not the only Void Tempering Realm cultivator looking for these guys." Without waiting for Rean and Roan's answer, Foliel used his spatial ability and movement technique to dart into the distance.

Rean quickly pulled the flowers into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and smiled, saying, "That really helped a lot. I didn't expect to get the rest of the flowers through this deal."

Roan nodded in agreement. "In fact, we have one extra. In any case, let's get out of here first."

The two then jumped on Kentucky's back before the Minokawa flew high in the skies. This time, Kentucky went much higher than normal so that it would be harder to bump into any other cultivator, even those at the Void Tempering Realm. Thanks to that, the twins' journey back to the settlement was smooth.

Rean and Roan didn't stay in the settlement for long, though. They quickly changed direction once again and flew back to Gaios City. Just like before, Kentucky and Roan were sent back into the Dimensional Realm, and only Rean took the teleport formation. Obviously, he used a different appearance once again.

The entire journey took around a week to be completed. That was enough, though. After all, Rean paid the hotel worker for two weeks.

Back in the hotel, Rean reverted to his normal appearance. The worker was there as well, so he quickly recognized Rean. "Welcome back, sir. Everything was kept as you asked."

Rean smiled in response, nodding in satisfaction. "Good. Here, these are for you." He then gave the worker five Rank One Divine Stones, which was a lot for someone like him.

"If sir needs anything else, please let me know." The worker then happily left after leaving Rean in his room.

Rean smiled and entered the room, where he found Falangia teaching both Luan and Rafatia how to write and read.

However, before Rean said anything, Roan quickly came out of the Dimensional Realm. "Seems like you did as I asked. Good.. Let's see how much you've learned."