

## Death 1451

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Chapter 1451: Blade Tail Sharks

Once the journey started, Roan took the chance to ask. "How long do you think it will take?"

Carion immediately answered, "If everything goes well, around two months. Of course, although I know a relatively safer route, it doesn't change the fact that it's still dangerous. I don't know what will happen on the way, so it might take much longer. If we're lucky, it can take a lot less time."

Roan nodded in response. "That's fine. I just wanted to have an idea."

In the first two days of travel in the Under Desert Sea, Carion was successful in avoiding most of the issues. Of course, Rean's skill played a huge role here. However, they also noticed that the concentration of aquatic demon beasts began to increase. Not only that, but their level did as well. There were rarely any Stage One Demon Beasts in sight, except for the very young ones. Mostly were already at Stage Two or Three.

On the third day, things had already gotten a lot more complicated. Kentucky, Rean, and Roan's eyes suddenly narrowed. A strong Divine Sense swept the area they were in, only being redirected by the Divine Sense bending skill. "Initial Stage Transition Realm," said the twins at almost the same time.

Carion and Briget's attention were obviously piqued. "Really? Where?"

Rean then pointed at the floor on the ground, where it was possible to see a cave entrance. "It's coming from inside there. Also, it's approaching us fast."

"Can it feel our presence?" Briget asked in response.

Rean shook his head in response. "No. It's using something else other than Divine Sense to locate us."

Suddenly, Luan called their attention. "So many! There are a lot of Divine Energy spheres coming from that same tunnel."

Sure enough, as soon as Luan said that, the tunnel filled with aquatic demon beasts. They were all from the same species. "It's the Blade Tail Sharks!" Carion exclaimed, identifying the demon beasts in one glance. "There must be a king between them that's leading the group."

Roan took out his scythe after that. "It doesn't matter. Are we going to fight or try to outrun them? Most of those Blade Tail Sharks are only Stage Two and Three. There's only one there that might cause some trouble, which is the one at the Initial Stage of the Transition Realm."

Carion shook his head as he took out a pair of spears. "No can do. Blade Tail Sharks can communicate with other aquatic demon beasts much faster than we can run away. If we try to escape, we will only encounter more and more swarms along the way. That's a pretty common ability for aquatic demon beasts in the Under Desert Sea."

Rean also took out his sword after that. "That makes sense. The idea is to prevent cultivators from Treavin from fleeing to Pol Continent. It's understandable that the Under Sea Kingdom arranged this Under Desert Sea to have a lot of reconnaissance-type aquatic demon beasts. They don't want to let anyone escape." Rean was right. In any other place of the Pol Continent, it would be very hard to find this many reconnaissance-type aquatic demon beasts.

Suddenly, a voice echoed through the water. Obviously, it was only possible through the help of Divine Energy. "Do you think you can hide here? In the Under Sea Desert, concealing abilities don't work against me." It was then that a huge Blade Tail Shark appeared from the same tunnel, followed by quite a few Stage Eight and Seven sharks of the same species. "My children, attack! Bring their corpses back so I can have lunch."

\*Shua!\*

As soon as the order came out, all the low-level Blade Tail Sharks launched in the direction of the twins' group. Carion and Briget narrowed their eyes but didn't panic. Carion was close to the ground at this moment, so he immediately dove down and stood on the wet dirt. As soon as the mob reached Carion's range, he began his assault. "We need to finish this quickly before we catch the attention of even more aquatic demon beasts."

The earth on the ground began to take the form of hundreds of earth spears, which Carion launched against the sharks.

‘Earth Spikes!’

Although it was a very simple skill that most Earth Affinity users could use, it was very effective due to the difference in cultivation between Carion and the shark. As for the ones who passed by his barrage, he ended them with his real spears.

Briget, on the other hand, was a Lightning Affinity cultivator, so she stayed with her Purple Lightning Eagle. The two seemed to have fought together before as the Purple Lightning Eagle fed Briget with its own Lightning Element.

Rena could tell that Briget was going to use some attack in the area, so he quickly jumped back from the eagle and went close to Kentucky.

‘Lightning Field!’

Purple and blue lightning quickly spread several meters around Briget and the eagle. All the Stage Two and Three Blade Tail Sharks who got close were immediately electrocuted to death almost instantly.

The eagle’s eyes became even sharper as it dove into the enemy’s ranks, knowing that his and Briget’s Lightning Ability would kill everything on their path.

Nevertheless, Rean could tell that Carion and Briget’s massacre was far from making any meaningful change. There was simply no end to the Blade Tail Sharks coming their way. ‘They’re being controlled by that Transition Realm Blade Tail Shark. If we don’t get rid of him quickly, this will never end.’

It was then that Rean noticed something. ‘By the way, where’s Roan?’

Kentucky, who was just watching Carion and Briget’s performance, shrugged his shoulders. ‘Where else? He obviously doesn’t care about those small fries, so he went for the king.’

Rean sighed when he heard that. 'He just has to have all the fun, huh. Oh well, whatever. Kentucky, protect Falangia and the others. There are a lot of sharks coming our way as well. I'll help Carion and Briget since they're our guides.'

Kentucky nodded in response.. 'Sure, just go ahead.'

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Chapter 1452: Having Fun

'Life Style, First Form, Enhancement!'

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

Rean quickly swam in Briget's direction. Normally, Shadow Steps wouldn't work since, obviously, Rean was swimming. However, he concentrated his Divine Soul Power on his feet, creating something like flippers that helped him obtain extra propulsion with Shadow Steps as the base. It was a far cry from using Shadow Steps on the surface, but it was definitely much better than just normal swimming.

Briget, who was now using her Divine Sense in this battle, was taken aback when she saw Rean. That's because Rean was charging straight at her. 'What is he doing?! He will get hit by my Lightning Field!'

However, Rean simply created a Divine Soul Power barrier around him as Light and Dark Element spread through it. The Dark Element destroyed the lightning while the Light Element fed it. Both were sustained by the Divine Soul Power. Rean was in the same cultivation realm as Briget. However, Briget was in the Initial Stage while he was at the Peak Stage. At the same time, Rean was obviously several times stronger than any common cultivator at his level. Briget's Lightning Field simply couldn't break his protection at all.

"Ah!" Briget was shocked at how useless her Lightning Field was against Rean and was afraid that he was taking this opportunity to attack her. Carion also saw that with his Divine Sense and immediately tried to go after Briget to help her. Unfortunately, neither of them was fast enough to prevent Rean. Briget closed her eyes, waiting for the worst to happen when suddenly...

\*Touch!\*

Rean touched her shoulder.

‘Life Style, First Form, Enhancement!’

Briget felt her body fill with power. Not only her, but Rean also touched the Lightning Eagle below her feet, giving him the same treatment. ‘Alright, it should help you two fight much better, especially the eagle since it’s using its wings for swimming.’

Briget had little time to process what just happened as Rean turned in Carion’s direction. ‘Oh, you came as well. Great! Come here!’

Carion didn’t know what happened, just that his sister had a shocked expression. Naturally, his first thought was that Rean did something bad to her and was now trying to do the same to him. ‘Don’t underestimate me!’

His Earth Spikes and both his spears moved in Rean’s direction, trying to stop him. However, in the end, Rean and Carion were too far from each other in their combat abilities. If Rean was being affected by the water, then Carion was even more so.

‘Death Style, Third Form, Three Claws of the Dragon!’

Well, in fact, Rean didn’t attack Carion with three swords. Instead, he only created two, which hit both of Carion’s spears. The spears were then quickly deflected, leaving Carion exposed completely. Carion knew that Rean was one stage above in cultivation than him. He was at the Late Stage, after all. However, he never expected that Rean could be that much stronger than him, especially since Earth Affinity cultivators like him normally had higher raw strength in direct clashes. ‘Not good! I won’t be able to use my life-saving treasure!’

He prepared for the impact, concentrating as much Earth Element and Divine Energy around his body as possible. However, the thrust he was expecting never came. Instead, he felt a light touch on his shoulder as Rean did the same thing with him as he did with Briget.

‘Life Style, First Form, Enhancement!’

Immediately, Carion felt like his body filled with strength, a strength that he had never felt before. 'This...'

Rean shook his head in disappointment as he said, 'What are you even doing? Weren't we supposed to be allies? I'm just helping you, and you decide to attack me?' Of course, Rean was just messing with him. He knew very well why Carion did that, and he was just having his own fun there.

Carion then looked at his sister, who was as shocked as himself. He had a skill that could increase his own allies' raw strength to such a degree... just how good was that?

That wasn't all. Carion and Briget weren't your average cultivator. They also could jump one or two stages to fight those above. However, both of them were completely powerless against Rean's approach. Not to mention that Roan and Kentucky didn't do anything. 'We knew they had higher strength than common cultivators since they also passed the test. However, isn't this way too ridiculous?!'

However, Carion quickly recovered before apologizing, 'So-sorry... It's just that you approached us so quickly and didn't say anything. How could we not think you were trying to take advantage of the situation to kill us?'

Rean laughed in response. 'Hahaha! Then, please tell me. Would you just let me touch you in this situation if I told you that I could increase your power?'

Carion and Briget bitterly smiled in response. Of course not! Rean was literally the first cultivator they ever saw that could increase an ally's strength. At least the first one to increase it by this much.

Rean didn't wait for Carion or Briget to answer before looking away. 'Well, forget it. I would pay attention to the battlefield if I were you.'

'Ah!' Carion and Briget immediately returned their attention to the sharks, who were once again right on their faces.

'Life Style, Flash!'

Suddenly, a sphere of Light Element burst, brightening everything around them. This Under Sea Desert was illuminated by the blue algae. However, it couldn't hold a candle to the light of day. The demon beasts here were all used to the darker environment. When the Light Sphere burst, they were all blinded for a few seconds, which was enough for Briget and Carion to get back on their feet.

Well, Rean's enhancement was a lot more useful for Carion, though. After all, it was something that increased the body's raw power strength. For Briget, it had little use. Just like Rean said, it was a lot more helpful for the eagle she was standing on. Still, they quickly noticed a problem. 'Rean, we can't delay much more. We need to go after the Blade Tail Shark King.'

Rean shook his head as he cut down all the sharks coming in his direction with ease. 'No need.. It won't last long.'

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Chapter 1453: Pummeling Technique

Sure enough, the assault from the sharks suddenly stopped. After that, the sharks seemed to be confused for a moment before beginning to disperse, just like that. 'This...'

Carion and Briget were confused as to what just happened. 'Why did the attacks suddenly stop?'

However, Rean looked in a certain direction before asking, 'You're losing your touch, no? How come you took so long to kill that shark?'

It was then that Roan appeared from within the sea of dispersing Blade Tail Sharks. 'Kill? Who said anything about killing?'

Roan then turned around before using his Divine Soul Power to make his voice spread throughout the water. "What are you waiting there for? Come out already. If you think I was cruel a moment ago, don't wait and see me get irritated."

"Y-Yes! I'm coming! I'm coming!" It was then that the giant Blade Tail Shark appeared in front of their vision. He had countless deep cuts on his body as Dark Element seemed to be oozing out of quite a few of them. It was hard to tell why he was still alive. "I'm here, m-m-mas...ter..."

It was none other than the Transition Realm Blade Tail Shark! His sorrowful state showed just how bad of a time he had in Roan's hands.

Rean smiled after seeing that, saying, "Oh, I see. It's been some time since we used the Pummeling Taming Method. I just didn't expect it would work on a sentient demon beast."

Roan nodded, saying, "It's because I focused a lot more on the pain than the benefits. Well, there's also the fact this guy was simply too weak. He tried to use the Stage Seven and Eight Sharks to take me down, but he only helped me get a lot of Demon Cores for selling later. I might use a few in my pills as well, actually." Roan then showed a hand full of Demon Cores, all of them brimming with Demonic Energy.

"Oh! They look delicious! Can I have some?" Suddenly, Kentucky appeared by Roan's side like a ghost.

Roan narrowed his eyes in response. "At your current level of strength, would these Stage Seven and Eight Demon Beast Cores be of any help?"

Kentucky shook his head, telling him outright, "No... but they're still very tasty!"

Roan then put the Demon Cores away after that. "Then forget it. I'm not operating a charity here. Next time, you go out and get the cores yourself."

"But... you guys left me to protect Falangia, Luan, and Rafatia. I couldn't join the battle. That's not fair." Kentucky obviously felt wronged when he heard that.

Roan pondered over it for a bit, soon thinking that Kentucky was right. "Fine! You can have half of the Demon Cores we get from now on in this place. However, you can only eat them after we leave the Under Desert Sea."

Kentucky's eyes lit up once he heard that. "Great! I'll make sure to keep these three well protected."

Little did they notice, but Briget and Carion felt like they were losing their minds. 'Just how ridiculous are these two?' By now, they had already begun to feel like idiots. They were afraid of Rean and Roan



attacking them at some point, so they were always ready to defend themselves. However, there was simply no need to be afraid. That's because if the twins decided to attack, they would be 100% dead. They were absolutely no match for those twins, plus they wouldn't be able to flee either. In a certain way, it could be said that the twins simply didn't care about their strength, only that they knew the path with the least of problems.

"Ahem..." Carion then tried to recover as he looked at the submissive Transition Realm Blade Tail Shark. "Is it really fine to let him stay alive?"

Roan snorted in response, replying, "That depends if he wants to cultivate again in his life or not."

The shark bitterly smiled when he heard that. "I won't betray you... I promise." No way in hell did he want to go through the same suffering again. Dark Element was just too terrifying. Not to mention that Roan himself was just way too strong. While fighting him, he killed most of his lower-level subordinates, and he did all of that with ease.

However, there was another reason why he wouldn't betray Roan. That's because Roan showed him that he could use Dark and Light Element to help his internal injuries. As a demon beast, he accumulated numerous long-lasting internal defects. Things that he couldn't be healed anymore until he was much, much wealthier. Now, the opportunity to get rid of all of those things appeared in front of him. So what if he had to be Roan's plaything for a while? It was better than dying, while he would get many benefits once he brought the twins' group out of the Under Desert Sea.

Carion wasn't aware how Roan got the demon beast's loyalty or whether the shark's loyalty was true or not. The important thing was that they were safe. "I see... well, we should leave this place. The entire area is filled with the blood of the dead sharks. I'm sure many other aquatic demon beasts will gather here soon."

The Blade Tail Shark King shook his head, saying, "Don't worry. With me alive, the other Transition Realm aquatic demon beasts won't get close."

Rean was happy to hear that. "Oh! That's definitely useful. By the way, what should we call you?"

The shark narrowed his eyes, telling them, "I don't really have a name. It has only been a few years since I got my sentience, so I've never thought about that."

Rean didn't mind. "Alright, calling you Blade Tail Shark King all the time is annoying. From now on, you're Sharky."

"Sh-Shar...ky?" Sharky didn't like that name very much.

However, Roan didn't seem to be very patient about name choices. "So be it. He won't stay with us for long anyway, so Sharky it is."

Sharky could only sadly accept it as he definitely wouldn't go against Roan's decision. "Ahem... then, can you give me some time to recover before continuing? I'm in pretty bad shape."

Roan then looked at Rean, soon telling him, "Heal Sharky up.. We'll be leaving right after."

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Chapter 1454: Kinda

After that, Rean completely healed the Blade Tail Shark King, much to his surprise. With the promise of having his defects cured as well, he was more than happy to help. "So, you're trying to get to the Pol Continent, right?"

Roan nodded in response. "Since you're from here, you must know this place quite well."

Sharky nodded in response. "I do know my territory and the path I took to reach this place. However, I was given the mission by the Under Sea Kingdom to come, so I entered the Under Desert Sea through the route they told me to. That route is completely covered in aquatic demon beasts much stronger than me, so I wouldn't recommend it."

Sharky also added, "I can't help you much in selecting a route to move through. However, I can definitely be the vanguard as most of the aquatic demon beasts won't care if you're with me. Because I'm in the Transition Realm, the other Transition Realm demon beasts will think that you guys are my prisoners."

Roan shook his head, telling Sharky, "We will use this method only if we can be found. You saw us hiding with our skill earlier, right? We'll continue to use it."

Sharky shook his head, though. "You definitely have an amazing concealment skill. I couldn't feel your presence with my Divine Sense at all. However, I can definitely feel the changes in the current you left behind up to several kilometers. It was like you drew a line in the middle of the sea for me to follow. Most of the other Transition Realm demon beasts here are the type with very good senses, so they'll definitely notice your group even with the skill activated."

Hearing that, Carion mentioned, "I have a route that should be relatively safer. It shouldn't have as many Transition Realm aquatic demon beasts as other places. You're the first Transition Realm beast we found after more than two days traveling."

Sharky was impressed to hear that. "I don't know how you found this route, but it's really good. This territory we're in at the moment is mine, but it's new. There weren't any Transition Realm demon beasts here before. If not for that, we would have never met each other."

The twins were satisfied with Sharky's answer. That was one more proof that Carion and Briget's information about the route was really good. Then again, it's obvious that the information they had was from a few years in the past. After all, Sharky did say he was put here just a few years ago.

"Alright, Carion will continue to guide us. As for Sharky, he will be at the front. Sharky, I didn't kill all your Stage Seven and Eight Blade Tail Sharks, so tell the rest to come to your aid. It'll be easier to believe that we're your prisoners if you have more of them around."

"Wouldn't that be bad?" Briget asked in response. "What if he decides to turn on us while we're passing through the territory of another aquatic demon beast?"

Roan snorted in response. "He can try. However, he won't be alive to see what will happen next if that happens."

Sharky would sweat if he could. There's no way he would do such a thing. He just got his sentience not long ago, so he didn't want to die so soon. Nevertheless, he agreed with Briget. "I agree with the woman, though. It would be bad to have my subordinates following me. That would be the same as saying that I can't deal with you on my own, so others will come to check."

Roan didn't go against Sharky's words. "You're the one who lives here. If you're the one refusing to bring your subordinates, then it must be a bad choice since they would be under your control. Alright then. We'll just follow you. Carion will show the way as always."

"You can count on me. I'll keep my part of the deal," Carion said in response, happy to see that his father's information about the route was mostly correct so far.

With that, their group finally departed once again.

Along the way, Falangia couldn't help but ask, "Rean, isn't there anything I can do to help? I've only been cultivating together with Rafatia and Luan all the time. Luan, at the very least, can help you with that eye ability of his in case something you don't know comes our way."

Rean sighed in response, telling her, "Unfortunately, I really don't know how you could help in this situation. It might look rude, but even as cannon fodder, you wouldn't be of any help. Enemies who could pose a threat to us will simpl-" It was then that Rean had an idea. "Oh... I think I do know what you can help with. Take this." Rean then passed a piece of equipment to Falangia.

"What's this?" asked Falangia.

Rean smiled before sending her a Divine Sense message, explaining its use. "Do you understand?"

Falangia had a shocked expression on her face, but she nodded nonetheless. "Can this thing really achieve that?"

"That will depend on how well you choose to use it," Rean replied as he shrugged his shoulders.

Falangia's shocked expression then turned serious after that. "Alright."

"Mommy, what did big brother Rean give you?" Suddenly, the curious Rafatia joined the conversation.

However, Falangia just shook her head, saying, "It's nothing, baby." It was then she thought of an excuse. "It's just one more of those candies. They're very good, so I asked big brother Rean for another one."

"Oh!" Rafatia's eyes lit up in response. "Can I have one too?"

Rean laughed out loud as he nodded. "Hahaha! Of course!" He had a lot of them, so he gave the girl another one. Of course, he noticed the jealous expression of Luan on Kentucky's back, so he gave Luan one as well.

With that, Rean looked forward when he suddenly received a message from Roan through their Soul Connection. 'Does that even work?'

Rean smiled in response.. 'Nope.'

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Chapter 1455: Separation

Things worked very, very well for over half of the path as an entire month went by. With Sharky at the front, the other aquatic demon beasts didn't try anything against the twins' group. As for those at the Transition Realm, only two other ones appeared, but Sharky easily convinced them that everything was under control.

Of course, the reason they found so few demon beasts at the Transition Realm or above was because of the route Carion's father gave them. That truly helped a lot.

However, the closer they got to the division between the continents in the Under Desert Sea, the more nervous Carion and Briget seemed to become. Rean and Sharky thought that it was because that was supposed to be the place with the highest concentration of aquatic demon beasts. On the other hand, Roan didn't believe that was the reason. 'Rean, are you able to tell which cardinal direction we're moving in at the moment?'

In theory, the Pol Continent should be located on the west-northwest side of the Treavin Continent. It's just that after a month of several detours, Roan felt like they weren't exactly moving in that direction.

Rean pondered in silence for a bit before bringing out a device from the Dimensional Realm. 'That's easy. The Realm of Gods doesn't really have a place we can call 'north,' but people still name the cardinal directions that somehow. That's why we know we need to go west to reach Jhiod. The reason for that is this thing.'

To be more specific, there were several small triangular-shaped items on Rean's ring. However, they seemed to be connected by some kind of invisible power. If Rean pulled one apart, as long as it wasn't too far away, it would return to the other pieces. Rean then injected Divine Soul Power inside, and the items began to shine with a dark yellow color. Not long after, they formed a line, with the tip of the triangles all pointing in the same direction. 'That's where the Realm of Gods is located. Wait, that's a little out of place.'

'As I thought,' Roan said in response. If the line of triangles was really pointing north, then their group wasn't moving west-northwest. Instead, they were moving more along the lines of west-southwest. The difference in direction wasn't that great, and it would still bring them to Pol Continent in the end. However, it didn't make sense from their point of view as it would increase the traveled distance by a lot.

'Perhaps this is the safe route,' Rean considered. 'By taking this long-distance path, we will not bump into many high-level aquatic demon beasts compared to following the straight line.'

Roan nodded in response. 'Perhaps you're right. However, you should still keep your guard up.'

And just like that, another week went by without issues. However, Roan's instinct proved true when they reached what seemed to be a gigantic chasm. There were no algae inside, so it was impossible to see the bottom as it was pitch black. Rean and Roan's Divine Sense could reach up to eight kilometers away. However, they weren't using it as it might catch the attention of other demon beasts.

It was at that moment that Carion and Briget ordered their Purple Lightning Eagle to stop. "Seems like we're here."

Rean looked at him and at the environment around him. The continental barrier was severely weakened in the Under Desert Sea. Yet, the continental barrier didn't simply disappear. It was still there, and they hadn't seen it yet. Naturally, they haven't arrived at Pol Continent. "What do you mean? Is there supposed to be something here?"

Briget and Carion then looked at the twins and nodded in response. "Yes, this is our real objective. We're thankful for all your help, but we will part ways here."

Everyone was puzzled when suddenly, Carion threw a jade slip at Rean. "This is the route our father marked down. As you can see, it continues even further away. Just follow it, and you'll eventually enter the Caskide Sea, located in the Pol Continent." Soon after, Carion and Briget ordered the Purple Lightning Eagle to dive down into the chasm.

Sharky looked at Roan and asked, "Master, what do you want to do? Should I stop them?"

Roan pondered the current situation for a bit. The map in the jade slip really showed the entire path they made until now, and it also showed the rest. However, there was also a mark at the location where they were at the moment, which was the chasm. It was obvious that there was something here, or those siblings wouldn't have decided to enter. "Don't you know anything about this place, Sharky?"

Sharky shook his head, saying, "As I mentioned before, I only took care of the territory I was placed in. I don't know much about the rest of the Under Desert Sea."

Rean then looked at Roan and told him, "They didn't seem to be lying, though."

Roan agreed with Rean. "Indeed. I didn't detect any lies when they said the path in the jade slip would lead us to the Caskide Sea. That also explains why I didn't detect any lies before. Even though they weren't planning to make their way to the Pol Continent, they never lied that they knew about a safer route that could bring us there."

Soon, Briget, Carion, and the Purple Lightning Eagle disappeared into the chasm's shadow. Roan didn't try to stop them, though. None of the siblings tried to attack the twins while providing the safer route to Pol Continent. In a certain way, the siblings did complete their part of the deal. "The question is. Do you want to go down and see what's down there, or do you want to leave the Under Desert Sea?"

Rean then looked at Falangia's group and sighed in response. "We know way too little about this place. I would rather deliver Falangia and the others to safety first before trying anything. Besides, it's not like we really need to know what those siblings are planning as it's highly unlikely that it'll impact our journey."

Roan completely agreed with Rean on that point. He didn't like the Under Desert Sea either. "Indeed. Let's get out of here.. Sharky, lead the way according to the map in this jade slip."

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#### Chapter 1456: Bird-Fish

One extra week. That was the time it took for the continental barrier to finally appear in front of the twins. The Divine Energy raged in the Under Desert Sea as the currents made everything chaotic. However, even though the twins' group was very close to it, they could still resist its power without much effort. "Seems like the information was right. I don't know how it works, but the Under Desert Sea weakens the destructive power of the continental barrier."

Sharky nodded in response. "I passed through it after the Under Sea Kingdom assigned me to my territory. Of course, I used their knowledge to get an easy route which they safeguarded very tightly. It was very easy to go through. However, the power of this point of the barrier doesn't seem much different than the point I used."

Rean also looked around and could see that some Stage Three and Four Sea Demon Beasts roamed the area. That proved that the continental barrier wasn't really that bad in this place. Above that, the twins' couldn't detect any Transition Realm aquatic demon beasts either. "Let's go."

Rean then shielded Falangia and Rafatia while Roan protected Luan. Kentucky and Sharky didn't really need any protection, so they just pressed forward. The continental barrier then hit them, making their protection tremble quite a bit. However, it didn't last long. Everyone got used to the environment quickly, stabilizing the protection around their bodies.

Then again, the continental barrier itself wasn't that big. It was only several tens of kilometers in length in the Under Desert Sea. It's just that one couldn't move very fast as it could affect the protection of Divine Energy... or the protection of Divine Soul Power in the twins' case.

"There really is nothing inside the continental barrier..." Kentucky couldn't help but comment.

Rean, on the other hand, continued to look around him. "I wonder if we can't find one of those Spirits that live in the continental barrier."



“Do you mean that whale that those smugglers used to bring us to Lanqueas?” Roan asked.

Rean nodded in response. “Yeah. If we had one of those, we wouldn’t need to worry about traversing the continental barrier anymore.”

Roan found it unlikely, though. “I don’t think it’s that easy. It’s possible that many conditions have to be met for those whale-like spirits to live here. Back then, Timoteo had to call the whale from within the continental barrier. Obviously, he couldn’t keep it outside, or he would have definitely done so. Even if you find one of those here, they might not be suitable at all.”

Rean understood what Roan meant, saying, “Indeed. The power of the continental barrier in this Under Desert Sea is nothing compared to the outside. Even if I find a spirit like that whale and find a way to bring it outside, it might die in any other barrier. It might not even be a problem regarding the continental barrier’s power. Maybe it would die simply because the barriers aren’t the same everywhere.”

Roan nodded in response. “That’s correct.” Then again, Roan had to admit. “Well, if we do find one of those, there’s no harm in trying to capture one. Who knows? It might work.”

Sharky couldn’t help but ask. “Are there really spirits capable of living inside a normal continental barrier?” He obviously understood that this wasn’t the first time the twins were passing through one.

Rean confirmed, nodding. “Yes. The fact that you didn’t know that proves that they’re truly quite rare. Who knows? Maybe they only exist in the continental barrier between Lanqueas and Huring.”

Their conversation wasn’t a secret or anything, so everyone heard it, including Luan. “What’s a whale?”

Roan looked at him before explaining through a Divine Sense message.

Only then did Luan understand. “I see... I can’t see anything like that with my eyes either.”

Rean didn’t mind. “It’s fine. I was just dreaming out loud. Hahaha!”

“However, there are a few others here that look like a big bird mixed with a fish...” Luan said soon after as his pupils shone inside the continental barrier.

“Oh! A big bird mixed with a fish. That’s quite different.”

“...”

“What did you say?!” Rean and Roan immediately asked Luan back as they looked all around them. However, they still couldn’t see anything like that at all. In the continental barrier, Divine Senses were useless.

Luan then pointed in several directions, saying, “There’s one there, there, and there...”

Rean, Roan, Kentucky, and Sharky then raised their guards since they didn’t know if they could be attacked or not. “Are they coming after us?”

Luan shook his head, telling them, “No, there was a lot of them that swam by our sides, but they seem to ignore us. None of them looked in our direction either.”

Rean pondered a bit, wondering, “Back then, the whale was a very big spirit, so it could swallow all of us before passing through the barrier. Luan, how big are these bird-fishes?”

Luan then raised his hand, replying, “The size of my palm.”

Rean sighed after hearing that. “Well, I don’t think they would be able to protect us against the continental barriers, then. They’re just too small.” It was then that Rean thought. “By the way, how many can you see?”

“I can’t count. There are just way too many of them. Look, there’s one swimming around me right now,” Luan said as his eyes followed the bird-fish. He was still a six-year-old kid, so that entertained him very much.

Roan then looked at Rean, asking him, "Do you think you can use quantity to make up for size?"

Rean nodded in response. "Well, I did think about that. But how would I capture something I can't even see? Also, do they even have the strength to resist the continental barrier somewhere else? After all, this barrier here is a very weak continental barrier because of the Under Desert Sea."

The twins then looked at Luan and asked, "Your eyes can see both energy and elements. Would you be able to tell which element they have inside their bodies?"

Luan nodded, saying, "They all have a mix of all elements as far as I can see."

"Indeed, they're just like the whales from back then," Roan said.

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Chapter 1457: Kibin Race

The twins then began to think about it as Sharky led the way. Back then, Timoteo had some form of controlling the whale. However, how did he do that? "Can you think about something that can attract a multi-elemental spirit?"

Everyone shook their heads in response. First of all, where would one find multi-elemental beings? Even the twins weren't like that. However, they quickly noticed that Luan seemed to be playing with that bird-fish he had just mentioned. "Luan, how did you attract the bird-fish swimming around you?"

Luan shook his head, telling them, "I didn't. It simply looked at me for a moment, and then it began to swim around me. That was all."

Falangia, who was hearing everything, then wondered, "Could it be that these invisible bird-fishes only answer to those who can see them?"

The twins had to admit Falangia's words made sense. Following that, Roan used his Divine Soul Power to grab Luan before asking, "Tell me when there's a fish passing close to you."

Luan nodded and warned Roan as soon as one got close. "Alright, I'll put you in front of it, so look straight at its eyes." Without wasting time, Roan used his Divine Soul Power to move Luan in front of the bird-fish.

The bird-fish and Luan soon made eye contact. After that, it began to swim by the side, but it still looked at Luan as if testing whether Luan was really looking at it or not. Luan, obviously, followed it with his eyes. Eventually, the bird-fish confirmed that Luan could really see it and began to swim around him soon after. "Hey, it worked. Now both bird-fishes are swimming around me."

Rean and Roan looked at each other and nodded, saying, "Good. Roan will put you in front of many more, so make sure to look at them."

However, Luan seemed to be a little afraid. "I... I think that isn't a good idea."

"Why is that?" Everyone asked back.

"I don't know what I did, but there are a lot of them heading my way right now." In Luan's eyes, it seemed like the two bird-fishes he had around him caught the attention of the others. Luan then became a beacon that gathered the multiple bird-fishes in their surroundings, all swimming around him.

"Luan, keep telling us everything you can see," Roan told him.

Luan nodded in response. "They seemed to be gathering around me nonstop. I can't count them... I'm afraid, dad!"

Roan narrowed his eyes when he heard that. "I'm not your dad."

However, Luan was too afraid to consider that point. "Dad, pull me back. I'm scared! They'll eat me!"

Roan sighed before pulling Luan back close to him, soon increasing the power of his protective barrier. He also added Dark Element, even though it wouldn't be of much use since the bird-fishes also had Dark Element inside them.

“Dad... they stopped.” Surprisingly though, the bird-fishes didn’t continue to swim around Luan. “Dad, they’re gathering...”

Rean and the others immediately asked. “Where?”

“In front of us,” Luan answered, now feeling a little safer in Roan’s arms.

Roan nodded, not minding it. “Keep telling us what’s ha-” However, Roan didn’t need to conclude that phrase. That’s because the bird-fish gathering seemed to create a phenomenon in front of their group. All the elements gathered, and so did the continental barrier’s Divine Energy. Even they could see it now due to the amount of it.

The twins’ group increased their guard even more since the power at the location ahead was definitely terrifying. Even Kentucky wouldn’t be able to resist if all those elements and Divine Energy were used in an attack. However, after a few seconds, it stopped. It’s just that everyone could still see what was happening. “What kind of spirit is this one?”

Rean couldn’t help but remember the Kiwi back on Earth, a type of bird that couldn’t fly and had a thin but long beak. However, that was only half of its body. The other half was akin to a fish... well, to be more specific, it followed the whales’ and dolphins’ patterns. The tail was horizontal, not vertical.

As for why they could see that spirit, the twins already knew the answer. ‘Spirits are invisible as long as they wish to be invisible. However, if they want to appear in front of others, they can do that. Obviously, this... thing... wanted us to see it.’

Roan was right. As soon as the bird-fish, if one could even call it that, appeared in front of everyone, it used Divine Sense to communicate. ‘I didn’t expect that someone would be able to see me. However, those are some very peculiar couple of eyes, kid. Are you perhaps part of the Sacred Eye Race?’

Luan didn’t know what the bird-fish was talking about. “What is the Sacred Eye Race?”

The twins also have never heard about it. “Hey, how come you have sentience? We’ve seen another type of spirit inside the continental barrier before, but it didn’t have any intelligence. Also, what are you

exactly? No, wait! Maybe this isn't even your home. Perhaps you decided to live here, but you have nothing to do with the continental barrier."

The Kiwi thing narrowed its eyes as it looked at the twins, especially Roan, who held Luan. "Don't compare me to such a low-level creature. What you saw was probably a Rainbow Whale, and they do live in continental barriers. However, my Kibin Spirit Race is several times stronger. Those Rainbow Whales rarely get strong enough to acquire sentience. Unlike us, who are already born with it."

Rean nodded in response. "So you are a spirit that lives in the continental barriers."

"Correct," answered the Kibin. "You haven't answered my question, though."

Roan answered it for Luan, saying, "We don't know which race my disciple is from. His parents are dead, so we can't even ask. However, he's most likely a mixed blood."

The Kibin nodded in response. "I see... I can't feel much of the Sacred Eye Race bloodline inside his body anyway. You're most likely right about the mixed blood."

After that, Rean asked the question in everyone's minds. "So.... why did you decide to appear in front of us?"

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Chapter 1458: Do I Really Have To?

The Kibin answered the question with another question, telling them, "Hmm? Weren't you the ones who wanted me to appear? I usually wouldn't do such a thing, but since this little boy could see me, I made an exception."

Rean was surprised to hear that. "That was quite a simple reason... well, you're right. We truly wanted to talk to you. Say... can you traverse any of the continental barriers?"

The Kibin nodded in response. "Not all continental barrier spirits can do it. In fact, only a few have the right conditions to traverse anywhere in the barriers. Fortunately, my Kibin Race just so happens to be

one of them.” He then snorted as he said, “Of course, if you think you can capture me and use my powers for that, you can give it a shot. Hahaha!”

Everyone immediately shook their heads. After the display of power that the Kiwi- ahem, the Kibin showed earlier, it would be suicidal to try anything against this guy. Surprisingly, Rean decided to not lie about it, telling the Kibin, “We did have the intention of capturing the small yous to see if we could use your power to pass the barriers. However, I had no intention of causing you any harm.”

Kibin then looked at Rean, saying, “That’s quite honest of you. Usually, after seeing how much stronger someone is, they would deny everything. You know I could have you all die right here and then, right? Aren’t you afraid that I’ll do exactly that after what you said?”

Rean nodded in response. “Of course! However, I don’t think escaping is an option for us at the moment. With that said, I believe it’s better to just come clean and see how everything goes after that.”

Kibin surprisingly seemed quite satisfied. “Not too bad. However, there’s no need to worry. I can see from your Minokawa that you aren’t forcing it into a master-subordinate relationship, so you shouldn’t be that bad.”

Kentucky didn’t deny that. “Indeed. They asked me many times if I wanted to leave their group to go live on my own. We’ve never had any sort of forced connection. However, I do follow them on my own since I’m getting many, many benefits that I wouldn’t get anywhere else.”

Rean was more interested in what Kibin mentioned, though. “So you know Kentucky is a Divine Demon Bird. A Minokawa at that.”

Kibin nodded in response. “For someone of my age, it’s to be expected. However, I admit I haven’t seen many of them in the past, and he’s a little different from the other Minokawas with that feather crown on his head. In any case, the power of his bloodline is undeniable.”

Rean couldn’t help but ask after that, “If you can live in any of the continental barriers, why would you be in this one? The power of this continental barrier is weakened by the Under Desert Sea, so it shouldn’t feel that good for you, no?”

“Weakened by the Under Desert Sea?” Kibin shook his head. “The Under Desert Sea has nothing to do with the weakening of the Continental Barrier. The real culprit is found inside the chasm your two friends entered a week earlier. As for why I’m here, it’s exactly because it is weakened. I can relax in this continental barrier.”

Everyone was taken aback. “Briget and Carion? Are they after the thing that disrupts this barrier?”

The Kibin shrugged its shoulders in response. “Who knows? I do find it too good to be a coincidence that they entered that, though. Anyways, it has nothing to do with me, so I won’t intervene. At most, the continental barrier’s weakening will cease to exist.”

The twins couldn’t help but think about what could be so powerful in that chasm that it weakened the continental barrier to such an extent. As far as they knew, it has been like that forever. “Is it really okay to tell us about that?”

Kibin nodded in response. “It’s not any secret, so who cares? No one could do anything about it. Just forget it.”

The twins’ group could only nod before they talked for a while longer. Seeing that Kibin wouldn’t kill anyone here, everyone was relieved. Eventually, a few minutes later, Rean decided to ask, “So... can we keep going? We’re almost at Pol Continent.”

In the end, neither he nor Roan wanted to see what Carion and Briget were up to. The Kibin already said that it wasn’t a secret, but no one could do anything about it, so how could they? They already had their own objective, which was to get out of the continental barrier and head to Jhiod.

Kibin shook his head, though. “Just wait a moment.”

Suddenly, part of the Kibin’s body separated into many small Kibins before they shot into the distance. This time, everyone could see them as the Kibin allowed it.

And just like that, several hours went by. Since they had nothing to do, they conversed even more with the Kibin. Unfortunately, the Kibin knew nothing about the Pol Continent. All continental barriers were interconnected like a web, and the continents were separated by it. With that said, the Kibin could



simply travel through the barriers to reach this place without ever passing through any continent. However, there was one thing he didn't answer, and that was why it was making them wait for his parts to come back.

Eventually, seven hours and a few minutes later, Kibin's parts that had separated from him returned, making him whole again. However, that wasn't all.

"There is another Kibin by his side," Luan said as he looked at a much smaller Kibin. The Kibin they talked to until now was really big, much bigger than Kentucky. However, the new one was more or less around Kentucky's size.

The first Kibin then looked at his side, saying, "Stop hiding already and show yourself. That boy has the Sacred Eye bloodline."

With that, the much smaller Kibin showed itself. Other than the size, he was pretty much identical to the first Kibin. "Dad... do I really have to?"

The big Kibin nodded, saying, "You do. I've already checked their souls with our race's abilities. They're the real deal, which is very rare to find.. Just go with them and don't come back before you reach that level."

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Chapter 1459: Feeding On Virtues

"Wait, what?!" Naturally, the twins' group was completely shocked by what they heard. "What do you mean by coming with us?"

The big Kibin then explained, "I told him to follow you from now on. Didn't you want someone to help you pass through the continental barriers? My kid here can do that."

It didn't matter how they looked at it. It was just way too good to be true. "What's happening here? Why would you simply entrust your kid to strangers out of nowhere? It's way too suspicious. Way too easy! We just met a few hours ago. From where did this trust come from?" said Rean. Everyone also nodded, agreeing with Rean.

“From my check on your souls,” the Big Kibin answered. “You didn’t notice it since your cultivations are too small. My Kibin Race can check the souls of other living beings, using it to determine whether they’re malicious or not. Surprisingly, the three of you are fine. The colors of your souls tell me that you’re the type who really cares for those who are close to you.”

The twins immediately asked Sister Orb, ‘Sister Orb, shouldn’t the system block this kind of access to our souls?’

[Not really. What the system blocks is anything that can harm it. He didn’t try to touch your souls at all, only checking them from afar. That’s why the system had no need to do anything. Your souls had never been in any danger in the first place.] Sister Orb explained.

Rean then noticed something, asking, “The three of us? Do you mean Kentucky, Roan, and me?”

The big Kibin nodded, saying, “Yes. That Blade Tail Shark is the greedy and scared type, but it’s only being forced to follow your orders, so it doesn’t count. The difference in strength between you is vast as well. Anyway, his type is the most common in the Realm of Gods. As for the two girls and the kid... the kid with the Sacred Eyes is fine. But this little girl and her mother have been tainted quite a lot already. Well, that’s a very common sight in the Realm of Gods and especially continents like Treavin.”

Falangia sighed in response but didn’t deny it. She did tell Rean before that she did everything to survive and help her daughter. She did kill quite a few people and did other kinds of evil deeds before. It goes without saying that she is far from being someone with a good nature. Though, it puzzled her why her daughter would be put inside the same basket. “Is my daughter’s soul really as bad as mine?”

The big Kibin shook his head. “Not really. However, she’s what I would call the untrustworthy type. It isn’t very evident yet, but she will grow to become quite a deceptive woman. Then again, the two of you have extremely small cultivations, so it doesn’t change my decision. What I’m counting on is the twins and the Minokawa, not the rest of you.”

Obviously, Rafatia was confused about what the Kibin said. She was still very young, after all. However, Falangia didn’t like it at all. “Could it be my fault? Is there a way to avoid it?”

Roan immediately stopped her, saying, “You should be happy instead. Good people don’t live long in the Realm of Gods. If she wants to improve in the future, she will need this kind of ability, especially since

her talent is average. Besides, isn't that the reason you yourself survived until now? Why would you think it's a bad thing? You should rejoice about that."

Rean couldn't help but say, "Well, I have always tried to be on the good side. However, I did kill a lot of people and demon beasts in the past, let alone Roan. How come the color of our souls are fine?"

The Kibin shook his head, clarifying, "I've never said you never killed anyone. If you truly haven't, I would never trust you to start with. Someone like that is bound to die if they're trying to reach a higher realm. What I meant is that you're trustworthy. The color of your souls is very, very clear. As long as someone doesn't try to do anything against you or don't go against your beliefs, you won't do anything to them. For example, I'm pretty sure you two have never killed anyone just because you thought that person had good loot on them."

Rean and Roan nodded in response. Indeed, they had never killed anyone just because they were greedy. There were times when they fought for some items and ended up killing someone. However, they never attacked anyone without a valid reason. Wars were a very good example of places where they probably killed some good people, but that wouldn't count since everyone who joined an army was aware of the chance of death. "Well... you're not wrong in that regard."

However, Roan was still confused. "Very well. I understand you can use this Kibin Soul Watching ability or whatever to tell if someone is evil, deceitful, greedy, good, trustworthy, and so on. However, what does that have to do with putting your son under our care? I've never heard about a continental barrier spirit following cultivators around."

The big Kibin nodded before he looked at his son, telling him, "You go and explain."

The smaller Kibin didn't seem very willing, but he still could see the colors of the twins and Kentucky's souls. With that said, he knew it was time. "Our Kibin Race has a very special ability. To be more specific, it's connected to the same ability that allows us to see the colors of everyone's souls. We... feed on those souls' virtues."

The twins narrowed their eyes, asking for clarification, "Are you saying you want to eat our souls?"

The big Kibin shook his head. "Far from that.. Simply put, you can simply keep being yourselves, and my son will benefit from it without causing any damage to your souls whatsoever."

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Chapter 1460: Look Forward

“You must understand that our race becomes easily influenced by these virtues if we stay close to people for long. However, we also need them to increase our level. In the end, the spirit races’ cultivations are all a mess,” said the Big Kibin. “However, Kibins aren’t very common, so we prioritize our race’s prosperity. Feeding on virtues and prioritizing the ones important to you is key to our development. That’s why I’m sending him with you.”

Roan looked at the big Kibin and asked, “What stops you from just capturing us and then having your kid feed on our virtues in safety?”

The big Kibin snorted when he heard that. “Ha! Are you really asking me that?”

Roan couldn’t help but faintly smile after hearing that question. “At least you know that living in safety will eventually bring about demise.” Simply put, living in safety wouldn’t help with one’s development. It’s as Roan always reminded. Real-life experiences were essential for training. Naturally, he has lived up to this standard with Rean and Kentucky. Obviously, the big Kibin understood that as well.

The Big Kibin nodded. “You are very experienced yourself, and so are your brother and Minokawa. That’s not something you’ll acquire by living under your father’s house all your life.” He then added, “Anyway, without feeding on virtues, our Kibin Race finds it very difficult to cultivate. That’s why I’m sending him to you. Whether he likes it or not, that’s his only option.”

The smaller Kibin shook his head, saying, “But I don’t mind being weak forever... no one can do anything to us in the continental barriers anyway. Why does dad keep insisting on this? Can I simply not?”

Suddenly, some kind of multicolored light came out of the big Kibin, hitting the smaller one.

\*Ouch!\*

“Dad! It hurts!” Obviously, that was some kind of low-damage attack that dealt a lot of pain.

The big Kibin snorted as he said, "Hmph! Obviously! However, this is nothing compared to what I'm gonna do to you if you keep complaining. I already told you our race can't share the same souls when we feed on virtues. That's why it's so hard to find people and demon beasts with the right qualities. As for safety, this is just an illusion. If the real powers decide to enter the continental barriers and get rid of us, they totally have the strength to do so. Without strength, we will just get wiped out. Now, you will do as I say. Before you reach that level, you are not to come back. Oh, and one more thing. If I find out that you ran away... hehe!"

The small Kibin felt a chill on his back and immediately nodded after that. "Alright! Alright! I'll go, okay? I'll go! Sigh... why must my life be such a struggle?" Suddenly, the small Kibin transformed into a ray of multicolored light and shot in Luan's direction. Rean and Roan narrowed their eyes when they saw that but didn't try to intervene. They could if they wanted as the light wasn't much faster than themselves. That showed that the small Kibin's strength was more or less equal to their own. It's just that it didn't seem like the light was trying to harm Luan.

The light then disappeared into Luan's forehead before a small Kibin mark appeared in there. That didn't last long, though. That mark also disappeared a few moments later.

Roan then looked at the big Kibin and asked, "Didn't you say it would feed on our virtues? Why did it enter my disciple's forehead?"

The big Kibin responded, "It will feed on your virtues. All it needs is to stay close to you all, and that Sacred Eye kid is a perfect choice. We continental barrier spirits have a mix of all elements running in our bodies. With that said, the kid doesn't have any Elemental Affinity. His affinity is space, which could be said to be neutral. This is perfect for keeping our own elemental balance. Otherwise, you would need to visit the continental barrier quite often."

Everyone knew about the importance of their own elemental affinities, so the small Kibin's choice was indeed the best one.

Rean was happy about that, though. "That's more than welcome. Now we can finally pass through continental barriers with the Kibin's support. Though, can you tell us a little more about your son's strengths? Can he fight? If yes, how good is he?"

The big Kibin immediately shook his head, saying, "He cannot fight outside the Continental Barrier. At most, he can't fight more than a few hundred kilometers away from it. With that said, you won't be able

to get his help while traveling through the continents. Of course, if the need for fight appears while traversing the continental barriers, then he can fight at the level of a Transition Realm cultivator.”

Kentucky was surprised to hear that. “Doesn’t that make your race quite vulnerable, then? You did say the real powers can enter it, after all.”

The big Kibin shook his head. “It’s only temporary. Once he reaches a certain level, he’ll be able to live outside the continental barrier as normal Spirits do. But until then, take good care of him.”

“You keep saying ‘that level’ all the time. What level is it? Void Tempering? Maybe higher?” Roan asked.

The big Kibin nodded, saying, “Much higher than that. In any case, you don’t need to worry about his cultivation. He can deal with it on his own. Just so you know, he won’t steal anything from you, including Divine Energy. He doesn’t need it. In a certain way, it’s as if he isn’t even there until you need him in the continental barriers.”

Of course, the big Kibin could tell what everyone was thinking. “Do you think our race’s cultivation is weird? Hehe! That’s because you haven’t seen the other sentient continental barrier spirits. Our own could be said to be quite blessed already.”

\*Tremble!\*

Suddenly, the entire area began to shake as the currents became even more chaotic. “Oh! It seems like they really did it. Oh well, whatever.” The big Kibin then looked at the twins’ group and told them, “You should go now.. I look forward to seeing my son in the future.”