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Chapter 1561: Touché

Rean then pointed at the streams of energy, replying, "The Divine Lakes seem to have some important connection to the Upside Down World. They also just so happen to be colored. However, the lakes themselves don't have any Divine Energy whatsoever. Obviously, the energy the altar is absorbing couldn't be coming from them. Isn't that too much of a coincidence? Although the energy doesn't come from the lakes, it does resemble them. That's where my conjecture came from. If I'm not wrong, that energy is the Upside Down World's essence."

The twins had access to World Energy from the Dimensional Realm, so Rean was able to feel the similarities. The World Essence was obviously very important for any world, and that also confirmed that this Upside Down World is a type of world separated from the Realm of Gods. Most likely, it was located inside a Dimensional Realm, just like the twins' realm.

Giam didn't try to hide it anymore as he said, "You're correct. We're absorbing the World Essence of this place to charge the altar. After that, we'll use it to open a spatial gate to the Realm of Gods once again. Just so you know, it's useless to escape this world through the barrier."

Rean didn't need to hear more to understand. "So that's how it is, huh? Since this is a world within a Dimensional Realm, the barrier covering it is separating us from the spatial storms outside. Naturally, passing through the barrier is just tantamount to suicide. The barrier isn't locking us inside. The barrier is protecting us from the spatial storms outside. Now, that barrier is disappearing since you're siphoning this world's essence."

Clinbay and the other elders of the purging organization couldn't help but feel a chill on their backs when they heard that. The best thing that ever happened to them was the failure of their formation. If they had succeeded, they would end up inside the spatial storms. After all, the only thing that waited for them there was death.

Giam was surprised that Rean was able to deduce all of that. "You seem to be very familiar with Dimensional Realms."

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he said, "I'm someone from the Sacred Undersea Kingdom, after all." Indeed, he shamelessly lied once again.

In any case, for Giam and the others, it was a very valid reason. It's just that Vaz didn't understand one thing. "So... why is the white powder appearing here?"

Rean was going to explain it. However, Giam decided to do it on his own. "The white powder is the opposite of the Upside Down World's essence. Now that the world is losing its essence, the white powder from the natural formations from the several locations across the Pol Continent is entering here."

Suddenly, Roan's expression turned terrible, saying, "I see... you guys... are not going to use the altar to open a passage to the Realm of Gods at all."

Once again, everyone was confused as Giam's expression became even worse. 'Could it be he noticed?' Giam thought.

Prom was the first to ask Roan about his words, saying, "What do you mean?"

Roan then pointed at the altar, explaining, "All I'm going to say from this point onward might be wrong. Anyways, here's what I think. First, everyone knows that the first people and demon beasts that ever appeared in this place got here because they were transformed into statues, right?"

Everyone nodded in response. Although the first ones who ever came here had already died, they left behind their records. The main powers, like the purging organization, had some of those records. This Upside Down World was empty at first, and it began to accumulate living beings as more and more statues appeared inside the lakes.

Roan continued, "That means this Upside Down World was already in this place to start with when the first ones arrived. However, why was it here, separated in a Dimensional Realm from the Realm of Gods? I believe that it isn't just some coincidence, especially after looking at that altar. It truly looks to be something extremely old. I'm pretty sure that this Upside Down World... is being used to restrict something. Or, to be more precise, to lock down someone. Whether it's a cultivator, a demon beast, or a spirit, I don't know."

"The natural formations are probably something prepared by this being. The simple fact that it happens in several different places in the Pol Continent is its way of getting as many living beings here as

possible. All for the sake of getting free. For that, someone had to find the altar that sealed this being. Now then, the energy of the world is being taken away, so the seal is slowly being revealed.” Roan finished his words there.

After listening to Roan’s explanation, even Rean had to admit it was possible. At the very least, Roan’s words matched all the events so far, especially with that altar. “Giam, is that true?”

Giam’s group had heard Roan’s words as well, and they were now looking at Giam to see what he had to say. In any case, from their shocked expressions, it seemed like Roan had nailed it. “Hmph! That’s correct. However, I wasn’t lying. If we do it, that being who’s sealed in this Upside Down World will help us escape back to the Realm of Gods. That was the agreement.”

Clinbay and everyone else were feeling overwhelmed already. This is too much information at once.

On the twins’ side, things became even clearer. It was easier to say that the system’s real objective wasn’t exactly to prevent everyone from escaping. Instead, it was to prevent that specific creature from doing so.

Of course, the twins had to try to stop it, so Rean immediately gave his opinion and said, “Senior Giam, you’re such an idiot. Did you forget it was this same being that created the white powder and got all of us here? Now you want to believe in it?”

Giam nodded without thinking twice. “So what? As long as we can leave, I don’t care. Everyone, does any of you want to stop us?”

Roan coldly laughed after hearing that. “Hehe! I don’t know if this being is going to help you. However, the fact you had to keep all of us out already proves that we definitely aren’t part of this deal.”

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Chapter 1562: Touching the Dome

It was then that Vaz made a request. "Is that so? In that case, you definitely won't mind turning off this protective barrier, right? After all, we can leave together. Don't worry. If you can really bring everyone out, we don't care about what happens to this world... or prison. You have no need to be wary of us."

'Nicely done!' Everyone thought at the same time. Surprisingly, Vaz wasn't lying. Every single person or demon beast there wanted to leave as well. If this world being destroyed could guarantee their escape, none of them would try anything against Giam. They wouldn't even care about the being who brought them to this place to start with.

However, Giam immediately rejected the idea, telling them, "I... can't do that. I can't trust that no one will try to intervene."

Clinbay snorted in response, saying, "Simply put, you have no way of guaranteeing your words. Very well. All we need to do to escape is feed that altar, right? In that case, we'll get rid of you and help this 'being' ourselves. I refuse to believe that this 'being' would care about who set him free."

Clinbay wasn't alone. He simply voiced the thoughts of everyone in that place.

"That's true."

"We can even make our own agreement."

"There's no need to waste time with these guys from the Light Seekers organization."

Suddenly, an ancient voice echoed in everyone's minds through a Divine Sense message. 'Kekeke! What a scene this is. Suddenly, everyone wants to help me.'

Everyone immediately looked at the white altar in the center of the dome. As they heard that voice, the pillar shone.

"Are you the guy who's locked here?"

The voice confirmed. 'That's me. It's really impressive that it took so many years until someone finally found this altar. I have to give it to those angels. Their energy concealing methods are really good. The Light Seekers only found me through sheer coincidence while constructing a new foundation for one of their buildings.'

Rean and Roan's attention were immediately piqued after that. After all, they had seen someone from the angel races before. However, they didn't say anything at the moment.

Clinbay took the chance to ask, "Can you really bring all of us out? As long as you do so, we don't mind helping you with whatever you're doing."

'Kekeke!' The being laughed in response. 'As if! You guys can simply die together with this fucking prison! That's your punishment for taking so long to find me. Tens of thousands of years bringing people and demon beasts with my Dust Materialization Technique, and only now am I getting out. If not because of my agreement with the Light Seekers, I would leave them to die as well.'

Giam was shocked by the being's words once he heard that. Wouldn't that simply make everyone turn against them? However, he didn't say anything as he believed that being had some reason to do that.

Clinbay's group obviously wouldn't take that without doing anything. After all, the Upside Down World would be destroyed to get this 'being' out of there. "Since that's the case, there's no need for you to escape at all. Everyone, let's destroy this dome and stop the process!"

Immediately, all the experts present there began to bombard the protective dome. Explosions of several types of elements made the entire area quake even more! No one was holding back at all. Even the Space Bending Realm experts were attacking the dome with everything they had.

Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom...

Rean and Roan, obviously, didn't do anything. After all, their power was just too limited with that cultivation level. On the other hand, they were relieved. If that being said that he would bring everyone out, then they would have a hard time stopping it. One must not forget that their quest required them to stop everyone from escaping... well, in fact, stop that being from escaping.

Several minutes went by, and the underground area was crumbling all over the place. However, the expressions on Clinbay's groups were turning even worse. That's because the protective dome around the pillar didn't even receive a single scratch. All their combined effort wasn't enough to achieve anything at all. Eventually, seeing that they were not getting anywhere, the attacks stopped.

'Kekeke! What a bunch of ants. Even though I don't have a tenth of my original power, this is more than enough to hold all of you back.'

Clinbay ignored that voice and looked at Giam, saying, "Giam, this guy obviously wants everyone dead. Even if he brings you out of Upside Down World, he would most likely kill your group as well."

The being obviously heard that. However, he didn't mind it. 'Kekeke! Now then, Giam. Which one would you like to try? Give up on helping me and never getting out, or help me, get out, and perhaps I won't kill you at all?'

Giam and the other elders didn't need to think twice. They had obviously thought about this possibility in the past. However, they still preferred to give it a try than wither in this place until their corpses rot. "Clinbay, there's no need to persuade us anymore. We have all made up our minds that we will follow his wishes."

Lutik shook his head in response, telling Clinbay, "Clinbay, it's impossible to change their minds. Instead, let's keep attacking. This dome will fall eventually."

'Kekeke! Go ahead. It's very entertaining seeing some ants struggling.'

Clinbay and everyone else were nervous. It truly didn't seem that they would break this dome today or any other day in the future.

However, it was then that something changed as Havek brought Rean and Roan with him nearer to the dome.

Rean and Roan then touched the dome before snorting. "Hmph! Let's see if you can stop this, then."

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Chapter 1563: Try To Guess

At first, everyone shook their heads. They had a few experts there who could use Yin Energy to control Dark Element. However, it was totally useless against the dome. Let alone the Dark Element of a Core and Soul Fusion Realm cultivator.

However, their expressions changed the very next moment.

Shhhhhhh...

It only happened slightly. Yet, everyone could hear and see that Roan's Dark Element began to penetrate through the dome of energy.

"What?!" Everyone immediately got closer to take a look. The power of Roan's Dark Element was by no means that high. However, it was truly piercing through the dome, albeit very slowly.

'Yo-You!' Naturally, the most shocked one was none other than the being sealed in the altar. He never expected that someone would be able to pierce through his protective barrier in this place. 'Stop! Stop right now!'

Roan obviously wouldn't listen to the guy. "Stop? Why would I? So that I can die in this prison of yours? Dream on."

Roan's Dark Element was the purest one that could possibly exist. Let alone when it had Rean's Light Element, which was also the purest in existence. That's something that simple cultivation couldn't make up for. Just using Yin Energy to gather Dark Element was far, far from being as good as Roan's Dark Element, which could destroy everything.

'You're courting death!'

As soon as he said that, more white powder began to accumulate underground as the creatures once again appeared. Unlike the creatures outside, these ones that began to take form in the underground

were a lot more powerful, being able to easily fight Void Tempering Realm cultivators and demon beasts.

"I can't court myself, though," Roan answered as he increased the pace at which he released his Dark Element.

Clinbay's group immediately understood that this was the chance they were waiting for. "Everyone, protect the twins with your lives, or you won't have a chance at living very soon."

"Attack!"

"Destroy them!"

"Try to aim at those taking form before they're complete!"

Surprisingly, Clinbay, Prom, and Wallib stayed by the twins' side. Their Divine Energies covered the twins as they made a protective circle around them. They absolutely wouldn't let anyone intervene with Rean and Roan's work. As for how Roan could do that, it didn't matter to them at the moment. What mattered was that they now had a chance.

Of course, the main group wasn't the main group for nothing. It was filled with the best experts from Upside Down World. Naturally, there was no lacking of Void Tempering Realm cultivators and demon beasts there. Now that they were giving their all into the fight, even the creatures couldn't get close to the twins.

Crack, crack, crack...

Cracks began to appear in the area where Roan worked. Although it wasn't enough to open the dome, it would definitely get there eventually. "Hehe! It seems like your own offensive abilities are very well sealed. The most you can do is create these white powder creatures. No, you called it the Dust Materialization Technique? I have to admit at the very least that your name for it is better." Roan was totally mocking the being on the altar.

'Ant! Do you really think I can't do anything to you?!' That being became even more enraged after that.

The World Essence that was entering the altar suddenly stopped at that moment. Instead, it began to rush out and enter the white powder outside, giving birth to a new creature.

'Not good!' Rean and Roan could tell that the new white powder creature was nothing like the others. Surprisingly though, Clinbay and the others didn't notice it. That's because the being on the altar was feeding that new creature with thinner streams of World Essence, which wasn't enough to trigger the perception of Clinbay's group. If not because of their own abilities and the fact that they had World Essence of their own, even the twins would have failed to notice that thing.

"Senior Clinbay, stop that creature from forming. Even experts at your level won't have a chance against it if it finishes taking form." Rean immediately warned Clinbay.

Clinbay, of course, was shocked to hear that. "Lutik, Prom, Rikarf, Wallib, Cesar, with me! Let's attack that thing!"

'You!' The being was shocked by the reaction of Clinbay's group. At first, the creature taking form shouldn't have looked anything different from the others. However, they immediately attacked without wasting time.

Without much choice, the being stopped feeding that new creature as Clinbay's group bombarded it. The being would only waste his World Essence if he continued. Instead, he changed targets and started to create something similar elsewhere in the underground area.

"Senior Clinbay, northwest side. Stop that one right now!" Unfortunately for him, the twins were totally focused on the altar's energy.

Clinbay's group knew that the twins were telling the truth. Even though they destroyed the first creature, they easily noticed that it was several times harder than any of the others they had found so far, and they did that before it even finished taking form. "Let's go! Rean, Roan, keep updating us!"

The being on the altar noticed that it wouldn't work with the twins there. It didn't matter how it tried to hide the World Essence. The twins could tell exactly where it was. Without any other choice, it gave up

creating that new white powder creature in the underground area and redirected the World Essence's energy outside where the twins couldn't see it. After that, he would order the creature to come down here.

Of course, the twins noticed that. Unfortunately, they really couldn't tell where the new creature was taking form since it was far away from their location. Well, they didn't seem to care anymore, though.

"Hehe!" Roan coldly laughed. "Try to guess which certain protective barrier became a lot weaker after someone diverted the World Essence somewhere else."

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Chapter 1564: Complete

The cracks suddenly spread out like spiderwebs, creating a chain reaction that covered the entire thing! Rean then looked at Clinbay's group and told them, "Seniors, be ready. It's going down. You must stop the Light Seekers from feeding the altar!"

As soon as Rean said that, the dome lost the power necessary to stop Roan's Dark Element.

Crack, crack, crack... shatter!

The dome then broke into countless pieces of energy, revealing the members of the Light Seekers organization.

How could Clinbay and the others let the chance pass up? "Attack!"

Giam and his elders immediately noticed the peril they were in and stopped feeding the altar with their Divine Energy. After all, they had to defend themselves, or they would die there.

Unfortunately for them, the Light Seekers didn't have a single Space Bending Realm cultivator or demon beast. First of all, the Light Seekers had never been a strong power in the Upside Down World. It was already very good that they had a few Void Tempering Realm members. Naturally, they had no chance against Clinbay, Lutik, Prom, Rikarf, Wallib, and Cesar, who were all in the Space Bending Realm.

Soon, all the members of the Light Seekers were killed or captured, stopping the energy from being fed into the altar. As they did that, the Upside Down World also stopped trembling.

"We did it!" Seeing that the world's collapse stopped, everyone cheered.

Giam, who had been easily captured, just wanted to die already. "Just kill me. There's no need to delay it."

Clinbay snorted in response. "As if! You have a lot of questions to answer. Besides, we might still use this being in the altar to get us out, can't we?"

Everyone then looked at the altar, which suddenly turned silent. "Hehe! Seems like the tables have turned, no?"

However, what greeted them was a cold laugh. 'Kekeke! You really are just a bunch of ants. So what if you stopped me from absorbing the world's essence? I can totally force all of you to do the same now.'

Roar!

It was then that a defying roar came from the hole leading to the surface.

Clinbay's group felt a chill on their backs after that. "It's the creature he was trying to create to fight us!"

'Kekeke! That's exactly it. It's a shame I had to waste so much World Essence to create that thing just for it to crumble a few days later. However, that will be enough to deal with you all.'

Clinbay didn't waste time and immediately attacked the altar. Obviously, everyone else did the same thing.

Boom, boom boom, boom, boom...

Unfortunately, their weapons and skills didn't leave a single scratch on the altar at all.

'Kekeke! This altar was created to hold me inside. In fact, you should be happy that you can't destroy it. After all, that would be more than enough to set my soul free. At least you'll be able to struggle a bit before dying to my little Dust Puppet. Even that Dark Element boy won't be able to do a thing against it. At the very least, not in time to stop me from killing you all. Well, I guess I won't kill everyone since I need some food to finish my escaping process.'

Bang!

Arrrgh!

Suddenly, an explosion came from the hole leading to the surface as many cultivators and demon beasts fell through it. They were Levid's group, who stayed outside to defend the entrance to the underground area.

Soon after, something that looked like a white-colored demon came floating through the hole as it looked at everyone. Immediately, everyone understood. It wasn't a mindless creature like all the others. Not only that, it was obviously far stronger than the likes of Clinbay. Those at the Space Bending Realm were probably ants before it.

It was then that it began to speak with the same voice as the one on the altar. However, it wasn't Divine Sense this time. "Now then, I guess I'll start with these twins." Anyone could tell that the white demon was being directly controlled by that being on the altar.

The white demon then looked at the twins, who just so happened to stop by the side of his altar. "What? Do you think you can threaten me with my own altar? Hehe! Too naive."

However, Rean and Roan laughed out loud in response. "Stop you? Of course not! We just need to stop the white demon. Hahaha!"

The being inside the altar felt a chill in his mind as he said, 'What are you go-'

Vup!

However, before he could finish answering his question, the altar suddenly disappeared! It wasn't anything big to start with. Then again, no one would have missed it if it was still there, which was not the case at this point.

As soon as that happened, the smile on the white demon disappeared as it fell to the ground. Not only that, but all the white powder creatures in the light pillar also stopped moving, although they still had their energy inside. It was just like Rean and Roan said. They were going to stop the white demon, nothing else.

That wasn't all. The light pillar outside also disappeared straight away. As for the white powder, it began to disappear, just like it did outside. If not because of all the cracks and destruction in the world, it would be hard to tell if the light pillar had ever appeared in the first place.

Clinbay and the others quickly landed near the twins. "Wh-What did you do?"

Rean then held a spatial ring in his hand as he said, "When the Divine Energy and World Essence was stopped, the altar became nothing more than a simple item. All we had to do was send it inside. Done! Its connection to everything else in the Upside Down World was severed. Simple, no?"

"This..." They knew Rean was right. It was indeed very simple. However, would any of them come up with this idea at that moment?

Following that, Rean's hand was infused with Divine Energy.

Immediately, everyone understood what Rean was going to do. "Stop!"

However, they were too late. Rean closed his hand, crushing the spatial ring. It was now lost, forever.

"Eh? You guys wanted to keep it?" Rean asked with an innocent expression. Of course, he knew very well what they wanted. They still held the hope that the being on the altar would be able to bring them out. Now, however, that chance was gone forever.

When one broke a spatial ring, everything inside was thrown into the fabric of space. No one could tell if the things inside would be destroyed by the spatial storms or if they would resurface somewhere else in the Realm of Gods. One thing was for sure, though. It was impossible for them to recover it now. Well, that was what the twins exactly wanted.

As soon as Rean did that...

Pin!

[Congratulations, Hosts. The quest 'Prevent the beings of the Upside Down World from escaping' is now complete.]

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Chapter 1565: Shall we talk?

[Reward: 150000 Destiny Points.]

[Hidden Reward: Remaining time for Nascent Soul Revival reduced by 90%.]

Now, the Destiny Points obviously pleased the twins. However, the extra hidden reward truly took them by surprise. 'That's the first time we've ever gotten a hidden reward.'

Sister Orb began to speak from there. [It's because of the time you took to complete the quest. Did you forget? You were given six months, but you ended up completing it in just three. Of course, I can't say other future quests will have such a hidden feature, but it's a good thing to look forward to and make you put in more effort.]

The twins nodded after that. It was obviously a good thing to get more from quests. 'With that said, our Nascent Souls should be back in two weeks, more or less.' Rean reiterated.

Obviously, none of the people and demon beasts there heard the twins. Clinbay and the others still had a very ugly expression on their faces after seeing Rean get rid of the altar with that being inside. "Sigh... with that thing in our hands, we could have forced it to bring us back to the Realm of Gods."

Rean shrugged his shoulders. "You can't blame me. That thing wanted to destroy the entire Upside Down World, killing all of us in the process. I just wanted it to be gone as fast as possible. Besides, nothing guarantees that it would help us, especially after we disrupted its plans."

There was one more reason for Rean to have done that. Without a doubt, the being on the altar considered the twins to be his archnemesis. What if he said that he would only bring everyone out if they killed the twins? That was totally possible.

Some noticed that point, but they couldn't prove that Rean and Roan had that in mind. In the end, they simply couldn't complain after Rean's words.

After that, many of the experts there took turns to ask the twins the things they were curious about. After all, few knew that the twins 'came' from the Sacred Undersea Kingdom. The good thing was that Vaz and the others from the purging organization already expected that, so they kept close to the twins, just in case.

Other than that, there was Giam and the few other elders that they captured.

In the end, it turned out that even Giam's Light Seekers organization didn't know much about that being. They only cared about one thing, escaping the Upside Down World. Not to mention that the being didn't want to talk about itself even after Giam asked in the past.

However, it wasn't like there were no rewards after all the problems that happened. The white demon puppet was the only white powder thing that had World Essence inside. Naturally, that obviously caught the experts' interest. It's just that they had to agree to share it equally between the main powers of the Upside Down World. As to how they would do that, Rean and Roan couldn't care less.

"Can we head back now? I don't think there's much for us to do here," Celis, who was also there, asked.

"Wait a moment!" Sure enough, it wasn't so easy. "We all haven't discussed the issue with the shooting formation of the purging organization. Sure, it turned out that anyone who used that would have died. However, the fact is that they built such a thing with the resources we provided them to run the organization."

Clinbay narrowed his eyes before saying, "I already told you. If anyone has a problem, you can all come at me. We can just kill each other to the end. The south side of the Upside Down World has already turned out like this. What would be the problem with destroying it a little more."

"Wait a minute!" Havek then called everyone's attention, saying, "If all of you start fighting, it won't be just the south side that will be like this. Some other kind of punishment is necessary, but definitely not a fight between experts of your level."

Clinbay pondered over it for a bit and nodded in agreement. "As long as it doesn't become a life and death battle, I'm willing to bear the consequences. As I said before, I truly intended to escape with my organization members alone."

Rean then patted Clinbay's shoulder before he looked at the rest of the people. "That should be enough, no? Just give a bit of punishment in the form of work or resources for the people and demon beasts of the purging organization. After all, all of you know that there's a limit to the number of beings that could be carried in that formation. Let me ask you guys. If it was any of you who had a way out of here but also had limited vacancy, would you have told the other powers?"

Immediately, everyone went silent. There wasn't a need for anyone to ask. If only a few could escape, they would have kept it a secret until the very end.

Lutik was the first one to give up. In the end, the fact was that the purging organization failed miserably. "Fine! I won't force the issue. However, since the purging organization exists for all the other powers' sake, there will have to be a bit of restructuring."

Prom was the second one to concede. "And we'll be taking back the Divine Stones you have accumulated."

Wallib also had his piece. "I'll send some of my own elders to your purging organization, and they'll have to be part of the main council. With that, I can keep better control of what you guys are doing there in case you come up with some other great idea."

A few others also gave a few conditions, but nothing that went too far. Clinbay, of course, accepted all of that.

In the end, everyone reached an agreement. The only one who didn't have a good ending was Liman. Since he betrayed the purging organization, no one wanted him back there. The others didn't want him either, so the guy kind of ended up alone.

'Hmph! As if I can't take care of myself,' he thought before leaving on his own.

Sometime later, Clinbay returned with his elders to the purging organization. Of course, the twins and Celis were brought back together. Havek also went back to his sect, knowing that his formation would be useless in this place. He agreed to go talk with the twins later about Rean's escape method.

Things continued to be quite busy for the twins during the next few days, and so did for the purging organization. It wasn't until six days later that the twins finally were allowed to get some free time, which they used to go back to their own rooms with Celis.

One didn't need to be a genius to know that the twins and Celis entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm straight away.

However, the twins didn't try to spend their points. Instead, they went to check a certain altar that had appeared in the dimensional realm six days ago. "Now then, mister tombstone. Shall we talk for a bit?"

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Chapter 1566: Same as Before

The twins truly intended to make the altar disappear when the spatial ring was broken. However, with the Dimensional Realm open, they thought it might have a better use if they sent the altar inside. One must remember that in the Dimensional Realm, Sister Orb was god. The being inside the altar simply had no power whatsoever in there.

As for why another existence could stay here, that's because they paid 10000 Destiny Points for a free pass. For some reason, Roan thought it would be worth it.

Rean laughed in response to the being inside the altar, saying, "Hahaha! Show respect? You wanted to make us disappear together with this prison of yours. Why the hell should we show respect to you?"

The being on the altar then answered in response, "Do you think you have me in your hands? Ha! What a joke. I don't know how you got your hands on a portable Dimensional Realm, but this isn't anything impressive from where I come. I have been locked in here for so long. It changes nothing if I have to continue like this for a while longer."

Roan could tell what the guy was thinking, saying, "You hope that we'll bring you out of the Upside Down World, and then you can escape, right? Unfortunately, that won't happen. This Dimensional Realm is on a completely different level than the ones you know about."

The being inside the altar didn't seem too worried. "Is that so? Well, we will find out later. Then again, I have to say. Since you have a portable Dimensional Realm, you must be from the center of the Realm of Gods, right? What are people from that place doing in this shithole of a place?"

Rean and Roan looked at each other before looking back at the altar, saying, "We have no idea what you're talking about. We came from the Mortal Realm, after all."

"What?!" The being was shocked to hear that. "Bullshit! There's no way someone from the Mortal Realm would get their hands on a portable Dimensional Realm, let alone one as good as this. You better come up with a better excuse."

Roan shrugged his shoulders after hearing that. "Whether you believe it or not is not our problem. Now then, how about you tell us more about yourself? Of course, that is if you aren't afraid of sharing some information with ants like us."

"Hmph!" The being obviously understood that Roan was provoking him. However, it was also true that he didn't feel afraid of the twins at all. "What is there to be afraid of? It's just that you would never understand the kind of place I came from, so there's no point telling you."

Roan coldly smiled in response. "Hehe! I indeed couldn't say anything about you when you were outside. However, here in this Dimensional Realm, my senses are many times sharper towards everything in this place. Are you also a devil from the underworld?"

The altar went silent for a moment before the being inside began to laugh out loud. "Hahahaha! I see! I see! So that's how it is! No wonder your Dark Element could pierce through my barrier. Why didn't I pay

attention to your soul before? You're also someone from there. Hahaha! What's with this mediocre appearance of yours? How did you turn out like this?"

Roan shook his head once he heard that. "There's no need for you to know that," Roan answered. Roan wasn't surprised that the being noticed his origins. Back when Rean and Roan saw a devil connecting to the mortal realm to get that other devil, the first one noticed the difference between Roan and the others. It's just that he couldn't stay there for long, so he simply took their enemy away before disappearing completely. Since this guy was also another devil, it made sense that he could see through Roan.

The being inside the altar didn't mind that. "Is that so? Oh well, this isn't rare behavior between us. Anyways, how about helping a fellow underworld expert? I might be able to help you get a new body."

Roan didn't want that, though. "There's no need. What I'm interested in is you. Why did you get locked in this place? Also, there's one thing I'm curious about. Where is the underworld?" Roan never had the chance to ask that. He tried Sister Orb, but she had no idea as well. It's just that he didn't know if it was because Sister Orb was prohibited from talking about that or not.

"The underworld? Where else could it be? It's on the other half of the Realm of Gods. How come you don't know that?" The being began to find it strange.

"Just answer the questions." Roan didn't want to explain, though. "What do you mean by the other half?"

"Could it be you were just some little piece of shit from some corner of the underworld? How the hell did you end up taking over this boy's body? Could it be you reincarnated into it? That isn't right. The connection between your body and soul is perfect."

Of course, the being knew that Roan wouldn't talk about it. "Anyway, ant from the underworld, listen well. There isn't just one Realm of Gods, but two. In fact, there are two universes altogether. Think of it as two sides of the same coin. The difference is that one side is where we live while the other is this one where we're in at the moment."

Roan narrowed his eyes after that. That was basically the same as when he was a Death Spirit.

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Chapter 1567: First Upgrades

Roan then touched the altar and said, "I can still destroy you with my Dark Element, you know? There's nothing my Dark Element can't get rid of in the Realm of Gods."

"Is that so? Why don't you try it, then?" The altar immediately challenged Roan back.

However, Roan smiled in response. "So you weren't lying. All you need is for this altar to be destroyed to free your soul." The altar being had mentioned that back during the battle.

"Hmph!" Seeing how he was caught, the being in the altar didn't continue to talk.

Roan, on the other hand, wasn't in a hurry. "Let's leave him alone for a while. I would negotiate to give him his freedom, but that would probably have us killed. For now, it's better to leave him there."

Soon after, Roan used the Dimensional Realm's power to move the altar into a small chamber. There, it would stay until the twins decided what to do with the guy.

"Roan, are you still planning to head back to the underworld?" Rean asked once the altar disappeared.

Roan obviously nodded. "I think that's the place where I would be able to train the fastest. It's just that I don't know very well what the underworld of this half of the universe is like."

Rean nodded once he heard that. "Alright then. Let's wait until the guy finds out that he can't leave unless we say so."

Kentucky, Celis, and Sister Orb had only been listening so far, so one of them asked, "What are you planning to do now?"

Rean then looked at Sister Orb and said, "Well, first, let's use our extra Destiny Points, shall we?"

Roan agreed straight away. “That’s a good idea.”

They quickly touched the Soul Gem Orb and sent their Divine Soul Energy and Divine Sense inside. After that, the entire list appeared before them after they selected the reward system. Of course, this time, they only requested to see the things they could buy instead of everything.

[Nascent Soul Revival – 20000 Destiny Points]

[Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Pass – 10000 Destiny Points]

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

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

[Yin Yang Bathhouse – Reward from Destiny Strugglers Title]

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Destiny Perception Range Upgrade Level 2 – 100000 Destiny Points.] (1000000 kilometers at level one. 2000000 kilometers at level two.)

"Sister Orb, how many Destiny Points do we have right now?"

Sister Orb immediately answered, "Well, other than the 150k you got from the quest reward, you had another 20357. However, since you paid a free pass for that guy inside the altar, that's minus 10k. At the moment, you have 160357 Destiny Points."

Rean then looked at Roan and suggested, "How about we buy the next level of all three side occupations?"

Roan had to admit it was a good idea. Although Rean and Roan were already quite proficient with all three, the system wouldn't put it there if it wasn't something good. "Indeed. They're the cheapest upgrades among them."

Without wasting time, the twins immediately selected the options in the reward system.

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

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

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

[Total: 30000 Destiny Points.]

[Confirm purchase?]

"Yes!"

[Initializing upgrades.]

Immediately, the Blacksmith Workshop, the Alchemy Workshop, and the Electrical Formations Repository were covered by spheres of spatial power. Naturally, they were being upgraded by the system.

The twins waited there for over three hours until, finally, the upgrades were finalized.

[Upgrade concluded.]

However, the twins didn't go and check them. They could do it later since they had no intention to work with any of those for now. Instead, they went back to the reward system. There, they immediately noticed the next upgrade for all three side occupations.

[Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop Upgrade Level 5 – 100000 Destiny Points] (New)

[Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop Upgrade Level 5- 100000 Destiny Points] (New)

[Soul Gem Electrical Formations Repository Upgrade Level 5 – 100000 Destiny Points] (New)

"Holy shit! It jumped ten times in value!" Rean couldn't help but be shocked to see that.

Roan agreed with him, saying, "Whatever comes next, it's bound to be quite good."

Then again, there was nothing they could do about it. "Well, we'll find that out when the time comes. For now, we still have 130357 Destiny Points. What should we buy next?"

Celis, who was listening, immediately said, "Just buy the Energy Absorption Upgrade already. We need to get stronger, so what's there to even think?" As always, the cultivation maniac wanted to cultivate even faster. "Don't forget you already have me stuck at this level for years because you became statues."

Leaving aside that the twins didn't care if Celis had to wait or not, they had to admit there was nothing wrong with the idea. "Well, Energy Absorption it is."

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Chapter 1568: Wouldn't it be bad?

"Yes!"

Kentucky, Celis, and the twins were affected by the upgrade at the same time, just like last time. The only good thing was that they were all waiting for the pain to come. Thanks to that, they didn't look like idiots when the upgrade hit them.

Once that was done, Rean wiped the sweat off his face before saying, "Phew... so we finally increased our cultivation speed by a quarter, huh?"

Celis shook his head, saying, "That's only the case for you two. Kentucky and I were only affected by the last two upgrades that you did, so we're both at 10%. Well, not that I'm complaining."

Roan was more interested to see how much the next upgrade would cost, though. "Perhaps the remaining 70357 points can buy the next level as well."

[Energy Absorption Upgrade Level 6 – 200000 Destiny Points]

"Forget I said anything." Roan immediately threw away his ideas after that.

"70k, huh?" Rean couldn't help but look at a certain upgrade.

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

Rean then mentioned, "I won't lie. I'm curious to see what we would get from the Dimensional Realm if we upgrade it."

Roan was more interested in something else, though. “I believe the Soul Connection Range is the best choice. At the moment, we have access to the system’s perks as long as we’re within 10000 kilometers of each other. With the next level, this distance would increase by ten times.”

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

Rean still preferred the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade, though. “It’s extremely rare for us to go further away from each other than 10000 kilometers. I still think Dimensional Realm Upgrade is the best one as Soul Connection Range won’t really add anything.”

In the end, the twins couldn’t make a decision, so they decided to ask the others.

[I definitely prefer Soul Connection Range.] Sister Orb, as the System’s AI, immediately selected the Soul Connection Range since it would make things easier for her to act.

Celis, on the other hand... “I vote for the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade.” He spent most of his time cultivating in the Dimensional Realm. Besides, the new upgrade might give some extra cultivation speed to him in some form.

Luan was still in his statue form, so he couldn’t vote. At least, due to Sister Orb pouring Divine Water on his body, it was obvious that he would be able to think again soon. Several parts of his skin were already back to normal.

In the end, the only one remaining who could vote was Kentucky. Since each upgrade got two votes, he would be the one to make the final decision. “Hmm... both of the choices seem very good. Rean wasn’t completely right about the Soul Connection Range not adding anything. You can still travel almost 100000 kilometers from each other and teleport straight back through the Dimensional Realm. That’s a very good thing.”

He continued, “On the other hand, the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm usually gives something very good when it’s upgraded. I have to say, it’s a tough choice. With that being said, I guess I’ll leave it up to luck.”

Kentucky then took a coin out. They had quite a lot of those for times when paying with spirit stones was way too much. "I'll throw a coin, and whatever it falls on, the other side won't complain. Is that okay with all of you?"

Everyone nodded as they couldn't deny the other part's words.

"Good! Then let's go outside since Sister Orb, Rean, or Roan could totally use their control over the Dimensional Realm to influence the result." Kentucky really wanted to leave it to luck.

Outside, he covered his surroundings with Divine Energy so that no one could touch the coin. "Soul Connection Range on heads. Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade on tails. There we go!" He then blew the coin with his wings so that he also couldn't know exactly how it would fall.

Eventually, the coin fell to the ground and ended up on tails. "Well, Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade it is."

Roan sighed but accepted the result. He had his Divine Sense on the coin all the time, so he knew there were no tricks involved. "Let's head back inside."

Without wasting time, the twins touched the Soul Gem Orb and selected the next option.

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

[Confirm Purchase?]

"Y-"

"Wait!"

Suddenly, Celis called their attention and asked, "Can we stay in the Dimensional Realm during the upgrade? I just saw you guys couldn't enter the side-occupation workshops while they were changing. If we get forced outside, won't the altar come outside as well?"

Immediately, everyone looked at Sister Orb after that.

[Oh! Good point. Alright, I'll need you guys to go out. As for the altar guy and Luan, I'll protect them from the Dimensional Realm's transformation. Since they can't see anything, there won't be a problem.]

Naturally, the twins' group had no issues with that. "Good! Let's continue."

[Confirm purchase?]

"Yes!"

[Purchase confirmed. Initializing upgrade...]

Immediately, the twins, Celis, and Kentucky were sent outside. As for the altar and Luan, they couldn't see anything of what was happening inside, so they were left in there. One was sealed in a chamber while the other was a statue, after all.

It was then that the system's voice echoed in the twins' minds.

[Upgrade time: 336 hours]

"That's gonna take quite some time," Celis didn't expect it to take that long.

Roan shook his head, though. "It's just two weeks. Nothing much compared to all the free time we have."

Rean couldn't help but bitterly smile in response. "However, our cultivations are coming back to normal way before then, you know? I also left the chamber with the teleport formation in there."

Sure enough, those words took Roan, Celis, and Kentucky's attention. "Wouldn't it be bad if the others saw that our cultivation went back to the peak of the Elemental Transformation Realm out of nowhere?"

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Chapter 1569: Bad Mood

With that resolved, Rean's group left the purging organization's tower and went straight to Havek's sect.

"Oh! So that's how it works! Shit! Why didn't I think about that before?" Havek obviously understood how Rean's plan worked. "Well, that's also good. I can keep my word with the people of this sect and escape as well. Alright, since your Nascent Souls should be back in a little over a week, I will get the chambers ready in at most four days."

"Chambers?" Roan was confused. "We just need a single one. From what we found out, the 27th lake is the one connected to the area closest to the Xinfia Continent." Xinfia Continent was the next one in the twins' path to reach Jhiod.

Havek then said in response, "What? Are you saying you won't let the people and demon beasts here escape as well? Hehe! There's no way you would do such a thing. Since that's the case, I might as well prepare 33 chambers for all 33 lakes."

Rean was happy to hear that. "As expected of Havek. You really know what I'm thinking. To be honest, I was only going to leave the blueprints of the formation and tell everyone about the spatial gaps in the lakes. However, your method also works."

Havek agreed with Rean. "Of course, I won't be here to see everyone using the teleport formations in the lakes. I intend to do the same thing as you and leave the blueprints for everyone to see. After all, it would be bad if the powers decided all of a sudden to keep the methods for themselves or something like that. In any case, I will leave right now and get started. How about you two?"

Rean, Roan, Kentucky, and Celis nodded in response. "We're heading back to the purging organization. Just like before, they sent a few elders to follow us from the shadows to keep us safe. It'll be too suspicious if we stay here for too long even though we said we know you from back outside."

"Suit yourself." Havek didn't mind. "Come back four days later. I'll have all my people and demon beasts set up the chambers in the lakes. Fortunately, all lakes are free for everyone to do whatever they want, so it won't be hard to set them up."

Roan seemed a little impatient, though. "Just get it over with so that I can get out of this place."

Rean and the others didn't pay much attention to it as Roan was always like that. With that said, Rean's group returned to the Purging Organization. As mentioned before, there was still a lot of work to do after the events with the being inside the altar. Or, to be more specific, the devil's soul from the underworld. The twins could only put their bodies to work and help as they could.

As the days passed, Rean noticed something different, though. It was about Roan. Although there was a lot of work, it wasn't anything like the training Roan had them take part in. However, Rean felt like Roan was acting even colder than normal.

In the end, he couldn't help but ask the others in secret. 'Hey, don't you think Roan seems to be in a bad mood?'

Celis and Kentucky were taken aback to hear that. 'Has there ever been a time when Roan wasn't in a bad mood?' Sure enough, Roan seemed angry 24/7 in their eyes.

Rean narrowed his eyes in response, saying, 'Well, he's indeed in a bad mood all the time. However, it seems like it's even worse now.'

Kentucky didn't think so. 'Are you sure? Ever since we got out of the Dimensional Realm for the upgrade, he didn't ask us to train at all, no? We just did the work of the purging organization and nothing else. If this is what you call a worse mood, then I hope he continues to be like that forever. Hahahaha!'

Celis also trained with Roan now and then, so he had to admit Kentucky was right. 'Now that you say that, he didn't ask to spar with me since then.'

'Leaving aside Kentucky's thoughts about it, the fact that he isn't asking us to train is suspicious. Doesn't matter how much work we have. He would never let a day of training go by,' Rean mentioned.

Kentucky then turned around and decided to go back to his own work. After the last few days, Kentucky could already fly again and was almost fully recovered. Because of how long he was kept as a statue, he wanted nothing more than to move his body... as long as it wasn't Roan's training. 'I'll go and do my chores for the organization. I like the guy like this, so I won't intervene. By the way, tomorrow will be the fourth day after we asked Havek. Don't forget.'

Celis sighed after that. 'Well, if he isn't saying anything, then I won't ask either. For me, other than the training part, he seems to be the same as always.' After that, Celis also returned to his own things.

Rean couldn't get what was happening. In the end, he thought he might be overthinking things. 'Who knows? Maybe he simply feels too tired.'

Eventually, four days went by, so Rean's group left the purging organization once again. This time, Rean would need to spend a few days with Havek to build the teleport formations in the chambers.

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Chapter 1570: Going Out

Roan, who was definitely not in a good mood, immediately rejected the idea. "I told you before. They were left with Divine Stones and the training methods. If they can't survive on their own in this continent, which is much easier than the previous one, then they're dead already. We have no guarantee that we can make our way back here once we leave, so give up on it already. If I can cut several years of meaningless travel, I will totally do so. Your random ideas won't change my mind."

Rean narrowed his eyes in response, saying, "What's random about it? They had been in my care before, you know? I would be worried about any friend of mine in the same situation."

Roan turned around, not willing to hear more. "That's enough. The teleport formations are ready, so let's leave."

Celis had to agree with Roan there, telling Rean, "As much as you want to find them, Roan's right. There's one more issue as well. Don't forget that teleportation in the Pol Continent is prohibited. What if it was found out that we had a teleporting method that could send us everywhere in Pol Continent? Not only would you not help those girls, but you might also put them at risk."

Rean then pointed at Celis while talking to Roan, who was slowly moving away. "See? You could just use better reasoning, just like Celis did."

"Hmph!" Of course, Roan ignored that and prepared to enter the lake.

Kentucky didn't care about all of that, though. "I'm going too. Let's go, guys!"

"Hey, wait for me!" Suddenly, a voice came from nearby the lakes. When the twins looked over, they immediately saw the floating Sea Chilling Spirit coming their way.

"Oh! Havek! Weren't you going to leave with the people and demon beasts of your sect?" Rean asked, surprised.

Havek denied that idea as he replied, "I already gave them the blueprints of the teleport formations. Even if the teleport formations get destroyed, they can build them again. Since they can leave now, I have nothing to do with them anymore. First of all, it's not like I want to be a sect master or anything like that. I just used that position to get the items I was interested in for my own formation."

Rean nodded in response. "Is that so? Have you prepared the blueprints to be delivered everywhere as well?"

"Of course!" Havek answered. "Besides, I'm pretty sure you did something similar since you also want the people and demon beasts of this world to head out."

"Hahaha!" Rean laughed in response, not denying Havek's words. "Well, you're more than welcome to follow us. It's just that this lake is the closest one to Xinfia Continent. You will end up very, very far from the Glacial Corals region. Without teleport formations, you would take many years to head back there."

Havek didn't mind, saying, "That's not a problem. First of all, I don't have anyone there that I'm interested in. Sure, I made a few friends, but we Sea Chilling Spirits don't have families. We're born in a special manner on our own. Instead, I prefer to follow you two so that you and I can work again on Circuitry Formations."

It had been quite some time since Rean took any big Circuitry Formation project to work on, so he was totally on board with that. "That's nice to hear." He then looked at Roan and asked, "Hey, ice block that's freezing the surroundings these past few days. You don't have anything against it, yeah?"

Roan glanced at Rean and replied, "Havek is in the Void Tempering Realm. His presence will be a lot more useful than yours. So, yeah, he can come."

Havek couldn't help but ask Rean through a Divine Sense Message, 'Is it me, or does he seem quite angry?'

Rean obviously agreed with Havek, saying, 'So you also noticed it, huh? I'm not too sure either, but he has been like this ever since we finished the issues with the altar being.' Rean began to think that it had something to do with what the devil's soul inside the altar said.

'Well, he isn't much different from his usual self, so whatever.' Havek didn't dwell on that topic for long, though.

Havek, Kentucky, Celis, Rean, and Roan then went straight to the chamber under the lake. There was a hole below, and the air inside prevented the water from entering it. There, the teleport formation was ready, and they weren't the only ones. Some of Havek's sect members were there as well, preparing to leave.

"Sect Master, you're leaving through this one?" One of those guys asked.

"I'm not your Sect Master anymore. I already relinquished my position to the previous Sect Master. Well, he probably won't care about it anymore either since he'll head back to his own home," Havek answered.

Everyone nodded in response. "I see. In that case, we will accompany you outside, if you don't mind." It was obvious that they all seemed quite excited. Some of them were statues before and knew the outside world from different times. Others were born here, and they were curious to see what an open Realm of Gods looked like.

Rean didn't bother them and got the formation ready to activate. After adding a few Rank One Divine Stones, the formation began to shine. "Alright, everyone. It's time to go."

"Finally." Roan was the first one on the teleport formation.

Rean and the others quickly stepped on it as well. After a flash of silver light, they disappeared from the Upside Down World... or prison.