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Chapter 1571: Looking for the same thing again

Inside one of those many tunnels, silver light suddenly flashed before a group of cultivators, demon beasts, and one spirit appeared. Obviously, that was Rean's group.

"I... I... I remember this place!" Immediately, one of the cultivators who joined Rean's group for the teleport recognized where they were. "This is one of the tunnels close to Kranbem City!"

"Indeed!" The others who were transformed into statues in this place also noticed the same thing. "We're back! We're really back! Hahaha!"

Of course, Havek, Rean, Roan, Kentucky, and Celis had no recollection of this place at all. "Well, we're glad for you guys."

Rean then continued, "However, here is where we will separate."

Havek agreed with Rean, saying, "Exactly. Our group here is not from these areas, so we won't follow you guys. We have other plans in mind. Also, you better leave soon since even more cultivators and demon beasts will teleport here."

Everyone else immediately bowed to Havek after that. "Thank you, Havek. You kept your side of the promise, and we will never forget that. If you ever need something, come to Kranbem City. We will help you out as well as we can."

Havek didn't mind that, though. "Yeah, yeah. This is too boring for my tastes." He then looked at Rean and the others after that. "Let's go."

With that, Rean and Havek's group quickly left the tunnel they were located in. Not before long, the group that teleported with them had already lost sight of Rean's group. "We should go as well. With the number of people and demon beasts that will come, the big shots of Kranbem and Tula Sea won't take long to find out about us." Soon after, that group left as well. Some returned to Kranbem, while others had homes somewhere else in Tula City.

Rean's group didn't leave the tunnels, though. After all, they had something else to do. Something very important! They entered another tunnel close to the one they left before Rean and Roan brought Luan out.

During the last few days, Luan finally regained his conscience after the transformed parts of his brain returned to normal. He still couldn't move very well, but he could definitely talk and speak. Above all, he could use one of his eyes. "Dad, this is really annoying."

Roan nodded, saying, "We were all statues, just like you. Don't worry. You will come back to normal as long as we keep you inside the Divine Water in the Dimensional Realm. Now, stop complaining and take a look around already. We need to find the white river or something similar to it."

Luan nodded after that. With Roan's help, they began to travel around the place while Luan's eyes focused on the Divine Energy. Fortunately, the same area where they teleported out of was also very close to the natural formation.

Back then, Rean conjectured that the white powder was made with Divine Stones. Even now, they believed it to be so. After all, they now knew that it was the devil's soul in the altar that created the white powder. When Rean went to the Dimensional Realm to ask the devil's soul, the guy kept silent. It's just that it only served to increase Rean's confidence in his theory.

"Dad! I found it! It's there!" Sure enough, Luan's eyes couldn't be deceived by the natural formation.

Well, Rean's group wasn't sure anymore if it was really a natural formation. Perhaps the devil's soul had a way to make it look like that. "This formation's concealing ability is truly remarkable. I thought we were just going to bump into a wall, but we passed right through. I just hope that this place also has a Divine Stone mine just like what we thought back in Salt Canyon."

Then again, because it wasn't the time for the phenomenon to happen, the twins found no white powder whatsoever. Well, to be more specific, even if it was time, there wouldn't be white powder. After all, the devil's soul was locked in their Dimensional Realm.

Once again, the twins, Celis, Kentucky, and Havek began to excavate after they reached the ground. Luan could tell that the concentration of Divine Energy was much further down. This place might be

different from the Salt Canyon on the surface. However, once they got deep enough, they once again reached an underground area where one could see a white river...or so it was the case in the past.

"There's only a river now... but it's not white," said Rean while he closed up the hole they used to get in. After all, above them was the sea, so seawater kept pouring inside there.

With Rean's Light Element, he illuminated everything around them. "Seems like there aren't any white powder creatures."

Kentucky nodded in response. "Above all, there isn't any white powder. The ground beside the river is just dirt."

Havek was excited, though. "That's great! First of all, don't tell me you can't feel the huge concentration of Divine Energy in this place."

Of course, Rean's group noticed that, especially Luan. "Dad, the Divine Energy is coming from further down the river. Because of the white powder phenomenon, I couldn't see it very well in the past. However, it's very obvious just how much Divine Energy is concentrated down there."

Roan simply nodded, already expecting as much.

In any case, Celis was obviously the most excited one. "Hahaha! So much Divine Energy. I'm in love with this place. Let's excavate! There's no doubt! This is a Divine Stone mine, a very high-level one at that!"

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Chapter 1572: Divine Stones

Celis's roots suddenly burst out of the earth as an enormous amount of Divine Stones came out of the dirt. Rean immediately grabbed one of the stones and couldn't help but become excited. "You just scratched the surface of the mine, but you already pulled out Rank Two Divine Stones!"

Havek and Kentucky also joined in on the fun and used their own methods to excavate! In just a few hours, their group had already gathered over ten thousand Rank Two Divine Stones! Don't think this is a

small number. Rank Two Divine Stones weren't supposed to be acquired this easy to start with. It's just that Rean's equipment was worth a lot back in the Huring Sacred Land.

It would already be a very good thing if one found a thousand Rank Two Divine Stones in a Divine Stone mine, as the majority would be Rank One. Let alone ten thousand. Besides, the outer area didn't have Rank One, just Rank Two. Without a doubt, this was really a very high-level Divine Stone mine... at least for Rean's group, it was.

"Celis, have you gotten an idea of how big this mine is?" Rean asked Celis as Celis kept using his roots to excavate more.

Celis shook his head, though. "I'm not sure. I'll have to continue to find out. Hahaha!"

However, it was then that Luan spoke, telling them, "It isn't very big."

Obviously, everyone looked straight at him and asked, "Can you see its entirety with your eyes?"

Luan shook his head and nodded right after. "Kind of. I can see the amount of Divine Energy coming from down there. However, I can also see how much it diminishes every time everyone takes Divine Stones out. I think uncle Celis is already about to reach the outer core of the mine."

As soon as Luan said that, Celis pulled out a few more Divine Stones. It's just that this time, they were Rank Three Divine Stones, not Rank Two. "That was quite fast..."

It wasn't the news Celis wanted to hear, though. If he had already reached the outer core of the mine after excavating ten thousand Rank Two Divine Stones, then the mine was bound to not be that big. "Well, if Luan is right, then we probably have around one hundred to two hundred thousand Rank Two Divine Stones in the outer layer," Celis said.

Of course, no one there would be unhappy to hear that. Just the Rank Two Divine Stones alone was already great.

"Let's not forget that the devil's soul was using crushed Divine Stones to create the white powder during all this time. What was that he said? Dust Materialization TEchnique? After so long, it makes sense that the mine was depleted," Rean also commented.

Roan then spoke, "That will reduce the amount of time we need to stay here excavating. Perhaps that won't invite some crazy problem once again."

"Crazy problem?" Rean and the others asked in response.

Sadly, Roan didn't say anything else after that, though.

Celis, Kentucky, Havek, and Rean continued to excavate while Roan paid attention to a few other things. And just like that, their group spent the next five days down there.

"We're almost running out of Rank Two Divine Stones," said Celis. "How much have we gathered already?"

Sister Orb, who was receiving everything, immediately answered. [There are one hundred and ten thousand of them here in the Dimensional Realm.]

Havek felt weird every time he heard Sister Orb. "Getting this voice in my mind and not being able to tell where it comes from is really weird. It's nothing like Divine Sense messages."

Rean laughed in response. "Hahaha! Don't worry. You'll get used to it." Rean then asked something else. "Sister Orb, how many Rank Three Divine Stones did we get?"

[Almost three thousand. If you include the remaining one hundred and fifty you have, then you have slightly more than three thousand.]

Rean took a deep breath after that. "I wonder just how many mines had to be emptied back in Huring Continent for the Huring Sacred Land to gather one thousand of them. However, we already got three thousand in a single one."

Havek agreed with Rean on that. "Indeed. It's not that our mine is big, but its quality is very high."

Suddenly, Rean's group felt the concentration of Divine Energy increase again. Following that, Kentucky and Celis pulled out a few slightly shining Divine Stones. It was the first Divine Stones they saw that glowed, albeit very faint. "Could it be..."

Sister Orb immediately confirmed their thoughts as she told them. [Yep. Those are Rank Four Divine Stones, no doubt.]

Rean then held one of those in his hand, which made his body tremble in excitement. "So much Divine Energy. It only loses to Divine Origin Energy. Well, we haven't found Rank Five and Six Divine Stones either. From what we know, only Rank Seven Divine Stones have Divine Origin Energy in them."

[Hmph! Be happy that you were able to use such high-level Divine Origin Energy. Such a lucky event won't happen anytime soon. If you want Divine Origin Energy, you will have to convert normal Divine Energy in your bodies into Divine Origin Energy, and that'll be a very slow process. Not to mention you can only do that at the Transition Realm.]

Rean agreed with Sister Orb once he heard that. "That's true." He then looked at Luan, who seemed a little better as his Divine Water bath continued. "Luan, what can you see now?"

Luan nodded as he replied, "Uncle Celis already reached the inner core of the mine. That's where most of the Divine Energy is concentrated. There won't be any higher-level Divine Stones from now on."

Rean and everyone else didn't mind. "Well, Rank Four Divine Stones are more than welcome already."

However, it was then that Celis found something there. "Hmm? What's this?"

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Chapter 1573: Roan is tired

"Water Element?" Rean looked at the crystal. "It's a little similar to a Divine Stone. I can feel a huge amount of Divine Energy in it."

[Hey, look at that. That's an Elemental Stone. That's some good stuff.] Sister Orb immediately called their attention.

"Elemental Stone?" Naturally, they had to ask back.

[Yes. Depending on the location, you might be able to find one of those. Sometimes there's more than one, but it's very rare. Rean, Roan, you two have the purest type of Dark and Light Element, right? This thing is the same as you two. The Water Element inside is as pure as it gets. For it to form, you need huge amounts of Divine Energy and a place rich in a specific element. This is the bottom of the ocean, and we have a good Divine Stone mine. I guess it makes sense for this thing to take form. Also, there's one more point to take note of.]

[Any Elemental Stone is the same as a Rank Six Divine Stone when it comes to Divine Energy alone. This is truly a good find since this mine only has Rank Four Divine Stones. Well, no one would use an Elemental Stone because of Divine Energy, though. It's all about the Water Element inside.]

Havek obviously became very interested in it after that. "Can I have it? This Water Element would be of great use for me."

[You better not try to absorb it right now, though.] Sister Orb warned Havek.

"Why not? I think I can even reach the Space Bending Realm with this little guy." Havek obviously didn't like to hear that.

[I don't doubt you can either. However, you would explode before that.]

"What?!" Immediately, Havek gave up on the idea of trying to absorb it.

Sister Orb then continued. [Luan has probably noticed it already. The amount of Water Element inside this thing, especially with the Divine Energy mixed with it, is just too great. Let alone Void Tempering Realm, Havek. You wouldn't be able to absorb its power without killing yourself even if you were in the Space Bending Realm. Of course, if you don't believe me, you can go ahead and try.]

"Ahem..." Naturally, Havek wasn't very willing to do that. "Let's play it safe, shall we?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders after that. "Well, we can keep it for later. Havek, it's most useful for you, so you can have it."

Havek wouldn't refuse that. After all, he didn't intend to stop at the Void Tempering Realm or the Space Bending Realm. "Thanks."

However, Roan stopped them right there. "Forget it. Leave this stone aside and finish mining the Divine Stones. We won't take it away with us."

Roan's words took everyone aback, prompting them to ask, "Why would we do that?"

Roan snorted in response. "Hmph! Because I said so."

Rean finally began to get annoyed with Roan's behavior. He was being a lot more unreasonable than he usually acted for a while now. "Just what the hell is wrong with you? Are you tired of traveling with us? If that's the case, I don't mind separating right here and then."

Celis, Havek, Kentucky, and even Luan had to admit Roan was especially hard to deal with since the end of the incident involving the devil's soul. "Rean is right. Just what is wrong with you?"

Roan, seeing that everyone was looking at him, narrowed his eyes as he asked, "Alright then. Have you noticed it already? We keep falling into these crazy huge schemes nonstop. Rean had mentioned it before. Why do we keep getting dragged into all of this? Recently, I started to think the same thing."

Roan continued, "Well, I'll tell you what. I'M FUCKING TIRED! Can we just stop for a little? Look at this now. Out of nowhere, we found an Elemental Stone that's supposed to be much rarer than this Divine Stone mine. Why am I the only one hearing alarms going off in my head when I look at it? Do you think I'm crazy to think that as soon as we deal with one calamity, another one is about to happen for some crazy reason?"

Rean couldn't help but comment, "I thought you were the type who liked dangerous situations so that we could evolve faster."

"I am!" Roan said as he scratched his head before continuing, "But I can't wipe out the feeling that if we continue throwing ourselves into these situations nonstop, we won't even get to Jhiod."

Everyone went silent after that. They couldn't even remember if they had ever seen Roan look so irritated like that before. Well, he was always irritated, but it was even more so now.

However, Rean was now brought back to that day when he mentioned the same words. About how they were always dragged into some crazy situation that could potentially change the destiny of millions of living beings. Not only that, they almost always got the most dangerous positions during those events. "So are you saying we shouldn't do anything else anymore?"

Roan shook his head, saying, "I'm just annoyed that we can't simply travel without being pulled into those problems. After all, I also want to find Calina as soon as possible."

Roan then sat on the ground after that. "Sigh... you might find it weird... but I truly feel burned out."

"Dad..." Luan didn't really understand everything very well. After all, he was thirteen years old, but his mind stopped when he was eight. "Can I help?"

Roan looked at him and gave a very rare pat on the head, telling him, "It's fine. I guess I'm just too tired."

Rean then sat on the ground. Not only him but Kentucky as well. Havek and Celis couldn't really sit since one was in his cedar form while the other was just a floating ball of energy.

Rean then offered, "We took a few days off back in Utari City, but it turned out that those few days off connected us to Salt Canyon City. Should we just ignore everything from now on? Like, not getting involved with anything at all during the next few years of travel?"

Kentucky and the others nodded in response. "Sounds like a good plan."

Pin!

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

"OH, COME ON! You can't be fucking serious!"

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Chapter 1574: Destiny Avoidance Mode

However, the system continued. [Due to the hosts' close relation to destiny, hosts are often dragged into complicated situations. Such situations are good for the hosts' development and accumulation of Destiny Points.]

[Destiny Avoidance Mode will affect the hosts' karma, weakening the links to said events. Hosts can still find themselves in similar situations, but the chances are much lower.]

[Destiny Avoidance Mode can only work for three years. Mode is now active.]

[Time remaining: 1095 days.]

"This..." The twins didn't know such a thing was possible.

"Sister Orb, why haven't we seen this before?" Rean and Roan asked soon after.

[Even if you haven't heard of it before, you probably guessed that having a system related to destiny was what dragged you into problems, right? You guys aren't idiots. The system simply noticed how stressful it was on your mind, so it decided to help you. Well, in a certain way, the system is also helping itself since your well-being is directly related to the system's mission success.]

"Couldn't you have told us about that Destiny Avoidance Mode before? We could have used it a few more times." Rean still didn't like the fact that he only found that out right now.

[Unfortunately, the only one who can decide when Destiny Avoidance Mode activates is the system itself. If you aren't genuinely affected by everything that happens, then you won't be able to activate it even if you want to. Just so you know, I also don't have access to it.]

Havek and the others obviously didn't hear the system's message. After all, it only talked to the twins. "What are you guys talking about?"

Roan pondered over it for a bit and decided there wasn't much of a reason to hide this, so he explained with a Divine Sense message.

"I see..." Havek was surprised that such a thing existed. "This system of yours is becoming more and more interesting. Would you let me work on it?"

Sister Orb immediately answered. [The only ones capable of interacting with the system are the twins, and even their access is extremely limited. You won't be able to do anything.]

Havek didn't think so, saying, "Well, you could at least let me try."

Rean could only shake his head in the end. "Better not. The system is directly linked to our lives. Although I doubt you can cause any damage to it, I would rather not risk my life."

Well, Havek couldn't go against Rean's reasoning. "So boring..."

Kentucky was interested in something else, though. "Does that mean I can stop being dragged into all that bullshit if I leave?"

Rean and Roan shrugged their shoulders, telling him, "We already told you thousands of times that you're free to go anytime you want. We have never considered you to be our prisoner or anything like that. The same goes for Celis."

Celis immediately rejected the idea as he said, "So what if there are more problems? That also means more Divine Stones and faster cultivation. Even if you don't want to, I will keep myself glued to you."

Sure enough, the cultivation maniac didn't care about the consequences at all. All that mattered to him was the faster cultivation since he was close to them. "Look at this. We even found Rank Four Divine Stones. Hahaha!"

Well, the twins had no problems with it since Celis's faster cultivation also boosted them.

Kentucky then said, "Fine... I would be lying if I didn't think being with you was the reason for most of the problems we get involved in. How about you try and get your minds fucked more often from now on? That will definitely allow us to activate Destiny Avoidance Mode more often."

Roan's mouth twitched in response. "Do you think I want to be like this forever? Be happy that we have three years."

Havek then looked at the Rank Six Divine Stone, or Elemental Stone, to be more precise. "Does that mean I can keep it?"

Roan narrowed his eyes. Although the system would weaken their karma link to said situation, it won't stop it. However, he had to admit that Elemental Stone was too good to just throw away. "Fine! I just hope it won't bring us more problems."

Rean then asked Havek for the stone, telling him, "Havek, I will keep it in our Dimensional Realm. Our Dimensional Realm is protected against any kind of detection, so no one would be able to find the Elemental Stone there. I'm not sure if spatial equipment is capable of hiding it. Something tells me that keeping it in your spatial badge would definitely attract unwanted attention."

Havek didn't mind since he couldn't use it anyway. "That's fine. I intend to travel with you guys for the time being anyway." He immediately used his Divine Energy to throw the stone back to Rean. "Just let me take it if we decide to go separate ways later."

Rean nodded in response, quickly sending the stone into the Dimensional Realm.

Celis, seeing that everything was now resolved, immediately restarted his work. "Now then, let's keep excavating. Divine Stones, come to papa! Hahaha!" His roots once again entered the ground as he

continued his excavation. Naturally, Kentucky and the others helped. After all, all of them could cultivate with those stones.

Thanks to Luan's eyes, not a single Divine Stone was left behind before the mine was emptied. Even though the mine was much smaller due to its very long usage by the Devil's Soul, it was still a huge fortune for the twins.

"Sister Orb, how many did we get?" Rean immediately asked after sending the last Divine Stones into the Dimensional Realm.

[Hehehe! We still got another ten thousand Rank Two Divine Stones. Now we have one hundred and twenty thousand of them. As for Rank Three Divine Stones, we got a total of 4591. Last but not least, we obtained 326 Rank Four Divine Stones.]

Rumble!

However, as soon as they did that, the underground area began to tremble.

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Chapter 1575: Kibin's Name

Sure enough, everything began to fall down as the seawater from outside came in nonstop. Well, the twins' group wasn't too worried. Just dirt and water falling on them couldn't be considered a dangerous thing. In any case, they quickly jumped on Kentucky, who flew to the ceiling before they began to excavate once again.

Not too long after, they exited into the sea once again. Havek was already in the Void Tempering Realm, so he also helped with his spatial powers. Eventually, the twins' group left the tunnel they were in, shooting to the surface.

Underneath them, the ground continued to cave in as the entire area was affected. All the tunnels crumbled one after another, falling into the space that was previously the underground area.

"Let's leave this place before we catch someone's attention," Roan immediately suggested.

Kentucky then emerged from the seawater before he flew away from the area.

A few minutes later, several cultivators that had been investigating the sudden reappearance of the Upside Down World's beings appeared. However, other than the now nonexistent underground area, they didn't find anything else. The system's Destiny Avoidance Mode seemed to be working already.

A few days later, Rean's group finally reached an inhabited island. Thanks to the fact that Havek was a Sea Chilling Spirit, he could hide his presence from anyone that he did not want him to see. As for the twins, they also changed their appearance since they didn't want to be recognized by old residents of the Upside Down World. Last but not least, Kentucky was sent into the Dimensional Realm, where Celis was also making good use of the Divine Stones.

They didn't stay there for long, though. After resupplying and acquiring a map of the area, the twins' group left the city and used Kentucky to fly to the Continental Barrier separating Pol and Xinfia Continent. They had teleported using the lake closest to it. Nevertheless, the travel took another three months to be concluded.

"So, we're finally here..." Rean looked at the enormous continental barrier in the distance.

Havek couldn't help but say, "It's impressive regardless of how many times I see this thing." It was then that he asked, "I've been so focused on talking about formations with Rean that I forgot to ask. Just how do you intend to pass through this thing?"

Rean's group then looked at Luan. Or, to be more specific, his forehead. "Kibin, you should know where we are, right? How about coming out?"

Suddenly, Luan's forehead shone with Divine Energy before a Kibin Spirit came out of it. The Fish-Bird Spirit seemed to have increased in size slightly, though. Not that the twins minded it.

Kibin then looked at the Continental Barrier and said, "That was fast. I thought I would be able to sleep for at least two decades before you guys reached this Continental Barrier."

Havek was surprised to see that. "Another Spirit? I didn't expect to see another one so soon. To think this guy had been traveling with us so far."

Kibin also looked at Havek and said, "A Sea Chilling Spirit?" Obviously, as spirits themselves, they could see each other. "Why is there such a low-level spirit race here?"

Rean looked at Havek and asked, "Are Sea Chilling Spirits considered low-level spirits?"

Havek didn't mind confirming it. "Pretty much. There's no point hiding it since a Kibin is here. In any case, this is the first time I've seen one." Havek then looked at the Kibin and asked, "Hey, Kibin is just your race's name. What's your own name?"

The Kibin noticed that he had never mentioned that. "Oh! That's true. You guys can call me Fluki." He then changed the topic. "You still haven't told me why a Sea Chilling Spirit is here."

Rean shrugged his shoulders in response. "Havek is a friend of ours. We will be traveling together from now on."

Havek could tell what Fluki was worried about. "It seems like you don't know what my Sea Chilling Spirit Race cultivates on. Don't worry. Unlike your Kibin Race, we have absolutely nothing to do with virtues. Although there are a few annoying things to pay attention to, our Sea Chilling Spirit race is basically reliant on Water Element materials."

Kibin was happy to hear that. "Well, if that's the case, then I have nothing against you." Eventually, he turned his attention back to the Continental Barrier. "Do you want to go through it now? Although I have been in Luan's head for only a few years, I have to admit your virtues are very tasty. I made quite some progress in my cultivation. As thanks, I won't ask anything for taking you through it."

Rean laughed in response. "You wouldn't be able to ask anything even if you wanted to. After all, those were your father's orders."

Fluki obviously didn't like Rean's words, saying, "Hmph! But he isn't here now."

Roan didn't have patience for their nagging, though. "Alright, enough bullshit. Fluki, bring us over to the Xinfia Continent."

Somehow, Rean felt that Roan seemed a lot more relaxed now. 'Seems like the Destiny Avoidance Mode put his mind at ease.'

Fluki didn't waste time as his size increased to the point he was as big as Kentucky. Soon after, he opened his mouth and put the twins' group inside. It looked pretty much like what happened back in the Huring Continent.

With that, Fluki dove inside the Continental Barrier, swimming inside it as if the Chaotic Divine Energy and Elements meant nothing to him. If anything, he seemed quite comfortable there.

Without anything to hold them back, the twins' group arrived on the other side a few hours later. And so, they finally arrived at Xinfia Continent.

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Chapter 1576: Transition Realm

Roan patted the boy's head, which was a rare thing to see. "You're doing well."

Rean smiled in response before looking at the environment around them. The sea was still under their feet as Kentucky kept still in the air. However, everyone could see the continent extending further ahead. It didn't seem to be a place with any extremes like Treavin or Pol Continent. "Let's head ashore. We have some things to do before we continue our travel."

"On it!" Kentucky nodded before flying to the land ahead.

Other than a few low-level demon beasts, the twins' group didn't find anything to worry about. There were no signs of civilization either. "That's to be expected. So far, all the cities we've passed through were very far away from each other. It makes sense we didn't find any city as soon as we arrived," Roan could not help but say.

Rean then looked at a mountain ahead and suggested, "How about that one for us?"

Roan understood what Rean meant and nodded. "Sure. Let's head there."

Not long after, Kentucky landed on the mountain top and used his eyes to look far into the distance. The forest surprisingly continued as far as his eyes could see. Also, neither his nor anyone's Divine Senses could catch the presence of other high-level cultivators or demon beasts. Last but not least, the Divine Sense bending skill couldn't detect anything.

"Alright, bring Celis out," Kentucky said.

"Hehe! You truly made me wait a lot!" Celis laughed when he appeared. Why? Because they had been at the peak of the Elemental Transformation Realm for years now. It was finally time to break through to the Transition Realm. For Celis, it was basically a comeback to his original realm when Rean and Roan freed him. Well, almost. Celis was at the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm back on the Zafins' planet, but he would only enter the Initial Stage for now. "Let's start! Quick, quick!"

Havek distanced himself from them as he floated in the air. "You guys go and do your breakthroughs. I will keep a lookout in case someone tries to bother you."

The twins nodded in response. In fact, with the Divine Stones, the four of them could have their breakthroughs inside the Dimensional Realm. It's just that they didn't want to.

Rean then brought out several Rank Two Divine Stones. After the excavation, they had many higher-level ones. However, for the breakthrough, higher-level Divine Stones weren't necessary. After all, the twins' cultivation technique was perfect. Rank Two Divine Stones was more than enough for it.

[Alright, here's what you should do.] Sister Orb began to explain. [The Transition Realm is basically all about the body, or dantian, being able to produce Divine Origin Energy. That's why the Transition Realm is the same for all races, humanoid, demon beasts, and spirits. From this point onward, all of them follow the same system.]

[As you can remember, you can use Divine Origin Energy at any level, but you can't produce it on your own. In fact, you can't take Divine Origin Energy that you will produce in the Transition Realm out either. Not that you could do it with normal Divine Energy anyway. The Divine Energy you use will only be compatible with yourself. The same goes for Divine Origin Energy.]

[Then again, you won't be able to generate Divine Origin Energy during the Initial, Middle, and Late Stages of the Transition Realm. These stages exist to prepare the cultivator for the conversion of Divine Energy into Divine Origin Energy.]

Celis already knew all of that, so he took the chance to add more information. "She's right. Another thing. Divine Origin Energy is a lot more important for Transition Realm beings than it is for lower-level ones."

[Exactly. Well, not only the Transition Realm but those above it as well. When you reach the Void Tempering Realm, Divine Energy can still be used for combat and things like that. However, it's completely useless for cultivation. That's why it's so important for them. Of course, there's one stage in the Transition Realm that Divine Origin Energy becomes just as important as it is for those above this level.]

Celis couldn't help but sigh as he said, "It's the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm. That's the reason why we were all stuck in this realm back in the Mortal Realm. To break through into the Void Tempering Realm, you need Divine Origin Energy. To make Divine Origin Energy..."

The twins and Kentucky understood after that. "You needed Divine Energy..."

Celis nodded. "Exactly. Well, back on the Zafins' planet, I still didn't know about it. None of us did. All we knew was that once we reached the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm, our cultivations simply couldn't advance anymore. Before that, it was still possible to use Spiritual Energy to reach that level, though."

[Now then, focus your Divine Energy on your dantian and follow the Yin Yang Cultivation Technique. As for Celis and Kentucky, they're demon beasts, so they don't need to do that.]

The twins nodded as they began their cultivation. Celis and Kentucky obviously did the same. The Divine Energy of the Divine Stones then began to enter their bodies nonstop as they turned to dust.

Puff, puff, puff, puff...

Sure enough, with those four together, even Rank Two Divine Stones were dried up easily one after another. The good thing was that their breakthrough would happen several times faster than anyone else.

Eventually, their cultivations reached the transition point when suddenly, they crossed the last barrier. A huge burst of Divine Energy then escaped all their bodies as their cultivation raised nonstop. Not before long, Kentucky, Celis, Rean, and Roan's cultivations finally stabilized at the Initial Stage of the Transition Realm!

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Chapter 1577: Glastocen

Back in the Mortal Realm, one could fly as soon as they reached the Core and Soul Fusion Realm. However, they lost that ability when they arrived in the Realm of Gods.

Havek then flew to Rean's side and said, "Hehe! Just so you know, as a Sea Chilling Spirit, I could fly from the moment I was born. Well, floating would be the best way to put it."

Rean didn't mind as he replied, "Who cares? I can fly again! That's what matters."

Kentucky didn't see anything impressive about that, though. "Alright, alright. Can we go already? We're wasting time in this place."

Surprisingly, Roan agreed with Kentucky for once. "The dumb bird is right. Let's go already. I want to find some city so that we can take the teleport formations."

Luan couldn't help but ask, "Dad, how long do you think it'll take for me to fly?"

Roan looked at Luan, who was still in the Peak Stage of the Core and Soul Fusion Realm. "Now that I think about it, shouldn't you have accumulated enough Divine Energy already to enter the Nascent Soul Realm?"

Luan nodded in response. "I did. But dad and uncles seemed to be in a hurry to get to this continent, so I didn't mention it."

Rean then landed on Luan's side before he patted his head, telling him, "You could have told us. We would just send you into the Dimensional Realm and let you break through there." Soon after, Rean got a few extra Rank Two Divine Stones. "Alright, go ahead and make your breakthrough. If there's anything good with all the waiting you did, it's that you've gotten quite used to your power. You should be able to adjust faster in the Nascent Soul Realm."

Roan agreed with Rean on that point. "Indeed. Take out the cultivation technique and make your breakthrough. Once you finish it, tell me the changes you feel in the new realm so that I can fix the technique for you. Your Space Affinity makes it quite hard to devise a cultivation technique for the realms you haven't reached yet because of the lack of experience and information."

Luan was excited to hear that and immediately sat down. Once again, another breakthrough started right there and went as smoothly as it could. Luan also took the opportunity to tell Roan something. "Oh, right! Dad, I also finished accumulating enough Starlight Energy to get to First Grade Starlight Body."

Roan was surprised to hear that. "That's quite impressive. If I knew that, I would have bought more Gargantuan Mikrel Worm blood. Well, this is a relatively common Stage Five Demon Beast, so we'll be able to buy its blood in most average cities."

Kentucky landed by their side as well. "Are all of you finished? If so, let's go. Let me continue to be the one to carry you guys since none of your average flight speeds can match mine."

No one disagreed with Kentucky on that. Now that Kentucky was in the Initial Stage of the Transition Realm, even Havek, with his Void Tempering Realm cultivation, was probably no match for the Minokawa's movement. And that was already considering his spatial abilities in the mix.

As they flew away, Rean looked at Luan once more. As mentioned before, even as statues, their bodies didn't stop developing. With that being said, the five years Luan was unconscious as a statue obviously gave him a teenager body. "We need to increase his teachings. He has a body of a teenager but still has the mind of an eight-year-old."

Roan nodded. "I thought the same thing. Since Destiny Avoidance Mode is active, we can use this chance to help him mature in the cities we pass by. There are still two years and seven months before it wears off."

"Just don't forget that it doesn't make us immune to problems," Rean warned Roan. "It just makes it less likely to happen. If we force it, those crazy things will still happen."

"I am obviously aware of that," Roan answered. "That's why we will lay low. To help Luan mature, we will give him some tasks suitable to his level. Don't worry. Now that I don't need to worry too much, I have a lot of time to work on it while I relax and cultivate."

Suddenly, Kentucky's eyes found something. "Hey, I can see a few cultivators in the distance. Should we stop by and ask where is the closest city?"

Rean nodded in response. "Please do so."

It was a very common thing. The cultivators Kentucky found were in the demon beast forest to gain experience and make some profit with the demon beast materials. They were around the same level as Luan, so they obviously became quite nervous when Rean's group arrived.

However, after Rean gave them some good items for cultivators of their level, their nervousness quickly changed into excitement. "Thank you, seniors. Is there anything we can help you with?"

Rean laughed in response. "Hahaha! Of course! My friends and I are traveling around the continent. However, due to a few issues, we got lost. Do you know where we are? If possible, can you show us where the nearest city is located?"

The cultivators immediately nodded in response. "Definitely, senior." They were very happy that it wasn't anything complicated. "Here! I have a map in my jade slip." One of them quickly threw a jade slip to Rean.

After taking a look, Rean was very satisfied. "Okay. Good luck on your hunt."

Around a day later, they finally arrived at their first city in Xinfia Continent, Glastocen.

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Chapter 1578: Dimensional Realm Upgrade

Thankfully, everything went fine, and Luan achieved his First Grade Star Body. With his Nascent Soul Realm cultivation, Luan definitely had the power to fight those an entire realm above himself.

Since the twins had decided to help Luan mature, they decided to stay in Glastocen for a few weeks.

Eventually, the time for the upgrade of the Dimensional Realm was up.

[Dimensional Realm Upgrade to Level 4 completed.]

Naturally, the twins immediately entered it to take a look at what had changed. In any case, it was very easy to notice.

"This thing is huge!"

Immediately, the twins saw just how much bigger the Dimensional Realm had become. Before, it didn't span any more than 30 or so kilometers. However, since they were connected to it, they could tell how big it had become. "How big is this? 300 kilometers?"

Roan nodded in response. "More or less. This is a seriously huge place now."

Celis couldn't help but ask, "Is there something we can do to such a huge place? Even I wouldn't have much use for all this space after spreading my roots."

Sister Orb said in response. [The size isn't all. The Dimensional Realm works like a world, so the World Essence it generates also increased ten times. Rean and Roan will be able to use it more often than not.]

"That's great!" So far, the world had only accumulated enough World Essence for Rean to craft and upgrade the twins' weapons. In fact, it took a long time for that to happen. But now, he would have a lot to spare. Perhaps he could use it for other things in the future.

Roan was also satisfied to hear that. “So far, my pills have only used Divine Energy. I wanted to test how World Essence would affect them. Next time, I’ll make good use of it.”

Rean then asked Sister Orb after that, “Sister Orb, is there anything else that came along with this new upgrade?”

[Not quite. You have to understand that increasing the size of the Dimensional Realm by ten times is already a very good perk. You even got more World Essence as a side effect. There is another thing, though. But it isn’t anything new.]

Rean couldn’t help but ask in response, “The realm being big is good and all. However, what can we even use it for? Don’t forget that we need to pay 10000 Destiny Points to let anyone else in here. Even that devil’s soul was no exception.”

Roan agreed with Rean. “Indeed. To develop an area of this size, we’ll need a working force, and that’s something we can’t pay for with Destiny Points.”

Sister Orb understood their dilemma, chuckling as she told them. [Hehe! I thought you would say that. The system obviously accounted for this possibility, so you can now bring others to live in your Dimensional Realm again. Didn’t I say there was something extra but nothing new? Before, you could bring others inside, and now, you can do that again.]

“Really?!” Rean was happy to hear that.

However, Roan narrowed his eyes, asking, “It won’t be the same as before, right?”

Sure enough, Roan understood that there was no free lunch in this Realm of Gods. [Exactly. Back then, you could literally bring anyone you wanted here. Now, you have restrictions.]

“What kind of restrictions?”

Sister Orb continued. [First, there’s the restriction on cultivation. Based on your cultivations, you can only bring people, demon beasts, and spirits who are at least one entire cultivation realm below you.]

Rean was taken aback. “We’re in the Transition Realm, which means we can’t have anyone above the Initial Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm?”

[You can, but you’ll need to pay for the Free Pass, which you know costs 10000 Destiny Points.]

Rean and Roan obviously wouldn’t do that unless it was extremely necessary. “That’s not the only problem. Those we end up bringing into this realm will be stuck in their cultivation unless our own cultivation increases, right?”

[That’s correct. Unless, of course, you release them from the Dimensional Realm. Well, have you forgotten about your own cultivation speed? I doubt the majority of Elemental Transformation Realm beings can cultivate stages faster than you four together.]

“That’s true.” Ever since they got Celis and the Energy Absorption Upgrades, the twins’ cultivation had been much faster than anyone they knew at the same level.

[Anyways, that’s the first restriction. The second restriction is about the system’s security. If you want anyone to live here for free, you will have to get them to sign a Soul Binding Contract. Well, Rean can make contracts himself, so I guess that isn’t an issue.]

Indeed, Rean didn’t see a problem with that. “Agreed. First of all, I wouldn’t let anyone come inside without it anyway.”

However, they also found a problem. Could they convince anyone to live in their Dimensional Realm? That meant these beings would have to be stuck with the twins forever unless Rean and Roan released them.

“That wouldn’t be a problem, would it?” Celis said. “Look at the concentration of Divine Energy in this Dimensional Realm. It’s at least 40 to 50% denser than outside. I guess there’s no lack of candidates who would be willing to live here if they could cultivate.”

Only now did the twins notice this change. “Oh! That’s true. How come the concentration increased?”

[Mostly because of Celis' saplings.] Sister Orb explained. [They have been integrated into the Dimensional Realm and can now bring Divine Energy from the outside. However, their numbers are already the max amount you can use for this purpose, so forget about increasing their numbers here as it won't change anything.]

Celis didn't mind. "That's fine. I can create as many saplings as I want, so these ones taken by the Dimensional Realm won't change anything for me."

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Chapter 1579: Introduction to DPUs

Naturally, Rean's group was obviously pleasantly surprised by that. "That's great! Although 40 to 50% more Divine Energy still doesn't compare to using Rank One Divine Stones, it isn't that far either. Besides, it's completely free."

Roan was also happy for another reason as he looked at his herbal garden, saying, "With more natural Divine Energy, the higher the level of my herbs will become over time. Truly a good upgrade this last one is."

On the other hand, Celis shrugged his shoulders as he was in his human form. "Well, since I have a lot of Divine Stones to use, this upgrade won't change anything for our cultivation. In any case, it's not bad."

Rean then pondered over it for a bit and thought about Havek. "Hmm... I'm pretty sure Havek would love to take part in this. However, his cultivation is higher, not lower than ours." That meant Rean would need to spend 10000 Destiny Points to give him a free pass into the Dimensional Realm.

Roan didn't seem to mind, though. "Just go for it. With the things Havek can bring to the table, he will make up for the 10000 Destiny Points you spent to allow him inside sooner or later." Indeed, he was thinking about the advantages, not Havek himself.

Rean then accessed the Soul Gem Orb's reward list and immediately gave Havek a Dimensional Realm Pass. They still had a little more than 30000 Destiny Points, after all. Following that, he left the Dimensional Realm for a moment before returning with the Sea Chilling Spirit by his side.

"Oh! So this is the Dimensional Realm you kept telling me about." Havek was surprised that the twins had access to such a huge place. "Hey, is that the Circuitry Formations Repository?"

Only then did Rean remember something. "Oh, right! We also upgraded the side occupation buildings. Havek, let's take a look at the repository. Other than the things I told you about, there should be something new there that none of us have seen yet."

Havek didn't need to hear it twice before he flashed in the building's direction with Rean.

Sister Orb then looked at Roan, who didn't seem to be in a hurry to see his new alchemy workshop. "Have you decided to bring more beings into the realm, then?"

Roan nodded in response. "If they sign the contract, we can use a working force to develop this Dimensional Realm. After all, it has everything a world has. Divine Energy, water, fertile land, and so on. It truly looks just like a real world, just more rudimentary."

Roan then pondered over something for a bit. "I guess the first thing we can use a working force on is to create an army."

"An... army?!" Celis and Kentucky were taken aback. "That's quite a jump, no?"

Roan agreed with them. "It is, but it's possible with our resources. Since they'll have to sign Soul Binding Contracts, loyalty won't be a problem."

[Correction. Loyalty won't be a problem until they reach the Void Tempering Realm. After that, one is able to use their new spatial powers to break the seal in the soul. You better be careful about that.]

Roan, Kentucky, and Celis nodded in response. "We will. In any case, we will start with low-level cultivators. No one in the Elemental Transformation Realm would be willing to live in this place, after all. Only those with low talent and no backgrounds would probably take this deal. By the time they reach the Void Tempering Realm, Rean and I will be much further ahead. Besides, they won't be able to do anything with the Dimensional Realm itself. After all, Sister Orb is the same as god in this place. Cultivation matters not."

Kentucky then remembered something, saying, “The devil soul said that beings at the center of the Realm of Gods also have their own personal Dimensional Realms. It won’t be anything that surprising in the future.”

“That’s true.” Roan had to admit Kentucky was right. The question was, how long it would take for them to get there.

Roan then turned around and made his way to the alchemy workshop. “You guys can do whatever you want. I’ll go take a look at the upgrade of the workshop.”

Meanwhile, Rean and Havek were already discussing Circuitry Formations.

“I wasn’t wrong. You got the introduction to Circuitry Formations, but most of the ideas here are something you came up with by yourself,” Havek said. “The information here is indeed a treasure, but your own talent for formations can’t be denied.”

Rean laughed in response. “Don’t forget that the first one to come up with the communication system was I. There was no such thing as the Circuitry Formations’ Repository when I started to work with it.”

Havek couldn’t help but ask, “So, what is this new upgrade you talked about? Is it also inside this information sphere?” One must remember that the repository was mostly empty. All the information was accessed by touching the sphere located there with Divine Sense and Energy.

Rean nodded in response. “It should be. Anyone can see it, so let’s take a look.” Rean and Havek then looked inside once again, and sure enough, a new option was available.

[Introduction to DPUs.] (New)

“DPUs?” Rean and Havek were confused. Well, they immediately selected the option to see what was contained inside.

Havek was still confused when he read the full name. However, Rean couldn't help but get excited. "Divine Processing Units! So it's basically the same as CPUs but just for Circuitry Formations! This is great!"

Havek couldn't help but ask after hearing that. "What's so great about it?"

Rean smiled in response as he explained, "For example. Do you remember just how many things we would need to do for a Circuitry Formation to work as we want? All the orders, parameters, and whatnot? With a Divine Processing Unit, all that work can be carried out by this thing alone! Not only that, the resulting formation will be much, much more powerful." Back then, Rean thought about the concept of SPU, Spiritual Processing Unit. He even added some new methods similar to programming into the formations. However, it was the first time the real deal appeared in front of Rean.

After being told what DPUs were, Havek could obviously see the prospects in that. "Now, that's what I'm talking about!"

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Chapter 1580: The Upgrades

[Of course not! The upgrade worked as it should have.]

"Then, what is this recovery box?" Roan asked, confused.

[Hehehe! Lo and behold! The recovery box will give you a 50-50 chance of not losing any materials when you fail your concoctions! If you fail your concoction and the perk activates, this box will be filled with all the items used in that concoction. Amazing, right?!]

Roan had to admit it was definitely useful. "I don't know the trick behind this, but I'm quite happy with this upgrade. This is the ultimate item for the times I need to train new pill formulas." Roan was very good at concocting. That was true. However, he was far, far from being flawless. When he tried new pills, especially difficult ones, he would fail many more times than succeed.

Roan then turned around to leave, saying, "Well, the upgrade is good, but I guess there's nothing for me to do here now. I'll check it next time when I start using World Essence with my pills."

He then went to the Circuitry Formations' Repository, where Rean and Havek seemed to have isolated themselves. "You two. You can play with your formations another time. We need to think about the people, demon beasts, and spirits we plan to take in."

Rean looked at Roan and asked, "Already? What do you plan to do?"

Roan then told Rean about the army he planned to build.

Naturally, that took Rean and Havek by surprise. "That's quite the ambitious goal."

"We have a lot of free time with Destiny Avoidance Mode being on," Roan said in response. "We can use some of it to carefully select the members that'll join our side."

Rean pondered over it for a bit before saying, "In that case, we might as well build a new sect once again. If we tell others that what they're joining is a new sect, then they'll take it more seriously. Both you and I are at the Initial Stage of the Transition Realm, which is already the realm for a lot of small sect leaders."

Roan nodded in response. "That works. In that case, let's head out and check the city for materials to start building the sect in the Dimensional Realm as well. Remember, this sect won't only benefit me but you two as well. After all, you'll be able to ask the disciples to do the work you usually wouldn't have time to do. Since you two will spend a lot of time with these new formations, that will definitely come in handy."

Havek agreed with Roan straight away. "He's right. The sect I took charge of back in the Upside Down World was really useful. Most of the materials I needed were procured by the members there. We might lose some time taking care of everything at the start, but the prospects in the long run will make it worth it."

With that said, Rean and Roan exited the Dimensional Realm with Havek before they went to the city.

Roan also took the chance to go check on Luan. After all, he had set many tasks for Luan to complete to gain experience. Although this continent wasn't Treavin, that didn't mean everyone was nice. In fact, he had already spent quite a few days running around.

During those days, Luan got fooled, hunted, and betrayed, as all kinds of misfortunes befell the boy. Of course, the twins had specifically picked tasks where such things would most likely happen. But at the same time, it didn't mean everyone was like that. Luan was able to make a few real friends as well.

Luan came from Treavin, so he knew what it felt like to be poor. The friends he ended up making were people pretty much in the same situation he was in before. Had no parents, relied on robbery, things like that. Of course, compared to the cities in Treavin, the number of kids Luan found in this kind of situation wasn't even a hundredth of what one could find back there. In any case, he formed a small group with the few kids he could find so that they could work on Roan's tasks together. It's just that other than Luan, everyone else in his group were kids in the Foundation Establishment and Core Formation Realm.

Roan, of course, watched as all of that happened. Having others to take care of would also help with Luan's mental development. He didn't intervene at all and kept a very far distance from Luan. That way, Luan's eyes wouldn't be able to detect him. Since Roan's cultivation was much higher, Luan's group also couldn't feel his Divine Sense.

Eventually, Luan finished the tasks Roan asked for and returned to the meeting point. "Dad, I got all the things you asked."

Roan already knew that but received them anyway. "Good. Prepare to depart. We were just waiting for you to finish the assignments we gave you before we teleport to the next city."

"We're leaving already?!" Luan was taken aback. He didn't bring the kids he got acquainted with to meet Roan. From the looks of it, he didn't want to leave them behind. "Can't we stay for a while longer? I'm helping some kids in the city at the moment."

Roan narrowed his eyes as he asked, "You do know they most likely stuck to you because of your strength and your wealth, right?"

Luan was still young, but he had lived in Treavin before, so he replied, "Yes... but still, I can't just let them go. They remind me of the time I was alone before meeting you, dad."

Rean then came out after hearing that and suggested, “Well, why don’t we start with these kids, Roan? It’s just four or five, right? It’ll be a good thing if we can build their loyalty from an early age.”

Luan was confused by Rean’s words. After all, he still didn’t know what happened to the Dimensional Realm.