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Chapter 1591: We were fooled!

Havek, obviously, was taken aback by that. "What?! How the hell did I appear here?!"

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he told him, "I brought you here, of course."

"Next time, let me know. I was working on formations, you know? How can you stop me in the middle of my research? First of all, you're wasting too much time. Just finish whatever you're doing and come back to the Circuitry Formations Repository for us to continue our work." Naturally, Havek wasn't very happy.

However, Rean didn't mind it. "Both of us are going to have a lot of time to work on them. For now, we need a sect. I'll need to go outside for a while, so I'll leave you to do any formation work Eliana here requires." Rean then looked at Eliana and said, "Havek here is a Sea Chilling Spirit. Anyways, he's also a Golden Peak-level Formation Master and would probably be a Divine-level one if he had access to the knowledge necessary. He's also at the Late Stage of the Void Tempering Realm. Use him however you like."

"What are you talking about?" Havek wasn't following. "Do I look like someone who likes this kind of work?"

Rean smiled in response, telling him, "If you don't help, I won't give you access to the Circuitry Formations' Repository's testing ground anymore." One must remember that one of the perks of the repository was its capability of simulating formations without really building them. By far, that was one of the things Havek loved the most.

"You're despicable!" Sure enough, Havek couldn't live without that anymore. He then looked at Eliana before saying, "Let's go. Tell me what to do so that I can head back to my own work."

Eliana's group looked at each other after that. Seeing a Spirit was already a very rare thing. Some of Eliana's group members didn't even know about them. But now, one with cultivation at the Void Tempering Realm just appeared in front of them. That Spirit could totally enter Glastocen City and do whatever he wanted. No one would be able to stop him. However, here he was, joining Rean's sect. 'Just how influential are those twins?'

"Ahem..." Eliana came back to herself. "S-Sure... we will need some foundation strengthening formations first."

Rean was satisfied and was just about to go out with Roan when suddenly, Eliana called him back. "Wait, Rean!"

"What is it?"

Eliana then pointed at a giant tree in the distance before asking, "That there seems to be an amazing tree. I can tell this much just by looking at it. Can we cut it down to make the main building of the sect? I guarantee it will be to your liking."

Rean almost burst into laughter after hearing that. However, he quickly held himself back and warned Roan to stay quiet. 'Don't say anything. You couldn't possibly find it not funny.'

Roan didn't really care and simply left the Dimensional Realm. He was already used to Rean's personality.

Celis, the amazing tree that could become an amazing sect's main building, was cultivating normally while in his original form. If he didn't move or talk by himself, he truly would look like nothing more than a very big and high-quality cedar.

Havek and Sister Orb understood what Rean wanted to do, so they kept quiet as well. Roan might not like fun things, but they definitely did and wanted very much to see what would happen.

Rean knew that, so he smiled back at Eliana and said, "Hmm... that's a very hard tree, you know? Are you sure you want to use it?"

Eliana and the others nodded in response. "Don't worry. We have the equipment to cut down any type of tree. It's just that it will take some time."

"Very well," Rean answered, holding his laughter as well as he could. "You can use as much of that tree as you want. Just don't complain later if you find it too hard to deal with."

After that, Rean left the Dimensional Realm after leaving those words behind. Of course, he used his connection with it to watch everything that happened inside. 'This is gonna be fun.'

Roan, who was by his side, didn't seem to want to wait, though. "Let's go. We will take the teleport formations and travel the continent. Fortunately, it doesn't seem like we'll have a problem teleporting all the way to the continental barrier between Xinfia and Aesfer Continent."

"Alright," Rean nodded.

The twins then went to Glastocen City's Formation Guild. Due to their cultivation, no one found it strange that they had enough Divine Stones to pay for the teleport. It's just that they didn't know why they had never seen those Transition Realm cultivators before.

Rean and Roan then teleported from one city to another. That way, it would be much cheaper.

It was then that Rean heard a scream resounding through the entire Dimensional Realm.

"Ahhhhh! Who the hell dares to attack me?!"

Rean immediately burst into laughter in the middle of another Formation Guild, which caught many people's attention. Celis wasn't expecting to be attacked, so he didn't put up any defenses. He was 100% focused on his cultivation and his cultivation alone. Otherwise, how could someone like Eliana and the others possibly injure him?

"Wait, wait, wait! I didn't know you were a Demon Tree! We were just trying to get wood for the sect building!" Sure enough, Eliana's group was terrified when Celis' cultivation appeared in their Divine Senses.

Celis then grabbed all of them with his roots, making it impossible for anyone to escape. "So it would be okay if I wasn't a Demon Tree, huh?"

Eliana felt like crying after that. "It was truly a misunderstanding. Rean said that we could use yo-"

It was then that she remembered Rean's words. -Are you sure you want to use that tree? Just don't complain later if you find it too hard to deal with-

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Chapter 1592: Ten Thousand

Little by little, the Dimensional Realm started to fill up with people... well, not that much. Not considering the first city, Rean and Roan usually didn't recruit any more than four or five people in every city they stopped to look. Of course, the reason was simple. They wanted as much diversity as possible.

The only exceptions were races that had special needs. For example, the Cosgles Race. They need a constant supply of Earth Element to survive, so the twins obviously wouldn't take people from their race.

Eventually, the twins arrived in one of the biggest cities in Xinfia two weeks later. The city of Brin.

As soon as they appeared there, Rean and Roan went to some concealed corner and got the people they needed out of the Dimensional Realm.

Roan took Luan so that he could give him new tasks to work with. "This time, try not to recruit a lot of kids. You need to be able to do things alone as well."

"Yes, dad!" Luan nodded as he received Roan's missions. Roan didn't say anything, meaning that Luan would have to deal with everything on his own. Nevertheless, Luan couldn't help but ask, "Dad, is it okay to leave the kids in the Dimensional Realm there? Shouldn't they come out and train as well?"

Roan shook his head in response. "Their cultivations are pitifully low. I intend to let them cultivate for a few months first. With the Dimensional Realm's Divine Energy, they will definitely improve a lot. Not to mention that we've already set up several tasks so that they could acquire Divine Stones."

Building the sect would obviously require manpower. With that said, one of the first missions drafted for the new members was related to the building of the sect itself. It wasn't only the kids that Hage and the others took care of. The adults the twins recruited could also use it to get Divine Stones.

Luan didn't ask anything else after that. "Alright, dad. I'm going."

Rean, on the other hand, had already left with Eliana. It's just that Eliana had a dark expression every time she looked at him. "Oh, come on! It was just a welcome joke. It's not like you guys would actually be killed. After all, I could contact Celis at any moment to stop him."

"Joke?! You call that a joke?!" Eliana was truly terrified that day. "I had already accepted my fate to become that cedar's fertilizer! Who the hell would make that kind of joke?!"

Rean, trying to hold his laughter once again, shook his head as he replied, "I already apologized, didn't I?"

Unfortunately for him, it was too obvious that he wanted to laugh. "You fucker! You don't feel apologetic at all!"

"Hahaha!" Rean couldn't hold back anymore after that. "Sorry, sorry. It was just too funny!"

Bang!

Suddenly, a fist stopped right in front of Rean's face. Eliana didn't hold back at all as she punched him.

"Phew... so close, so close..." Sadly for her, Rean used his own arm to stop the punch. Not only that, but he also used his Divine Energy to stop the shockwave from spreading. After all, Eliana was still an Elemental Transformation Realm cultivator. Her display of strength would have caused quite some damage to the surroundings. "Is that how you treat your sect ancestor?"

"Ancestor, your ass!" Eliana rebuked. "What kind of goddamn ancestor would do what you did?" If not because of their cultivation difference, Eliana would have really given Rean a thorough beating. Perhaps she would have even killed him.

Unfortunately for her, Rean didn't even need to use Divine Energy to defend. With his Third Grade Star Body, his natural defense was already enough to stop her attacks. "How about this? I will let you go to the shops here in the city and buy any materials you want for the construction of the sect. Does that sound like a good apology?"

Eliana's expression finally eased up a bit after that. "Only if you let the others come out and do the same."

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Immediately, the rest of Eliana's group appeared in the street. Of course, Rean used his Light bending skill so that no one would notice them coming out of nowhere. It's just that they all didn't seem very happy when they saw Rean. "Ahem... I made an agreement with Eliana as an apology." He then explained what he promised her, which obviously delighted Katia and the others.

"You said it!"

"Hmph! I'll buy all the best materials!"

"You better not regret it later!"

Rean smiled as he walked with everyone. "Yeah, yeah, yeah. Sigh... a bunch of people who can't even take a playful joke."

"Did you say something?" everyone asked with angry expressions.

"Ahem... you must be hearing things," Rean answered.

After some time, Rean arrived at his first destination. "You guys wait outside for a bit. I just need to do a few transactions."

Back in Glastocen, Rean tried to exchange Rank Two Divine Stones for Rank One Divine Stones. Unfortunately, the city wasn't even close to affording all the Divine Stones he wanted. That's why he waited until he arrived in a real big city before exchanging them.

At the counter, Rean was greeted by the worker there. "Hello, welcome to Brin City's bank. Are you here to open a new account?"

Rean was surprised when he heard about banks existing in Xinfia. So far, the other continents had nothing like that. Of course, he expected to find them sooner or later the closer he got to Jhiod Continent. "Hey there. I wish to exchange a few Rank Two Divine Stones for Rank Ones."

"Sure, how many?" It was a common thing for such exchanges to occur in a big city like Brin, so the worker didn't find it anything out of the norm.

Well, not until Rean spoke again. "I want to exchange ten thousand of them."

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Chapter 1593: Exchange Deal

"Ten thousand."

"A hundred?"

"Ten thousand."

"A thousand?"

Rean's mouth twitched after repeating his answer a couple of times. "Is this some kind of joke? I keep saying ten thousand, so it's ten thousand. Or what? Could it be that your bank can't exchange them?"

The worker quickly shook his head as he replied, “N-No! That’s not it. It’s just that no one would throw away so many Rank Two Divine Stones. They’re a cultivator’s lifeline, after all.”

Rean was confused to hear that. “Throw away? I’m not throwing anything away. I’m just exchanging them for Rank One Divine Stones.”

“That’s the same thing,” the worker answered. “First of all, it’s rare for anyone to trade more than ten or so of them for lower rank Divine Stones. That’s because they’re much better for cultivation. If you try to buy Rank Two Divine Stones with Rank Ones, you will need to fork in quite a lot to convince the other party. And that’s considering the other party is willing to trade at all. Just so you know, you need to pay 30 Rank One Divine Stones to get a single Rank Two in our bank.”

Rean was very happy to hear that. “That’s great! That means I’ll get three hundred thousand Rank One Divine Stones. That’s perfect for me.”

“Of course not!” The worker immediately shook his head. “This is a bank, so we obviously sell them for more and buy them for less. Otherwise, there’ll be no profit. If you want Rank One Divine Stones, you will get only twenty for each Rank Two.”

Rean was taken aback to hear that. “That’s pure daylight robbery! I would understand if you gave twenty-nine or maybe twenty-eight. However, only twenty Divine Stones when you’re buying while you ask for thirty while selling? Isn’t that too unfair?”

Well, Rean was expecting to trade his Rank Two Divine Stones for ten Rank Ones or so. The fact that he could get twenty was also far above what he expected. However, he was the one responsible for the finances of the Dimensional Realm. Naturally, he would try to negotiate as many as possible. That’s also why he offered ten thousand in a single go. If he sold in bulk, he could definitely get a better price, especially after finding out the difference in price between buying and selling.

“Ten thousand Rank Two Divine Stones should be quite a deal to your bank, even if this is one of the biggest cities in Xinfia. Unless you give me a better price, I will try to trade with someone else,” Rean threatened.

The worker didn’t know what to do when suddenly, a voice came from further back the counter. “Raszas, you can leave it to me.”

Raszas was obviously the name of the worker Rean was talking to until now. "Oh, Manager Rui. Please, go ahead." Raszas didn't have the authority to make any offers, so he was happy he didn't have to go to someone else to deal with it.

Rui then looked at Rean and said, "Ten thousand Rank Two Divine Stones is quite a small fortune, and that's already considering the top powers in our city or maybe even the continent. Where did you get this many?"

Rean shook his head as he replied, "Does it matter to your bank? If all you want to know is whether I robbed someone, I'm pretty sure your bank would have heard about such news already. Am I wrong?"

Rui couldn't help but smile after that. "Smarter than I thought. Indeed, if some of the big powers here had been robbed, we would have definitely been one of the first ones to hear about it. Anyways, what our bank cares about is profit, so I won't inquire any further about the Divine Stones' origin. Tell me, how much do you want for your ten thousand Rank Two Divine Stones?"

Rean then pointed at Raszas before saying, "He already said it. You sell Rank Two Divine Stones for thirty Rank Ones. In that case, I want three hundred thousand."

Rui immediately shook his head. "In that case, we won't make any profit at all. I'll give you two hundred and ten thousand."

Rean obviously didn't like it either. "Don't you feel ashamed to get a profit of ninety thousand stones from this one trade?" Rean then slammed the table as he continued, "Let's not drag this any further. Both you and I are going to counter the other's offer until we reach the middle. However, I'm not interested in that kind of offer. Two hundred and seventy thousand Rank One Divine Stones. That is my last offer."

Before Rui could say anything, Rean continued, "Don't tell me this deal isn't worth it. I would agree if this was some small trade. However, from the sheer size of the trade alone, your bank would still make a profit of thirty thousand Rank One Divine Stones if you sell them. I wonder, do you even make this many Divine Stones in an entire day of business? I highly doubt so."

Rui narrowed his eyes for a moment. Unfortunately, it was obvious to him that Rean would leave straight away if he didn't accept this offer. Rean was right. If this was a small trade, the bank wouldn't even consider it. However, due to the huge number of Divine Stones, this was indeed a very profitable deal, even if they were paying more than they usually did. "Fine! Two hundred and seventy thousand Rank One Divine Stones!"

Rean finally relaxed after that. To be honest, Rean would have accepted two hundred and fifty thousand, but he didn't show it on his face at all. "Thank you. Should we proceed with this trade?"

Rui nodded in response. "Please, follow me."

Around an hour later, Rean left the bank with a spatial ring filled with all the Rank One Divine Stones he traded for.

Naturally, Eliana's group noticed when he appeared. "So, should we go?"

Rean smiled in response as he sent the spatial ring into the Dimensional Realm. "Sure. I promised, didn't I? Let's go buy the materials."

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Chapter 1594: Taking Shape

Luto agreed with her, adding, "Did you see the construction shop manager's face when we grabbed all those materials? He even had to send people to other shops to be able to fulfill our demands."

"Indeed," Eliana smiled when she heard that. "That was probably the best deal of his life."

Of course, Omacro was just as excited. "In any case, look at everything we bought today. We can build at least 5 to 6% of the sect with it."

"5 to 6%?" Rean was taken aback to hear that. He really bought a lot of materials. It was probably enough to rebuild the entire Freedom Sect back on the Zafins' planet from scratch. "All of this is only enough for that much?"

Eliana snorted in response. “Hmph! You asked us for the best sect ever. Obviously, we’re going to make something up to that standard. With that said, these are only the materials we builders know we need. You still haven’t accounted for the materials of parts that we aren’t very familiar with. For example, the formations that will allow you to deploy the entire sect in any field. You better be prepared to spend a real fortune later on.”

Eliana continued, “Of course, if you think you don’t have the resources to do it, let us know right now. We can reduce the size of the project to accommodate your budget.”

Rean shook his head in response after that, saying, “No, it’s fine. I just didn’t expect that it would be this big. Could it be that you’re planning to use the entire 30-kilometer area I allowed for the construction?” The Dimensional Realm would have a demon beast forest that would occupy 250 kilometers. As for the remaining 50 kilometers, 20 kilometers would be kept open for other things that might be necessary for the future. For the other 30 kilometers, that was allocated for the sect itself.”

Eliana’s group nodded in response. “That’s what we intend to do.”

With that, Rean got everyone back into the Dimensional Realm. However, before he left again, Eliana made another request, telling him, “We need manpower. The kids are barely able to do much more than simple tasks. As for the adults you added into the sect, there are just too few of them.”

Rean nodded after hearing that. “Don’t worry. I’m going to meet with Roan right now so that we can go around looking for new members in Brin. This is a giant city, after all. Among the billions of people living here, I’m pretty sure we can find some heads. By the way, if you need help with formations, just drag Havek with you.”

It was then that Eliana remembered something. “Oh, right! You mentioned something about the Communication System and other... errr... Circuitry Formations? I will need you to tell us exactly what they are, the space they’ll occupy, how many buildings they’ll take up, and so on.”

Rean nodded in response. “Havek can also help out with that. Besides, I’m always watching the Dimensional Realm, so you just need to ask out loud, and I’ll hear and see you wherever you’re located.”

Katia couldn’t help but ask once she heard that, “Doesn’t that mean you can see us when we’re in our private quarters?”

[Oh, you don't need to worry about that.] Suddenly, Sister Orb intervened. [I designated those parts of the Dimensional Realm to be inaccessible by anything outside. Divine Sense, the twins' control, Soul Power Scan, you name it. Privacy is definitely guaranteed as long as I'm here.]

Katia and the other girls sighed in relief after that. [Thank you, Sister Orb.]

Rean didn't really care about that. "Alright, since you have everything, I'm heading out."

Later that day, Rean and Roan headed their separate ways in the city. They had their Soul Connection, so it wasn't a problem where the other one was.

Time passed, and another two weeks went by in a flash. The number of people in the Dimensional Realm had now increased to 1378. However, Eliana was still the only cultivator at the Elemental Transformation Realm. Everyone else was mainly in the Nascent Soul Realm or below. Some of them, surprisingly, had families and asked if they could join the sect with their relatives. Then again, that was quite rare. Only five families or something along those numbers joined the sect. After all, one must remember that the twins were aiming for people they thought wouldn't have any attachments to their homes.

However, there was a problem gradually appearing. That was the fact that there were no 'leaders' between them. Other than Eliana's group controlling the manpower for the buildings, nothing similar could be found.

That being said, the twins had to open a contest to indicate the people who would act as elders of the sect. Of course, that wasn't all. The twins also decided to take this opportunity where everyone was gathered to discuss a lot of things regarding the sect's future.

Roan, who was quite enjoying all these simple tasks, created the test. The fact that he didn't need to worry about some complicated event was really doing its magic. Sure, raising a sect was definitely 'complicated.' However, it wasn't a life and death situation where they had to get involved with people and events far beyond their own power.

"First, let's talk about the test I came up with," Roan said. "This test will be far from only focusing on strength. At the moment, we need management and leadership. Of course, having the strength to back up your decisions is also important, so it will be tested as well."

He continued, "At the moment, everyone helping with the sect's construction is receiving one Rank One Divine Stone every half a month. It goes without saying that if you're designated for one of the elders' positions, your income will increase. Simply put, it'll become three times higher."

Roan then introduced an old but effective system as he added, "However, paying everyone with Divine Stones is quite complicated since it can't be divided into smaller values. Using coins would be quite annoying as well, so we won't do that. That's why the sect is going to establish a point system."

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Chapter 1595: System Sect Future

Suddenly, over a thousand badges flew over the air before they landed in the hands of every single sect member. Naturally, it went without saying that Rean was the one who prepared them. "Put a drop of your blood over the badge, and it will be bound to you. No one other than yourself will be able to use it in the future."

Roan then looked at Eliana, who also received her own badge. It's just that it seemed that Eliana had already expected that. "Is that part of the sect complete?"

Eliana nodded, replying, "There are still a few things we need to plan, but the rough design is already up. Havek and Rean got the Circuitry Formations on the desk working as well."

Roan was happy to hear that. "Good!"

After that, he turned his attention to everyone else once again as he said, "This test will not only find elders for the sect. It will also judge your aptitudes for the several other tasks needed for a sect. Working on resource distribution, working at the mission hall, working on building cultivation formations, and other similar examples. It will all be decided through this test."

Someone couldn't help but ask after that, "Is this a written test?"

Roan nodded in response. “Most of it is indeed a written test.”

“Then... what if we don’t know how to write or read?” Of course, another question soon followed.

Roan was expecting that already, answering, “That’s not a problem since we will decide who will be working as teachers in our sect. I had Eliana build quite a few studying rooms. Depending on your knowledge and traits, you might be designated as teachers as well.”

Roan then took the opportunity to mention, “Just so you know, this will not be a sect where only strength means everything. If you want to advance in our sect, you have to be both strong and intelligent. Just so you know, there will be another system called knowledge measurement. Be it the position of elders or higher-ranked disciples, it will also depend on your overall knowledge. Writing, math, and chemistry. For now, those will be the three starting classes.”

Everyone at least knew what writing was about. Math obviously wasn’t hard to imagine, although quite a few faces turned ugly after hearing that word. However, it was the first time everyone had ever heard about chemistry. Even Eliana’s group had no idea what Roan was talking about.

Roan didn’t explain it there, though. “You can forget about chemistry for now. Once the classes start, Sister Orb will be interacting with the formations in every classroom and teach you.”

[Sigh... why do I have to be the one to do that?] Sister Orb was obviously very good with chemistry since she had all the modern knowledge from Earth. She just didn’t want to do that. Sadly for her, she didn’t have another choice.

In fact, that was another new Circuitry Formation Rean and Havek came up with. Using the communication formations in all classrooms so that Sister Orb could teach everyone at once. She was an AI, after all. It was no problem for her to talk, teach, and hear in several places at once.

Roan continued, “Anyway, this first test I’m giving all of you will not have chemistry, but it’ll help find those who should be taught. These people will then be responsible for helping other classes to learn it with Sister Orb’s help.”

"Next, I absolutely don't want to hear any complaints once you are assigned a task. For example, there will be people who will be assigned to work with Omacro. For those who don't know, he is responsible for the Dimensional Realm's sanitization. That means things like sewers, toilets, garbage collection, all types of cleaning, and so on. If you don't like it, we can throw you out of the sect straight away. If you want to leave this job, then you better increase your overall score. Only those with high scores in physical, cultivational, and mental ranks will have the privilege to select what they want to do."

Roan then coldly smiled as he added, "Hehe. Only the top 5% from each cultivation realm group will have the privilege to select their jobs in the sect. I wonder who will appear there." That was the method Roan used to separate the groups. After all, the IQ of kids in the Foundation Establishment Realm couldn't possibly match the IQ of an adult in the Nascent Soul Realm or above. There would be younger and older people in the same realm, but Roan wouldn't change this.

"It goes without saying that the better the job, the more sect points you'll receive. For example, the management office, which takes care of the sect's overall procedures, will definitely have a higher payment of sect points."

Rean, who was listening to all of that, couldn't help but apologize to Omacro with a Divine Sense message, saying, 'Sorry, Omacro. Although I know that the sanitization side of the sect is definitely important, people still don't have a good view of it. We had to use your job to scare people into putting more effort.'

Omacro didn't mind it, though. 'It's fine. It's not like I wanted to do this kind of job when I was born, you know? Besides, it'll be quite fun to manage cultivators who don't want to be there. I can already see all the punishments I will apply to the annoying ones. Hehehe.'

Of course, Rean was happy to hear that. 'Thanks.'

As for Roan, he didn't stop there. "For those who think that I'm talking too much for you to remember, I prepared jade slips with all the sect's rules for you to take a look at later. Our sect will have a lot of things in common with the sects outside. However, you will quickly find out that we're definitely very different from them."

Someone raised a hand, confused. "What would be this overall score?"

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Chapter 1596: The Badges

Roan nodded in response. "You can. I've prepared the jade slips with the body cultivation techniques that I know. There are quite a few, actually. Also, I fixed all the flaws I could find in them, so they should be quite useful."

"What about all the pain? I heard one could even die because of it. Refining other materials into one's body should be quite dangerous." Sure enough, that was what everyone who knew about body cultivation techniques was afraid of.

However, after Roan helped Luan with his breakthrough to First Grade Star Body, he understood that they needed something to alleviate that side effect. Fortunately for him, he had the Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop and a huge herb garden that had been taken care of by Celis. Roan worked on a pill that would give the same effect as Rean's Light Element.

"Don't worry. Our sect has something called the Analgesic Pill. Once you take this pill, you'll be able to break through into the next grade of your body cultivation technique without feeling much pain," Roan explained.

Rean's mouth twitched after he heard that. It was the first time he heard about this pill from Roan. 'He totally took that name from Earth.'

"However, that doesn't mean you will succeed," Roan warned. "This pill can only do two things. First, it won't make the pain disappear. However, it will definitely reduce it by at least 90%. That should definitely be within the bearable range since there are people who can cultivate body cultivation techniques without it. Second, it'll prevent permanent damage to your body."

Roan continued, "It means that you guys can still fail your breakthrough and do it all over again, including acquiring more of the same materials for your breakthrough."

No one found it to be a problem at all. Those who knew about body cultivation techniques were aware that successfully cultivating them would give a huge boost in strength. If Roan's pill could indeed prevent death or permanent damage, then all of them were definitely willing to give it a try. Not to mention that the reduction in pain made it all the more worthwhile.

Roan, of course, did not release the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique. In the end, that thing was too overpowered. Compared to other techniques, it was twice as good at the very least. One must remember that no one was forced to stay in the sect forever. It would be a problem if someone decided to leave before starting to spread the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique.

The same went for the Immortal Cultivation Techniques. Those ones were also not included in the cultivation technique repository that Eliana built with the others. The cultivation techniques there were still top-notch, though. In fact, they were all at the level of Huring Sacred Land.

Rean had discussed it with Roan. Those techniques would be hidden from everyone at first. Only those who proved that they would stick with the sect from now on would receive them. Of course, that meant both the Starlight and Immortal Cultivation Techniques.

In this regard, the Soul Binding Contract would have no effect. Well, at least not later on. If they allowed these people to cultivate the Immortal Cultivation Techniques, some of them would definitely reach the Void Tempering Realm. The twins were already informed that once someone reached that level, they could get rid of the seal in their soul with their spatial powers. Everything had to be considered carefully. At the moment, other than the twins, only Luan had access to an Immortal-level Cultivation Technique and the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique.

Of course, the Analgesic Pill was nothing like the one back from Earth. The herbs it used were based on which grade of body cultivation technique someone was trying to break through. For first grade, Bronze-level herbs were used. The second grade used Silver-level ones. Roan still hadn't worked on it, but he was sure he would need Golden-level herbs to create a pill capable of withstanding the pain and dangers of a breakthrough to a third grade body. Other than the twins and Luan, no one here had even started to cultivate body cultivation techniques, so there wasn't a need to be in a hurry for a Golden-level Analgesic Pill yet.

Roan could see the light in the eyes of those who knew what that pill meant to their cultivation paths. "Those who understand what it does can explain it to those who don't know yet after we're done here. Now, let's go back to the previous topic, the overall score. The cultivation progress and knowledge level will obviously play their parts here. We haven't decided yet, but depending on your overall scores, you will also have access to some special perks."

"The scores will be recorded automatically into your badges. If you send your Divine Sense inside, you will be able to check your score as long as you aren't far away from the sect."

When Roan said that, Rean and Havek looked at the sect that was being built in the distance. There, they could see one single tower that stood tall at the very center. The tower itself was built above a giant building as well. That was projected to be the tallest construction in the entire Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Well, at least until it increased in size during the next upgrade.

That was one of the very first buildings to be raised. As for its use, it was obviously Rean's Communication System, which had been upgraded with Havek's help.

Roan then took out a badge similar to everyone else's. After that, everyone's badges began to slightly tremble while releasing a tiny amount of Divine Energy that their owners couldn't miss even if they wanted. "There's also another use for your badges. Send your Divine Senses inside."

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Roan continued, 'This is what you can do. Each of your badges has a number on it. As long as you use your Divine Sense to input the number of someone else's badge, that person's badge will react the same way. From there on, you will be able to talk with each other. Once you finish, just retreat your Divine Sense from inside, and the communication will stop.'

Roan did exactly that, which caused everyone's badges to stop receiving any communication from him. "These badges can work anywhere inside the Dimensional Realm, so you can contact anyone or any building by inputting their numbers with your Divine Sense."

Of course, Rean and Havek had even further upgraded the badges, which were based on the design of the smartphones. Not only that, they even added a tiny DPU inside, which was responsible for managing the information about the members. Sect Points wasn't the only thing it could display. With the way Rean and Havek created those badges, they would be able to add new rows of information on it as well.

Rean smiled when he looked at everyone's faces. 'Hehe! This is just the start. What the DPUs are really good for are the heavy workloads. Places like the Mission Hall, the Resource Building, and the Management Office will be the areas where the DPUs will truly stand out,' he thought to himself.

Rean stepped forward and continued from there. "These badges can also communicate with others outside the Dimensional Realm. However, unlike here, they have a very limited range outside. If you look in the sect's direction, you will see a tower there. It's that tower that allows for long-distance

communication. If you aren't anywhere inside its range, you obviously can't reach anything too far away. In any case, these badges have a range of two to ten kilometers. Though, that will all depend on the location. If there are a lot of obstacles, they can't reach that far. If it's an empty space, their range can obviously go further. That's why I said two to ten kilometers when you're not within the tower's range."

"Sect Points, communication, sect warnings, missions, resources, etc. You will be able to get information and make requests regarding all of that with your badges. Make sure you keep it with you. If you lose your badge, that will incur a penalty of 300 Sect Points," Rean warned everyone soon after.

However, it was hard to tell whether 300 Sect Points were a lot or not. With that being said, someone immediately asked, "Can you give us an example on Sect Points?"

Rean pondered in silence for a bit before saying, "How about this? You know that you won't receive Divine Stones as payment anymore, right? Instead, you will get Sect Points, which you can use to exchange for Divine Stones. Well then, each Rank One Divine Stone costs 50 Sect Points. That means you will lose a total of six Rank One Divine Stones if you end up needing a new badge."

Immediately, quite a few hands tightened around their own badges. Pretty much everyone here was poor. Well, that's the kind of people the twins recruited. For them, even a single Divine Stone was priceless, let alone six.

Rean also warned them, "Your Soul Binding Contracts stated that you must be loyal to the sect. That means you can't do anything to harm it in any way. I think I don't need to tell you that telling others outside about what your badges can do is definitely one of those things. After all, have you ever seen a communication item that can be used almost infinitely without losing anything? I don't think I've ever seen a Thoughts Transmission Talisman with such capability before."

Naturally, they all understood what Rean meant. It was obvious that this badge was not something one could find outside. It also would be worth a lot if they tried to sell it. It's just that the Soul Binding Contracts, which stated death for those who broke it, would definitely stop anyone from opening their mouths.

"Well, it's not like you could get anything from it outside anyway," Rean added. "These badges were made in a way that their owners and only their owners can use them. Even if you try to sell them, they will be completely useless in anyone else's hands. You would have to convince others that it's capable of doing what it does."

Sure enough, that would be even harder. An infinite Thoughts Transmission Talisman-like item? Who would believe that if they couldn't use them themselves? From the outside, it truly just looked like a badge. If one tried to open it to check inside, it had a range of Circuitry Formations that no one knew how they worked. Rean and Havek were pretty much confident that their secret wouldn't escape the sect at all.

Roan then put an end to that part. "Alright, that's how it works. Later, you guys can try it out since they don't cost anything. Now then, onto the next topic. If you look in the Cedar Tree's direction, you will see that a forest is rapidly growing there. We can't let you all simply cultivate forever, after all. With that being said, that forest will be filled with demon beasts really soon. Not only that, but you'll also be able to find herbs for alchemy, ores for forging, crafting materials, and so on. It will be the perfect place for you guys to gain experience. Also, remember that killing and permanently crippling sect members is prohibited. Other than that, everything is valid. This is not a happy family. If you want to grow in the sect, you'll have to fight for it. Keep that in mind."

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Chapter 1598: First tests

The twins didn't invite anyone in the Soul Transformation Realm to the sect. Well, it's not that they wanted to, but that the Soul Transformation Realm was still a divider. There was no lack of Peak Stage Nascent Soul Realm cultivators in the sect that were never able to find their path. As for those at the Soul Transformation Realm, they would not be in the streets or in similarly bad situations. Just their cultivation alone was enough for them to find some well-paying jobs. One must remember that the twins' offer still looked extremely suspicious even though that wasn't their actual intention.

Roan then looked at Rean and Havek after that. "Have you two prepared the slaughter formation?"

Rean and Havek confirmed. "Obviously. Otherwise, we wouldn't have started this test."

"Good." Roan turned his attention back to the sect members as he continued, "This slaughter formation will match the strength of each person here. There's no need to worry about dying. Although it can definitely dish out some painful damage, it's not lethal. Besides, we'll be watching in case anything goes wrong. Your strength score will be based on your age, cultivation, battle experience, reaction time, speed, strategy, judgment, resilience, and defense."

'That's quite a stringent test,' most people thought. 'Can they really give us a fair score if so many things are tested at the same time?'

Naturally, Rean and Havek could tell what the candidates were thinking. 'Hehe! If we didn't get the DPU reward, it would be extremely hard to set up such a formation. However, with the DPUs, calculating the parameters the Circuitry Formation will test everyone on is an easy task. These people have no idea what they're dealing with.'

Roan then remembered something. "Right. There's an age limit to this test. Anyone below five years of age will not be allowed to take it."

In fact, the sect almost had no one below five years old. Well, it's not like such kids wouldn't end up in the streets like the others, but that they mostly wouldn't survive when that happened. With that being said, among the two hundred or so kids in the sect, only thirteen of them were below five.

Roan didn't want them to take the test, mostly because there was nothing to test with. What strength would be there for them to use? What cultivation progress was there to be calculated. At first, the trial would have no knowledge test. But even if it had, what knowledge would one expect to get from those kids? In the end, it was simply better to exempt these ones. Even those at the age of five or six most likely wouldn't show any meaningful results either.

Hage was entrusted to help the kids, and he was assigned a few other adults to help. Thus, they quickly found those kids below five and took them away from the field.

"Alright, everything is set. Initial Stage Foundation Establishment disciples, come forward."

It went without saying that only kids followed Roan's words. It didn't matter how bad one's talent was. It was just too hard to find any teenager, let alone adults, in that realm.

Sister Orb then announced. [124 candidates in the Initial Stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.] They were the youngest kids, as anyone could imagine.

She then called their names in alphabetic order, sending them into the slaughter formation. They were all given wooden weapons to defend themselves. Sure enough, the formation adjusted its level to match the kids' cultivation and age. For anyone watching outside, it looked more like a joke.

Most of the kids couldn't do anything in front of the formation's attacks. In the end, all they got was a bunch of crying kids that had been beaten quite badly. Well, Rean just laughed as he used his Light Element to heal them straight away before Hage's group took them back.

The same thing happened to those in the Middle and Late Stages of the Foundation Establishment Realm. It's just that instead of being around five years old, they were six, seven, or eight. If there was any difference, it was that the older ones could hold their tears a little better.

As for the kids at the Peak Stage of Foundation Establishment, they were mostly between eight and ten years old. Being older obviously helped as the number of cries reduced quite a bit when their time arrived. Then again, nine out of ten kids still ended up in tears nonetheless. Gender didn't change this average statistic at all.

However, there were obviously exceptions in the strength test for those at Foundation Establishment. Vusban, Crimei, Ophilia, Qanvit, and Duma. These five kids got very good results in the slaughter formation. There were no tears, only determination to pass the test given to them.

The strength test would give one a score that went from 1 to 100, and they all got between 60 and 70 points. Don't look down on that score. Roan had purposely made Rean and Havek create a formation that was extremely hard to get high scores. Those were definitely amazing results, especially considering their ages.

Of course, their test wasn't over yet. The next test would be on their cultivation progress. This one was a lot simpler, though. After checking the candidates' talent color, their cultivation speed would be checked. After all, everyone now had access to very good cultivation techniques, so this was a very good test to tell who could make the most of the techniques they had chosen themselves.

Well, battle talent and cultivation talent were two different things. In the end, only Duma ended up getting a score similar to her first test.

"The Foundation Establishment tests are over. You can all check the ranks in your badges."

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Chapter 1599: Not Worth It

-2nd: Vita, 119 Points.-

-3rd: Zanshi, 118 Points.-

In the end, the kids in the top 5% were given a chance to select the kind of job they wanted to take in the sect. Since the sect was in the middle of its construction, there was no lack of tasks available. Nevertheless, they were all kids, so they kind of selected the tasks where they could be closer to their friends instead of tasks that could pay more.

Fortunately for the kids, the tasks available were all similar in their aspect of being able to be completed by kids. Anything more complicated was obviously left out. For example, no leadership tasks were offered to the kids. Of course, Roan wasn't an idiot. With the results of the tests, he only made available tasks that matched each kids' abilities. Some were smarter, others stronger, and so on. They had to focus on what they were best at.

"Next, the Core Formation Realm disciples. First, the Initial Stage ones, come forward." Roan once again called the next group.

This time, the number of kids was almost next to zero. There were only five of them in the Core Formation Realm group that were below the age of ten. Those ones all happened to be at least Green Color Talents. Of course, there were also a lot of adults in the mix. Naturally, that's because cultivation took longer the higher one went.

Although there were Initial Stage Core Formation Realm kids, it was difficult to find those at the Peak Stage of the Core Formation Realm being younger than 16 years in age. Well, in fact, only one of them was 16 with that cultivation level, a young man called Fosxin. All the others in the same stage were above 20 years old.

When Fosxin had his talent color tested in the first test, the red color immediately came out, showing that this youngster had the same talent as Luan.

At the same time, it showed just how hard it was to cultivate for those without a backing. Let's not forget that Luan was just thirteen years old but was already in the Initial Stage of the Nascent Soul Realm. He and Fosxin had the same talent, but they were one realm and two stages apart!

Roan quite liked Fosxin. Not because of his talent but because of his cunning behavior. As mentioned before, the twins wouldn't only get goody-two-shoes for the sect. They had especially picked people similar to Fosxin in bulks. It wouldn't be wrong to say that at least 30% of the sect was filled with people like him. Roan also predicted that these people would be the ones to grow faster during the first years, which he deeply approved.

Without any surprise, Fosxin got the highest score after the two tests, 141 points. Once again, the top 5%, which obviously included Fosxin, were given a chance to select their own jobs. Fosxin didn't get a high-paying and easily manageable job. Instead, he immediately selected the demon beast capture task.

Rean and Roan weren't planning to go out and capture all the demon beasts for the demon beast forest alone. Instead, Roan considered that a very useful task for those who wanted to gain more experience. However, he also made sure to mark down that these kinds of tests were dangerous and that there was the risk of death involved. On the other hand, it obviously had one of the highest payments. 'Not bad, kid. I'll keep an eye on you,' Roan thought.

Other than Fosxin, the twins' attention was also caught by a woman who seemed to be in her early twenties, Tatiana. She wasn't anywhere near Fosxin's cultivation realm or talent. However, they could tell that she found a very compatible cultivation technique for herself. Even though she was only a Yellow Color Talent, her cultivation speed turned out to be on par with Fosxin himself.

Her results were not as good as Fosxin in the slaughter formation. But she more than made up for that with her cultivation speed test. It went without saying that her score on that specific test was higher than Fosxin's. After all, she could match him in cultivation speed with a lower talent. The parameters set in the cultivation speed test gave her a much higher score. Tatiana got the ninth position with 126 points. Yes, ninth. That's because her strength test went quite poorly. She was in the bottom 20% during that test. Her ninth position highlighted just how good her cultivation speed score was.

"Next, Core and Soul Fusion Realm disciples. From here onwards, the position of sect elders will be available for selection in the tasks. However, it's not permanent, so think well if you want to take it. Also, I can guarantee that your working load will be much higher. With that said, another test to judge leadership will be added as a third test. There are five positions for elders of the System Sect available for Core and Soul Fusion Realm members, so make sure to give it your all. Although the workload is higher, it definitely will be worthwhile with the monthly payment in Sect Points."

Rean decided to add another point, saying, "As Roan mentioned, the payment is definitely very high. However, you will have to be an example to the others. If it turns out that you became an elder and decided to slack off, not only will we demote you, but your Sect Points will also be taken away. Even punishment will be in place for such people. Believe me... Roan's punishments are definitely not something you want to go through."

The disciples felt a chill on their backs after hearing that. They had been here just for a few weeks, but Roan's short temper was already well known by all. Some even couldn't help but think that the high payment was not worth it at all.

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Chapter 1600: It Seems a Lot More Interesting

Sister Orb, Havek, Kentucky, and Celis had to agree with Rean on that point. "That's true."

Roan's mouth twitched a bit before he returned his attention to the next participants. "Anyways, there are no kids in your group, so all of you definitely understood the rules. As for a reason why I only opened vacancies for elders now, it's because you have to at least have the strength to back up your orders. Others wouldn't even follow your words if you were at the Core Formation Realm or the Foundation Establishment for that matter."

After that, Sister Orb called the first person. [Trinzi, enter the Slaughter Formation.]

Like everyone else, the Core and Soul Fusion Realm cultivators had to go through the first two tests. However, the chances of finding high-level talents had become even harder now. After all, people who reached this level and were in their previous poor situations were definitely poorly talented ones.

Then again, that didn't mean they couldn't find someone like Tatiana, who found the perfect cultivation technique for herself. Leaving the cultivation speed test aside, the battle tests of the Core and Soul Fusion Realm participants had the highest average score so far. After all, these were people who had it hard in their lives and got a lot of experience dealing with difficult situations.

The first place, for example, got a surprising 85 points in the slaughter formation after all the parameters were considered. His name was Tian Bao, a member of the Kufus Humanoid Race. They

were pretty much like the humans, not having any strong points or weaknesses, just a balance between body, soul, and energy.

In the cultivation speed test, the highest score was only 54, though. 'Sure enough, someone like Tatiana, who found a highly compatible cultivation technique, is very rare. If I consider compatibility alone, even Luan's cultivation technique isn't as good for him as Tatiana's is for her. Since she already found it, perhaps it would be good if I used the Immortal Cultivation Techniques to upgrade her normal one.' Roan pondered over it for a bit before eventually shaking his head. 'It's too early. Let's see how she'll fare in the future.' The only technique that lost in compatibility level with Tatiana's technique was the twins' technique. That technique was simply perfection.

[Now, to the judgment test.] Sister Orb didn't know what Roan was thinking, so she simply continued the test.

The judgment test wasn't the same as knowledge. The classes haven't started yet, so a knowledge test would only happen later. The judgment test would basically test their abilities to give orders and control big groups. Only the top-ranked ones would be given a chance to choose an elder position. Not only that, but one would also have to have at least 70 points in this test for the option to appear at all. If the first place in this test didn't reach this number, then no one in the Core and Soul Fusion Realm would become an elder. The twins would rather have no one in the position than have people who might make things worse.

Eliana was the one most interested in it. With this many people working for her in the very early stages of the sect's construction, she needed more people who could take care of other groups and follow her orders. Omacro and the others were already overwhelmed with it.

Fortunately, it turned out that seven cultivators had achieved the 70 points threshold. The highest one was an old woman who seemed to be around her fifties, Marcela Lasvran. Of course, she was obviously much older than that due to her cultivation. She got a total of 81 points, which Roan was very satisfied with.

Once the total scores for all three tests came out, the top 5% could finally select what they wanted. The rest was randomly assigned to jobs that matched their abilities in several fields. Marcela was obviously in this top 5% thanks to her judgment test, so she was given a chance to select the elder position.

Marcela didn't think twice before selecting the elder position. Even the threat of receiving punishment from Roan didn't waver her resolve. Her past was a little different from the rest around her. She had a

home and some stability in her life. Her talent wasn't anything special either. Simply put, she had a stable life. She shouldn't have even been given an invitation to join the System Sect to start with.

However, her issue lied elsewhere. She was just bored of her normal life when she suddenly heard from one of her friends about Rean and Roan's invitation. She wasn't a bad person, so she often helped those in need. That's why she made contact with people who got in contact with the twins and were given time to decide.

In the end, the friend she heard it from didn't go to see Rean at the meeting point. Instead, Marcela did. Rean was confused at first since he didn't recognize the old woman. Fortunately, she explained she had heard about him recruiting for a completely new sect that would be on the move.

Even Rean agreed that his invitation looked suspicious and kind of dangerous. It was good since they would only get those who had nothing to lose by leaving their homes. When Rean asked why she would risk joining his sect, she smiled and told him, "It seems a lot more interesting than my life so far."

Rean didn't know whether to laugh or cry after that. Regardless, he definitely wouldn't reject her. After telling her the few things he could, he offered her the Soul Binding Contract, which she signed without thinking twice.

Rean, obviously, noticed when Marcela appeared there. "Oh! It's you."

Marcela couldn't help but laugh in response. "Hehe! It's me indeed. To think I could become an elder with my cultivation... Sure enough, this choice of mine is turning out to become very interesting."