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Chapter 1601: Hidden Talents

Rean was taken aback after that. "Of course, we'll leave this continent. Not only will we leave this continent, but we're also probably heading to the center of the Realm of Gods at some point. I wasn't lying when I said you might never come back. If we were only traveling in Xinfia, then I wouldn't have said such a thing since you could go back to Brin by simply spending a few Divine Stones."

Naturally, Marcela could not believe such claims. "B-But... what about the continental barrier?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders in response. "It's definitely a problem for other people. However, it's simply useless for our sect. We can pass through any continental barrier we wish to."

Marcela wasn't the only one to hear that. Everyone who knew about the continental barrier was shocked to discover such a thing.

Seeing that, Roan snorted, saying, "Hmph! We're still in Brin, and the contract doesn't lock you down at all. If any of you want to, I'll send them straight outside."

However, Rean's words about the continental barrier only excited those who knew about it. Everyone here was sure they would die in Xinfia Continent. How great was it to know that they could visit other places? How many wonders were out there to be explored?

Marcela was one of them. "That's great! I'm looking forward to seeing the outside of our Xinfia Continent."

Rean smiled in response. "That I can promise."

There was one more guy Rean noticed taking the position of elder. "Hey, Hage. So you actually took the test as well."

Hage immediately nodded with a grin. "But of course! Don't forget I don't have much longer to live if I don't break through into the Nascent Soul Realm. Since I'm one of the oldest Core and Soul Fusion

Realm cultivators here, I definitely have a lot more experience in battles. I wasn't first in the judgment test, but I still made it into the top ten. The only part I performed average on was cultivation speed, but the other two scores made up for it so that I got the necessary points."

Hage got 73 points on the Judgment Test and 81 on the Strength Test. On the cultivation side, he did 45, but as he mentioned, the other two scores made up for the average result in that part. "Hehe! I'm still not so down that I would lose to a bunch of youngsters."

"Bunch of youngsters, huh?" Rean found that funny. Pretty much everyone in the Core and Soul Fusion Realm was above 100 years old. Then again, compared to Hage, they might really be considered brats in the same realm.

Hage continued, "However, don't worry. Not only will I take my place as an elder, but I will also keep taking care of the kids. I got quite attached to those brats, so I'll make sure to use some of my time with them."

Rean shook his head, saying, "Don't worry. You can be assigned to the general well-being of all kids, which is a valuable elder position for our sect. Sister Orb told me you were doing a great job with them so far, so you can naturally keep at it."

Eliana felt a little jealous when she heard that. "I wish I had time to play with them as I did in the past. Well, I can't complain about being able to build the best sect ever."

Rean shrugged his shoulders, telling her, "No one's stopping you from taking a break every now and then. Don't forget what caused your cultivation to stagnate. If that happens again, it won't be my fault since I'm not forcing you at all." Back then, it was overworking that was the reason why Eliana had problems with cultivation in the past.

Eliana was taken aback for a moment. "Indeed... only now did I notice that I'm committing the same mistake again. Alright, I'll make sure to take some pauses from now on."

Rean nodded. "I'll make sure to remind you about that."

Sister Orb then finished distributing the jobs through the Sect Badges. Soon after, she called out the next disciples. [Everyone in the Nascent Soul Realm will take the test now. First, the Initial Stage members.]

Roan also added, “For those at the Nascent Soul Realm, we have ten elder positions. Naturally, they also have a higher payment than normal disciples and a slightly higher payment than Core and Soul Fusion Realm elders. Try your best.”

Once again, strength, cultivation, and judgment were measured. The good thing about Nascent Soul Realm cultivators was that most of them were 300 years old or higher. There was no lack of life experiences, so more than fifty of those people got more than 70 points in judgment.

Of course, there was no problem choosing who would take the ten elder positions. Those with the highest overall score had the first pick.

Out of them, three had caught the twins’ attention.

The first one was Hurian Saby. He was a cultivator at the Middle Stage of the Nascent Soul Realm. Roan put him in the same category as Fosxin, someone very cunning. Obviously, Roan was happy to have someone like that.

The second one was Jessica Tute. She obtained the highest score in judgment, and Roan knew that she was quite adventurous. She was a similar case to Marcela, someone who had built her foundation in the city and didn’t really have a need to leave. In her case, she had one wish. “If you can really bring me to other continents, then I will join even the devil’s sect.” And so she joined. She was also one of the few that knew from the start that the twins could pass through the continental barrier.

As for the last one, that person was the most interesting of all so far, Leonardo Abril.

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Chapter 1602: Leonardo Abril

Naturally, being able to manipulate such a weak material didn’t give Leonardo any advantages in the outside world. In the Realm of Gods, iron wasn’t even considered a forging material for any kind of weapons or armors. That’s because even the low-level materials would have some Divine Energy or

elemental properties of their own, but iron was not in this category. It was just an ordinary lump of metal.

The worst part for Leonardo was that there weren't any cultivation techniques suited for him. He had to get by with some Earth Element techniques, which obviously made him slower than others. Things happened here and there during his life, and he simply lagged behind. In a certain way, it was impressive he even reached the Nascent Soul Realm since his talent was only Yellow Color. Sure enough, as long as one didn't have an incredible problem like Hage, who had blocked meridians and a flawed foundation, one could still make one's way through the realms.

Nevertheless, Nascent Soul was definitely the limit for the majority, and Leonardo was no exception. Ever since he entered the Initial Stage of the Nascent Soul Realm, his cultivation got stuck. No Earth Element technique worked for him at all. Of course, he could still cultivate without relying on any cultivation technique, but that would make him even slower, so he just stopped. He saw no point in continuing forward anymore.

It was then that he was invited to the System Sect. He told Rean about his affinity and that he wouldn't be able to do much. However, Rean was shocked when he heard about the over 400 years old man's affinity. Following that, Rean had Leonardo sign the Soul Binding Contract and immediately contacted Roan.

Roan, just like Rean, understood how impressive that was. The ability to control iron. The people of the Realm of Gods didn't know about it, but how could Rean and Roan not? They came from Earth, after all. They knew way too well that blood had iron in its composition. Sure, it wasn't anything impressive. Adult human males had around 4 grams of Iron, while females had 3.5 grams in their entire body. However, this little amount was present everywhere throughout the blood.

Suppose Leonardo could improve his control over iron. In that case, that measly 4 grams of iron could become a fatal weapon against his opponents. It would be the same as attacking someone from inside! How could one even defend against that? Perhaps by filling their entire bodies with Divine Energy? But one would need to even know what he was doing to start with.

With that said, Roan immediately took Leonardo to the cultivation technique repository and used several different Earth Element techniques to create one that worked with Iron affinity. If Roan could even create a technique for Space affinity, he obviously could do it for a much simpler one. In fact, Roan found it quite easy to do that as he knew iron's properties very well, thanks to Rean's memories.

It had been just a month or so since Leonardo joined the sect, but his cultivation speed had drastically increased. Roan even took some extra time to devise a combat training for him to follow. It was just some basics, but it helped him a lot. With those things together, Leonardo's confidence, which had been low throughout his entire life, finally started to increase.

However, one thing puzzled Leonardo very much. Why did the twins put so much importance on him just because of his Iron affinity? The reason was that the twins didn't tell him about the iron present in one's body yet. Both Rean and Roan decided to first see who Leonardo was before passing on such a piece of dangerous knowledge. As far as the twins were concerned, Leonardo might even be able to destroy all the blood cells in the body in a moment through the interaction with the iron inside.

The twins themselves weren't concerned, though. Because they knew very well what Leonardo's affinity might be able to do, they could easily defend, but how about the others? It was better to wait.

Eventually, the tests were over, and everyone was assigned tasks that corresponded to their abilities.

"That's all for today. We will have another test taking place three months from now. The classes will start tomorrow, so follow the schedule in your badges." Immediately, everyone received information that separated their working hours from their studying hours. "When the next test starts, the knowledge test will be applied as well. That means math, writing, reading, and chemistry will appear there. They will obviously count for your overall score," Roan explained.

Rean also added, "The times in the badges must be followed. Everyone week, there will be three days in a row where you will take part in the classes. The other four days are free for you to do whatever you want as long as you complete your tasks. Of course, if you help the sect during those days, you will receive more Sect Points, which means more Divine Stones."

After that, Rean gave them a warning. "Those who don't appear for their classes will be deducted 100 Sect Points as a penalty unless they can give a proper reason." Rean had to do that since he was absolutely sure some would hate studying. It was the natural instinct of people to avoid classes if they could escape them without a problem. It was like this on Earth, it was like this in Varen Tribe back in Sunkan Planet, and it was like this in Freedom Sect. Here, it won't be any different.

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Chapter 1603: To Aefer

As for Roan, he just cultivated and prepared the pills he mentioned before. They would also be put in the sect's Resource Center or deposited for the lack of a better term.

Naturally, that immediately excited the sect members. That's because they were able to see the pills available for purchase and how many Sect Points they were worth. One must remember that all of Roan's pills could eliminate impurities and fix flaws in the meridians. That meant a faster cultivation speed in its own right. Let alone the effects of the pills themselves.

Of course, Roan's herb garden was big. However, it wasn't infinite. With that said, all pills had great value. The Cultivation Stabilizing Pill, for example, didn't go for less than 400 Sect Points. Even the elders didn't make that many points in a single month. Nevertheless, considering a cultivator's long life, it could be said that the time required to buy those pills was almost nothing.

Roan also went out of the Dimensional Realm to check on Luan, who was once again taking missions. Because Luan's body and brain were already at the age of thirteen, he was maturing very fast. Roan knew that part of it was due to the life he had back in Treavin Continent.

Two weeks later, Roan recalled Luan into the Dimensional Realm. The twins didn't leave Brin during this time since they wanted to see if anyone would give up in the end. After all, they got the majority of their new members from this huge city. Fortunately, everyone understood just how good of a deal they got, so not a single soul gave up in the end.

Eventually, the twins decided it was time to continue their journey. Well, only one of the two was necessary outside, so they decided to let the other inside the Dimensional Realm.

Roan wasn't an idiot. He knew that with the construction of the new sect, which would take a very long time, Rean and Havek's formations were necessary. Not to mention that the new communication system the two were working on had a lot of things to be checked on. Since he was the freest of the two, he took it upon himself to bring the Dimensional Realm with him while Rean stayed inside.

Luan also asked if he could stay outside with Roan, to which Roan surprisingly agreed. And just like that, the two began to take teleport formations in each city, heading to the Continental Barrier between Xinfia and Aefer Continent.

At some point, they arrived at a City called Flintas. That was the closest city to Aefer and Xinfia. Once again, nothing happened at all since Destiny Avoidance Mode was still on. If anything, Roan was feeling quite relaxed, being able to travel and cultivate peacefully.

Roan took the opportunity to ask the people in the Dimensional Realm if they wanted anything from Xinfia since they were about to leave it.

Of course, his words shocked the majority, who didn't expect that they would be leaving their continent this fast. It had just been three months since Roan left Brin City, which meant he had already traveled half of the continent. Of course, what excited them more was knowing that they were going to enter another continent. That's something they never thought would happen in their lives.

A lot of people then asked if they could see how they would get to the other side. After all, it was supposed to be an extremely hard thing to accomplish. Roan discussed it with Rean, and they decided that they might as well let everyone see.

Suddenly, the dimensional barrier of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm changed, showing the outside world to everyone.

"Wow! So we can see the outside from here."

"It's the first time I've seen the continental barrier."

"That thing seems extremely scary."

"Of course it is! That thing should be able to kill almost anything."

"I wonder how we'll pass through it."

Luan was outside with Roan, so Roan simply called Fluki out. "I didn't expect you to get here after just half a year. Is this the continental barrier between Aefer and Xinfia?"

Roan nodded in response. "The one and the same." He also noticed something different with Fluke. "Did your cultivation increase, perhaps? You're quite bigger than before."

Fluki couldn't help but smile in response. "I don't know what kind of things you're making Luan do. However, his virtues are definitely helping my cultivation progress a lot. If we continue like this, it won't be long before I reach the Void Tempering Realm myself."

Fluki then opened his mouth and put Roan and Luan inside. Just like the whales in the Continental Barrier between Huring and Lanqueas, it was possible to see through Fluki's body. Thanks to that, everyone in the Dimensional Realm saw how Fluki dove into the continental barrier as if it was nothing.

Chaotic Divine Energy and Elements raged everywhere, making the people in the Dimensional Realm quite uneasy. However, it didn't matter how bad it looked. Fluki simply didn't care about any of that. It was as if those things didn't even exist. No, to be more specific, he felt more at home in this environment than anywhere else.

Quick, simple, and fast, that's how easy it was to traverse to the other side of the continental barrier. Sometime later, they had arrived in Aefer Continent.

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Chapter 1604: Great Distances

Havek nodded in response. "Indeed. Well, I only joined you in Pol Continent. Nevertheless, it's mostly thanks to that Kibin Race member that's following you. Luan's virtues, as well as the virtues of others around him, must be quite good since Fluki seemed very satisfied."

Rean smiled once he heard that. "There was also his father's orders, but I'm happy this is how things are going." There were still two years and four months before Destiny Avoidance Mode was deactivated.

After a while, Roan pulled Kentucky outside so that he and Luan could travel by air. Although Roan could fly with his Initial Stage Transition Realm cultivation, he definitely wasn't as fast and efficient as Kentucky.

Surprisingly, it took four entire weeks for them to find a city, even with Kentucky's speed. In any case, they eventually arrived at the city of Junzan. Roan also noticed that this city was much smaller than

what they called small cities back in the other continents. From what he found, this city only had around 40 million people, which was around one-fifth of the average for other continents.

He then passed a few more tasks to Luan after checking the Mercenary Guild in the city. Following that, he went after information about this continent. The initial plan was to just pass by Aefer to reach Hiwer Continent. Of course, it was better to have more information before proceeding. First, he went to check the Formation Guild for teleport formations.

"Teleport formations?" The worker at the Formation Guild asked back at Roan. "We do have them, but they're very expensive, you know?"

Roan shook his head. "That's not a problem. I don't lack Rank One Divine Stones. I just need to teleport to the next city."

However, the worker quickly denied the idea. "That's not gonna be enough. It seems like you have never teleported around our continent before, which is normal. In that case, I might as well tell you the problem. The cities in Aefer are very far away from each other. Rank One Divine Stones can't generate the necessary amount of Divine Energy to teleport over to the next cities."

Roan narrowed his eyes in response. His group still had 110000 Rank Two Divine Stones, but if the teleports cost too much, it wouldn't be worth using them. One must remember they still had a sect to run that deeply relied on those Divine Stones. "How much is it to teleport from one city to another?"

The worker shook his head, saying, "I can't tell you about the other cities since the distance between them variates. All I can tell you is that the next city in the northwest direction will cost you 79 Rank Two Divine Stones. You will have to check there how much it costs to go to the next."

"79, huh?" Roan pondered over it for a bit. Teleporting through ten cities for this price would already cost a thousand Rank Two Divine Stones. However, the fact that they needed Rank Two Divine Stones to teleport away also meant that the distance covered was several times higher. The question was how many teleports would be necessary to reach the Continental Barrier between Aefer and Hiwer. "Alright, I'll think about it since it's truly expensive."

The worker wasn't the least bit surprised by Roan's decision. He had already told others about this high cost many times, and the majority gave up, just like Roan. "No problem. If you still want to use them, just come over."

Roan then left the Formation Guild before contacting Rean through their Soul Connection. 'What do you think?'

Rean obviously knew what he was talking about. 'Well, you're the one among us two good at gathering information. Just go find out how many cities we need to reach the other side of the continent.'

Roan shook his head, though. 'This is a city at the end of the continent. I won't be able to find this information here.'

'Then try to see how many cities we would need to teleport to reach the capital of this country... we're in a country at the moment, right?' Rean asked.

Roan nodded, replying, 'This much I already know. This is indeed a country. Its name is Gluco Country and is surprisingly governed by the vote of the majority. Well, not really. The only ones allowed to vote for the next country leaders are cultivators in the Void Tempering Realm or above. I can't blame them since it would be too troublesome to gather the vote of possibly over a trillion people in this country with their current technology.'

Rean was surprised to hear that. 'Oh!, So it's a democracy... kind of. Well, it's nice to find a place that follows such a rule. Usually, everything would be decided by force, after all.'

Roan snorted in response. 'Hmph! Do you really think strength doesn't play a part in it? Too naive.' Roan then continued, 'Anyways, usually, we would teleport through a hundred or so cities before leaving a country. Obviously, this number increases to a few hundred to leave a region. As for an entire continent, we would need to pass through a few thousand cities. The only good thing was that we could use Rank One Divine Stones, so it wasn't that expensive anyway. If it turns out we need to go through the same number of cities with Rank Two Divine Stones, then we would probably be better off traveling with Kentucky instead.'

Rean pondered in silence for a bit before saying, 'For that to be the case, this Aefer Continent would need to be as big as Pol Continent at the very least. Perhaps even bigger.'

'I'll check it out,' Roan answered.

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Chapter 1605: Recruiting More

Rean immediately had an idea, suggesting, 'In that case, we might as well take the chance to fill up the demon beast forest inside our Dimensional Realm.'

Roan nodded in agreement. 'I also thought the same. But first, I'll teleport to the capital of this country. I would get better information about the demon beasts' territories around there. I intend to enter a territory with a wide variety of demon beasts.'

Rean couldn't help but ask after that, 'How many teleports would it take to reach the capital? And what are their prices?'

Roan shook his head. 'The prices we will only find out when we arrive at each city. However, the number of teleports necessary is easier to discover. The capital is only six teleports away from here. It's just that instead of going northwest, we will need to go north.'

Rean sighed in relief after that. 'It seems like the number of teleports we need to cross Aefer will be around a tenth or less than we did in the other continents. Of course, except Pol Continent.'

Rean then returned to his Formations Repository. 'Anyway, I'll leave the travel up to you. Once Luan finishes his jobs in the city, you can just bring us over.'

Roan didn't mind. 'I'll stick in this city for a week. That should be enough for Luan to finish everything I prepared for him. We will depart straight away after that.'

Everything went according to the plan, and a week later, Roan left the city through the teleport formation. As for the teleport to the capital, it took a lot longer. It's not that Roan couldn't teleport, but that the cities had their specific times where they activated the teleport formations. Teleport formations that sent one much further away needed higher maintenance, so it wasn't worth teleporting a single person or two every time. Instead, they activated once per week to send and receive the guild's

customers in a single go. Depending on the day he arrived at each city, he had to wait a full week or a few days until he could teleport again.

That wasn't all bad, though. Rean and Roan took those opportunities to go around the city to look for new members for the System Sect. The cities weren't anywhere close to the size of the other continents except Pol, but they still recruited another two hundred people or so before reaching the capital.

"Father, do I still need to take those tasks?" Luan asked with a serious expression. "I feel like they're starting to be a waste of time."

Roan had to admit that Luan was maturing very fast. Around a month ago, he even stopped calling Roan dad and used father instead. Well, even if Luan called him by his name, Roan wouldn't care. "There's no need. You will be joining the other members of the System Sect that will be hunting demon beasts."

"So we're finally starting to fill the demon beast forest that uncle Celis created, huh?" Luan obviously knew about that plan.

"Correct," Roan nodded in response. "That will be a good test of your own strength since you can't kill or permanently cripple any of the demon beasts you capture. In your case, I will not accept any demon beast below Stage Five, understood? Also, you have to capture at least five demon beasts at Stage Six." Stage Six Demon Beasts were equivalent to average Soul Transformation Realm cultivators. Then again, Luan had a First Grade Star Body and Roan's tailored cultivation technique and training.

Luan finally showed an excited expression after that. "Yes, father. I'll show you I can definitely answer your expectations."

Roan was satisfied with the answer. "Very good. However, try to not turn out as I did before. Even I ended up getting weary after so much trouble, so let me know if you start feeling the same way. Rest is also important for one's training." He did it for Luan and himself. Luan was turning out to be someone who knew how to act and almost never gave him any problems. That kind of behavior was something Roan liked very much, so he kind of got a little attached to the kid. Well, he was a teenager right now.

Luan, after this long, could also tell that Roan cared about him in his own way. Since he already liked Roan to start with, that only made him more motivated. 'It's kind of say he'll never say such things with

his words,' Luan thought for a moment. Soon after, he agreed with Roan. "Yes, father. There's no need to worry. I don't feel tired or weary at all."

With that said, Rean came out of the Dimensional Realm once again. Not only him, but they also brought a few other people from the sect out. Hage, Marcela, Fosxin, Tatiana, Hurian, Jessica, Leonardo... basically, all the people who got high average scores on the test back then. In fact, they also pulled out Eliana's builder group.

"Alright, it's time for you guys to give some help as well. From now on, when we stop at some big city, we will recruit people for our System Sect. The rules are the same ones we used for all of you, so make sure the other party knows what they need. Do you understand?"

Everyone nodded. If anything, they were happy they could come out for a while... not that they couldn't before. It's just that they would need to leave the sect, which they definitely didn't want to.

After that, they all separated to start recruiting once again.

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Chapter 1606: Tinlin Forest

Roan then acquired the information about the demon beast territories in the country. After that, he selected one territory where one could find a wide variety of demon beasts. Luckily, that territory was along their way to the northwest, the Tinlin Forest.

He obviously teleported to the city closest to it before heading with Kentucky to the forest. A good thing was that that forest was frequently used by the cultivators of the area, so it had a settlement nearby. It was there that Roan got a map of the forest and copied it onto several different jade slips.

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After leaving the settlement and entering the outskirts of the forest, he brought all the cultivators who signed up for demon beast hunting. Of course, only a few actually selected this job among those who got into the top 5% in the previous test. The rest were given this task and had no right to refuse since their scores were lower. In total, 200 or so cultivators had to take the job, with the majority being Core and Soul Fusion or Nascent Soul Realm ones.

"Alright, I believe all of you know what to do already. All of you will go into this forest and capture demon beasts." Following that, Roan threw each one of them a jade slip. "I marked on the map where I'll be staying. Once you capture the demon beast, you have to bring it to me so that I can throw it into the demon beast forest in our Dimensional Realm."

Someone immediately raised a hand and asked, "Roan, can we make groups for the hunting?"

Roan didn't mind, saying, "Sure. I would prefer if you went alone so that you could gain experience, but I won't stop you from joining forces."

"That's not what I meant," the same guy clarified. "It's just that defeating the demon beasts isn't the hard thing. Instead, carrying them back to where you will be waiting for us is. That's why I asked if we could make groups. It will be much faster and easier if we have more than just one person carrying them. Demon beasts get bigger the higher their cultivations, after all."

Roan had to admit the guy was right. "What's your name?"

"Tulio."

Roan nodded. "You're correct. I forgot about the difficulty of carrying the defeated Demon Beasts. Very well, then all of you should form groups so that you can carry the demon beasts. Of course, try to fight them on your own so that you can put the cultivation techniques you got in our sect to the test."

Tulio and the others nodded in response. Of course, there were those who still preferred to go alone. Fosxin, one of the top members during the last test, was one of them. Fosxin was at the Peak Stage of the Core Formation Realm when he joined the System Sect. However, after being in there for a few months, he already broke through to the Initial Stage of the Core and Soul Fusion Realm.

Rean, who was also there, reminded everyone. "All of you know that I can heal pretty much everything. Everyone in the sect who arrived with old injuries, missing limbs, and things like that had them all fixed. However, I can't bring the dead back to life, nor can I heal destroyed cultivations. Do not head out there expecting that I can do everything. Make sure you prioritize your own lives above all else. You have no use for the sect dead."

Everyone nodded and was just about to leave when Rean stopped them again. "Wait, there's one more thing."

Soon after, Rean took out over two hundred weapons from the Dimensional Realm. They were all made based on the information he had about these cultivators. "Thankfully, your cultivations are very low. I was able to make a new weapon suitable to your own cultivations in just a few days of work. In any case, these ones should be many times better than anything you guys have at the moment, so take them."

"Impressive!"

"Holy shit, so sharp!"

"I've never had such high-level equipment before."

"Just how many Sect Points would this even cost?"

Rean smiled in response, telling them, "These weapons aren't yours, though. You can only use them to capture the demon beasts during this hunt. If you really want to take these weapons for yourselves, you will have to pay for it."

"Pay for it?" Everyone immediately remembered. "How many Sect Points will they cost?" There wasn't a single person there who didn't fall in love with their weapons.

However, Rean shook his head, explaining, "It will be different this time. Quite a few of you don't want to be here, so I thought you wouldn't put that much effort into this hunting. With that being said, to pay for these weapons, you will need to capture at least ten demon beasts with equal cultivation level as yourselves."

"What?!" Everyone was taken aback to hear that. "Is that even possible?"

Roan snorted as he answered in Rean's place. "Hmph! You got my training and the sect's cultivation techniques. If you can't at least defeat demon beasts at the same cultivation level, then you don't

deserve to be in the System Sect at all. Trust me, you spent these last few months following the training schedule I gave you while using the sect cultivation techniques. You're definitely stronger than average cultivators and demon beasts of your level. This is your chance of being rewarded for it and proving that you aren't just leeches in our sect."

Some still had their doubts. They intended to capture lower-level demon beasts just to be safe. However, they truly didn't want to part with Rean's weapons, so they decided to give it a try. Besides, Roan did allow them to form groups, so they had no excuses anymore. "Understood."

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Chapter 1607: Taking Notice

Soon after, he looked at Luan, who was by his side. "In your case, all the demon beasts that you capture have to be at least one entire realm higher than yours. Anyways, we've talked about it already."

Luan nodded in response. "Yes, father. I will get them."

However, Fosxin looked at Luan at that moment, asking, "Are you saying I'm weaker than this kid?"

Roan coldly smiled, saying in response, "He's already in the Initial Stage of the Nascent Soul Realm. What about you?"

Luan spent most of his time with Roan, so not many knew him or checked his cultivation before. Sure enough, Fosxin was shocked to hear that. He then used his Divine Sense to check if Roan was telling the truth. Luan was an entire realm above Fosxin, but since Roan mentioned him, he let his cultivation open so that others could see it.

Fosxin wasn't exactly a nice guy. He was cunning and relied mostly on his own strength. Luan was obviously much younger than him, but his cultivation was an entire realm above. "So that's what you get for being the sect master's son. How much I wish I was in your place."

Luan shook his head, replying, "I'm not his real son, but I like to call him father. I was just like you before, someone father picked on the side of the street. I just happen to have been in father's care for much longer than you."

Fosxin still didn't like it. "So be it. However, why am I not tasked to get demon beasts an entire realm above mine? With the cultivation technique I got from the System Sect and the sect master's training, I should be at least that strong, no?"

Roan shook his head. "You aren't. I've been keeping a close eye on you, and you definitely have talent. However, you're truly overestimating your strength. I reckon that you would be able to fight two stages above your own level if you go all out. That's why I asked you and the others here to capture demon beasts one stage above yourselves. It will be difficult, but it will be enough to put your strengths to the test."

Though, Roan added right after. "Of course, if any of you think you can deal against stronger demon beasts, then, by all means, go ahead and try. I will not stop you, but I won't be there to save you either." In fact, the same thing was applicable to Luan. Roan believed he could fight stronger demon beasts if he put his all into it. However, he didn't want to overdo it. That's why he only considered a single realm higher.

Luan couldn't be compared to the twins, who could fight average cultivators almost two entire realms above themselves. If they went all out, and especially if they fought together, two entire realms of difference wasn't impossible. However, he was definitely growing to become somewhat close to them in the future.

Fosxin then looked at Tian Bao after that. Tian Bao was another one who got a very high battle score. "I don't like making groups, but I'm not satisfied with being behind this kid. How about it? Wanna join forces to capture a few higher-level demon beasts?"

Tian Bao wasn't as competitive as Fosxin, but he admitted he didn't like being behind either. "Sure. However, that also means we will have to capture twice the number of demon beasts if we wanna retain our weapons."

Fosxin snorted in response, telling him, "With me here, twice will be far from the number we'll get."

Roan didn't mind that since such a thing could still create good training. Not to mention that they were disciples of his sect. There was nothing wrong with them joining forces if they were compensating it with higher-level demon beasts. "Then I'll be looking forward to the demon beasts you bring over. Remember, not crippled or dead. They have to be able to recover so that they will live in the Dimensional Realm."

"Understood." Fosxin and Tian nodded in response.

As for the rest, they didn't seem to want to do the same thing as those two, so they stuck with demon beasts one stage higher than themselves for now.

Eventually, the top fighters also left in different directions to look for the demon beasts required for the Dimensional Realm.

Seeing that, Rean couldn't help but ask Roan, "Is it really okay to let them do that?"

Roan nodded, replying, "That's their decision. If they die because of that, then they have only themselves to complain." Roan was relaxed, not minding such things at all.

Rean shrugged his shoulders and prepared to go back into the Dimensional Realm. "Well then, I'm heading back. Let me know if someone with grievous injuries appears. Then again, you should be more than enough to handle healing them anyway." Soon after, Rean disappeared.

For the next few days, the System Sect's group operated in the demon beast forest. The other cultivators there were especially surprised since this new group seemed to only attack demon beasts similar to their own level. If they wanted to make a profit, there was no need to risk that much.

Nevertheless, their strength was also recognized. All of them seemed to be able to fight the demon beasts without issues. It's just that no one understood why they didn't kill them. After all, the demon beast materials that could be sold were their Demon Cores and body parts.

However, things didn't continue that peacefully for long. With so many demon beasts disappearing, the high-level demon beasts in the core region ended up taking notice of what was happening.

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Chapter 1608: Netako and Hariado

The demon bird informing him nodded in response. "Yes, Senior Netako."

Netako didn't seem to care much about it, though. "It was somewhat close to the border between us and the nearest humanoid race city, wasn't it? The cultivators from there should have gathered to go out hunting. Why should I care? It also serves as training for our own demon beasts." As a demon beast forest, it obviously had millions of demon beasts. Just a measly three thousand wouldn't make any difference.

Of course, the demon bird didn't stop there. "It wouldn't be a problem if it had happened over a big period of time. However, all of them were gone in just a week."

"A week?" Netako's attention was finally piqued after that. "If they're really all Stage Four and Five, then that's quite a big number. I thought that happened over a period of several months." One must remember that a demon beast territory wouldn't have only Stage Four and Five Demon Beasts. Among the millions of demon beasts present there, the majority were obviously Stage Two. Naturally, the higher their level was, the rarer they were. Why Stage Two? That's because, just like the humanoid races, demon beasts were already born at that level in the Realm of Gods.

Netako then asked, "Have you found the reason for that?"

The demon bird immediately nodded, explaining, "Yes. It's due to a big group of cultivators. They're beating the demon beasts up and bringing them away. After that, they simply disappear without a trace."

"Didn't you follow them?" Netako found it strange. Since this demon beast could talk to him, it obviously was in the Transition Realm at the very least.

"I tried... but I immediately felt the presence of a Divine Sense at the same level as me," the demon bird answered. "That's why I came to tell you and the others about it. I'm responsible for that side of Tinlin Forest, after all. At the moment, just three thousand demon beasts of that level won't make any difference to my region. However, if it continues, then demon beasts from other regions of our forest will start moving away from their homes. It would disrupt the balance."

The Divine Sense he felt was from Roan. Roan's Divine Sense in the Initial Stage of the Transition Realm was 10 kilometers, much higher than average ones at the same level. Because of that, Roan saw the demon bird, but the demon bird didn't find him. It only felt his Divine Sense.

Netako finally nodded. "You did the right thing. We have told the humanoid races of this country to not send anyone at the Elemental Transformation Realm or higher into our Tinlin Forest. Since they sent someone to protect those cultivators, they might be planning something. I'll call Hariado to go with me."

The demon bird nodded and immediately left after that.

Netako then left his nest and flew to another region of the demon beast forest's core region. With his Void Tempering Realm cultivation, it didn't take more than a few minutes for him to arrive at a big mountain. "Hariado, it's me, Netako. I know you're there. Come out." As mentioned in the past, Void Tempering Realm cultivators and above can't miss each other even if they wanted to. That's because their natural spatial detection made the area around other Void Tempering Realm and above look like black holes in their senses.

Below, Netako could see tens of thousands of silver winged vultures of various sizes. Obviously, their sizes were related to their cultivation. Netako could see at least a few tens of them at Stage Eight. Usually, these vultures would attack anyone who got close to their mountain. Then again, Netako's cultivation was so high that they instinctively didn't dare to get close.

"Why did you come here? You know I'm not the type to stay awake during the day." Suddenly, a voice answered Netako's call. Following that, a gigantic Silver-winged Vulture flew from the top of the mountain, quickly appearing in front of Netako. "You better have a good reason, or I'll make you give me some of your Winged Abyssinian Nectar."

"Hmph!" Netako snorted in response. "That's not something for you guys to put your hands on." The nectar that his race produced didn't really have any good properties for cultivation. However, it was one of the most delicious things to drink out there. The Winged Abyssinians considered it of extreme importance for their race.

Netako then went back to the main issue. "Anyways, there's something weird happening." Following that, he used his Divine Sense to explain the situation to Hariado.

"Hmm? The humanoid races should know very well that cultivators at the Elemental Transformation Realm and above shouldn't enter our forest without permission." Hariado also found it strange. Aeer was, after all, a continent mostly controlled by demon beasts.

Netako nodded in response. "That's why I came here to call you. The southwest side of the Tinlin Forest is under our care. Well, not that we need to do anything most of the time. Anyways, I came to get you just in case."

Hariado didn't deny the call. "Alright, give me a moment." Hariado then used his Divine Sense to talk with the Transition Realm vultures of his mountain before he turned his attention back to Netako. "Alright, we can go now."

Netako didn't waste time. "Let's get over with it so that we can come back fast."

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Chapter 1609: Should Go Along?

Sister Orb, who knew what was happening, immediately disagreed. [What are you talking about? The chances are very small for sure. Didn't you notice? The system hasn't closed the Dimensional Realm at all. It obviously thinks that these demon beasts are not able to pose any danger to you.]

Roan had to admit Sister Orb was right. 'That's good, then.' Following that, Roan took the opportunity to bring Rean out and explain what was happening.

"Oh! So we got some company, huh? Let's meet them." Rean became interested in those demon beasts. They did capture a lot of demon beasts, but he also believed the same thing as Roan. There were too many of them for the core region demon beasts to care about. Little did they know that it was the exact reason for those two to come.

Vup, vup!

Netako and Hariado were planning to get rid of the cultivators along the way here since they knew these guys were part of Roan's group. They were helping the Transition Realm cultivators capture the demon beasts. However, they noticed that Rean and Roan's Divine Senses were no smaller than their own. The moment they saw the twins, the twins' Divine Sense also reached them. Naturally, they put the low-level cultivators aside and flew to meet the twins.

Rean then smiled at those two, saying, "Hello, seniors. Is there a reason for you to come out of the core region?"

Netako snorted in response. "Have your humanoid races forgotten that no one in the Elemental Transformation Realm and above is permitted in our Tinlin Forest? However, here you are, right inside Tinlin Forest and capturing our demon beasts."

"This..." Finally, the twins understood why these Demon Beasts came to see them at all. That was a piece of information that even Roan didn't know about.

Rean sighed before explaining, "That's our bad, seniors. My brother and I are new in this country. We had no idea that such a rule existed in the Tinlin Forest."

"New?" Netako and Hariado narrowed their eyes in response. Though, after looking at the twins for a bit, they could see that the twins seemed to be wearing different clothes than what the people of this country usually did. "Where did you come from?"

Rean and Roan looked at each other, wondering if they should say they came from another continent. However, they gave up the idea in the end. Destiny Avoidance Mode was activated, but if they started talking too much, even it wouldn't be able to stop trouble from coming their way. Fortunately, Roan had acquired more information about the other countries and regions in the capital.

"We came from Lukres Country, halfway to the center of the continent. We're traveling with our juniors through the continent for them to gain experience. As you probably noticed, we have a lot of Core Formation, Core and Soul Fusion, and Nascent Soul Realm cultivators following us. We're all part of the same sect," Rean explained. As for Lukres Country, it was just one of the countries on the map. They obviously had never been there.

"Lukres?" Netako and Hariado didn't really know much about the other countries outside, especially one so far away. Not that they couldn't gather the information, but that they didn't care. Demon beasts weren't exactly known for being well-informed, after all. Nevertheless, they found it strange. "Why would you come all the way here to have your juniors hunt in our demon beast forest? This is a continent ruled by demon beasts, after all. There should be no lack of demon beast territories from where you came."

Rean agreed with them. "You are correct. However, as I mentioned before, we're traveling to gain experience. We stopped by your Tinlin Forest by mere coincidence. We simply asked in the capital where we could find a demon beast territory with a wide variety of demon beasts in them, and we heard that Tinlin would be the place. If seniors wish it, we can leave straight away."

It was then that Netako had an idea. "Hehe! It doesn't change the fact you came into a place you shouldn't have. However, everything can be resolved properly. You came from Lukres, right? That's really far, which means you spent quite a lot of Rank Two Divine Stones to arrive here. How about it? Give each of us three thousand Rank Two Divine Stones, and we'll let you go. Seems like a fair deal, right?"

Hariado's eyes suddenly lit up after that. Indeed, for them to have come from that far, they must be loaded with Divine Stones. They're probably part of some big sect from their home country. "You heard my friend here. How about it? Will you pay for the mistake, or should we take the payment ourselves?"

Neither Netako nor Hariado seemed concerned. They didn't think the twins would be able to flee even if they gave it their all. In their heads, it was already a big favor that they only asked for payment and didn't attack the twins straight away.

Rean then looked at Roan and asked, 'Should we pay? Although the Dimensional Realm isn't closed, which means these guys aren't dangerous to us, we definitely can't kill them. After all, they're both in the Void Tempering Realm. Perhaps only Kentucky would be able to match their speed when they're using their spatial powers.'

Roan narrowed his eyes in response as he pondered if they should go along with it or not.

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Chapter 1610: Amazing item

Roan nodded, saying, "Some strong demon beasts come out to talk about some weird rule. Then they demand payment, then we refuse, then we fight, then stronger demon beasts come out because they can't just let it go, yadda yadda yadda... This is kinda boring."

Rean had to admit Roan's words made sense. "Now that you mention that, it does seem very cliché."

Netako and Hariado couldn't help but feel somewhat embarrassed after hearing that. Indeed, didn't their action seem way too predictable? "H-Hmph! So what? As long as we get the payment, we don't care whether it's cliché or not. You better stop testing our patience, though."

Rean looked at Roan before asking, "Fighting would only lead to more trouble since we can't prevent those two from escaping. However, I don't wanna pay either. What about running away? Would it be more out of the norm?"

Roan shook his head, replying, "Not really." In any case, Roan couldn't come up with any other ideas.

It was then that Sister Orb thought about something. [Hey, do you think that cat over there would fall for the same trick as the beagle from Treavin?]

Rean's eyes lit up after hearing that. Back in Treavin, there was a demon beast that looked just like a beagle dog from Earth... although it was much, much bigger due to its cultivation. That demon beast ended up falling for Rean's tricks when he started to treat it just like how humans treated dogs back on Earth. Since one of them was a cat...

"Wait a minute," Rean said to the demon beasts before he completely disappeared.

Of course, Netako and Hariado were shocked to see that. Rean disappeared right in front of them, and they couldn't even tell where he went. He literally vanished in thin air! Well, that only shows how unimpressive their presence was. Since the system didn't block the entrance, that meant they were not the twins' match.

"Hey, where did your brother go?" Netako suddenly asked with a dark expression.

Hariado didn't like it either. "You better talk right now before we deal with you."

Of course, those two demon beasts had their senses on full alert. What if Rean suddenly attacked them from the shadows?

Roan shook his head, though. "Don't worry. He'll be back in a few seconds."

Vup!

Suddenly, Rean appeared beside Roan again. However, he held a huge cat teaser in his hand. Netako was a Void Tempering Realm Winged Abyssinian, so although he looked a lot like the part, he was still several times bigger than a common cat from Earth.

Netako and Hariado were even more shocked after that. Once again, they couldn't tell how Rean appeared right in front of them. "What did you do? Where did you go?"

Rean shook his head before looking at Netako, saying, "That matters little at the moment. Look at this! If you let us go, I'll give you this incredibly entertaining item."

Netako and Hariado didn't know what to say. It was obvious that Rean simply took a big stick and attached a hope with some rags at the end. That thing wasn't worth anything at all! "Boy, are you making fun of our faces?"

However, Rean smiled before answering, "It seems like the cat senior can't tell how incredible this item is. It's something I prepared specially for you. Would you at least let me show you how it works?"

Netako looked at Hariado, who also had a suspicious expression. 'I'll go take a look. Perhaps it has something to do with their ability to appear and disappear. If something happens to me, I'm counting on you to support me,' said Netako through a Divine Sense message.

Hariado kept his alert state high as he nodded in response. 'Go ahead. However, if it's actually something good, you will have to share it with me.'

Netako then approached Rean, who was holding the improvised cat teaser. "What is it? What's the use of this thing?"

Rean smiled in response before finally beginning to wiggle it in front of Netako.

Seeing that, Hariado was now sure that the twins were absolutely making fun of them. However, just as he was about to attack... he saw a scene impossible to describe.

Meow, meow, meow!

Netako was rolling in midair as his paws tried to catch the cat teaser. As he did that, Rean scratched his back, making that Void Tempering Realm demon beast feel extremely comfortable. "Get it, get it, get it! Oh, it escaped! No, it's back again! Get it!"

Meow, meow, meow!

Hariado was almost losing his head from the sight. Isn't that cat pretty much putting its own life for those twins to take?

Rean didn't have any intention to attack the Winged Abyssinian, though. "How is it? Do you like it?"

The rolling cat couldn't help it anymore.

"I like it!"

"Do you want it?"

"I want it!"

"But what about the Divine Stones that you asked?"

"Who cares about Divine Stones? Gimme, gimme, gimme!"

Rean continued smiling as he asked, "What about your friend back there? He definitely won't let you exchange the Divine Stones for this item?"

"Don't worry, I'll talk to him! Stop wiggling it and give it to me!"

Rean nodded after that. "Then we have a deal." With that, Rean stopped wiggling the huge cat teaser and passed it over to Netako. "I really like demon beasts, you know? Unlike humanoid races, demon beasts hate to lie and go back on their words."

Netako held the cat teaser as if it was the greatest treasure in existence. "Hmph! It's good that you know. Now, gather your juniors and get out of this demon beast forest."

Hariado finally lost his patience. "What the hell are you talking about? Why are you wasting your time with this piece of shit?! If you don't want the Divine Stones, then I'll take your part as well!"

Immediately, Hariado charged at the twins. He didn't know what they did, but they had obviously played some tricks.

Bang!

Unfortunately for him, Netako immediately stopped the Silver-winged Vulture. "We have a deal, so I won't let you touch them, understood?" said Netako as he still held the 'amazing' item.