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Chapter 1791: Taking Lanteo Down

Left with no choice, Lanteo eventually threw caution to the wind and finally appeared on the battlefield. "Don't think I can't deal with the two of you!"

Luina and Himisve looked at each other and nodded. Himisve now had to follow Luina's orders until the competition was over, so he knew he had to attack. Besides, he kind of didn't hate it that much anymore. With what Rean and Roan had shown him so far, perhaps joining their ranks would be the best choice.

Luina and Himisve fought against Lanteo for several minutes. Yes, just minutes since it was a two vs. one situation. Ultimately, though, Luina and Himisve lured Lanteo further away from the battlefield. After many days of battle, Roan considered that it was already enough training for his army, so they returned to the same plan as before. Besides, since it was Lanteo who came out first, others wouldn't find it too suspicious if he suddenly lost.

Lanteo was surrounded by many Transition Realm cultivators, demon beasts, and spirits. Even if he wanted to flee, he had nowhere to go. Just as he was about to die, Lanteo forced out the words he didn't want to use at any cost, the Sect Oath! With that, this war was finally over. Lanteo's subordinates weren't that bothered by Lanteo's loss, though. The way Lanteo treated them, they were quite happy to see the guy lose that badly. The two of them gave up quite fast, expecting to be under a better commander's hands.

Luina let out a sigh of relief as she looked at Lanteo, saying, "Don't feel that sad. Since you attacked my Butiva Country, you were prepared for the consequences in case it failed, right? Or could it be that you truly thought that nothing would ever go wrong with your plans?"

"Hmph!" Lanteo, who began to heal his injuries, didn't really need to agree with Luina. "The one I made the Oath for was Himisve, not you. You're nothing more than a supporting character."

Himisve bitterly smiled in response, telling him, "Ahem... in fact, we didn't ally. Instead, I fell for the same trick that you just did. I did the Sect Oath after almost dying, so I'm under her command. No, to be more specific, I'm under Rean and Roan's command."

"What?!" Lanteo found it hard to believe. "No, first of all, who are Rean and Roan? Jamaï doesn't have any disciples with such names."

Luina pointed at the twins. Well, Rean and Roan completely ignored them as they spent their time using the communication badge to organize the aftermath of the war between Butiva, Tramara, and Jaxto.

"Are you saying that you're following orders from those two ants?" Lanteo obviously didn't accept it.

Luina shrugged her shoulders when she heard that. "You're the type who sees any warriors from our small allied continents as nothing more than ants, right? Roan told me that your commanding abilities were ridiculously bad, showing that the one commanding the army was inexperienced in commanding anything. Let me guess, you didn't even let your two subordinates give you even a single idea and forced them to follow every order you gave without question."

Lanteo could not help but grit his teeth in response. "So what?! What would be the point in winning the wars against other countries if it wasn't you who commanded them? If you do that, you'll be showing that you can only rely on the ants' abilities. That would make you an ant yourself. How does it feel to rely on such weak ants from outside Jamaï? I believe the elders watching from outside the continent are all laughing at your display. At least I did try to show that I could do things on my own."

Luina and Himisve looked at Lanteo as if they looked at an idiot. "How much more arrogant can you get? The elders are laughing? Lanteo, the elders want one thing and one thing only, conquer the Free Continent! Do you think they care how it'll be done?"

"This..." Lanteo was taken aback. "Whatever. Even if we get the continent, in the end, it would have been thanks to the ants' display. Our lives wouldn't change at all. There would be no extra resources, nothing."

Rean finally finished his part as he returned to the group. "Nothing, you say? You are indeed a self-centered idiot. This is the center of the Realm of Gods! The Center! Even if the way the sect treats you doesn't change, just the fact that you can stay here will benefit your future tremendously! No wonder you lost so fast. You have no vision whatsoever."

Lanteo got up as Divine Energy gathered around him. "You're courting death!"

Luina smiled in response. "Sect Oath. From now on, until the end of the competition, you are to follow Rean and Roan's orders. Otherwise, only death awaits you once the competition is over. Don't forget that the monitoring formation of the continent can see every single one of your moves, so you better not try to hold back on purpose either."

Lanteo's Divine Energy immediately dissipated after hearing that. Sure, he didn't want to do that at all. However, his pride wasn't as important as his life. Besides, he could get revenge once the competition was over, so he had to survive until then. "Fine! But I won't throw myself into suicide missions just because of the Oath. In that case, I would rather bet my chances at surviving on my own."

Rean nodded after hearing that. "That's enough for me. Now then, we just need to wait for Roan."

Roan was still focused on his communication badge, and he continued like that for another few minutes. Only then did he put the badge away. "Have you all finished your bullshit? We need to move. Lanteo, we might have trashed your plans, but your country only lost around 30% of its forces. I want you to gather everyone according to the instructions in this jade slip." Roan then threw a jade slip to Lanteo.

"This..." Surprisingly, Lanteo was taken aback by the contents of the jade slip.

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Chapter 1792: Jaxto's annexation

The jade slip had many instructions as to where, who, and how to move the forces in Jaxto. However, the main point of the orders in the jade slip was that all the soldiers in Jaxto Continent would be moved to Butiva Country. Yes, Jaxto Country would be left completely empty. "Are you crazy?! If you leave this place empty, someone will definitely conquer it!"

Himisve and the others were taken aback. They also didn't know that Rean and Roan wanted to do such a thing. "Errr... Rean, Roan, are you sure you want to do such a thing?"

Rean smiled in response, telling them, "What are you even talking about? No one will attack Jaxto at all."

"No... one will?" Naturally, everyone was confused by Rean's words.

Surprisingly, the one to explain was Kentucky. "Come on, guys! Even I, who am not that good with strategies and such, can tell the reason."

Roan glanced at Kentucky and said, "You had been following us for many years and participated in pretty much all my strategies. You might not be as good as Rean or I, but you're definitely far above the average. With that said, it was normal for you to notice the reason while others didn't."

"Eh?!" Kentucky got a little embarrassed after hearing that. "Am I really that good? Well, it's me we're talking about, so it must be true. Hahaha!"

Kentucky then continued to explain. "Anyways, the reason no one will attack Jaxto is that no one has a reason to. When Lanteo attacked Butiva, his intent was to defeat Luina and force her to do the Sect Oath. That way, you would get Luina's army and Luina herself. A Space Bending Realm subordinate and an extra army. Those were the two main spoils of a conquered country. If such spoils were already gone, then invading that country became meaningless."

"B-But..." Himisve couldn't help but ask in response. "What about Jaxto Country's resources? Even if its army and the Jamai Disciple were gone, there are uses for the resources the country produces. Isn't that a good enough reason to invade Jaxto?"

Luina finally understood after that. "Oh! So that's how it is. Himisve, it's not that it's not worth attacking Jaxto for its resources. Instead, the time needed to put the country under a new banner is too long. When you arrived at Jaxto, everything was prepared for you to take control of the country smoothly. However, an enemy force won't have such a privilege."

Roan nodded in response. "You aren't helpless, it seems. That's correct. The best way to put the resources of a conquered country to use with the short time we have is to keep the Jamai Disciple from that country alive. Since Lanteo did his Sect Oath, he can still control Jaxto Country and use its resources to help Butiva. We have no need to manage personnel to take care of Jaxto at all. Lanteo already has everything ready. At most, we would have to take some of the government personnel from Jaxto and move them to System Sect. At the same time, we would build more antennas so they can talk through the communication formation."

Rean agreed with Roan. "Since there are only ten years, the other countries can only try to follow the same idea as us. Get the Jamai Disciples to take the Oath and use them to control the conquered countries. It's that simple but very hard at the same time." Rean smiled right after, adding, "To be

honest, there shouldn't be any other country moving as fast as us. We now have four Jamai Sect disciples and countries in our group."

"Four?" Lanteo was confused. "You only have Luina, Himisve, and myself, no? Who's the fourth one? Ah, right! It's Brumel! I nearly forgot that your Butiva and Brumel forces attacked Lativan."

"Hahaha!" Luina laughed out loud after hearing that. "Sorry, but that's wrong. We have nothing to do with Brumel. Instead, it's Roslar Country that's our ally at the moment. In other words, Leticia is the fourth member of our group."

"B-But, I received a message from Lativ- Ah!" Only now did Lanteo understand. "You tricked me! That woman who came asking for help was not from Lativan at all!"

"That's correct," Rean answered. "Lativan is still preparing for the war. Kastrabe probably heard about your attack against Butiva, but he's most likely waiting to see the outcome before making any moves. The same goes for Brumel Country and Etivinia. Well, we left countermeasures behind, so even if they attacked, they wouldn't be able to pass our defenses."

Himisve took the chance to ask after that. "So... do you want me to move my entire army into Butiva as well?"

Roan shook his head. "No need. Instead, I want you to use the remaining forces in Tramara and spread them between Jaxto and your Tramara Country. Only the soldiers you brought to this attack against Jaxto will head back to Butiva with us. Even if Jaxto and Tramara are at no risk of being attacked, for now, it's not like we can leave both countries completely unguarded. We need soldiers in each other of them to keep order. You can head back to Tramara already and start making arrangements."

"Alright." Himisve nodded and immediately departed.

"Lanteo, you go back to your army and prepare everything as I told you." Roan also sent Lanteo away.

"Tch..." Lanteo didn't like it, but he didn't have a choice now.

Roan then looked around before saying, "We're leaving. Everyone, back to Butiva!"

"Yes!"

As the two armies approached the teleport formations, Luina asked something else about the twins. "So, now we have Jaxto, Tramara, and Roslar Countries. Are you going to move Roslar Army into Butiva as well?"

"No," Rean answered. "Other than us, no one else knows that Leticia is our ally yet. It's better to keep her as a trump card."

"Then, what will we do now?" Luina was curious about the next step.

Roan glanced back at her before replying, "What else? To guarantee Butiva's safety, we need all the countries around it to be conquered and their Jamai Disciples to take the Oath. That means our next targets are Lativan and Brumel."

Rean smiled in response. "But before that, we have something else to do, Roan."

Roan nodded. "Indeed. We have finally accumulated enough Starlight Energy."

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Chapter 1793: To Our Advantage

Back in Butiva, the twins left the Realm of Gods for a moment and entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Naturally, Sister Orb was already waiting for them. [Took you long enough. I was already getting bored with all the teaching. Come on! Let's get into it!]

Rean and Roan nodded as they immediately took out the two vials of Freezing Star Liquid. Back in the Lost Star Realm, the twins found out that the liquid could be acquired there. However, back then, they were still in the second level of the Yin Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique.

After advancing to Third Grade Star Body, they didn't have any Starlight Energy left for use. That meant that they had to gradually accumulate Starlight Energy like any other Star Body practitioner. Sure enough, it took them a lot of years, but the day had finally arrived.

"Alright, what now?"

[What else? You need to refine the Freezing Star Liquid into your bodies. During the breakthrough to Third Grade, you two refined an extreme Yang material into your bodies, the Molten Divine Rock Flower. Now you need to balance its energy during the breakthrough to Fourth Grade. That's why you're using an extreme Yin material, the Freezing Star Liquid. Trust me, the gain in strength and defense you will get from this breakthrough will be enormous! It should be enough for you two to fight yet another stage higher!]

The good thing about the cultivation manuals of the Soul Gem System was that they were flawless, or so they looked so far. With that being said, the twins never had any issues during their breakthroughs. Naturally, the same happened for their breakthrough to Fourth Grade Star Body.

As the Freezing Star Liquid was refined into their bodies, its power balanced the Molten Divine Rock Flower's power present there. Rean and Roan had always been about the balance of Yin and Yang, and this breakthrough matched their constitutions perfectly.

The best thing was that with Rean's Light Element, they didn't need to pass through all the pain the body cultivation techniques usually gave to their users.

And just like that, their breakthrough went without a hitch, successfully achieving their Fourth Grade Star Bodies.

"Phew... body cultivation techniques are so slow compared to Divine Energy," Rean couldn't help but mention.

Sister Orb knew that. [There's no need to feel sad because of that. A single breakthrough in body cultivation increases your overall strength by an entire stage without the need for a breakthrough in your Divine Energy. It's normal for it to take so long. That also means you can catch your enemies by surprise due to the cultivation that they see and the strength you two really have.]

Roan was more interested in something else. "So, what's the next item on the list for the Fifth Grade Star Body?"

[You're already thinking about that? Just so you know, you'll probably take several decades to gather enough Starlight Energy again.]

"If we can arrange the item ahead of time, we won't need to worry about it when we have enough Starlight Energy to breakthrough," Roan answered.

[That's true. Anyway, the fifth item of the manual is called Iridescent Tear. As you can imagine, this material is even rarer than Freezing Star Liquid. As the name suggests, it's a type of liquid that shines with several colors. That's because it's filled with all five mainstream elements inside it.]

Rean found it strange. "Wait, materials capable of gathering all five elements are rare, but there are still a few of them. Is there a reason we need this specific one?"

Sister Orb confirmed. [Yes. The point about this tear is not only in the purity of its five elements but their harmony. Other materials with the five mainstream elements usually have some degree of conflict inside them. With that said, they can't be used for the next breakthrough. Of course, there's also another problem.]

Roan knew what Sister Orb was talking about. "The Yin Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique only accepts the materials listed. Any other material can't be used. You definitely remember the time Sister Orb warned us about it, no?"

Rean sighed in response. "I forgot that for a moment. Oh well, so be it. So, where can we find it?"

[Who knows?] Sister Orb had no idea. [The system also didn't know about the previous four items, so what makes you think it would know about the location of an even rarer one?]

"That's true..." Rean agreed with Sister Orb. "Hmm... since we're in the Free Continent, perhaps we can use this chance to investigate. Maybe someone from the Jamai Sect and the other powers know of it."

Roan didn't mind it. "Use the communication system to spread the news. We have nothing to lose doing that."

Sometime later, the twins finally stepped out of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Rean immediately used the communication system to post a request for any information regarding the Iridescent Tear. Well, it was no surprise that no one knew anything about it. At the very least, no one contacted the twins back.

"Oh, so you two are finally out." Luina noticed the twins' arrival. "That's good. We just got information from the border between Brumel and us that the Brumel Forces seem to be making a move."

Roan wasn't surprised by that. "Let me guess, the same thing is happening in Lativan."

Luina nodded. "That's true. How did you know?"

Roan snorted, saying, "Hmph! We conquered Jaxto in a flash. It was so fast that neither Lativan nor Brumel had the chance to get in our way by launching attacks. However, that didn't mean they didn't know what was happening at all. Since we have two countries from our surroundings under our command, it goes without saying that they think they're the next ones. Not only that, I can guarantee you that they'll ask for help from other countries around them."

"I see." Luina nodded. "Would that be bad?"

Roan faintly smiled after hearing that, telling her, "Not necessarily. We just need to use it to our advantage."

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Chapter 1794: Brumel Down

The first thing Roan did was increase the defenses on Butiva's border with Lativan. As mentioned before, Lativan shared the south and southwest borders of Butiva, so that's where Roan positioned everyone necessary.

Following that, the twins spent two weeks reorganizing the army. There was a reason why the twins' army was ready much faster than the others. It was all due to the System Sect's methods. For example, Rean and Havek had made copies of the Soul Gem Forge and Power Hammer with the Circuitry Formations. They weren't as good as the real ones created by the system, but they were definitely much better than the ones used in the Realm of Gods.

Thanks to things like that, it was a lot easier for the System Sect to arm itself, let alone its army. Rean had hundreds of blacksmiths from both Tramara and Jaxto come to Butiva, where they learned how to use the new equipment. That only helped increase the production of weapons even more.

Nevertheless, only the main forces received new weapons. The weaker ones had to stay without them since there were millions of soldiers. Forging weapons for every single one of them was a monumental task, even with the System Sect's help.

After ensuring some degree of cooperation with the battle formations and things like that, the twins had their army gather close to Brumel.

Etivinia, the disciple of the Jamai Sect taking care of Brumel, obviously found out about it way before the attack started. In fact, ever since she found out that Jaxto and Tramara were with Butiva, she gathered most of her own country's army at the west border of Brumel. Obviously, that was the border with Butiva.

However, little did she know she was falling for another trap from the twins.

That's because Roan didn't send his entire army to the border with Brumel. Instead, half of it gathered on Roslar's border, seemingly ready to attack Leticia and her army.

Seeing how Leticia was also about to be assaulted by Luina's country, Etivinia quickly moved to ask her to join forces. Etivinia knew that Leticia was one of the top disciples of the sect, within the top three. With her strength, Etivinia was confident they could at least defend against Butiva.

Well, that was Roan's plan. He wanted to make it look like he was trying to conquer both Brumel and Roslar at the same time.

In Roslar Country, Leticia looked at the jade slip that contained Roan's orders. That was the same jade slip Rean passed to her when she came to visit Butiva while no one noticed. 'Sigh... three months ago, there were no signs of war at all. However, the jade slip he passed me back then already contained all the information regarding what's happening right now. Not only that, he even gave me countermeasures to protect my Roslar Country in case I was attacked during the time I moved to Brumel.'

Leticia believed that no one would try to attack her, though. Her status as one of the top three best disciples of the sect would definitely scare others. But even with that, Roan left actions she should take if others allied to attack her. For Roan, it was totally possible that Leticia's status as one of the best disciples would instead make others join forces against her. Well, Roan also admitted the chances of that happening were low.

One of Leticia's Nascent Soul Realm subordinates then entered the room to talk. "Lady Leticia, Etivinia's subordinate has arrived."

Leticia smiled in response. "Let me guess. Etivinia told you that Luina conquered the other two countries first so that she would have enough disciples of our Jamai Sect to fight against me."

"That's correct." The subordinate looked at Leticia with surprise on his face. With that, he asked her, "What should I tell the guy?"

Leticia looked at the jade slip again before replying, "Tell Etivinia that I accept. Even I will have a hard time fighting against Lanteo, Luina, and Himisve on my own."

"Understood!" The subordinate quickly left after that.

Following that, Leticia moved part of her army to defend against the 'attack' from Butiva, while another part of it joined her in Brumel Country. Leticia and Etivinia were ready to fight against Butiva's alliance.

"What about Kastrabe? He's also in danger of being swallowed by Butiva Country. Haven't you sent anyone to ask for his cooperation?" Leticia asked.

Etivinia nodded, replying, "I did. Once Butiva Country's army starts the attack against Brumel, I will use a Thoughts Transmission Talisman that I shared with Kastrabe. That way, he'll be able to launch an attack against Butiva exactly at the same time as Butiva attacks us."

Leticia nodded, satisfied. "If Kastrabe is with us, then we have nothing to fear."

After that, Butiva did indeed start the attack against Brumel, expecting to conquer it. Naturally, Etivinia immediately used her Thoughts Transmission Talisman to warn Lativan, who also launched its own attack.

Unfortunately for them, just as the Brumel forces encountered Butiva's, Brumel was also attacked from behind. It went without saying that the army that attacked Etivinia was none other than Leticia's army. The fact that almost no one knew about Leticia and Luina's relationship played a big role now. Of course, this was a method that would only work once. After this attack, everyone would know that Roslar was also part of the Butiva Country's alliance.

It wasn't like Etivinia didn't consider the possibility of Leticia being an ally of Butiva as well. However, she didn't have much choice as any other country bordering her Brumel did not border Butiva. Only Roslar and Lativan could launch an attack fast enough to hold Butiva back. Besides, due to Leticia's strength, Etivinia found it hard that Leticia would accept to follow Butiva's orders.

Kastrabe from Lativan did really join Etivinia and attacked Butiva, though. It's just that it was all for naught. Brumel fell way too fast for Lativan's forces to make any difference.

As the Brumel forces fought, Leticia took the opportunity to force Etivinia out and immediately start a fight. She showed why she was one of the top three disciples of the Jamai Sect, easily subjugating Etivinia and forcing her to do the Sect Oath. There wasn't even a need for Luina, Lanteo, or Himisve to intervene at all!

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Chapter 1795: They Will Not Attack

Kastrabe wasn't any better. The twins understood that they had reached the limit of what they could do to hide their Transition Realm experts and the imitation badges. Then again, the forces the twins positioned to defend against Lativan had over twenty Transition Realm cultivators and demon beasts! Let alone those at the Elemental Transformation Realm and below.

One could imagine what happened after these forces came out to fight for the first time. Kastrabe's forces were quickly dealt with. It was so easy that the twins had the time to ask these higher-level experts to just knock the enemies out. Well, they would need soldiers for the time the regional wars started, so it wasn't a good idea to kill too many.

The worst part for Kastrabe was that he was expecting Luina, Himisve, and Lanteo to join forces to take Etivinia down. At most, only one of those three would be defending Butiva's south and southwest borders. If it was only one, Kastrabe could deal with that expert. However, not only did one appear, all three of them appeared once Kastrabe came out to battle.

To be fair, Roan wanted to use at least one of those three to attack Brumel with Leticia. However, Leticia sent a message to him saying that she didn't need help. All she needed was for the army of Butiva to attack Brumel, and that would be enough to lure Etivinia out. Once that was done, she was more than enough to make Etivinia surrender.

Luina backed Leticia up, telling the twins that Leticia could indeed do that. Only then did the twins decide to use Luina, Lanteo, and Himisve at the same time against Kastrabe.

Another good thing about this war was that there wasn't much of a point in running away. All the Space Bending Realm disciples of the Jamai Sect had similar cultivations. If they put all their strength into escaping, even three Space Bending Realm opponents probably wouldn't be enough to stop it. However, in this Free Continent competition, running away was even worse than surrendering.

Why? Because all the elders of the Jamai Sect were watching them! Their lives in the Jamai Sect would be much worse if they fled than if they tried to defend themselves until the very end. Besides, even if they decided to flee, what would be the point? If anything, they would need to enter another country and ask the Disciple from there to help them. For that to happen, the one who fled would be forced to take the Sect Oath either way. Otherwise, the disciple in the country they fled to would never accept them. So, what was the point?

Of course, Etivinia and Kastrabe could have tried to flee to another country and then fight the disciple stationed there. Perhaps if they won, they could force that disciple to take the Oath. Unfortunately, the chance of that happening would be ridiculously low. Even Luina, Lanteo, and Himisve working together wouldn't be able to stop another disciple from fleeing. Naturally, Kastrabe and Etivinia knew that they wouldn't be able to stop whoever they attacked from fleeing either. Worse than that, they would be attacking this other disciple on their turf. Chances were they would lose instead.

Six months into the Free Continent competition. Butiva Country now had five countries under its flag. Four of them were sect disciples who were forced to take the Oath, while Leticia joined it on her own accord.

It went without saying that the countries further out from Butiva had their full attention on Butiva. Especially the fact that Butiva succeeded in creating copies of the anti-cultivation suppression badges. How could any of them fight an army that had a ton of cultivators at the Transition Realm and below with only a bunch at the Nascent Soul Realm? That would be ridiculous!

Back in Butiva, the System Sect had already started to send out Formation Masters to spread the antennas and increase the range of the communication system even more. Rean wanted all six countries connected and properly added to the System Sect's management system.

In a meeting room, Rean, Roan, Leticia, and the other disciples and their subordinates were all gathered. Other than Leticia and Luina, the rest of the Jamai Sect disciples didn't look very happy to be there, though. Unfortunately, the Oath was absolute.

Himisve kind of accepted the situation already, though. "Sigh... I can't believe that all four of us were taken down in just six months. Well, it is what it is." He then looked at the twins and Luina after that. "So, what are our next steps?"

Rean nodded before explaining, "You were correct to say that the conquest happened too quickly. At the moment, everyone in the System Sect is overloaded with work, trying to add all the countries into the system for better management. Also, it'll take even longer to weaponize all countries' armies. For now, we shall not attack anyone but organize our forces first."

Lanteo narrowed his eyes in response. Since he would be forced to fight for Butiva, then he better be fighting for the winning side. "Isn't that too naive? Do you think the other countries bordering our previous territories won't do anything? It isn't a secret anymore that your System Sect can create copies of the badges. With that being said, I can guarantee you that the Space Bending Realm disciples of the Jamai Sect from those countries will ally against us. They all understand that they'll have no future if they betray each other since our forces are much stronger. Only by gathering Space Bending Realm disciples will they have a chance against our army of soldiers at the Transition Realm and below."

Roan nodded in agreement. "We obviously know that. By now, even an idiot would have noticed that the Jamai Sect disciples could join the battles that happen inside Walfure Region from the start. However, you don't need to worry. Even if they ally with each other, they won't attack."

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Chapter 1796: Let's Hope It Does Happen

"How come?" Lanteo asked in response. "Is it the same reason you said no one would attack Jaxto Country? Because I took my army away and left to Butiva?"

Roan shook his head, telling him, "That would be a good reason, but not the important one. The main reason for them to not attack us is because they wouldn't want to put themselves at a disadvantage. If they have anyone within their ranks that can think a little, they will understand that waiting for our next move is the wisest decision."

Leticia couldn't help but ask after that. "But wouldn't it be better for them if they all attacked us from all sides? Even if we have an alliance, it would be hard to defend against. After all, as our territory expands, so does the number of countries and disciples we have to deal with at our borders."

Rean nodded, saying, "That's true. However, the point is that they don't want to enter enemy territory. To arrive in Butiva, they would have to pass through your countries. That means falling into the enemy's grasp."

Rean continued, "Just like Leticia said, there are a lot more countries and disciples to deal with bordering our territory. To be more specific, there are thirteen countries bordering Roslar, Jaxto, Brumel, Tramara, and Lativa. That means thirteen disciples and thirteen armies. All they need to do is wait for us to attack. Once we decide on a target, they can use half of their disciples to defend while the other half will launch an attack against Butiva. That will force us to divide our forces."

Kastrabe found it strange, though. "However, if that's the case, then we can't attack anyone either. After all, we can't afford to lose Butiva and the System Sect located here. I'm still amazed by what this communication system of yours can do, so it's definitely the main target of destruction."

Roan coldly smiled after that. "We don't need to attack anyone. Those countries will definitely attack us."

Immediately, everyone except Rean showed incredibly confused expressions. "Didn't you just say they won't attack us? How come you're telling us that they'll attack us? Do you have a few screws loose?"

Roan shook his head. "What I meant is that none of them will attack us in the short term. They're probably thinking that we will use this momentum to take down more countries and are preparing to help whichever this country is. However, as time passes, they will eventually run out of time."

"I see..." Etivinia understood what was happening. "The ten-year mark. Once the regional wars for the conquest of the continent start, none of them will be able to stay still anymore. Just like us, they're all planning to pass through the other disciples' countries to join the war and gather achievements. However, with our alliance right in the middle of the Walfure Region, the moment they leave, we will take their countries. At the moment, it doesn't make sense to conquer a country without an army and its disciple. However, once the real war starts, each army will depend on the resources of the country it came from. If we decide to conquer their countries during that time, they'll be powerless to do anything."

Rean smiled after hearing that. "Oh! You are quite smart. If you had no other choice but to ask for Leticia's help, I wonder if conquering your country would have been that easy."

Etivinia's mouth twitched in response. In any normal circumstance, she would have killed Rean straight away. When was she made fun of by such small continent ants? Unfortunately, the Oath's orders included not touching the twins and following all their orders. "You're lucky that everything in the Free Continent is being seen by the elders outside. Otherwise, I would have you disappear right now."

Rean shrugged his shoulders in response. "Please don't. You guys have no chance of winning this regional war without the communication system that Havek and I created."

"Hmph!" Etivinia snorted but didn't deny Rean's words. She also understood just how important the communication system would be for the future of this Free Continent competition.

"However, won't it be bad if they wait too long to attack us? Also, if they attack us together, can we defend against thirteen disciples in the Space Bending Realm?" Luina wondered.

Roan shook his head, telling her, "Six months. That's more or less the time they'll wait for us to attack. If we don't move, they'll definitely come for us." Roan continued, "Also, you don't need to worry about thirteen disciples attacking us at the same time. At most, seven or eight will come."

Rean nodded in agreement. "Roan is right. Their alliance is very fragile since it doesn't rely on the Sect Oath. None of them will submit to the other. Not to mention that once they attack us, they will be opening their backs to the other countries bordering themselves."

"Can we deal against eight disciples and their armies, though?" Lanteo asked back. "Don't forget that the further away we get from the center of Walfure, the higher the rank of our Jamai Sect disciples."

Roan nodded once again. "We will have everything ready for them. Besides, with the number of Transition Realm experts that we can muster when that time comes, we can even tire them to death while you distract them."

As he said that, Roan found one issue. "Unfortunately, our huge number of Transition Realm experts due to our imitation badges are also our main problem."

Leticia knew why. "That's because we're probably the only ones who can use the imitation badges, right? The others don't know how to do it and definitely want to find out. In the worst-case scenario, perhaps all the disciples of our Walfure Region will ally to take us down, get the method to create imitation badges for themselves, and only then think about each other."

Immediately, everyone's expression turned dark after hearing that. "Such a thing isn't that impossible to happen, right? In fact, chances are quite high if the other disciples aren't idiots."

Rean and Roan nodded in response. "Yeah, such a thing can definitely happen." They also coldly smiled after that. "Well, let's hope it does happen."

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Chapter 1797: More than six months

"Hope... it does happen?" Roan's words confused everyone again. "Why?"

"You'll see," Roan answered.

It didn't matter how much they insisted. Neither Rean nor Roan told them what they were going to do. In the end, the meeting continued as they discussed other topics. Several hours later, everyone returned to their own positions as things calmed down in Butiva Country.

It went exactly as the twins thought it would. None of the thirteen countries launched attacks against the countries the twins conquered. That's because they couldn't match the speed the System Sect could equip its armies. And second, because they were afraid of being hit from the back if they did so.

The System Sect used the resources of the five countries around it as well as its personnel to continue growing. The management system and the other Circuitry Equipment only contributed to Butiva's speedier growth.

Blacksmiths were taught how to use the Circuitry Forgers, Power Hammers, and so on. The Formation Masters were taught the basics of the communication system since the System Sect would need a lot more of them as they expanded. The sect wouldn't be able to install all the antennas they wanted with their current numbers.

The same went for alchemy since Rean used Roan's experience to create tools powered by Circuitry Formations. Especially the ones that used inscriptions. Once again, they couldn't match the Alchemy Workshop in the Dimensional Realm, but they weren't that much behind.

It went without saying that the other side occupations were all used as well.

And just like that, months passed without any sides launching attacks on the other... well, not exactly.

Sure, no one attacked the Butiva Country Alliance. However, the same couldn't be said for the other countries of the Walfure Region. One good example was the alliance led by Olly, the one considered to be the top disciple of the Jamai Sect. As the top disciple, he obviously got a bordering country to another region. That meant Olly didn't have many countries in the Walfure Region bordering his own. There were only three in his case.

Nevertheless, all those three countries fell into his hands when the three decided to attack him. As the strongest disciple, the other three thought that they had to work together to take Olly down. Otherwise, things would be hard if any of them had to face Olly alone.

However, Olly was already expecting it and prepared for the attack before it even happened. He succeeded in catching each of the three countries' Jamai Sect disciples alone and defeated them easily. Obviously, they were all forced to do the Sect Oath and served Olly.

Similar things happened all around the place, but only a few countries ended up falling. One must remember that there were only 100 countries and disciples, after all.

While all that happened, Butiva was completely silent. As it had also blocked all teleports coming from outside its territory, it was hard to measure its strength.

Yet, that was a big problem for the thirteen countries bordering the Butiva Country Alliance's territory. The longer Butiva waited, the more these countries' Jamai Sect disciples became impatient. Roan said that it would take at least six months for those thirteen countries to come to attack them, and he was right. In fact, Roan was quite surprised they took eight months instead.

"Report! Several incursions have entered our borders. Jaxto, Roslar, Tramara, Brumel, and Lativan have armies entering their borders," said one of the subordinates in Butiva Country.

Roan immediately took out his communication badges and checked the information he had received. Eight months had passed since he finished annexing the five countries around Butiva. That was more than enough time to build antennas in all their cities, ultimately creating a huge communication network.

Specially trained scouts were present in all the possible entrances at the borders and served as Roan's eyes for the attacks heading their way. Once he organized his thoughts, he finally called the Jamai Sect disciples and passed his orders. 'It's not the thirteen countries that are attacking us. Instead, only eight of them have sent their armies into our territories. I believe that they're expecting us to meet them face to face and use our own Jamai Sect participants to protect our low-level soldiers in the armies.'

Roan continued, 'Because we don't know where their Jamai Sect disciples are, we will be forced to send one of our disciples to protect each country. However, we only have six Space Bending Realm disciples

while they have eight. In one of those countries, one or two of you will end up fighting two or maybe three opponents at once.'

Everyone nodded. Otherwise, the attack with eight armies wouldn't make sense.

Roan didn't stop there. 'Surprisingly, the other countries still haven't allied themselves to attack us all at once. I was expecting it to happen before the thirteen countries made their moves. After all, we have imitation badges on our side. Well, it seems like the rest of the countries want to see how this attack will turn out first before committing to it. Simply put, they're all afraid that once they join forces, someone else will betray their alliance and take them down. Their lack of loyalty to each other is a boon for us.'

Lanteo immediately asked, 'Leaving that aside, what should we do about these eight armies? If one of us really gets attacked by two or more disciples, we won't be able to hold for long.'

Roan nodded, saying, 'Prepare your armies and send them to defend the five countries. Their commanders will have the supporting formations that Rean and Havek built to use. Not to mention that we now have over a hundred Transition Realm cultivators, demon beasts, and spirits. I'll separate them equally and send them with your armies. As for all of you, you won't follow the armies. Instead, you will let them fight on their own. I'll command them through the communication system.'

'What?!' Everyone was taken aback. How would Roan expect them to defend if the Space Bending Realm disciples decide to attack? Butiva and the other countries' armies would definitely be massacred if they had no Space Bending Realm cultivators defending them!

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Chapter 1798: Take Down System Sect

Roan could tell what they were all thinking, but he didn't care. 'You don't need to worry. With that many soldiers at the Transition Realm and below, they'll be able to stand their ground for some time. Especially since they'll only fight inside the range of Rean and Havek's support formations.'

That was true. Rean and Havek joined forces to create many of those supportive formations that could increase the armies' strength quite a lot. Those Transition Realm subordinates would still not be a match to any of the Space Bending Realm disciples. However, they wouldn't be killed straight away, at the very least.

'Also,' Roan continued. 'We kept the advancement of our army as hidden as possible. We didn't let anyone get close to where the armies were being trained in our Butiva Country. With that said, none of them know just how well equipped they are since our weapon manufacturing capabilities are also hidden. Even if we have eight countries attacking our six countries' armies, I can guarantee that they'll be heads and shoulders above just because of their quality alone.'

That point none of the Jamai Sect Disciples could deny. They saw with their own eyes just how crazy fast the blacksmith workshops in the System Sect worked, thanks to their weird equipment. In fact, Himisve was a blacksmith himself and spent most of his time in the System Sect's Blacksmith Hall. He simply couldn't get enough of the Circuitry Formation tools.

Luina remembered something after that. 'Oh, you're afraid that if we leave our posts, the disciples of the thirteen countries will attack the System Sect instead, right?'

Rean, who was listening to everything until now, laughed out loud in response. 'Hahaha! Yes, that's exactly what we're afraid of... or so they think. That's why they're attacking the other countries first. They're sure that we won't send our Jamai Sect disciples out since it would leave the System Sect vulnerable to attacks.'

'In the end, if we split our Jamai Sect disciples and defend the other five countries around Butiva, they can use their superior number of disciples to take them down. At the same time, if we don't split our disciples and keep everyone in Butiva, they can take our armies down since no one will be able to stop their Space Bending Realm disciples. We're done if we stay. We're also done if we leave.'

No one saw what was funny about that, though. 'Can you take it seriously? We will lose all our countries that way!' exclaimed Lanteo, feeling like killing Rean right there and then. Well, he really would kill Rean if not for the Oath.

Roan wasn't in the mood for their antics, though. 'Enough. There's no need for you all to worry. Just do what I'm going to say.'

Roan then explained his plan, which took everyone aback. Well, Rean knew what Roan wanted to do since he would have done the same, though.

'Are you serious?!' Luina asked back.

'You're condemning us!' Leticia also found it ludicrous.

'I told you I wouldn't fight for a lost cause, didn't I?' Lanteo didn't waste time warning the twins about his words from earlier.

Roan didn't seem to care, though. 'Did you forget who has conquered your four countries in less than two months? Other than Leticia and Roslar, the rest of you fell for my plans really easily. So, let me ask. Do you think I would ask you to do such a thing if I didn't have a plan in mind?'

'This...' Everyone went silent for a moment. In the end, they decided to give Roan's plan a shot. 'Alright, but you better have a good plan for the ones who stay behind.'

Tramara Country, close to Indigal City. That city was the closest one to the northwest border between Tramara and Haskidei Country. At the moment, Yuxin was commanding his Haskidei Country Army to launch an attack against Indigal City.

Thanks to the teleport formations that worked within the Butiva Country's territory, it wasn't hard for Roan to move the army to meet Haskidei's forces. Not only that, Rean and several extra teleport formations were built in all bordering cities with the thirteen countries, so Roan could move the armies as he saw fit.

Of course, that wasn't all. Indigal was obviously one of the places where Rean had built the support formations for the army. Naturally, the army stayed inside that formation to receive Haskidei's attack.

Well, it wasn't really an attack, though. As mentioned before, the Butiva Country Alliance was the only one with access to the copied badges until now. With Rean's supportive formations, the much better-equipped army, and soldiers at the Transition Realm and below, the first attack from Haskidei was going to lose very fast.

Of course, Yuxin already expected that and immediately made his appearance once he found the Transition Realm enemies. "Hahaha! So all of you came out, huh? That's perfect. My low-level soldiers can't deal with you, but I definitely can. Watch how I'll take your lives one by one."

However, just as Yuxin was about to attack, Himisve appeared to defend his army. "Hmph! Do you think I'll simply let you touch them? You will have to pass by me first!"

Yuxin couldn't help but feel excited seeing Himisve there. He quickly took out a Thoughts Transmission Talisman and sent a message over to the other Jamai Sect disciples. 'Himisve appeared in Tramara.'

That wasn't the only country where it happened, though. A few hours later, Brumel Country's army met with Jantan Country forces. Although all five countries surrounding Butiva were being attacked at the same time, they obviously took different times to encounter the enemy forces. Tramara was the first one, and Brumel was the second.

Bato, the Jamai Sect Disciple in charge of Jatan Country, met face to face with Etivinia, who came to defend her country. Just like Yuxin, he also pulled out a Thoughts Transmission Talisman before sending a message. 'Etivinia appeared in Brumel to defend her army.'

With that, their alliance reached a conclusion. The Butiva Country Alliance had sent their disciples to defend the allied countries. That meant Butiva's System Sect was left unprotected! Immediately, several other disciples of the thirteen countries' alliance ignored the wars and traversed the borders. Their objective? Take down the System Sect and end the alliance.

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Chapter 1799: Activate!

It was true. Most of the armies in the Butiva Country Alliance were sent to defend Jaxto, Brumel, Tramara, Roslar, and Lativan Country. Except for a few soldiers kept in Butiva to maintain order, there wasn't anyone there to defend the System Sect.

As hard as it was to gather information from Butiva Country, it wasn't like it was impossible. For example, the surrounding countries could use their Transition Realm subordinates to enter the Butiva Country Alliance's territory and bring a few Nascent Soul Realm personnel with them. After that, they could simply leave these low-level people somewhere near one of the cities and come back later. They might not be able to do much more than investigate those cities, but they would at least find out about the System Sect's communication system. There were even a few who succeeded in infiltrating spies into Butiva before taking them out.

After ascertaining that everything that happened in the Butiva Country Alliance was controlled by the System Sect, the System Sect obviously became one of the main targets. Roan's protection of information could only do so much.

With that, Roan knew that two things could happen. The first option was that the remaining Jamai Sect disciples would attack Butiva and the System Sect since it didn't have anyone to defend. The second possibility was that they would gang up on one or two of the Butiva Country Alliance's disciples who were defending their countries.

However, Roan was pretty sure the second option most likely wouldn't happen. That's because as long as the disciples focused 100% on escaping, even ganging up on them wouldn't guarantee that they could take them down. For that to happen, they would need something that could prevent them from running away. A formation trap would be the best option, but building such a thing inside the enemy territory would be too hard. Not to mention that none of the Butiva Country Alliance's disciples would stray away from their army.

That left them with only one option, attacking Butiva and destroying their foundation. It would end up splitting the five surrounding countries, and the enemy could take its time to conquer them.

However, never would have the disciples that rushed to Butiva Country's capital thought about what would happen there.

"This..." Ucon, one of the disciples, was taken aback when he arrived there.

He wasn't the only one, though.

"Just... where is the System Sect?" That was the question on all their minds.

The System Sect was gone! The only thing that remained there was the antenna above the palace of the capital, but that was all. The System Sect that was supposed to be just beside Casgalas City was nowhere to be found!

Meanwhile, in the countryside city of Lativan, a huge sect had suddenly appeared before Ziomal City's gates! This city was a special one. It did have the System Sect's antennas installed, just like all other

cities. However, its teleport formation had been completely deactivated. No one could enter or leave unless the formations were fixed.

Naturally, that was the System Sect, which could be moved! The System Sect never had a need to be close to some specific antenna. As long as its communication system's core was close to one of its antennas, it could control the entire system in all five countries! The antennas were nothing more than repeaters. Destroying one or two would make no difference as the signals would simply use other routes to reach their destination. That's why it was considered a huge network.

Ziomal wasn't considered an important city at all. In fact, there were many other cities that were seen in the same way. Small and not worth paying attention to. With that said, other than the antenna of the communication system, not a single soul there had the System Sect's communication badges. Well, at least not until the System Sect appeared in front of it.

Together with the system sect, Luina brought all the officers not related to the sect inside her own pocket dimensional realm. That's because Rean only allowed real System Sect disciples to head back to the Dimensional Realm. He didn't want others to see how big the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm was.

In any case, it only took Rean a few minutes to move the System Sect into the Dimensional Realm and teleport to Ziomal. Also, only he and Luina used the teleport formations without telling anyone where they were going. Even if there is a spy within Luina's group, he wouldn't even know where he was at the moment, so he couldn't tell others to start with.

From here, the System Sect once again resumed its work to control the communication system as well as the management of the countries. It was as if it had never been moved at all.

That was the thing that Rean and Roan hadn't told anyone.

When Lanteo and company thought the twins were crazy with their plan, they thought the System Sect would be easily destroyed once they returned to their countries. After all, that would obviously spell doom for their alliance. Since the twins had never told them that the System Sect could be moved, their concern was indeed justified. Not to mention that even now, Lanteo and the others didn't know that the System Sect had been moved. Yet, the thing they feared the most had never been close to happening from the very start!

Of course, the twins' plans didn't stop there.

Roan knew that Tramara and Brumel would be the first countries to meet against the enemy armies. With that said, he had Himisve and Etivinia defend against the disciples that came to attack them. That was another huge advantage of the communication system, the constant flow of information. Roan had precise information sent to his communication badge nonstop.

Roan faintly smiled after receiving confirmation of the move before looking to the side. "Well then, it's time for you guys to work."

At the moment, Roan was in Indigal City in Tramara Country. The same city where Himisve was fighting Yuxin. Not only him but Kastrabe, Lanteo, and Leticia were there as well.

"Activate the formation!" Roan then passed his orders to the sect's formation masters present.

"Yes, Sect Master!"

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Chapter 1800: Picking Up One by One

Knowing that the thirteen countries wouldn't be able to wait forever, Rean and Havek had more than enough time during these six months to work on the supportive formations for their armies. As mentioned before, they bolstered their armies' strength, making them even harder to defeat.

However, those weren't the important formations. Instead, each of the cities that might have received attacks from the thirteen countries received a very special formation.

Suddenly, the ground trembled as huge amounts of Divine Energy gathered at the center of Indigal City. Soon after, a barrier that covered tens of kilometers around the city appeared, trapping the armies and Yuxin himself there.

Yuxin saw that and snorted while he battled Himisve, saying, "Hmph! It's too late to try and protect yourselves. It won't be long before your System Sect gets wiped out of the map. Let's see how you will defend without that communication method of yours."

Himisve then spaced himself from Yuxin as he laughed out loud in response. "Hahaha! Indeed, I have no idea what will happen to the System Sect. Our commander refused to say a single word about it. However, one thing is certain. You will take the Sect Oath today."

As soon as Himisve said those words, three more Space Bending Realm level Divine Senses appeared in the center of Indigal City.

"What?!" Yuxin wasn't an idiot. He immediately understood that he was the one who had fallen into a trap. "Are you crazy! How can you give up your headquarters that keeps the communication running?! Even if you force me to take the Oath, your alliance will ultimately lose the fight!"

Leticia, who had just appeared, shook her head, replying, "You don't need to worry about that. Now then, will you take the Oath, or shall we force you to do that?"

Yuxin gritted his teeth and immediately turned around. Even if there was a protection formation, he could still break through it if he went all out... or so he thought.

'Unyielding Thrust!'

By using his spear and his strongest single-target attack, Yuxin planned to pass right through the protection formation's barrier. That would be far from enough to destroy the protection formation but should be enough for at least his escape.

Yet, the shattering of the formation that he expected to see was nowhere to be seen. Instead, he simply didn't hit anything at all. His attack passed right through the protection formation barrier as he appeared on the other side. "This..."

No, that was incorrect. Yuxin didn't appear on the other side of the barrier because there was no such a thing as a barrier. "Illusion formation!"

That was correct! Rean and Havek knew very well that with their ability regarding formations, creating a protective barrier capable of stopping a Peak Stage Space Bending Realm enemy would take a very long time. If it was just a single city, they might have had enough time. However, they needed to make

supportive formations as well as that special trap formation. That's why Rean and Havek decided to use an illusion formation first. They were much simpler to build, and that also allowed Rean and Havek to prepare another addition. It was the Thoughts Disrupting Formation. That would prevent the disciples who fell for the trap from sending and receiving messages with Thoughts Transmission Talismans. The key was how long they could keep the secret.

Usually, someone at Yuxin's level would be able to use his Spatial Senses and Divine Energy to see through the illusion and escape it. However, he simply wouldn't have enough time for it as Leticia and the others immediately came crashing down on him.

Yuxin tried to run everywhere around while focusing completely on escaping. Unfortunately, it didn't give him enough time to find a way out of the Illusion Formation. Ultimately, he was fighting against four Space Bending Realm enemies, and one of them was Leticia, the one considered the second strongest disciple.

It just took a minute for them to force Yuxin to take the Oath, as he would die if he didn't.

"Fuck all of you! So now what?! The others will now pick your countries out one by one. You got me, but you will lose everything else!" Yuxin complained as he tried to recover from his injuries.

It was then that Roan appeared. "What are all of you waiting for? Let's go! We have six or so Jamai Sect disciples to defeat."

"What?!" Yuxin was shocked. Unfortunately, he was forced to follow Roan to the teleport formations. The formation was already filled with many Rank Three Divine Stones, which ultimately teleported everyone straight to Brumel. Or, to be more specific, straight to the city where Etivinia was fighting Bato. That was the main point of the plan. They needed teleport formations capable of connecting every city at the borders to be ready for teleport.

Rumble!

Once again, the same illusion formation appeared as Himisve and the others joined forces to attack Bato. Bato was obviously taken aback when he saw Yuxin and immediately understood that Yuxin was forced to do the Oath since he was still riddled with injuries all over his body.

Just like Yuxin, Bato was still puzzled about why the Butiva Country Alliance would leave their System Sect alone. By now, it was definitely destroyed or about to be destroyed. Little did they know that the System Sect was in Lativan and would be moved again in a few hours.

"Quickly!" Roan complained to Bato and the others. "We need to pick up as many Jamai Sect disciples as possible before they notice something wrong."

Roan was right. Since the System Sect disappeared, the Jamai Sect disciples who went there to destroy it would eventually understand that they had been tricked. At the moment, they were checking Casgalas and the nearby cities, trying to find the System Sect while also destroying the antennas. But ultimately, they would send the word out, warning the attacking countries about it.

One illusion formation after another was activated as the number of Space Bending Realm disciples that were forced to take the Oath increased...