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Chapter 181: New Reward List

Rean and Roan did notice the change. Their articulations got more flexible, the organs more resistant, and it felt like they could drive Spiritual Energy around their bodies easier. However, the difference wasn't anything remarkable. They would need to take several of these baths before a significant change happens.

"Oh well, we can access it any time we want, so we can simply come here every day."

[Cough, cough... You can access the bath anytime you want, but it will take at least six months before the Yin Yang essence restores to what you just witnessed.]

Rean and Roan looked at Sister Orb with weird faces.

[What? I didn't lie, okay? I just forgot to tell you the rest of the information.]

The twins would need to be idiots to believe her.

"Whatever, let's take a look at the reward system. It has already been over 720 hours, so we should be able to see what changed now."

Rean and Roan then touched the Soul Gem Orb and sent their Spiritual Energy and Sense inside.

[Tiger Bones - 500 Destiny Points] (New)

[Spiritual Sense Absorption Upgrade Level 2 - 1000 Destiny Points] (10%)

[Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade 2 - 800 Destiny Points] (New)

[Yin Yang Bathhouse - Reward from Destiny Strugglers Title]

[Soul Connection Range Upgrade level 2 – 1500 Destiny Points] (300km)

[Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop - 400 Destiny Points] (New)

[Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop - 400 Destiny Points] (New)

Rean couldn't help but look at the Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop with shining eyes. A Blacksmith Workshop created by the Soul Gem System was bound to come with some very attractive extra perks.

"Sister Orb, what's the difference between the Soul Gem Workshop and a normal one?"

[In a single word, control! You can use your connection with the Soul Gem System to control the tools inside the workshop with much higher precision.]

Rean was excited to hear that. However, after checking the Destiny Points necessary, he could only sigh.

"400 Destiny Points... Although it's not that expensive, we really can't afford to waste our Destiny Points at the moment."

Roan nodded.

"Indeed. I'm also very interested in the Alchemy Workshop. However, we need to guarantee that we have 1000 Destiny Points first. Anyway, the rewards won't disappear, so we can only leave at it for the moment."

Rean agreed with Roan.

"Oh, right! Sister Orb, was there any changes in Destiny Points? The Sect already presented the new communication system to the imperial family, so destiny definitely changed to some extent, right?"

[Indeed. You had 41 Destiny Points when you came up with the idea of the new communication system. Roan contributed another 300 points after he became an Earth Low-Level Alchemist. By the time the Sect Master made the announcement, the electrical communication system had already rewarded you two with 127 points. At the moment, you have 468 Destiny Points.]

Rean couldn't help but say.

"It was a lot less than I thought."

[There is no helping it. Your system has just been presented to the world. However, the only place that has it installed is Majorias City and our Sect. Simply put, you got 127 by just showing it. The real points will start to come after it began to expand.]

Rean nodded.

"Since that's the case, then it's good."

Roan took the chance to change the topic, though.

"By the way, I understand what the Tiger bones are about. However, what about the Dimensional Realm Upgrade 2? What will we gain if we buy it?"

[That's a secret. Before you start complaining, know that it isn't me who wants to keep it hidden, but the Soul Gem System itself. I can only follow its decisions.]

Roan nodded.

"I see. Well, the fact that it is hidden means that it is something quite good."

[Indeed, I'm sure you won't regret it when you get enough Destiny Points to buy it.]

"Well, we saw the new rewards, but we can't take any. Anyway, I guess the bathhouse is already a good addition."

Rean and Roan then talked with Sister Orb for a while more and exited the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. By now, night time had already come. Since they were beside their beds, they decided to sleep anyway. After all, they were feeling tired after that hellish bath.

The next day, Rean and Roan separated once more, going back to their own things.

Roan quickly arrived at the Alchemy Repository and went direct to Old Worm. The old man, of course, was already waiting for him.

"What is it?"

"I need a few ideas about which herbs to use to make Dark and Light Element cultivation Stabilizing Pills."

Old Worm didn't even look at Roan before saying.

"The materials for such pills are quite expensive. Can you really afford them? It can't compare with the items necessary for Energy Gathering Pills. Not to mention that you will have to do a lot of tests since there are no ready formulas for pills of your elements. That means even more Spirit Stones."

Roan didn't mind, though.

"Spirit Stones shouldn't be a problem. Go ahead and tell me."

Old Worm's attention was finally caught.

"Oh-ho... Since that's the case, I can give you a few ideas."

Old Worm then wrote down two lists of herbs. The first one had the herbs that would be part of the Cultivation Stabilizing Pill regardless of the element. Roan looked at that and recognized that they weren't that expensive.

However, the second list was much bigger, with at least five times the number of herbs. Not to mention that there were quite a few rare ones.

"The herbs in the first list can be bought in our Sect as long as you have the Spirit Stones. However, the second one might be quite hard for you to purchase. Not to mention that you might not even find them in our Sect for sale. In that case, you will need to procure them yourself."

"The reason I put so many herbs in the second list was that I don't know what would be the right combination for Dark or Light Element Cultivation Stabilizing Pills. You will need to test it yourself. Anyway, I spoke too much already. You can go."

Roan didn't bother Old Worm anymore and quickly left. He already checked the herbs available in the Sect quite a few times, so Roan knows which ones he can get here and which he can not.

'Cave Mandragora Essence, Midday Ginseng, Frigid Alligator Core, and Two-Tailed Sun Phytion blood. These four items will be quite hard to acquire...'

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Chapter 182: Cultivation and Necessary Items

Roan went back to the Alchemist Hall and bought all the herbs he could. Although it cost a few thousand Rank Two Spirit Stones, neither Rean nor Roan bothered with it. At the moment, Spirit Stones were not as crucial as raising their cultivation as fast as possible.

Although Roan was missing four materials for concoction, the fact was that the rest was available for sale in the sect. He would need to find the right combination for Dark and Light Cultivation Stabilizing Pills, so he decided to start with the ones he has at the moment.

However, Roan seemed to have underestimated Old Worm experience. He spent three entire weeks in the old hut, failing his concoctions one time after another. However, he came to understand why Old Worm added those four rare items on the list in the end.

'Impressive. I wonder if Old Worm already knew it from the very start even though he had never seen a Dark or Light Cultivation Stabilizing Pill. Those four items turned out to be the only catalysts that can work with the possible combinations I came up with. But that makes sense. If that was not the case, the old man wouldn't have added them to the list. It would have been much better to put equivalent ones that could be bought with Spirit Stones.'

Roan then turned off the fire under the cauldron and left the old hut. After that, he went straight to the Alchemy Repository. As always, Old Worm was reading some alchemist book behind the counter.

"Have you figured it out already?"

Those words confirmed Roan's suspicions.

"So you knew I would need those items to serve as catalysis. Why didn't you tell me instead of making me waste so much time?"

Old Worm closed his book and looked at Roan.

"What if I'm not around? Will you simply give up concocting?"

Roan was taken aback. But he immediately understood what Old Worm meant. He couldn't count on the old man to make the choices for him, so Old Worm left it for Roan to find out by himself that the rare items were a must. In fact, Old Worm was very impressed that Roan only took three weeks to find out the truth.

"You have talent, but you need experience. Unless it is really necessary, I will not help you much. Anyway, why did you come here?"

Roan then put the other thoughts behind his mind and asked what he wanted.

"I need the locations of those four items. Will it be considered too much help if you say where I can find them?"

Old Worm shook his head.

"No."

Old Worm then wrote down the locations and passed it to Roan.

"You can find them in those areas. As for how you will obtain them, that's up to you."

He then opened his book again and resumed his reading. The man was really just like Roan, speaking as little as possible.

Roan, of course, didn't mind that. He then turned around and left.

'Two-Tailed Sun Phyttons can be found in the Rohe Sect territory in the Moffen Forest Inner Region. Cave Mandragoras are inside our territory in the Moistery Mountain Range. Frigid Alligators can be found here as well in the Somun Rivers. As for Midday Ginseng, I will need to go to the neighboring country, Qerten.'

Roan pondered a bit and contacted Rean through their Soul Connection.

'We need to go out to acquire a few items for the Cultivation Stabilizing Pills. There are four items with three of them not needing too long to get.'

Roan then talked about the four items and where they could get them.

'The problem is the last one that can only be found in Qerten. Do you think you can get some faster Flying Demon Beasts for us to use?'

Rean heard the message and answered after a few moments.

'I guess I can get two Stage Two Azure Hawks. Considering their speed, we would only need a week to go and another to come back. Would that be fast enough?'

Roan nodded.

'That's good. I just need to make sure to bring enough of this herb back. Do you want to go look for the other three items first?'

Rean immediately rejected the idea.

'No need. Let's go direct to the Qerten Country. As for the other three items, we don't need to go get them ourselves. Instead, let's just put them up in the Mission Hall. We have a lot of Spirit Stones, so it would be better to save time and let other disciples take care of it.'

Roan had to admit that it was a good idea.

'Very well, but we need to tell Hulain that we will leave the sect.'

Rean nodded.

'I'll arrange it straight away.'

However, Roan rejected the idea straight away.

'Not now. Our cultivation is already stable enough. Let's take the next two months to reach the peak of the Middle Stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. After that, we will have 8 months to breakthrough into the Late Stage and then Peak Stage. The best-case scenario will be for me to come back from our travel and devise the formula for our Elemental Cultivation Stabilizing Pills. If that works, we can try a breakthrough into the Late Stage straight away.'

Rean couldn't help but ask.

'What if you can't find the right formula?'

'In that case, we can only risk it. We will make an unstable breakthrough and hope that we can fix our foundations later. The main objective is to reach the Peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm before one year is gone. We can think about the other consequences later.'

Rean nodded and made another question.

'In that case, isn't it better to also put a mission for the Midday Ginseng? After all, we won't be leaving the sect anytime soon because of our cultivation.'

Roan shook his head.

'I found out that the area with the Midday Ginsengs is quite lively. It will be perfect for us to train our combat skills. Don't forget that only cultivating won't be enough. We need to know how to use our power as well.'

Rean then asked back.

'What do you mean with lively?'

Roan faintly smiled before saying.

'Nothing much, it's just that there is a war between two sects of Qerten country happening around that place at the moment. But let's ignore them. We are just going there to watch the beautiful scenario and get a few ginsengs. There is no need to worry about them. Of course, if we are somehow attacked by either side while at that, we can only defend ourselves.'

Rean didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Roan was obviously trying to attract any side to attack them to have real combat experiences once more.

They talked about a few more things and ended their conversation.

Later that day, Rean paid a visit to Elder Guliva. They were told to not take any missions by themselves. Instead, use Elder Hulian or Guliva to take the missions for them. That way, no one would know about it. However, this time Rean came to ask Elder Guliva to post three missions instead of taking one. Obviously, those were the missions to acquire the first three items of the list. Although Rean and Roan won't be leaving now, there is nothing wrong about working on the three easier items first.

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Chapter 183: Expansion

After telling Elder Guliva about the missions he wanted to put up, Rean also mentioned that he and Roan were planning to go to Qerten. However, it would only be two months later. With that, The Sect Master could prepare the trap she was planning to.

Rean then left elder Guliva's house and returned to his room. Right after, Rean and Roan went to the cultivation tower. They receive the sect Master's authorization to use the cultivation tower without paying. Obviously, they had been using it ever since it was decided. Now, they finished both their Blacksmith and Alchemy practices, so the only thing available was cultivation.

To avoid suspicion, Rean and Roan always passed their token to the disciples who were on duty in the Cultivation Tower. The disciple would then deduct the points and give it back. However, the fact was that Rean and Roan's points never went down. Also, because the disciples on duty changed now and then, they didn't notice anything weird with the twins using the tower so much.

The days passed in a flash as Rean and Roan cultivated. Other than that, they had the every morning Iron and Blood exercises, which Roan insisted that they should take. Rean and Roan also went to the arenas quite a few times to fight against each other or other disciples. After all, only cultivation would destabilize their foundations.

During this time, the plans for constructing the electrical communication network advanced at high speeds. Dalamu Sect got the blessing of the Sasamil Imperial Family to proceed with this project. That being said, no one, not even the Royal Family of Jialin Country, tried to hinder it.

At least one-tenth of the entire sect was mobilized to this project. The Blacksmith Hall apprentices worked day and night, making the cables. The sect also issued an order to the nearby cities to gather the sap from the trees that could be used to make the rubber than Rean mentioned. However, instead of having cultivators doing it, they opened this business to the common people.

Of course, they didn't pay what Rean did in the past. Only because Rean was in a hurry that he spent so much for every ten liters of tree sap. Still, it was quite a good income for such an easy job. Besides, it was a long term one. Even with the cultivators helping to implant the project, it will take a long time until all Dalamu Sect Territory's cities are connected together. Obviously, they would need a constant stream of the correct tree sap.

Last but not least, they began to buy copper as if there was no tomorrow.

One month was enough for the first connections with the closest cities to be built. However, there was only a small problem. Some of these cities were too far away. Even after injecting a lot of Electrical current into the cable, it still dissipated before it reached Dalamu Sect. Nevertheless, when Elder Guliva came to ask Rean's opinion, Rean looked at him with a weird face.

"Cough, cough... is there something wrong?"

Rean sighed and then explained.

"I'm just surprised that you guys didn't think about it yet. Anyway, you have two choices here. First, you don't need to make a cable that goes from a specific city all the way to Dalamu. Instead, make it like a spider web. Connect a city to another, and then to the next, and the next, and the next... until you finally reach Dalamu. You can simply have the information being passed ahead."

"The second solution is through Lightning Type Formations. You already came up with a Lightning Formation that can be used to transmit messages. It creates a pulse of Electrical Power that can be read by the formation on the other side. If you really need to make a cable that long, just make a repeater formation. This formation would receive the Electrical Pulse signal in the middle of the way just before it dissipates. After that, it would activate and repeated that signal. This way, you can extend a single cable as far as you want. Not to mention that such a formation would have minimal consumption of Spiritual Energy. That being said, you might also create a repeater formation that uses the Spiritual Energy

present in the surroundings. Unless the formation is broken by someone, it will keep working indefinitely."

Elder Guliva immediately noted everything down and left in a hurry. He had to have the Formations Master Hall work on it straight away. Of course, he also passed the idea of connecting the other cities together ahead.

Elder Guliva returned to ask Rean a few more things now and then, but they weren't that important. It was just that the sect was afraid of doing something wrong.

Of course, not everything was perfect. They often found obstacles that impeded them from constructing this system. Demon beasts forests, bandits purposely trying to find problems, lack of working hands, lack of material, etc. Still, this was all within Rean and the sect's expectations. No project of this size would work without any problems.

The Mission Hall was the first one to be connected to those nearby cities. After all, missions add up to 70% of all letters that Dalamu Sect receives daily. Obviously, this new communication system would be better used by them.

Of course, if there was a need to send any other information straight away, the other Halls could simply come to the Mission Hall and request to let them do it.

It didn't take long for the Sect Notice how convenient these instant communication formations were. Information that would usually take several days of birds flying back and forth could now be exchanged in a few minutes. Just how good was that?

Seeing how effective the system was, the sect increased the effort in its construction. The correct sap type collection order was issued in other cities. The sect began to pay blacksmiths outside to forge the cables too. Thanks to that, the price of copper in the entire territory of the Dalamu Sect began to rise, which forced them to seek more of it in the other sect's territories.

Of course, such a big success soon reached the other four sects' ears in Jialin Country. One month and a half after Rean and Roan began to cultivate, the Sect Masters of the four other sects came to pay a visit to Mia.

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Chapter 184: The Negotiation

Back on the main building at the top of the Dalamu Mountain, Mia Orzute was sat on the highest seat as the Sect Masters of the other four Major Sect of Jialan looked at her. However, they weren't the only ones. On the other side of the room, there was another man as well. His name was Luve Jialin, the actual King of the Country and a direct descendant of Zef Jialin.

Sure enough, the Royal Family of the Jialin Country also took notice of Dalamu Sect's new communication system. The reason for them to be here was also the same. They wanted to get permission to install it in their own territories. However, they couldn't simply do that without permission. That's because the Dalamu Sect gifted this new technology to the Imperial Family of the Sasamil Empire. As one can imagine, stealing it would be the same as going against a behemoth that none of them could afford to offend.

"It's quite rare for so many... 'friends'... to gather together like this. May I know the reason for your visit?"

Luve smiled at Mia before saying.

"It reached our ears that Senior Mia's esteemed elder, Hulian, invented a fascinating new communication system. It is possible to communicate with other cities in your territory in real-time with almost no cost to speak of. We wonder if Sect master Mia is willing to share such a discovery with us."

Mia laughed after hearing that.

"You do know that we gifted this system to the Sasamil Imperial Family, right? Without their orders, we can't simply allow anyone to install it anywhere."

The leader of the Umbral Sect, Sacio Danit, then answered.

"Sect Master Mia sure jests. Although it is true that this new system has been gifted to the Imperial Family, sure you have the right to allow others to use it, right? It won't be long before the Sasamil Empire starts to implement this new idea in its territory, so we will receive the permission sooner or later. However, if Sect Master Mia allows us, we will be able to implement it straight away."

Mia looked at Sacio with the same smile. However, she wanted nothing more than cut the guy at the moment. After all, he was definitely involved in the assassination attempt against Rean and Roan. Of course, she still hasn't laid down her trap for the next time they try something against the twins. That being said, she couldn't talk about that at the moment. However, there were other things she could talk about.

"You have quite a thick face, don't you, Sacio? Just a few months ago, your Sect Elders injured our own elders and infected them with Umbral Energy. Now you want me to allow you to use our system as if nothing had happened. Tell me, would you allow that to happen?"

Sacio's expression stiffened after hearing that. However, he was already expecting that Mia would bring that matter up. Still, just as he was about to say something, another Sect Leader intervened on his behalf.

"Hahaha! Sect master Mia couldn't really be angry because of such a small matter, right? From what I know, no one died during the battle. As long as you have enough pills, you can totally expel all the Umbral Energy from the elders' bodies. How about this: The Umbral Sect will pay compensation for that misunderstanding, helping you get the pills to drive the Umbral Energy out."

The one who talked was the Rohe Sect Leader, Polie Falk. The Umbral and Rohe Sect had always been closer to each other than the other three sects, so Mia wasn't surprised by his intervention.

"Oh, a compensation, you say? Other than the pills necessary to drive the Umbral Energy out of our elders' bodies, what else can Sacio offer as compensation?"

Sacio narrowed his eyes after hearing that. As the Umbral Sect Leader, he knows very well how hard it is to heal Umbral Energy. Each pill was really expensive. From the reports he received during the last battle, five elders of the Dalamu Sect had been infected by Umbral Energy. The pills to heal them alone would already rip a layer of skin of the Umbral Sect.

On top of that, Mia was also asking for compensation. How could his mood not be affected? The worst part is that his Sect believes that they have that kid that can heal Umbral Energy. In that case, doesn't that mean that the pills will simply be stored away instead of used? That made his expression turn even worse.

However, all the other Sect Leaders and the King of Jialin were looking directly at him. Obviously, this negotiation would not proceed if he did not appease Mia's anger.

"Ahem... Of course, we are willing to offer compensation."

Mia nodded, satisfied. As for what Sacio would offer, Mia would make sure to hear it in detail after this reunion was over.

"Good! Now then, Sasamil Empire will sooner or later allow everyone to build the new communication system. However, due to the entire empire's size, getting permission for such a remote place like ours will probably take several years to come. What you want is my Dalamu Sect's blessing so that you could start it before anyone else."

Everyone in the room nodded.

Seeing that, Mia laughed and then said.

"That's not out of the question. All I want is five extra slots for the Profound Abyss. If each Sect Master and sir Luve are willing to give up one of your slots, we can count it as a deal."

Instantly, everyone's expressions changed.

"Impossible! The Profound Abyss only opens every hundred years. The geniuses that we send inside are most likely to become Nascent Soul Realm cultivators in the future. This price is way too high. Ask something else!"

Mia shrugged her shoulders.

"I'm only interested in the Profound Abyss slots at the moment. If you want to wait for the Sasamil Empire Orders, then I don't mind leaving it as it is at the moment."

Luve then raised his hand.

"Five extra slots are too much. You know very well that each slot's cost is astronomical. Even our Jialin Royal Family, which usually spends enough for two additional slots, feels some pain every time we do that. The Profound Stones used to allow the disciples inside are just way too hard to acquire."

Luve then looked at the other Sect Masters before continuing.

"However, having us join together to pay for three slots is doable."

The Sect Masters' eyes narrowed. However, if it was only three slots while they share the expenses, then they could take this deal.

Mia pondered a bit and finally decided to accept.

"Very well, three extra slots. With my Sect's two slots, we will have five anyway, so that's enough."

Luve smiled and then got up.

"I believe we have a deal then. I'll return to the Royal Palace and immediately start the plans to expand the new Communication System."

The other Sect Elders also got up and said similar things. After Mia discussed with Sacio about the extra compensation, everyone finally left.

After they were gone, Mia looked down at the Sect and thought about those twins.

'I got a slot for you two and Malaka. You better not disappoint me later.'

After that, she turned around and said.

"Attend me."

Suddenly, a shadow appeared, soon revealing a hidden cultivator. Mia then passed her orders.

"Call Malaka over. I'll start a new regime of training to increase her cultivation as fast as possible."

The man nodded and then disappeared.

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Chapter 185: Surprise On The Other Side

The two months the twins planned to use for cultivation finally passed. Rean and Roan then emerged from the Cultivation Tower as their cultivation reached the peak of the Middle Stage.

"I guess this is it then."

Roan nodded.

"Let's tell Hulian that we are going out."

They didn't waste time and went straight to Hulian's house. Usually, they couldn't enter the Inner Sect without permission, but an exception was made for the two of them.

"I see, so you are going out to gather a few items. I'll tell the sect master about it, wait here for a moment."

Hulian left and came back just a few minutes later.

"Alright, take this."

He then passed a token to Rean and Roan.

"There are a few teleport formations that are not available for general use. I'll pass you the location of one of them. As long as you bring the Spirit Stones, you will be able to activate it with this token."

Rean couldn't help but ask.

"What about the ambush that Sect Master Mia was planning to try?"

Hulian then explained.

"Don't worry, it will still happen. However, you two won't be the bait. We arranged two other cultivators to pose as you. The elders will then follow those two in the shadows, waiting for the Umbral Sect to eat the bait."

Roan then warned.

"Don't just make them go out of the sect in an open manner. That will be the same as saying that you have a trap prepared. The best thing to do is to make it look like we were trying to sneak out without anyone noticing. Only like that will the Umbral Sect eat the bait."

Hulian nodded.

"We know. You don't need to worry. Sect master has already accounted for everything."

Roan then asked something else.

"How many know about us using this teleport formation to go out?"

"You, Rean, me, and the Sect Master. Other than us, no one else knows that you are going out or which teleport formation is being used. That's the only way to guarantee that the information won't be leaked."

Rean then asked something else.

"What about transportation? I was planning to borrow two Azure Hawks for our travel. But if I go out to ask for it, then others will definitely know."

Hulian didn't seem concerned about that.

"Don't worry, we also took that into account. The place you will appear is empty, so no one will see you taking flight. Just to be sure, don't let anyone know that you are going out."

Roan had to admit that they had done quite a good job preparing everything.

"Very well, we are leaving now then."

Hulian smiled.

"Good. Make sure to be careful since you are going to another country. We have no influence in those areas, so we won't be able to help you. Also, wait one day before departing. I need to prepare your mounts without anyone noticing."

Rean and Roan nodded before leaving straight away.

Back on the Main Building at the top of the Dalamu Mountain, Tiria was beside Mia while discussing something.

"Are you sure you don't want me to follow them this time?"

Mia shook her head.

"We can't possibly protect them forever. Don't worry. Unless the Umbral Sect can predict the future, there is no way for them to know where Rean and Roan are going. Besides, they will have a lot more to consider other than those twins soon enough."

Tiria nodded and didn't say anything else. She knew that Rean and Roan were going out through another path, but only Mia and Hulian knew about it. Even she herself doesn't know which teleport formation it is.

Rean and Roan arrived back in their rooms. After waiting for a day, Rean used his camouflage skills as Roan piggybacked him. Right after, they left for the teleport formation without anyone noticing.

Later that same day, 'Rean and Roan' tried to 'sneak' out of the sect without catching anyone's attention. But, 'coincidentally,' they were sighted by one of the Umbral Sect's spies. The poor Umbral Sect had sore days coming at them.

The real Rean and Roan finally reached the Teleport Formation that Hulian told them about. After inserting the Spirit Stones, they activated it and disappeared in a flash of silver light. However, they were taken aback once they reached the other side of the teleport formation, especially Rean.

Hulian told them that he would prepare the mounts for their travel. However, what they found was an enormous Snow Crane that looked at Rean with tender eyes.

"Nana!"

Rean was very happy to see her here. Nana is Elder Tiria's personal demon beast. She is already at the peak of the 4th Stage and would soon enter the 5th. As mentioned in the past, Stage Four Demon Beasts are equivalent to Core and Soul Fusion Realm cultivators. Since Nana is at the peak of the Fourth Stage, she is the same as someone at the Peak Stage of that Realm.

Roan couldn't help but comment while looking at the Snow Crane.

"So strong..."

Rean nodded.

"Yes. Nana is a Stage Four Demon Beast, so she is definitely not someone we could contend against. But don't worry..."

Rean then rubbed Nana's Head, much for her delight.

"Nana is a very good girl, right?"

Creee!

Obviously, she was even more delighted with the compliment.

"Hahaha!"

Rean then looked back at Roan before saying.

"With her, we probably won't take more than a day or two to reach Qerten."

Roan pondered a bit and asked.

"Wouldn't she catch a lot of attention instead?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders.

"That should be okay. Nana can fly several times higher than the Stage Two Azure Hawks. Unless you were already expecting her to appear somewhere in the sky, no one would notice. Besides, she can fly between the clouds if there is any. With her Snow White feathers, it will be even harder to notice. In my

opinion, it is a lot easier for us to be found with the Azure Hawks than Nana. Besides, who would believe that two Foundation Establishment Disciples were given a Peak Stage Four Demon Beast to use for travel?"

Roan had to admit that Rean was right.

"Oh well... Since you can control her, then let's get going."

The two of them quickly jumped on Nana's back. After that, she gave a soundly cry and took flight. Rean and Roan couldn't help but hold her firmly when she began to rise in the skies. She was so fast that they could barely stop themselves from falling.

Nana noticed that and quickly used her own Spiritual Energy to create a barrier for the twins. Only then did they stabilize themselves.

Roan sighed in relief and used that chance to ask something else.

"Oh, right! What about that egg you found during the last mission?"

Rean shook his head.

"I don't know. According to elder Javiu, it was supposed to be born already. However, instead of coming out, it only keeps absorbing Spiritual Energy without stop. In the end, I could only leave it there. I'm planning to give it a few spirit stones when we come back to see if the process accelerates."

Roan nodded and didn't say anything else. From the looks of it, that really wasn't an ordinary egg.

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Chapter 186: Don't be afraid!

Qerten was located on the south-west side of Jialin. Unlike Rean and Roan's country, this one is not controlled by a Royal Family, but the sects within. In total, seven sects jointly manage the country, with two of them being at war at the moment.

Those two Sects were fighting over a Spiritual Vein recently found close to each one's borders. However, due to the size of both sects, the area of the war was gigantic. Turns out that the mountain range with the Midday Ginseng is also somewhat close to the area of mutual aggression.

Thanks to Nana's speed, the twins only took one day and a half instead of the seven days of flight previously expected. However, Nana did not enter the area controlled by those two sects. After all, a Peak Stage Four Demon beast following two kids on the ground would catch too much attention. It was different from her flying at high altitudes, where it was hard to see.

"Nana, stay around here while we go out to look for the Midday Ginsengs. There shouldn't be anyone who can pose you danger unless a nascent Soul cultivator appears. However, if one does come, make sure to flee straight away."

Creee!

Nana flapped her wings as if confirming that she understood what Rean was saying. Rean then rubbed her head a little more and then left with Roan.

At the moment, Roan was holding a map in his hands, which he got from Hulian.

"If we run at full speed, we should get at the mountain range with the Midday Ginsengs in four to five hours."

Rean nodded.

"That's good enough. Still, there is no need to run so fast. It would only make us consume too much energy. We are already five days and a half ahead of our schedule, after all."

Roan agreed with him and then checked their positions. After confirming which side they should go, Rean and Roan once again departed. They kept running for three hours straight. As Rean mentioned, there was no need to run at full speed, so they continued at a leisure pace.

However, Roan was right about this place. On their way, Rean and Roan noticed battles ongoing on three occasions. Still, because they passed far away and those combatants were busy with themselves, no one saw the twins nearby.

However, after running over half of the way, they suddenly bumped into a cultivators' couple. They had yellow robes and were using a badge with three crossed spears. Rean and Roan made sure to get the information about the sects at war, so they immediately identified those two. They were members of the Sky Piercing Sect.

But that wasn't all. The couple seemed to be in a hurry. Their robes were very dirty too, showing that they had been running for quite some time. When the couple saw Rean and Roan, they were taken aback. After all, Rean and Roan looked to be only kids. The twins weren't using any sect's attires either, which made their presence in this place totally unexpected.

Suddenly, both sides heard something and looked in the direction that the couple came from. It was then that they saw five figures rushing out from the back of the trees far in the distance. That group was made entirely of Foundation Establishment cultivators. Four were at the same Late Stage as the couple. As for the last one, he was at the Peak of the Foundation Establishment.

They were using purple robes. The badges on them had a cloud with lighting coming down from it. Rean and Roan identified that they were a group from the Heaven's Might Sect. Obviously, this was the sect in a war against the Sky Piercing one.

When the couple saw that, their expressions turned ugly. The woman then turned to the twins and shouted.

"Are you blind? Run!"

However, Rean and Roan looked at the woman with unconcerned eyes. Judging by the enemies' cultivation, Rean and Roan weren't afraid at all. If anything, their numbers would prove to be a good challenge for the two. Well, it's not like they had to believe her words either. Chances are that she shouted 'run' so that their pursues would switch part of their attention to them. It would make their escapade easier too.

Surprisingly though, the couple didn't try to flee straight away. That's because they noticed that Rean and Roan didn't move at all after their warning.

"Fuck! Why do we have to bump into such bummers!"

The couple then dashed straight at Rean and Roan. For a second, the twins thought that the couple decided to attack them. Yet, the impressive thing was that neither Rean nor Roan could see the red color of killing intent coming from them. As mentioned before when Rean and Roan were still babies, Roan has a unique ability that could detect killing intent directed at them. This ability manifested into a red color that could be seen with naked eyes. Rean, of course, could see it too, thanks to their soul connection.

Roan narrowed his eyes. Even if there was no killing intent, he wouldn't simply let this couple do whatever they wanted with him and Rean. He was going to wait the last second so that neither of the two could escape his strike. After that, they could deal with the rest on the back. However, just as he was about to attack, Rean gave a thunderous shout through their soul connection.

'WAIT!'

Roan was taken aback for a moment, which was precisely the moment he was supposed to attack those two.

'Fuck!'

Roan braced himself for the incoming attack while cursing Rean from distracting him in the last instant. However, the strike Roan was expecting did not come. Not only that, he felt to be moving away from his initial position for some reason. A second later, he finally understood what was happening. The couple grabbed both him and Rean and began to run away together!

At the same time, he heard the man who was carrying Rean cursing.

"Why the hell we found kids in this place?"

The woman who was carrying himself then replied.

"Stop complaining, and Run! Or could it be that you plan to leave these kids there?"

The man immediately shook his head.

"Of course not! This part of the forest is our territory. Those guys from the Heaven Might Sect will definitely think that these kids are from our side. If we leave them there, they will be killed. The fact that they appeared here was our sect's negligence. We can't let that happen."

The woman nodded.

"Weaklings like them will be trussed as if they were chickens. Look at how frightened they are. Even after we told them to run, they didn't move a single muscle!"

The woman then began to pat Roan's head while speeding away.

"Don't be afraid. Your big sister Lana will definitely protect you two."

Roan's mouth twitched for a second.

'Who the hell needs your protection?!'

Rean, on the other hand, couldn't hold himself.

"Hahahaha! That's right, Roan, trust your big sister Lana!"

Roan felt like sending a certain white-haired someone into the path of reincarnation sooner than expected.

Pow!

Suddenly, Rean felt a pain in the back of his head. Turns out that the man smacked it.

"What are you laughing, brat? Are you so dumb that you don't understand the situation we are in?"

After seeing that, Roan didn't feel like this couple was that bad after all.

'Ah... The sweet taste of karma!'

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Chapter 187: Rean's First Skill

After a few moments, Roan asked Rean through their Soul Connection.

'By the way, how did you know they were not attacking us?'

Rean smiled.

'Instinct.'

Roan almost vomited blood!

'You bet our lives on your instincts? What if they had attacked at that last moment?'

Rean laughed after hearing that.

'Hahaha! Come on, you also saw that they did not bring any weapon out at all. That meant they could at most use some naked hands attack. Don't forget that almost no Foundation Establishment in this world knows how to use skills. We are basically exceptions.'

Rean continued.

'Also, they are nothing more than a single-stage above us in cultivation. With the actual power of our bodies and bones, plus the Spiritual Energy that you and I used to reinforce them, there wouldn't be much damage even if it was an attack.'

Roan still didn't let go.

'That's assuming they were really only going to use a common attack and nothing more, but what if they had some lethal way of dealing with us in that second?'

Rean shook his head.

'You forgot about our appearances. We look just like kids. Would you go all out like that against two kids from the get-go?'

Roan immediately nodded.

'Yes! I would make sure to kill in a single strike.'

Rean's mouth twitched. He noticed that he forgot a very important detail.

'Cough, cough... I was wrong. I forgot that common sense doesn't work with you. What I meant is that those who are not 'mindless-killing machines-who-worked-as-death-spirits-in-previous-lives-and-didn't-know-how-to-hear-their-targets'-plight' like you wouldn't act that the way you described.'

Roan's expression darkened.

'What the hell was that description?!'

Rean totally ignored him, though.

The twins' conversation seemed to have lasted long. However, through their soul connection, it only took a few seconds at most.

It was then that Rean and Roan saw the red color of killing intent coming from up ahead.

'We have company.'

Roan nodded.

'I wouldn't let her carrying me forever anyway, so it is quite convenient.'

Suddenly, four daggers came from behind the trees, aiming directly at the couple and the twins.

It was too abrupt! Because the couple was paying attention to their pursues on the back, they weren't paying much attention ahead. They simply had no time to bring out their weapons to block the attack, either. However, that was not the case for the twins.

Clang, Clang, Clang, Clang!

One White-light and one Pitch-black sword suddenly appeared in front of the couple at the last moment, sending those four daggers flying. Not only that, all those four daggers cracked, almost breaking after the collision.

Right after, two shadows came out from the trees and attacked the couple straight away. The attacks were very well timed, using the daggers to bring the attention away from the real danger. If the daggers didn't work, the next attack surely would.

Too bad, though. Rean and Roan didn't feel the least bit of danger from those two incoming enemies. However, the couple was still moving forward due to the inertia. So instead of trying to finish the

attackers, Rean and Roan kicked the couple at the last moment, sending themselves and the couple flying in two different directions.

Obviously, the income attacks missed.

The couple finally regained their bearings. Only then did they noticed that their lives were saved by the kids that they had just saved.

The couple then unsheathed their own weapons, quickly defending against the next attacks. It turns out that the two enemies were at the same level as the couple, Late Stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. Now that they lost the surprise element, they clearly wouldn't be able to finish the couple in a single move.

However, they were okay with it. That's because the five other cultivators behind could use that chance to catch up. Just a few seconds and the couple and the twin's fate would be decided. As for the twins, they didn't know if what they did was planned or just a reaction. But because Rean and Roan had cultivations one stage below their own, they didn't put too much importance on them.

The enemies immediately unleashed a barrage of relentless attacks against the couple. In a certain way, it would be reckless to use so much energy at once, but the couple immediately understood that they were just trying to buy time for the rest of the group to arrive.

In the end, the man gritted his teeth and shouted at Rean and Roan.

"You two, run away now!"

This time, even Roan was taken aback by his words. This is the cultivation word. These guys are in the middle of a war too. So how come they were still worried about Rean and himself? Considering the situation and the fact that they had absolutely no relation to the couple, Roan couldn't understand why the couple wanted to help them so badly.

Rean noticed Roan's confusion and sighed.

'You are right. This is the cultivation world. We have seen hundreds of times how the strong prey on the weak. Be it in the Varen Tribe war against the other tribes or during the bandits' mission, that's how it always worked. However, it doesn't mean that every single cultivator in this world is selfish or evil. At this moment, it just so happens that we found two of them, nothing more, nothing less.'

Roan narrowed his eyes after hearing that.

'Fine!'

Rean smiled as they turned in the direction of the incoming group.

'Hey, are you ready to try one of the skills I came up with?'

Roan nodded.

'Although the first part of their names was obviously made to bother me, I have to admit you created something interesting.'

Suddenly, their hair colors changed into white and dark. Then, Light Element gathered inside Rean and Roan's bodies. However, they didn't focus on just one part of their bodies like they did in the past. Instead, the Light Element increased the power of their entire bodies as a whole!

The twins' bodies then began to glow with gently white light, a stark contrast from the bright light that what they did in the past. It was proof that most of the Light Element was being held inside their bodies instead of leaking without stop.

Rean and Roan then looked ahead and dashed forward!

'Life Style, First Form, Enhancement!'

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Chapter 188: Big Brother Roan

The group from Heaven's Might Sect on the back was taken aback. Rean and Roan were just moving too fast! Even their Peak Foundation Establishment member could barely follow them with his eyes. Still, they gathered together to receive the twins.

Too bad, though. That only made things even easier for Rean and Roan. Why? That's because neither of the enemies thought that Foundation Establishment cultivators, especially kids, would be able to use skills!

Light and Dark Element gathered on their Light and Black Star Swords. Those were Rean's new High-Level Weapons. Roan's Swords could absorb Light Element while Rean's absorbed Dark one. Not only that, but both Swords did it much faster than their previous weapons. It only took a single second for the swords to be brimming with Spiritual Energy and the right Elements. In the next second, they were already in front of the Heaven's Might Sect group.

'Death Style, Second Form, Crescent Moon!'

Those guys were also waiting for Rean and Roan to get close. After all, it would be easier if they could attack all together when the opponent was obviously much faster. Unfortunately, that decision was also what decided their defeat.

Two enormous white and dark blades of energy came in an arc, quickly fusing together. Rean and Roan were simply too fast, and they attacked from way too close. There was no chance to dodge at all! Their only choice was to raise their own weapons to block the incoming assault. They had no other choice!

However, if Rean's Swords could already break Swords of the same level, what would happen if the attack came from higher-level ones? One didn't need to think much to know the answer. The enemies' five weapons were cut through, barely holding the two waves of dark and light elements for a split of a second.

Swich!

Not too surprisingly, the enemies' bodies encountered the same destiny as their weapons. If even the metal on their weapons could hold those two blades back, how could flesh and blood?

Three seconds! That's all it took to finish all five Foundation Establishment Cultivators. One second to activate the Life Style's First Form, One second to reach the enemies, one second for the Second Form of the Death Style to send them to the next word!

When everything was finished, Roan couldn't help but look at the faint glow of Light Element coming from his own body. After that, he looked at Rean with a rare look of surprise. Rean's Life Style's First Form definitely surpassed his expectations. Not to mention his new sword, he had to admit that it was a piece of fantastic equipment compared to the others.

'With this kind of power, ordinary Initial Stage Core Formation cultivators are simply not our match. Even Middle Stage ones will probably have to run away if they don't die first.'

Rean had been practicing his new Light Element skills focused on their bodies instead of on the outside like Roan's attack skills. Before, the Light Element used in their bodies would leak out like torrents. That's why they couldn't focus on more than one part of their bodies, or the results of the strengthening wouldn't be of much help. However, Rean found a way to apply the Light Element and prevent most leakage from happening. Of course, it still happened, but now it was only 30% as fast as the past leaks! He succeeded in reducing the wastage by 70%!

Thanks to that, now Rean and Roan could increase their entire bodies' power almost at the same level as just a single part of it! Not only that, but this also allowed Rean to control the Light Element several times better! After all, the Light Element wasn't escaping as fast as it did in the past, so it made sense that he had more time to work with it before that happened.

On their way to the Qerten Country, Rean made sure to teach everything he knew to Roan through their Soul Connection. By using this cheat, Roan was able to learn it in just a day. Well, Roan also used the same cheat every time he created a combat skill and had to teach Rean about it.

Too bad Rean didn't think about this before their battle against Lovak back in the bandits' fort. Otherwise, Lovak wouldn't have escaped for sure.

Roan was surprised, but he didn't forget their objective. He only spent another second pondering about Rean's Life Style's power. He then immediately called Rean's attention, who seemed to be impressed with the results of the skill he created himself.

'Pay attention, there is still another two.'

Roan was right. Those two Foundation Establishment guys saw when Rean and Roan dispatched all their companions in a single strike! They simply couldn't believe that two kids at the Foundation Establishment Realm could use skills and such a ridiculous powerful one at that.

They weren't the only ones, though. The couple was just as shocked as the enemy. Because of that, both sides stopped their fight without noticing. However, the cultivators of the Heaven's Might Sect came back to themselves faster. After all, they quickly understood who the next ones on the list were. That being said, they immediately turned around and fled!

The couple was taken aback when they saw that, and they immediately blamed themselves. They could have held those two back so that Rean and Roan could arrive.

Seeing that the couple didn't stop them, those two guys were delighted. They are both speed-focused cultivators. As long as they have the time to accelerate, they are confident that they can outrun their enemies. The couple just gave them the time they needed.

Unfortunately, Rean and Roan didn't plan on letting them escape.

They were still several tens of meters away, but that was more than enough for them. Especially now that they have new weapons, higher cultivation, and Rean's Life Style's First Form that increased their bodies' overall strength.

'Death Style, First Form, Stellar Piercer!'

Suddenly, two rays of Dark and White Light traveled at speed several times higher than Rean and Roan's bodies. Their two enemies' face paled when they noticed those attacks coming from behind with their Spiritual Sense. However, if Rean and Roan were already extremely fast themselves, what about attacks that move several times more quickly than them?

Sure enough, those two Late Stage Foundation Establishment enemies didn't even have a chance to react! Their hearts were pierced by the two rays of light, making them plummet on the ground right

after. In the end, they could only look back at the two white and dark demons until their visions turned dark for eternity.

The couple looked at the seven bodies on the ground. What was supposed to have been their end didn't happen. They could barely believe what they happened even though they saw that with their own eyes.

Rean and Roan then took a deep breath, and their bodies shined brightly for a moment. That's because they released all the Light Element that was being held in their bodies.

Roan took the chance to ask Rean.

"You need to think about a way to reduce this glow. The gains in overall strength are really impressive, but being lighthouses isn't very good."

Rean nodded.

"I know. I'm planning to see if I can mix a layer of your Dark Element under our skin. Just enough to stop the glow and especially the bright light when we finish using the Firm Form of my Life Style."

Roan couldn't help but comment.

"Does it really need to be called Life Style?"

Rean smiled after hearing that question.

"Since when do you care about names?"

Roan immediately shook his head.

"I don't, but I keep feeling that you called it this way just to counter the name of my Death Style. That's the part that bothers me."

Rean nodded.

"Oh, did you notice? Then it was worth it."

Roan's mouth twitched. Still, he decided to ignore it in the end.

The twins then made their way back to where the couple was staying. However, those two seemed to be quite wary of Rean and Roan. Well, they couldn't be blamed after what they saw.

Rean thought about something after seeing. He then put his hand on Roan's shoulder before pretending to be Roan with a comical voice.

"Don't be afraid. Your big brother Roan here will protect you two."

Obviously, he took the words that Lana told Roan and used it again. However...

Bam!

Suddenly, Rean was sent flying with a kick!

"Perhaps now you will stop with your bullshit."

Still, Rean quickly came back while laughing. He obviously didn't seem to care that Roan kicked him at all!

"I might lose a bone, but I won't lose the joke! Hahaha!"

"What if I make you lose your life then?"

"Hmph! As if you could kill me. You would only be losing your life too."

"Indeed. I'm starting to think that it might be worth it."

The twins then began to bicker at each other as they always did.

The couple looked at those twins with weird expressions, though.

'Just what the hell are these kids?'

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Chapter 189: New Plan

The twins noticed that they were straying out of the main topic and returned their attention to the couple.

"Anyway, the Iceblock and I didn't really need your help. We were pretty fine on our own. Still, you didn't know that, so I'll thank you anyway for your intentions. Oh, right! You can call me Rean."

Roan simply nodded at them.

"Roan."

The couple finally came back to themselves. After that, Lana was the first to step forward to introduce herself.

"Ahem... As you heard, my name is Lana, Lana Valeno. As for this guy on my side, he's just an extra; just pretend he doesn't exist."

The man felt like he swallowed a fly all of a sudden.

"Fuck you! My name is Westren Valeno. I'm this idiot's older brother. I'm also the person who needs to constantly save her ass so that she doesn't kill herself."

Lana gave Westren a death glare, which he ignored completely.

"By the way, who are you? Don't tell me that you came from one of the nearby villages. No one would ever believe such bullshit. Are you perhaps part of one of the small sects that allied with us during this war? Usually, I would condemn a sect who sent two children into a place like this. However, considering your strength and your resolve during the killing, you are obviously not like common kids."

Roan simply stayed silent and let Rean do all the explanation.

"Well, not exactly. Believe it or not, our meeting was just a coincidence. As for being able to kill without fear, that's because we basically passed by similar situations in the past. You could say that we are used to it."

Westren narrowed his eyes.

"Does that mean you have nothing to do with our Sky Piercing or the Heaven's Might Sects?"

Rean nodded.

"We came here to collect Midday Ginsengs. My ice block of a brother needs it to concoct a few pills for our cultivation, so we had no other choice. We were on our way to the Sun Streak Mountain Range when we bumped into each other."

Lana pondered a bit and nodded in the end.

"Indeed, the Sun Streak Mountain Range does have Midday Ginsengs. If I'm not wrong, this is quite a rare herb. However, because there aren't many uses, rarely someone comes here to get them. It's a herb that keeps absorbing the Spiritual Energy all day long except when the Sun is at its highest point. During those few moments, it uses all the Spiritual Energy accumulated to absorb all the Sun Light in the area around it."

Roan showed some surprise when he heard the description. Midday Ginseng was indeed a rare herb that didn't have many uses, so not many knew about it.

"Are you an alchemist?"

Lana smiled and nodded.

"Indeed. I'm just an Earth Low-Level Alchemist, though."

Roan didn't feel surprised.

Westren then pointed in a specific direction.

"If your objective is the Sun Streak Mountain Range, then you are around two hours away from there. You were indeed going in the right direction too. However, that is the area controlled by the Heaven's Might Sect."

Rean smiled and then explained.

"That's even better. Other than collecting the herbs, we also came here to test our combat skills. Still, as long as no one attacks us, we won't be the ones to initiate an assault either."

Westren then thought about something.

"Then, if we had attacked you..."

Rean just shrugged his shoulders. The meaning of his actions was pretty obvious.

Lana and Westren felt a chill on their backs. It's good that they didn't attack the twins. Otherwise, the bodies on the ground would be theirs instead.

Still, Lana quickly recovered and said.

"In that case, I'm going with you."

Let alone Rean and Roan, even Westren was taken aback by that.

"What are you thinking? These kids obviously don't need our help. In fact, chances are that we will get in their way instead."

Rean and Roan nodded their heads. That's what they thought as well.

However, Lana explained why she decided to do that.

"Although the Sun Streak Mountain Range is under the Heaven's Might Sect hands, it is right beside the border with our own territory. If I let these twins go there and our sect members decide to attack them, wouldn't they kill our fellow disciples instead?"

Rean and Roan finally understood what she meant.

"I see, so you want to stay with us so that your sect members won't mistakenly attack us and get killed in the process, right?"

Lana nodded.

"Correct."

Roan immediately shook his head, though.

"That will kill half the meaning of our travel. We also came here to acquire combat experience, so your presence would instead prevent the battles we need from happening."

Lana and Westren were taken aback. However, they couldn't blame Roan. After all, a war zone was indeed one of the best places to find challenges.

Westren then thought about something.

"I know what to do. I can bring you two into the Sun Streak Mountain Range through another route. This route will instead pass inside the Heaven's Might Sect territory. If they see my and Lana's robes, they will definitely attack us. That way, you can have even more battles while Lana and I can prevent you from killing our sect members."

Roan couldn't help but narrow his eyes.

"I guess you are committing a mistake here. We are not helping any side. It's because you were not idiot enough to attack us that we didn't do anything to you either. That's all. If we do like you said, it will be the same as helping your sect during these times. We don't really want to take anyone's side."

Westren nodded. After all, he saw the twins' powers.

It was then that Lana had an idea.

"In that case, what about we make a deal? We will follow the route that my brother mentioned. Naturally, it will catch the attention of the Heaven's Might Sect disciples we pass by. As for any members of our sect who might be on that side, they will let us pass if we talk to them."

"That will definitely help our sect a lot. So, in exchange, I'll be your guide inside the Sun Streak Mountain Range. I know that place quite well, which means I can reduce the time you need to find the Midday Ginsegs by a lot. It's definitely much better than blindly looking for it."

Rean then asked something else.

"Why would you take the risk of entering the enemy's territories and going through the battles with us? We are already letting you go without asking anything. Wouldn't it be much better to simply report our existence and have your stronger sect members deal with us?"

Westren immediately laughed after hearing that.

"Isn't that obvious? We will get war points that can be exchanged for benefits for each enemy cultivator we kill during this war. You are not part of this war, so you obviously can't take the points. In that case, it will all be ours. Who would let such a chance to pass? We saw your combat power. You are definitely much stronger than any Foundation Establishment cultivators we saw in the past by far!"

Rean and Roan looked at each other and then back at the siblings.

"That's indeed a good reason and deal. Very well, we shall follow your plan."

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Chapter 190: Leaving Enemies Alive

Rean and Roan then followed the path that Westren showed for them. On the way, they encountered another two groups of their own sect. From the looks of it, the attack they suffered was made while still inside the Sky Piercing Territory. However, there was nothing wrong with it. After all, both the Heaven's Might Sect and the Sky Piercing Sect are at war. Their own sect also constantly enters their enemies' territory to attack them.

"Alright, from this point onwards, it's the territory of the Heaven's Might Sect. Let's go."

Rean, Roan, and Lana nodded. Westren then changed direction and began to proceed to the Sun Streak Mountain.

As one can expect, it didn't take long for them to find the first group of the Heaven's Might Sect. Sure enough, as soon as they saw the yellow robes of their enemies, they immediately attacked.

This group had a total of four members. Three at the Middle and Late Stages of the Foundation Establishment while the last one was at the peak. They couldn't blame for attacking, though. After all, there were two kids and two adults. They obviously thought that they held the advantage. Not only that, but they even sent a single member of their own group to attack Rean and Roan, thinking that it would be more than enough to hold the two Middle Stage Twins.

Rean and Roan didn't even use the Life Style first form. After all, there was simply no need for that.

'Death Style, Third Form, Three Claws of the Dragon!'

The guy who came to attack Rean and Roan was shocked. Out of no were, six Black and White Swords appeared in his field of vision. He tried to block one of the swords. Still, the other five were also real ones.

Clang! Swich, swich, swich, swich, swich!

In a moment, the guy was cut to pieces.

The other cultivators were frightened by that scene. They haven't even arrived at Westren and Lana yet, and they already turned around to run.

"Going somewhere?"

Westren and Lana laughed and charged at one enemy each, delaying their escaping. Rean and Roan then switched targets and dashed straight at the guy who was still free.

'Death Style, First Form, Stellar Piercing!'

Puchi, Puchi!

Unfortunately for him, he died even faster than the two who were held back by Westren and Lana. Seeing how their companion was killed so fast, the two guys immediately understood that they had no

way to escape. Just as Rean and Roan were about to join the couple to deal with the last two, they dropped their weapons and kneeled on the ground.

"W-We Surrender!"

Rean immediately stopped his attack, and so did Roan. Rean simply didn't want to attack someone who posed no threat to them anymore. As for Roan, he felt that it was an excellent opportunity.

"Let them go."

Westren and Lana were taken aback. However, since Roan said so, they stopped attacking too. Those two guys couldn't believe their ears. They were almost sure that they would die. Still, trying to escape was certain death too. That's why they tried a one in a million chance of their enemies accepting their surrender. Who could have thought that they really got pardoned?

Roan noticed their shocked eyes and began to lose his patience.

"Scram!"

There was no need for Roan to say that twice. They immediately got up and disappeared as fast as they could. If anything, they couldn't help but curse the fact that they didn't have another pair of legs.

Westren then looked at the twins before asking.

"Why did you let them go?"

Rean smiled after hearing that question.

"If we continue like this, those groups will keep appearing in small numbers and with weak cultivations. By letting them go, they will probably call for reinforcements. Only then can the two of us get some challenge. Otherwise, it will be far from enough to test our skills."

Westren felt helpless. That's because he really wanted to get rid of all of them before they could do what Rean said. He was even ready to completely eliminate their bodies to not leave any clue behind. Too bad, though. Rean and Roan don't want to hide their presence.

"Sigh... Whatever. Let's go."

Westren and Lana collected the enemies' Sect badges and then left with the twins.

Exactly as Rean and Roan predicted, those two guys went straight back to their camps. Right after, they reported to the elder about this new group with two demon-like kids in between.

"Hum? Two Middle Stage Foundation Establishment Kids did that to your group? Do you think I'll believe it?"

One of the guys insisted.

"Elder Buran, we are talking the truth. Not only were they extremely strong, but they could also use skills!"

Elder Buran was obviously the name of the elder in charge of their camp. Seeing how insistent those two guys looked, he began to think that something wasn't right.

"Very well, I'll send another squad to look at this group. Do you know which direction they were going to?"

The two guys nodded.

"They were moving in the Sun Streak Mountain Range direction."

Buran then looked behind himself.

"Okrin, come forward."

Suddenly, a man appeared in the room like a ghost.

"Yes, elder Buran."

"Take five more members and get rid of this new group. Don't look down on them just because they have kids, understood?"

"Yes."

"Good, you can go now. Considering their distance from our encampment and the direction they were going, I'll give you two hours to find and finish them. Otherwise, be ready for punishment."

Okrin smiled and answered straight away.

"Don't worry, Elder Buran, I'll be back in half of that time."

The man then disappeared once more.

Back on the twins' side, they just finished another small group before letting one of them escape on purpose.

"This should be enough, right?"

Roan pondered a bit and nodded.

"I believe so. We are not moving fast on purpose, nor are we changing direction. If those guys we let escape made their part, we should see someone coming at us in at most one hour. This one will probably give us some challenges too."

Rean and Roan seemed to not mind it. However, poor Lana and Westren felt more nervous as time passed. They even began to wonder if it was a good idea to do this travel.