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Chapter 1811: Just Fine

Zangron imagined the same thing as Rean and Havek. If Havek was here, he probably came as a subordinate of another participant in the Free Continent Competition. As the head disciple of Lanstreo, Zangron obviously had to do everything he could to dominate the other regions. Which meant also becoming enemies with Havek.

Worse than that, due to his cultivation, it would be nearly impossible to reach the continent where Havek was located without being caught by other participants. The wars couldn't start yet, after all. Then again, showing his face inside another continent's region was the same as asking for death. "Guess I can only conquer my way to the region Havek is located," said Zangron.

"What will you do once we get there?" Zlois asked back.

Zangron shook his head, saying, "If he decides to be my enemy, I won't hold back. I need the Lanstreo Organization's help to go look for my family. As small as the chance may be, I don't want to give up. Of course, since he came from the same world as us, I'll try to spare his life while I take down his region. Perhaps he'll join my side on his own volition once I get close."

Zlois and Frinke nodded in response. "Let's hope he does so."

Back in the Walfure Region, Rean passed the message for everyone to look out for visitors. He didn't know when Zangron would come, after all. Unfortunately, not a single soul by the name of Zangron would appear during the next four years and a half. Well, Rean's group also expected that Zangron might have had no way to come, so they weren't too surprised.

At the end of the sixth year, after the start of the competition, the entire Walfure Region was completely connected. There wasn't a single corner of the region that wasn't covered by the communication system, making everything easier.

However, Rean's group didn't participate that much in this expansion. Rean and Havek only had to build a few more DPUs to control the overall communication passing through the antennas. Other than that, the antennas could simply be produced en masse before being installed in their respective locations.

Of course, some bugs in the programming were found here and there. After all, it was one thing to operate the communication system in the sect. Doing the same thing on the scale of a continent was another thing altogether. In those instances, Havek and Rean would intervene and fix or upgrade them.

The distribution of antennas was left in Franga's hand in the end. Franga didn't mind it at all, as he wanted to learn more about the circuitry formations. Sadly, it didn't matter how many times he asked. Rean and Havek never even uttered a single word about the core circuitry formations and runes used in the DPUs and other important systems.

Roan, on the other hand, only stopped to work on the war effort. Controlling the distribution of armies, battle formations, commanders, he did it. He was in charge of literally everything. The good thing for Roan was that he had a lot of capable subordinates from the System Sect. With that being said, he only made the most important decisions, while the rest were carried out by the rest. That gave Roan a lot of free time as well. He was pretty satisfied to have that free time since it meant that all the positions in the Walfure Region army were occupied by the proper personnel.

Where did the twins use most of their time then? Cultivation! They joined Celis and Kentucky and began using their Rank Four Divine Stones nonstop. Only the first two years were really busy for them. After that, even considering the research Rean did on formations or Roan's effort in the upcoming war, they still had a lot of free time.

Naturally, they cultivated inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Let's not forget that the Dimensional Realm's environment always had 50% or so more Divine Energy than the outside world. That was one of the perks it got after the upgrade that took Celis' sprouts as part of the development.

In any case, they had Celis himself, gathering most of the Divine Energy at the center while the four of them cultivated. Kentucky's nest on Celis only contributed to increasing that pace even more. It was hard to tell how many perks their alliance of four had related to cultivation.

It went without saying that being able to focus entirely on cultivation was the best thing. By the time they got close to the ten-year deadline, Rean, Roan, Celis, and Kentucky had already broken through to the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm. Sister Orb even said that, at their current pace, they wouldn't need more than six or seven years to enter the Void Tempering Realm. Of course, now that the deadline was almost here, what they would lack the most was time. Who knew how long it would take for them to actually attempt that breakthrough.

[Rean, Roan, there's only one month remaining until the borders are open to attacks,] warned Sister Orb.

The twins nodded in response and exited the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm with Kentucky. Celis, on the other hand, decided to stay in the Dimensional Realm. In any case, he was the one who could absorb Divine Energy the fastest. Since they shared their Divine Energy, it would be beneficial if Celis continued cultivating for the four of them.

Luina noticed when they appeared and couldn't help but complain. "I thought you guys would never come out. Everyone is becoming quite tense because of the approaching war, you know?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders in response. "I'm only responsible for logistics and management. That's Roan's problem as I probably won't take part in any battles."

Roan nodded, saying, "With an army of this size, joining the front lines while we're the ones commanding it is nothing but ridiculous." After that, he looked at Rean. "Though, I want to know if you succeeded in your part of the plan for the first regions we'll take."

Rean smiled after hearing that. "Don't worry. Everything worked out just fine."

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Chapter 1812: Approaching

There were five regions surrounding Walfure.

Crimew Region in the north;

Povast Region in the west;

Invank Region in the east;

Legoqer Region in the southeast;

And Antifas Region in the northeast.

In the south and southwest, one would find the border of the Free Continent itself. It's worth remembering that the Free Continent was located at the edge of the center of the Realm of Gods. That meant the continent the Walfure Region bordered was not considered part of the center.

The Jamai Sect was given this border region for the same reason the Jamai Sect disciples didn't want a country in the center. It was because of their lower rank compared to the other 56 continents participating. The top-ranked continents, like Zangron's continent, were located very close to the center of the Free Continent, although Zangron's was on the north side.

Last but not least, the Walfure Region was located in the south-southwest of the Free Continent. That meant the twins would need to head north-northeast if they wanted to reach the center.

Back when the competition started, the Rambram Sect warned everyone that the region located at the very center of the Free Continent would not have any participants in it. Well, it was also probably the region the Soul Gem System asked the twins to head to. However, before the Rambram Sect said so, none of the regions could enter and conquer it.

So far, that was Rean and Roan's main objective. Whether they could win this war or not didn't matter that much. Of course, for Luina and their own sake, they would try to win it. That was because the continental barriers of the Free Continent were also protected. The Kibin in Lian's forehead could not enter it, just like it couldn't enter Jhiod Continent's barrier.

With that said, Roan worked on his plan with the rest, aiming at a single target, the center. Unfortunately, he knew that simply attacking all the regions on the north-northeast side would be the worst idea possible. Even if he succeeded in making a straight line there, the regions that would fall in Walfure's hands would be vulnerable. Any other region could launch an attack and divide the Walfure Region's forces since it was just a long straight line of regions.

With that, Roan's plan was to conquer the entire southwest region where his Walfure Continent was located. At the very least, he did not want to create a situation where the region's forces would be divided if they lost a region.

At the meeting a day before the start of the war, Roan passed a few orders that no one expected. "Once the war starts, none of the armies will move. Just stay put and wait for my orders."

Ramon couldn't help but ask in response. "We have a lot of anti-cultivation suppression formations. Why should we wait? We can literally steamroll the regions around us and expand our influence."

The others agreed with Ramon. It was their chance to create a foothold so that they wouldn't lose even if they lost Walfure.

However, Roan shook his head in response to that. "There's no need. Just keep your positions, as I said. You'll soon understand why."

Meanwhile, Rean was attending another meeting with Havek and other Formation Masters. "It's good that everything worked out as planned. Did you guys come across any obstacles? Don't forget that we need to keep it a secret for as long as possible. At the very least, keep it a secret until we start fighting the surrounding continents."

Havek nodded, saying, "Everything worked out just fine. The illusion formations are very small, after all. Even if one or two are found, it'll be difficult for the enemies to find all of them."

Orvis was one of the responsible people for the plan. "The biggest problem was to move deep into the other regions. Everyone was expecting spies and things like that to try something, so the security at the borders was very high. Fortunately, we didn't need to get close to any of the cities. That gave us some freedom to move."

Klaus agreed with him. "Indeed. Another problem was obviously the time. Since we didn't want to be found, we had to move around the surrounding regions without relying on the teleport formations of the cities. You can already imagine how long it took to reach the furthest parts without using a single teleport formation."

Rean smiled in response, replying, "That's why Havek and I gave everyone the badges and only sent out Transition Realm Formation Masters. After all, they would be able to fly to reach those parts. I'm happy to see that all of you got back."

Suddenly, Roan called Rean through their soul connection. 'I'm heading to the north of our continent, so I'll be out of range for the Dimensional Realm to be accessible.'

Rean didn't mind. 'I'll stay here to manage everything. Even though Tatiana's group prepared all the resources, I prefer to watch over them by myself. My Divine Sense bending skill will tell me if any Space Bending Realm enemy gets close.'

Roan nodded before taking the teleport formation.

"The Space Bending Realm participants and their two subordinates shouldn't be allowed to attack at first, no? The Rambram Sect Master did warn everyone that they could only join the battlefield if they see that they are about to lose their regions."

Rean knew that. "Indeed. However, can you guarantee that none of these regions are just subordinates to some other? Perhaps they'll gladly be disqualified as long as they can take our Walfure Region down. This is just a security matter since the first few days will be pretty chaotic for us."

"That they will," Havek knew what was about to happen.

In the north of the Walfure Region, there was a country called Revasp. That was the country bordering Crimew Region, as well as the one Olly was given. That's the country Roan decided to stay in during the start of the war as it and the other countries in the north had the biggest armies on their borders. Roan also had several different communication badges in his hands, each one used for different countries there.

Suddenly, the badges from various regions began to activate, all with the same messages. From the looks of it, enemies were approaching.

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Chapter 1813: I made sure they will

The Jamai Sect disciples were surprised to see that. On all fronts against the five regions, armies approached Walfure. It also seemed to be a last-minute plan, catching them off guard.

Seeing that, Roan used the communication badges to pass his message. 'Now you know why I couldn't send any of the armies to attack.' Sure, Roan did his best to keep information from escaping Walfure Region. However, after the wars that happened between their own countries, it would have been way too hard to hide their high-level soldiers.

The regions around Walfure understood that since Walfure had found a way to negate the Cultivation Suppression Formation's effects, they couldn't let them be. They allied with each other and immediately attacked Walfure as soon as ten years had passed. The longer they waited, the more cultivators, demon beasts, and spirits in Walfure would obtain the anti-cultivation suppression formation badges.

Roan wasn't really worried, though. In his eyes, it was a last-second struggle as the continents surrounding them knew that they didn't have any chance against Walfure.

'All of you have to understand one thing. A region with nothing more than Nascent Soul Realm soldiers will never have a chance against a region with soldiers at the Soul Transformation Realm and above. The rules of this competition are totally on our side,' Roan explained.

Quite a few were confused about a few points, though. Sure, the armies coming their way were all in the Nascent Soul Realm. Since they had many forces in the Soul Transformation Realm up to the Transition Realm, those enemies couldn't possibly win. However, one must not forget that this five-region alliance had a total of five hundred Space Bending Realm participants! On the other hand, they only had one hundred, so how could they fight that many?

Rean, who was listening to Roan's messages, couldn't help but sigh after hearing that. 'Why don't you give them a better explanation? Ah, whatever. Let me do it.' After that, Rean connected to all the communication badge owners.

'The rules of the Free Continent competition mentioned one thing that will guarantee our victory against these regions. It mentioned that the regions' participants and their subordinates couldn't join the battles. This rule could only be ignored if they were about to lose their continent. The opposite is also valid. If the continent they were conquering was about to be taken down, that means the enemies could send their Space Bending Realm participants to defend. In that case, they could also use their own people to finish the job.'

Rean laughed after saying that. 'Hahaha! This specific rule will guarantee that we won't lose. After all, we aren't attacking, so there's no way Crimew, Povast, Invank, Legoger, and Antifas will get close to

losing their continents. Even if they're allied to each other, it's not like they can send out their five hundred participants to attack us.'

Roan nodded. 'That's basically it. So, just use your soldiers at the Soul Transformation Realm and above to wipe out the attackers. However, do not enter their regions. Stay put in Walfure.'

With that, everyone finally understood why they were safe. Quite a few became nervous that they would have to stand their ground against five times their numbers. Of course, the attacking armies had way more numbers. However, the cultivation difference between the two armies made it way too easy for Walfure to defend itself.

Olly found a problem, though. 'I can understand why we wouldn't lose our region due to the anti-cultivation suppression formation badges. But doesn't that mean we're trapped? If we attack any of the continents around us and force them to their wits' end, wouldn't their alliance have a reason to attack us? We can lose, but we can't win either.'

Roan faintly smiled in response. 'In fact, even if it was just a single region, it would still be very hard to conquer. After all, the enemy side would have a hundred Space Bending Realm participants, just like ours. They will definitely fight without hesitation to make sure they don't lose their region.'

Olly and the other disciples nodded after hearing that. They knew about this specific point since all regions had the exact same number of participants at the Space Bending Realm. But now, it should be even harder with the enemy alliance. It was like Rambram Sect mentioned. If it wasn't in the rules, it wasn't against it. There were no rules saying that your allied Space Bending Realm participants could help defend your country if you were about to lose it. 'In that case, how do you expect to take the five regions around us?'

'Take them? Why should I?' Roan asked.

'This...' Those words made everyone even more confused. They naturally had to conquer every region if they wanted to win the war. Rambram Sect made it very clear that it doesn't want any 'division of rewards' between powers. One power had to conquer it all, or everyone in this place would lose.

Though, Olly eventually understood why. 'Right! Why didn't I think about it before? We shouldn't attack regardless of what happens. At least not during the first few years.'

Roan nodded, satisfied. 'It's good that you understand. For those who didn't understand, know that these five regions are attacking us with all their strength. They're relying on the fact that they're close to the border of the Free Continent, hoping that the others in the surroundings won't come after them. We are their greatest threat, but not the only one. As long as we hold our positions, the five regions around us will keep spending their armies against our better-equipped and higher-level warriors. Let alone their Space Bending Realm participants.'

Luina couldn't help but ask in response. 'But what if no one attacks them from outside? It's not like we can wait here forever.'

The war would only last for two hundred years. If neither side could take the other, they would eventually be swarmed by whoever was able to grow stronger during their wait.

'Oh, but they will attack,' replied Rean with a playful smile. 'I made sure they will.'

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#### Chapter 1814: The Seeds

During the first week, Walfure Region did nothing more than stand its ground in the cities near the borders. The support formations and the well-equipped higher-level armies were having a leisurely time while their opponents lost more and more soldiers.

The region one could find above Crimew was called Jutras, and it was a region that also bordered Povast on its southwest side, while it bordered Antifas in the southeast. In its capital, Golebias, there was a meeting going on between the participants in charge of this region.

"Are you sure about this?" A man asked his subordinate as all the participants of his region heard the conversation.

"Yes, young master," the subordinate answered. "Crimew, Povast, and Antifas Regions have allied. Surprisingly, it was quite easy to send scouts into these three regions. None of the three have any army anywhere near the borders separating them."

Someone else couldn't help but ask after hearing that, "But how did you know that you could send scouts that deep into their borders?"

"Because of this," the subordinate showed a System Sect communication badge. No, to be more specific, he brought out ten of them! "We found these inside the spatial ring of the spies we killed. At first, we didn't know what it was and didn't pay much attention. However, after sending our Divine Senses inside, we found something unbelievable."

Everyone narrowed their eyes before deciding to send their Divine Senses into the communication badge. "This..."

Immediately, they saw the many things that the badge could do. Not only that, but a few messages could also be heard once in a while. The badges themselves had a few emblems on them, showing which region they came from.

Walfure Region wasn't an exception in this regard. In their case, they used the Jamai Sect's emblem, which was a symbol that looked like a sun being pierced by three spears.

Seeing the different symbols on the badges, the participants of the Jutras Region had a foreboding feeling. "Why didn't we hear about this before?! How did they use such an advanced communication method while keeping us in the blind?"

The subordinate shook his head, replying, "We only found it these past few days after the war started. We believe that before the ten-year deadline was over, the participants of the three regions didn't distribute these badges to their soldiers at all. In that case, it would have been extremely hard for us to find anything."

Someone was more concerned about something else. "It doesn't matter now. How about their armies that are bordering our Jutras Region? With this communication method, we'll be hard-pressed to defend against their forces."

"We heard from these badges that Crimew, Antifas, and Povast are attacking the Walfure Region instead. Of course, no sensitive matter seems to be discussed through these badges. We can't send any spies that far into their territory, so we don't know what's happening there either. However, we can deduce that Walfure is most likely not having a good time," the subordinate explained.

The head disciple in Jutras nodded after hearing that. "That makes sense. They're getting rid of any possible hindrance behind their borders first. If I were them, I would do that as well. Especially if I had access to such a wonderful communication method. After getting rid of Walfure, they'll be able to focus on our Jutras instead."

The subordinate immediately added. "That's not all. Something of this level couldn't have been developed during this competition. With that being said, this is a communication method that all three regions knew even before entering the Free Continent. They didn't ally during the competition. They've already allied even before it started. Otherwise, it would have been pretty idiotic to share this communication method with the others."

That subordinate's words caused the Jutras Region's participants to become even more concerned. "We've been focusing on the north and east borders since those were the best targets. Because Antifas, Povast, and Crimew were sent to the regions closer to the border, we believed that they weren't our match. We even grew confident since they didn't attack us, so we simply thought they didn't dare to do it at the moment. Seems like we had been really, really underestimating the enemy."

The subordinate couldn't help but ask the head disciple. "Sir, what do I do with these badges?"

"Give them to me. Also, take this token and pass this jade slip to Umokis in Garfevo City. After that, you can continue to look for the spies," the head disciple ordered.

"Understood." The subordinate quickly passed the badges over and left right after with the token and Jade Slip.

In the meeting room, the head disciple of the Jutras Region then started to discuss how they would deal with the three regions below. In the end, there wasn't much to be addressed. They had to eliminate the threat before it became too dangerous.

Back in the Formation Guild of Golebias City, that subordinate took a teleport formation back to the borders of Jutras. As soon as he arrived on the other side, he passed the badge to the guy called Umokis.

"Understood." Umokis nodded. He was the commander of the army stationed in the bordering city. "You did well, Hilian. No wonder you're one of our bests."

Hilian laughed out loud in response. "Hahaha! This is nothing! The important thing is that we found out about the three-region alliance in time." Hilian seemed to know Umokis as they talked for a while. Eventually, Hilian was allowed to leave and join the forces scouting the borders once again. After all, he was one of the leading scouts in this area.

However, Hilian suddenly stopped midway. Soon after, his pupils changed as two more pupils appeared there. That was also followed by a pendant being removed from his neck.

The moment the pendant came out, Light Element started to escape his body as Hilian's appearance changed. In the end, that wasn't Hilian at all. It was Luan instead!

Luan then removed the makeup on his face, which he learned how to do from none other than Roan. "I have to say, uncle Rean's Light bending skill is just too convenient. It can't be detected by Divine Senses at all. Father's makeup lessons also helped a lot."

He then looked at the sky after that. "Fosxin and the others shouldn't have any problems either. Well, the seeds have been planted. Time to head back."

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Chapter 1815: It Isn't Far Away

Now, one might be wondering how the others were able to use the communication badges. After all, they were bound by Divine Sense and blood. If one didn't do that, they didn't work...or so the System Sect badges were made.

However, for this plan of deception, Rean and Havek created a few badges that didn't need such a thing. First of all, the feature where it was bound was something they added after to keep the System Sect's communication system a secret.

However, it was far from being a secret anymore, so why should they care about hiding it? Better yet, why not use the fact that it couldn't be hidden anymore to their advantage? There was definitely no lack of participants in other regions that would love to get their hands on it and use the communication system to conquer the rest of the continent. All they needed... was to know it existed.

Now then, what if the 'owners' of the communication badges just so happened to be the regions attacking Walfure? Naturally, the other regions beyond their borders couldn't leave them alone. It was even more perfect if they thought that Walfure was nothing more than a weak region. In Jutras and the other regions' eyes, the ten years the communication system was hidden was enough to put them on the backfoot.

That was all possible thanks to the anti-cultivation suppression badges. That allowed Transition Realm beings from Walfure to ignore the cities of Crimew, Antifas, and the other surrounding regions as they flew straight to Jutras. Similar ones also brought Fosxin, Vana, Leonardo, and company to the other areas bordering the five regions attacking Walfure.

They weren't the only ones, though. As seen in the meeting between Rean and Havek, they also got several of their Formation Masters to go together. Why? Because the badges needed antennas to send and receive signals. They could communicate with each other if they were close enough, but it was necessary to first make it look like communications wouldn't stop during the period of deception. That was also why concealment formations were necessary. They had to conceal the antennas. With the antennas being able to send signals tens of thousands of kilometers away, it was possible to build them without anyone noticing.

Neither Rean nor Havek was afraid of the boundless badges being used against them later. They had made those badges in a way that they would stop working permanently after a month or so. The circuitry runes inside would break apart, and only the System Sect knew how to create Circuitry Rune Formations...or inscriptions, for that matter.

Last but not least, Rean gave Luan's group his Light Element Gathering Equipment and taught them how to use the Light bending skill. With Roan's lessons on espionage, it didn't take long for them to take up the position of some relatively more important scouts in the regions they entered. Makeup, light bending, pretense... that was the key to fool those regions into thinking that they were in great danger and that Walfure would fall soon.

Two weeks after the start of the war, Crimew was the first region to suddenly receive an urgent message from its border with the other regions.

"Report! Jutras Region is sending its armies into our borders. They're coming from all sides!"

Crimew's head disciple, Rhathio, was taken aback to hear that. "What?! That's impossible! They should have no reason to attack us. We purposely kept very small armies against their border to show that we had no intention to attack them at the moment!"

In Legoqer Region, Kliwesk was just as shocked. "They should have much worse opponents to deal with at the moment. What the hell are the Qitanda Region participants thinking?!"

His subordinate shook his head, replying, "Sir, Qitanda isn't the only one. Vresixblae Region on our northeast border is charging forward as well!"

"Fuck this shit!" Wigari suddenly shouted back in Invank Region. He was the great-grandson of the clan head and the leader of the participants of the Yaskas Clan in Invank. "Those Cloberqi Region idiots should have aimed at Vrindias Region. Why the hell are they coming at us?!"

It took a few hours until the five regions understood that all of them were being attacked at once. Worse than that, they all thought that it was happening because they attacked Walfure.

Well, they weren't wrong. Walfure was indeed the region that caused this issue. It's just that it wasn't for the reason they initially thought. In their heads, they believed the outer regions were attacking to take advantage of their full-scale attack against Walfure. Well, that couldn't be any wronger. Most of those regions didn't even know Walfure was being attacked until a few days ago. However, because they all thought these regions were allies with each other and had a communication system, they became enemies that they had to defeat.

Meanwhile, Roan continued to command the disciples and the armies within all the borders. As huge as the advantage of cultivation and equipment might have been, the five regions' numbers were still much higher. He had to do his best to reduce the losses as much as possible.

Rean, Havek, and everyone else also worked on the other sides of the war, like logistics, treatment, and things like that.

It was during one of these days that Roan finally began to receive messages through the communication badges. The first one was the badge of Olly's country. 'Hey, Roan. The Crimew Region army attacking my cities on the border has begun to retreat at full speed.'

Roan nodded. 'Just keep your position. There's no need to follow them.'

'Are you sure?' Olly asked back. 'If we attacked them from behind now, we could incur quite a few severe losses before they exit Walfure.'

Roan nodded, replying, 'Don't worry. We've already incurred enough losses during this last week or so. A little more or a little less will make no difference.'

Soon, more of these messages arrived in the commanding center as Roan passed exactly the same orders. However, he also warned everyone. 'Don't go anywhere, but prepare your armies to move out. The time to conquer the five regions around us isn't far away.'

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Chapter 1816: Surrender to Walfure

While the other regions thought they were at a disadvantage, Walfure was extremely quiet. The scouts of Crimew, Povast, Invank, Legoger, and Antifas stayed at their borders with Walfure en masse, making sure Walfure would be the one to attack them while they were attacked by others. All of them thought they would have a terrible time once Walfure and its soldiers at the Transition Realm and below decided to attack one of them.

However, such a thing didn't happen. During the several months that followed, Vresxiblae, Jutras, Qitanda, and the other regions advanced more and more into their territories. One city after another was lost on all sides with their armies, already somewhat damaged thanks to their attack on Walfure, being wiped out here and there.

Nevertheless, Roan remained steadfast in his orders to not attack anyone. He was waiting for an opportunity first. "The participants can't come out unless they're at serious risk of losing their region. However, there's a big problem. Be it the five regions around us or the regions attacking them, none of them want to risk losing their Space Bending Realm participants. If they do that, they'll be at a disadvantage once they need to fight the participants of deeper regions in this continent."

That was something everyone was having trouble thinking of a solution for. Even if one conquered a region, that would only happen once one pushed it to the edge and got the chance to fight their Space Bending Realm participants. Then again, to defeat them, one would need to use one's own. How many Space Bending Realm participants would fall during that moment?

Olly and the others knew that. "That may be the case, sure. But we can't wait here for the next 190 years. That will only end in everyone's defeat."

Roan nodded, replying, "That's true. That means everyone has only one choice. Force the participants who lost their region under the winner's command. If they do so, they'll still have more Space Bending Realm participants to fight once they attack other regions."

"That's not gonna happen," Luina immediately answered in response. "First of all, you would run the risk of being betrayed by them in the future. If they haven't been killed, that means their continent hasn't lost yet, right? They can wait for the right chance and counterattack from the inside to take control over the power that conquered your region."

Roan agreed with Luina, saying, "Exactly. However, they don't have any other choice. If they don't accept these time bombs into their forces, then defeat is guaranteed once they find a region with more Space Bending Realm participants remaining. Let me put it this way. Take the defeated participants and have a chance of being betrayed but also winning. Don't take the defeated participants and lose for sure due to the lack of manpower. Which one do you think they'll choose when given a chance?"

"This..." It was a meaningless question. Everyone would absolutely take the first option. If they could prepare for possible betrayal and contain it, the time these participants were used to fighting on their side would be a huge advantage. "However, the winning force would definitely ask for the defeated participants to take the front lines. I refuse to believe the defeated participants will follow those orders."

"If you continue with that line of thinking, you will return to the start," said Roan. "There's a very simple way of using the defeated participants when the winners go after another region. You just need to reach an agreement where both sides will attack that region at the same time."

"Wait!" Olly then found a huge problem. "Doesn't that mean that once Crimew and the rest are conquered, the regions attacking them will have a lot more Space Bending Realm participants? We can defend for a very long time, but we'll become more stuck after that."

Roan smiled in response as he looked at the time. "Let me see... it has been five months since Crimew and the other regions retrieved their armies from inside our borders to head back and defend against the other attackers."

Roan then looked to the side, where one of the scouts he trained during the past ten years was standing. "How is it? Did any of the regions around us already send out their Space Bending Realm participants?"

The guy shook his head, replying, "No, Sect Master. However, we recognize that the region closest to do that is Crimew. Their region is quite big compared to the other four, so it's very hard to defend after they were suddenly attacked. We believe it shouldn't take more than a few weeks until Crimew's Space Bending Realm participants come out and fight the Jutras Region's participants."

"That's good enough. Send the emissary to Crimew to ask them to surrender," Roan ordered.

"What?!" Everyone in the room was taken aback. "Are you asking Crimew to surrender to us even though they're being attacked by Jutras instead?"

Roan nodded, replying, "Why wouldn't I? That's their best choice, after all."

Leticia didn't think so. "You must be dreaming. It would obviously be better for them to surrender to Jutras in case they lose the Space Bending Realm battles. That way, they could join Jutras and make sure to take us out just like they intended at first."

Rean, who was also listening, immediately shook his head, saying, "Naive. You forgot the main problem of attacking our region. Unless you also have forces with anti-cultivation suppression formation badges, no one can pass through our defenses."

"Isn't that one more reason to ally with another region and increase the attack power? They could use their combined numbers to wear us out," Ramon mentioned.

Neither Rean nor Roan answered, though. Instead, Roan sent out his own orders. "Make sure to attack Crimew Region as soon as our emissary delivers the message. However, I don't want the other armies on the other regions' borders to move. Only the ones at the north are to enter Crimew."

Sure enough, the emissary was received by the participants of Crimew as he went straight to the point. "Surrender to Walfure."

Death... and me

#### Chapter 1817: Reached Its Limit

Rhathio, the head disciple, was the only one present at the moment. The other participants of his region were out, commanding their armies with their subordinates. Nevertheless, he was sure that everyone would have felt as angry as him in this situation. "You come into my region and ask us to surrender. Good, good! There's no need for you to head back and tell your leaders that I refuse. Your death should be a good enough message for that."

However, the emissary didn't look that concerned. "That's true. You could kill me very easily. However, how about you listen to the rest of the message? I only asked for you to surrender first because our leader told me to do so. There's more."

"Is that so?" Rhathio asked. "Then tell me what else you could say that would stop me from taking your head."

The emissary nodded before continuing, "Your region has no chance of surviving against the Jutras Region and their Space Bending Realm participants. You probably think that if they really force it, you guys will give up on your region and ally with them. Later, you can try to take control again, right?"

Rhathio wasn't impressed with the guy's words, though. "So what? We still haven't lost. Even if we do, joining forces with Jutras should give us enough soldiers to attack your region again."

The emissary nodded once again, replying, "Indeed. That's why you should take the chance to surrender to us first. If you do so, wouldn't that mean you could use our communication method as well? We both know that your five-region alliance attacked us because of the huge advantage our communication method provided. Attacking the antennas showed no result whatsoever either. Which one do you think is better? Surrendering and helping the Jutras Region or surrendering and helping the region with the advantage in communication? Later on, you could attempt to betray us and take everything as well. Don't forget that we've also found out how to make copies of the anti-cultivation suppression formation badges."

"This..." Rhathio would be lying if he said he wasn't interested.

"Report!" Suddenly, a cultivator entered the room in a hurry. "Sir, Walfure has made its move. Its armies are entering through the south and are marching deeper into our region."

Rhathio immediately looked at the emissary after that. "Is this part of your plan? Distract me here with that offer while your army takes my region through the south?"

The emissary shook his head, saying, "Of course not! That's just our help for your region. We will indeed conquer a few cities on the south side. That way, your region will finally reach the brink of losing, and you guys will get the green light to fight against Walfure and Jutras. However, it's at this moment that we'll both ally and attack Jutras instead. How about that?"

Rhathio gritted his teeth after hearing that. Wasn't it working way too well for Walfure? "And what if I refuse?"

The emissary smiled in response. "Well, if that were to be the case, you can only send your region's Space Bending Realm participants to defend against Walfure and Jutras at the same time. Oh, and also, I wouldn't try to ally with Jutras if I were you."

Rhathio had to make a difficult decision. Indeed, he could pretend to ally with Walfure but surrender to Jutras instead. When Walfure appeared to help them, Jutras and Crimew's Space Bending Realm participants could take them down together. However, they ultimately wouldn't be able to take the communication system with them. After all, the Jamai Sect disciples weren't anywhere near at risk of losing their Walfure Region. They could not push this fight into Walfure due to the rules.

The emissary then turned around to leave. "It will take a few weeks for us to conquer the necessary amount of cities in Crimew before your Space Bending Realm participants can come out. Just send someone to meet our army on the south once you get the green light from the Rambram Sect supervisor of your region." Just like how Hilanshi was the supervisor of Walfure, Crimew also had its own supervisor. It was the supervisors who determined whether a region was about to be lost or not.

Rhathio wanted nothing more than to kill the guy, but he knew that he had to ponder over this issue. Killing the emissary now could possibly stop Walfure from accepting their surrender. It was a lot more important to judge whether being Walfure was the best option or not.

'Attack!' Olly's army received his Divine Sense message as they assaulted the first city near Crimew and Walfure's borders, Tinka. However, because Crimew sent most of its armies to defend against Jutras in the north, there weren't many soldiers to protect it. Well, since Walfure only sent its north armies into Crimew, it wasn't like their advantage in numbers was that big.

The same happened to Givolp, Lalidrin, Qhwert, and other border cities in the south as the other disciples of the Jamai Sect commanded their armies. Behind all their actions were Rean and especially Roan. Not to mention that they had a lot of soldiers at the Transition Realm and below on their side.

But then again, it wasn't like Rean and Havek were the only ones who could build support and protective formations. Thanks to that, the cities were able to defend themselves for several hours before falling. The good thing was that Walfure kept its losses at a minimum with the advantage in cultivation.

Though, moving armies of such sizes was anything but easy. The twins' group took several days just to bring everyone to the cities' borders. And that's because Rean and Havek prepared the teleport formations ahead of time. Naturally, it took several weeks to conquer more cities deeper into Crimew Region with their limited personnel.

In any case, with Jutras conquering everything in the north and Walfure conquering everything in the south, the Rambram Sect representative finally made an announcement. "Crimew has reached its limit. The Rambram Sect now allows the region's participants to come out and try to repel the enemies' forces."

Death... and me

Chapter 1818: No One Escapes

As one could imagine, since Crimew was allowed to use Space Bending Realm participants, that meant everyone else attacking it could do so as well. Immediately, Jutras' Space Bending Realm cultivators, demon beasts, and spirits entered the fray.

In the south, the Walfure Region did the same thing. Since Walfure was nowhere near to losing its region, they didn't need to keep any of their Space Bending Realm members behind. With that said, Roan sent out 90 of the Jamai Sect's disciples. He only left ten behind since he wanted to account for any possibilities.

As for the battleground, that was the city of Himesthil, located close to the capital of Crimew.

The head disciple of the Jutras Region, Pourchaq, looked at Rhathio and said, "You should surrender now while there's still time. Look behind you. Walfure is conquering your cities in the south nonstop after you attacked it. Now their Space Bending Realm participants are here for payback."

Olly, who was the strongest disciple of Walfure, snorted in response. "What do you want to do? Use the Crimew Region idiots for your own benefit? It would be much better if they allied with us."

"Ally with you?" Rhathio laughed out loud in response. "Hahaha! Your Walfure Region only survived because our alliance was attacked almost as soon as we attacked you. Did you forget you're a region at the border? Strength-wise, your Space Bending Realm members aren't as strong as ours. Not that we'll surrender to Jutras either."

Olly didn't waste time after hearing that. "So be it."

Olly's body suddenly began to turn crystalline while Spatial Power gathered around him. As Luina mentioned in the past, Olly was part of the Glass Race, which was considered very strong at controlling Divine Energy but was weak in terms of body strength. However, Olly cultivated the Tyrannical Iron Body Cultivation Technique to make up for that exact flaw. It was a very hard technique, especially for his race. Nevertheless, he succeeded, which became one of the reasons for him to be the strongest Space Bending Realm disciple of the Jamai Sect.

'Thousand Bolt Domain!'

The area around him was covered by shadows of artificial clouds as lightning cracked all throughout the area.

'Dimensional Lightning Divider!'

Lightning Element joined the splitting of space that came crashing down on Rhathio. Sure enough, he chose the leader of the Crimew Region as his opponent. He still couldn't do what Sally did in the Lost Star Realm, which was to fuse Elements and space as one. However, he didn't seem to be far away from that.

"Hmph!" Rhathio wasn't the head disciple for nothing, though.

'Melting Body Domain!'

Spatial Powers also gathered around him as Fire Element increased the temperature of the surroundings.

'Sun Breaking Spear!'

A huge spear of fire appeared above his head and charged against Olly's Dimensional Lightning Divider, with the two crashing in the middle.

\*Boom!\*

Space contorted as Lightning and Fire Element raged in the middle. Yet, Olly didn't wait for the aftermath as he used his Lightning Movement skill and Spatial Powers to maneuver around.

Unfortunately, Rhathio wasn't coming to fight him. Instead, Rhathio saw himself forced to turn around and defend against Pourchaq. "Shameless!"

Pourchaq wasn't in the mood to wait for Olly and Rhathio to fight, though. "Do you think I'll just stand still while he takes your head? Dream on! I need to take it myself if I want to conquer this region."

Pourchaq used his Water Element and Space Power to activate his Domain and attack Rhathio, who was currently at a disadvantage. After all, Olly also joined the fray.

Those three weren't the only ones, though. All the regions' participants fell into a battle at the Space Bending Realm level. However, the main focus wasn't the Crimew Region's participants. Instead, it was a three-way fight. Even if Crimew surrendered or all of their participants died, Jutras still needed to defeat Walfure if they wanted to take this territory.

However, they were all in the Space Bending Realm. Defeating someone was one thing. Killing them was something else. Let alone the fact that all sides weren't really going all out, keeping some energy in reserve in case they needed to flee.

Meanwhile, without anyone noticing, Roan appeared on the north side of Himesthil. To be more specific, he was around 20 or so kilometers away from the fight. He also kept Rean's Light and Divine Sense bending skill activated. At this distance, he wasn't afraid of Rhathio or Pourchaq's Divine Senses piercing through Rean's skill. Another reason for this distance was that it was far enough for the natural spatial detection to not catch him.

He wasn't the only one, though. He was standing in the air with Kentucky, high above the skies. "How is it? Can you see it?"

Kentucky nodded, replying, "Yep. The sky is very clear, so I can see the battles taking place." Kentucky's eyes were still as good as ever. "It looks pretty much like a free for all at the moment. All sides obviously have some tricks under their sleeves."

"No one wants to lose, after all," replied Rean, also standing there in the air. "Jutras can afford to not take Crimew Region, but they can't afford to lose their Space Bending Realm forces."

Kentucky continued to speak. "We seem to be the ones at a slight disadvantage here. We only brought 90 of our Space Bending Realm members. However, both Crimew and Jutras seemed to have all 100 from each side."

"It's meaningless," Roan told him. "As long as they have a way to flee, this battle will eventually end up with Crimew losing. After all, only Crimew can't afford to run away. If they do, they lose their region. They'll wear out first."

Rean shrugged his shoulders when he heard that. "That's why we're here, right? To make sure none of them escapes."

Roan coldly smiled as he looked at the over hundred Transition Realm cultivators, demon beasts, and spirits behind him. "All of you already know what to do. I don't want a single soul to escape this place after we start, understood?"

"Yes, sir!" They all answered.

Roan nodded before looking at Rean, asking him, "You evacuated all the unnecessary personnel, right?"

"But of course!" Rean nodded as well.

Roan then joined the other Transition Realm subordinates that also came for that fight and headed to the center of the battleground. Soon after, he accessed the Dimensional Realm. Or, to be more specific, the core of the System Sect's building.

\*Vup!\*

Suddenly, an entire sect appeared on the battlefield.

Death... and me

Chapter 1819: It's Your Turn

"What is that?!" No one expected something that big to appear out of nowhere. Some even wondered if it was a trap prepared by the Crimew Region participants. Of course, Rhathio and his own companions were as lost as Jutras Region's participants. They hadn't heard anything about that at all.

Inside the System Sect, deep inside a giant room in the Formations Hall, a thousand cultivators stood in specific positions. At the center was a core filled with their own Divine Energy.

\*Bzzzzz...\*

In just two or three seconds, the entire System Sect began to shine as something that looked like a ray of light shot out from the hall. After that, the ray spread after reaching a certain altitude, quickly forming a dome in an area of tens of kilometers around the battlefield. Everyone there was now trapped inside.

Though, that wasn't all. Another dome also appeared, covering the System Sect itself. Those who were trapped were now in between the outer and inner domes. No one had time to react or flee as this happened too quickly.

'What is that thing? Is this part of the surrendering you talked about?' Rhathio immediately asked Olly in the middle of the battlefield.

Olly bitterly smiled in response. Even he didn't expect this to happen. Sure, he still remembered how the System Sect had been moved when the other powers tried to conquer Walfure and the regions around it. However, never did he think the twins would bring the System Sect here. After all, that was the place where the communication system was stored. Without it, the communication system simply didn't work.

\*Dummmmmmmmm...\*

Unfortunately, Rhathio had no chance to listen to Olly's answer. That's because he suddenly felt like his own body had become tens of times heavier! A gravity formation activated, affecting everyone who wasn't related to the System Sect.

"Retreat!" The Jutras Region didn't waste time, though. Pourchaq immediately passed the order to get away from this place. They had checked it thoroughly before they came to fight in this place. There wasn't anything here similar to the sect or the formations that were now active. Nevertheless, the facts were right in front of their eyes. They needed to first get out of its range since they couldn't risk losing their members. "Everyone, focus on the same point of that barrier. I refuse to believe it can withstand the power of all of us together."

Even though he said such a thing, the gravity formations were making it really hard just to stay in the skies. The Transition Realm subordinates they brought with them were also on the ground, not being able to stay there.

Roan's Divine Sense then spread out as he contacted Olly and the others. 'How long will you keep looking? Can't you see when a chance appears? No wonder you guys were put under our command.'

Olly's mouth twitched after hearing that. 'Fuck you! I was just going to do exactly that!'

'Dimensional Lightning Divider!'

Olly quickly passed by Rhathio as he attacked Pourchaq from the Jutras Region. Ramon, Luina, Leticia, Andriale, Qrimete, Franga, Regila, all the Space Bending Realm members of the Jamai Sect that came to this place spread their domains again and attacked Jutras.

Rhathio and his companions were left there, their eyes wide open. After all, the gravity formations also affected them. 'What to do? What to do?!' He didn't know if he should join Walfure or try to escape. After all, they were in just as bad condition as the Jutras Region's participants in this place.

However, he received Roan's Divine Sense message straight after. 'Didn't you agree to surrender to Walfure? This is your chance. If you don't, hehe. Once you do, go attack the Jutras Region participants as well.'

'And what stops you from killing us as soon as you kill the Jutras Region's participants?' Rhathio still wanted some sort of guarantee.

'Uh... are you an idiot? I'm in control here. Whether you want to trust my Walfure Region or not is not my problem. You can just wait and die with your companions if you prefer not surrendering,' Roan answered, not caring at all.

Meanwhile, outside the containment barrier of the System Sect, Rean and Havek watched the scene unfold. "Oh, oh! Look at that! We really did create quite a strong Divine Low-level formation, didn't we?"

Havek nodded in his human form. "Yeah. By adding Circuitry Runes to the mix, I believe our barrier is much stronger than any Divine Low-level formation you can find. The Circuitry Gravity Formation is what surprised me, though. I didn't expect that it would be this effective against Space Bending Realm opponents. After all, they can use a lot of Space Power."

Rean shrugged his shoulders, clarifying, "You seem to be making a mistake here. Even if you can control space, that doesn't mean you can control gravity. Controlling space will not reduce the effect of the Circuitry Gravity Formation on you at all."

Havek had to admit Rean was right. "Well, that's true."

Kentucky, who had flown above the formation, suddenly sent Rean a message. 'We have a few targets to hunt.'

Roan's plan was to not let a single soul escape this place. After all, this method could be used indefinitely as long as the other side didn't expect it. In fact, it could be used even if they did expect it, but that would give the enemy the necessary time to prepare against it.

Rean looked at all the Transition Realm cultivators, demon beasts, and spirits behind him before giving the order. "It's up to you now. Make sure you cover all sides of the formation, so the scouts hiding in the area can't escape."

"Understood!" Everyone quickly spread out after that. After all, the System Sect trapped all the high-level experts. That meant only Nascent Soul Realm ones remained.

\*Bang, bang, bang...\*

However, Rean could see how the attacks of the Jutras Region members weakened the protective barrier. 'Sure enough, it's strong, but it can't deflect the desperate attacks of the Jutras Region participants. It seems like they're all paying some price to fight back and attack the formation at the same time,' said Rean through the twins' Soul Connection.

Roan wasn't the least bit concerned, saying after that, "Hey, Celis. It's your turn."

Death... and me

Chapter 1820: Let's see how long they can last

"I thought you would make me wait forever," Celis answered with a smile. He quickly changed back to his World Swallowing Cedar form.

Back on the Zafins' planet, Celis at the peak of the Transition Realm was enough to spread his roots over the entire planet. Now he was once more back at the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm. Of course, in the Realm of Gods, the restrictions brought about by Divine Energy made such a distance impossible for Celis to achieve at his level.

However, Celis only had to cover a few tens of kilometers, so it was an easy task for him at the moment. His roots quickly spread outwards, passing through the outside of the barrier. Yet, he wasn't planning to cultivate. Instead, he just intended to use his skill on a much wider scale.

'Divine Energy Draining Prison!'

His roots then shot out of the ground, growing around the dome. In a matter of seconds, the entire dome was covered in Celis' roots. After that, Celis' ability as a World Swallowing Cedar activated, draining Divine Energy from everyone inside that prison. He couldn't use the Divine Energy of other people since it wasn't compatible with him. However, no one said he couldn't use it for the formations that kept the barrier and gravity formations up.

Immediately, the barrier strengthened as the gravity continued to weigh down the Jutras Region participants. All their secret skills and sacrifices to increase their power were rapidly losing their effect. "What the hell is this?!"

"Hahaha!" Olly only laughed in response while he increased the power of his attacks even more. "What else could it be? This is how you'll fall to our Walfure Region."

"Trash who was sent to the continent's borders! Our Jutras Region was positioned further inside because we're obviously stronger than you bunch!" At the same time, Pourchaq used a Divine Sense message to contact Rhathio's group. 'It's obvious that you haven't decided yet whether to ally with these guys. After all, you would have attacked us straight away after this trap was mounted. The Walfure guys are giving you time to decide. However, you better think it through. Do you think you can overthrow a power that can do such a thing? You'll have a higher chance to do that if you surrender to us. Besides, there's no guarantee that the Walfure Region won't kill you after they kill us. Join us. There isn't even a need to surrender. Just help us escape this trap. It shouldn't be a bad choice for you either.'

Rhathio and his companions were exchanging Divine Sense messages nonstop. However, he knew that Pourchaq was right. They still had a chance to take the Walfure Region participants down if they allied right now. After that, Jutras probably wouldn't have the strength to continue the attack and would have to retreat. Anything after that could be thought after.

But then again, the System Sect had already done so much. Was it really everything they had under their sleeve? Rhathio's group was really running out of time as their Divine Energy was being absorbed by Celis.

Eventually, Rhathio made his decision. 'Everything happened because of the Walfure Region! Everyone, do you really want to surrender in such a shameful manner?! I refuse!'

Without waiting for his companions to answer, Rhathio immediately shot in Olly's direction. Olly was obviously one of the strongest disciples of the Jamai Sect, so he had to help Pourchaq take him down first.

The members of the Crimew Region were divided. Some wanted to surrender to Walfure, while others agreed with Rhathio. But ultimately, as the head disciple in charge of the Crimew Region, everyone had to follow his decision. Not that they were obligated to, but with the other half attacking, the option to surrender to Walfure was completely gone.

'Melting Body Domain!'

'Sun Breaking Spear!'

Olly was surprised at how Rhathio suddenly attacked him again. Weren't they supposed to surrender to Walfure? 'Fuck!' He was forced to stop his battle against Pourchaq and retreat. Fortunately, the gravity formation was on his side, so he could escape without much problem.

The same thing happened all throughout, with some of the Jamai Sect disciples becoming injured due to their slower reaction. Well, the Jutras Region participants weren't doing much better since it took time until Rhathio's side made its decision.

Inside the barrier protecting the System Sect, Luan couldn't help but say, "Father, it seems like they didn't like the idea of surrendering to us."

Roan nodded. "I have to admit they went against my predictions. Sure enough, people from near the center of the Realm of Gods are all way too proud. Well, it's not like I didn't expect that to happen."

Roan then spread his Divine Sense once more before ordering the disciples and Formation Masters inside the Formation Hall. 'Alright, just turn on the rest of the formations.'

Eight years and ten months. That was the amount of time the System Sect had after they received the Jamai Sect Master's orders to stop fighting and unify. There was definitely no lack of time for Havek and Rean to play with formations, especially since they had another Divine level Formation Master, which was Franga.

Divine Stones were added to the Divine Energy of the sect members and Celis. Following that, three more formations were activated.

Naturally, Rean and Havek watched it happen from the outside. "Oh, there they go."

'Poison Mist Illusion Formation!'

'Infinite Swords Slaughtering Formation Array!'

'Light Scattering Body Enhancement Formation!'

The poison mist caused the meridians of those inside to become clogged. Of course, one could defend against it by creating a Divine Energy Barrier Formation. But that would mean spending a lot more Divine Energy on something else other than battling. Celis was already there taking it from them, so it wasn't as easy.

The Infinite Swords Slaughtering Formation Array was something Havek and Rean learned from Franga. It's just that they added their own personal touch to it.

Last but not least was the Light Scattering Body Enhancement Formation. Rean had his Light Aura Burst skill. It could enhance others' abilities in the area. He simply turned it into a formation by using a lot of Light Gathering Metal created with his Elements Gathering method. It wasn't as good as touching someone, but it allowed it to reach a much wider area.

"Let's see how long they can last." Rean and Havek sat in midair to watch it unfold.