

## Death 1831

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Chapter 1831: There is a much better thing to do with it

Just like what happened with Rean and Roan, the Universe Foundation Fragment in Fratekla's crystal ball reacted to the pushing force in the old ruins. Soon, a passage without anything blocking their way opened, allowing the demons to pass through.

Back on the twins' side, Roan continued his talk with the demon soul on the altar. "So, wanna make a deal?"

The demon soul pondered about the situation for a bit. He knew Roan's strength, so he would definitely have the advantage when an Underworld Soul Forcing Link was used between them. However, if Roan knew about the link, he definitely knew about the possibility of taking over the other part's soul with enough time. Not to mention the twins knew about the Foundation Fragments.

The demon felt like something wasn't right, so he asked, "What kind of deal do you want to do? Is it strength? Submission?"

Roan shook his head, replying, "I want knowledge. I know very well you have no intention whatsoever to help us in a dangerous situation. If anything, our death could possibly set you free, so you won't move a muscle. Since you could feel the presence of the Universe Foundation Fragment and tell what it was, I believe you know where to find more of them."

"Ha!" The demon soul snorted in response. "Even if I did have this information, why would I tell you that? You seem to know what the Universe Foundation Fragments are too. Naturally, you should know how important they are. That's something the top experts of the Realm of Gods and the Foundation Realm itself would die to get their hands on."

"Foundation Realm itself?" Those words took the twins by surprise. "Is this the place where you can find the angel races?"

"Hmph!" The demon soul snorted again. "So you do know about the angels. That's correct. The light side of the Foundation Realm is dominated by the angel races. As for the dark side, you should know that better than anyone else, Roan."

Roan immediately nodded, responding, "The demons." It's not that he knew it, but instead, it seemed pretty obvious after he heard about the light side.

Rean then pondered in silence for a bit before saying, "Hey, demon. We still don't know your name. It's annoying to keep calling you demon nonstop."

"Travux," the demon replied. "Since you have some relation to the fragments, I guess you're at least worthy of knowing my name. Not that anyone would remember me anymore anyway."

Sure enough, not even Sister Orb knew anything about Travux. Though, Soul Gem, the soul that was sleeping in the Soul Gem System, might have known something. However, ever since Soul Gem went back to sleep, he hadn't shown his presence anymore.

Rean nodded after hearing that. "So, Travux, this deal shouldn't be too bad for you. There has to be something you want at the moment, and it might be possible with the deal. Are you afraid of Roan being able to take over your soul instead of the opposite? You should know better than anyone else that he doesn't have the cultivation to do such a thing. However, there's one thing I can tell you. We're absolutely sure you won't be able to take over his soul either. That's why we're offering this."

Travux didn't feel very confident, though. But then again, he knew how much a genius Roan was, and so was Rean. If they developed further, it was pretty much guaranteed they wouldn't die anymore. Not to mention that the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm really hadn't given him any feeling of breaking down due to his presence so far. It's just that he didn't know if Roan had some way of taking his soul over that he didn't know. "Something I want..."

He knew that the twins absolutely wouldn't set him free. That would be the same as asking for death. Travux wouldn't commit the same mistake anymore and be sent into the Dimensional Realm. In any case, he still had to try. "My freedom. Let me go, and I'll tell you where you can find another Foundation Fragment."

"Sure," Rean and Roan replied instantly.

"What?!" Naturally, Travux was taken aback.

Roan then explained, "What's the surprise? Once we make our Underworld Soul Forcing Link, neither you nor I will be able to cause the other side any trouble. We just have to set a single rule. You shall never get in our way nor have anything to do with the Universe Foundation Fragments. You will exclude yourself from all of that unless I allow you to do so. Simply put, it'll be as if we had never met each other. All we need from you is the knowledge about the fragments' locations."

"That's not gonna happen!" Travux immediately refused. "I also want the fragments, and I went to great lengths to get information about them. If what your brother said is true, then I'll never be able to put my hands on the fragments anymore. I won't let that happen."

Roan faintly smiled before asking, "The fragments carry a lot of power, but what exactly do you want to use them for? No, what does everyone even want them for?"

Travux went silent for a moment, finding it weird that the twins knew so much but asked such a stupid question. "Could it be you don't know what they can do?"

Rean and Roan immediately turned to Sister Orb. 'What is he talking about?'

[Don't ask me,] Sister Orb answered. [All I know is that we need the fragments to unify the two parts of the universe again by repairing the foundation. I don't know anything other than that.]

Roan then confirmed. "We only used their power for ourselves. We don't know for what else they can be used. What? Could it be you can get control over the entire universe if you have them all?"

Travux laughed in response. "Hahahaha! Take control over the universe? That's ridiculous and would bring a lot of annoying problems. There's something better you can do with it."

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Chapter 1832: I didn't say when

"Something much better?" Rean and Roan found it hard to believe. "What exactly?"

"It's not like it's a secret between those who know about the Foundation Fragments as they all want the same thing. However, you'll have to figure that out yourselves... unless you can make a different deal," replied the demon.

"What kind of deal?"

"I will not get involved with either of you as long as it has nothing to do with the fragments. How about that?" the demon suggested.

Roan snorted in response, replying, "You already know that we want the fragments as well. The moment you come out, you'll have a reason to come after us. Besides, we still want to know the location of the fragments you know of."

"Hmm..." The demon pondered over it for a bit more. "Should we set a time then? For a thousand years, neither side can do anything to the other, regardless of whether they have a fragment or not. That way, we can at least compete for the fragments without being afraid of being killed by the other. We can even join hands to get rid of our enemies while obtaining fragments and trying to get as many of them as possible. Well, not really since I don't want to stay anywhere near you two."

"We share the same feeling," Rean and Roan answered.

Soon after, Rean asked Roan. 'So, what do you think? A thousand years seems a lot of time. But then again, the further our cultivation progresses, the longer it'll take to increase our level. This guy is definitely some old monster with countless years of life experience already behind him. Would a thousand years be enough to be prepared for him?'

Hearing that, Roan asked the demon, "Will you tell us about the location of the other fragments that you know?"

"Sure," the demon answered. "But that doesn't mean I won't go after them myself in the future. We can't touch each other for a thousand years, but that doesn't stop us from competing for them."

Roan looked back at Rean and said, 'In the end, we need the fragments. I say we should give it a shot.'

Rean could only shrug his shoulders in response. 'If you say so, then so be it.'

"Alright. In exchange, you'll tell us about what the other powers are looking to do with the fragments, including you." Roan didn't take long to set out his terms.

Travux didn't mind since he would be set free. He might not be able to use the Underworld Soul Forcing Link to take Roan's soul. However, he was confident that Roan definitely didn't have the power to take his own either. Of course, he would still try to take over Roan's soul with his own to see if Roan was really as immune as the twins mentioned. "Very well, shall we link each other then? Well, I'm very interested to see if a demon soul could really link to a human soul, though."

Roan was curious as well. Nevertheless, he quickly entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and went to the location of the altar while Rean continued the journey. There, he lifted the seal that blocked all of the altar's senses and touched it. "Let's start."

Roan and Travux then allowed each other's souls to touch each other as they formed the Underworld Soul Forcing Link. As they did that, they set up the conditions of the link, which couldn't be broken. If one broke the rules, the link would force the culprit's soul into a submissive position, allowing the other side to quickly absorb it from literally anywhere.

[New Soul Connection Detected.]

It was then that the system's voice echoed in Roan's mind.

[Underworld Soul Forcing Link.]

[Creating Soul Puppet...]

[Soul Puppet Created.]

[Underworld Soul Forcing Link connected to Roan's Soul Puppet.]

[Connection established. Host Roan shall have the command over the puppet for the use of the Underworld Soul Forcing Link's conditions. Conditions put on the Soul Puppet won't affect the host.]

Roan faintly smiled in response. Sure enough, the Soul Gem System's Soul Protection would not let any harm come to the twins' souls as always.

Roan could feel the connection now, even though it passed through the Soul Puppet, which was a different kind of puppet from the one used for the Soul Binding Contracts. Travux, on the other hand, couldn't tell anything. "Alright, Travux, the deal is made. I'll set you free, but you need to tell me what you and the others intend to use the fragments for. If it's not to take control over the universe, then what?"

Travux laughed as he answered, "Hahaha! It is very simple. The leader of the demons and the angels want the same thing. They want the fragments so that they can use the universe's foundation for their own breakthroughs. Simply put, we all want to surpass the limit of this universe's cultivation. For that, we need to refine the universe's foundation as our own, and the fragments give us hope to accomplish that."

Rean and Roan were taken aback to hear that. Turn the universe's foundation into one's own. That seemed ridiculous. The order of magnitude was just too different. "Is such a thing even possible?"

"Who knows?" Travux wondered. "However, it has been the only method found so far. Or at least it was until the moment I was locked in this altar."

Rean couldn't help but ask after that. "Have you ever heard about the Extinction Sphere? Do you know if it has something to do with it?"

Travux confirmed. "Oh, I remember to have heard something about that. Unfortunately, it was from way before my time, so I don't know that much. The good thing was that it opened a gap in the foundation's protection that allowed it to be refined. Unfortunately, the fragments were lost, and now the foundation is incomplete. Without the complete Universe Foundation, refining it is impossible."

"I see..." Rean thought that the Extinction Sphere might have been created to open that gap, but it seemed that the gap was just a coincidence, or so it seemed.

Travux then told Roan in the Dimensional Realm after that. "Alright, if you're done, set me free."

Roan nodded in response. "Sure." However, Roan simply left the Dimensional Realm and put up the seal around the altar once again.

"W-What are you doing?! Are you going to break the Underworld Soul Forcing Link's terms?!" asked Travux, enraged.

Roan shook his head, replying, "Of course not! I told you I'll set you free. I just didn't say when."

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Chapter 1833: Not The One

"Fuck you! Set me free right now!" Travux was enraged once he heard those words. Unfortunately, he already tried to use the Underworld Soul Forcing Link to force Roan to follow the agreement. However, it simply didn't work at all. It was only at that moment did he think that it wouldn't work because Roan had never said when he would do it.

Roan shook his head once more as he reappeared outside the Dimensional Realm, telling him, "I'm not breaking our agreement. You'll be set free once I feel like you have to." Roan then cut off his communication with Travux as he already got the information he wanted.

Seeing that, Rean couldn't help but laugh in response. "Hahahaha! You truly are despicable."

"Hmph!" Roan snorted in response. "If I can have one less enemy, especially one as strong as that, why not? Besides, we got the location of the Foundation Fragment he knew of. Well, both of them."

Before dropping the hammer, Roan had obviously obtained the location of the fragments. That was part of the deal, which Travux didn't mind at that point since he believed the twins would never get there before him. "One of them is located in a place called the Floating Islands of Time, which is somewhere in the Realm of Gods."

"The second one is in the Swamp of No Return in the Underworld. Well, to be more specific, in the dark side of the Foundation Realm, below the Realm of Gods... that's what he said," Roan mentioned.

Rean narrowed his eyes as he said, "Dark Side of the Foundation Realm? What is this Foundation Realm? It's not the same thing as the Foundation Establishment Realm in cultivation, right?"

Roan nodded, replying, "Exactly. The Foundation Establishment Realm in cultivation has nothing to do with the Foundation Realm's location. They're two different things. It seems like the Foundation Realm has two sides. One is the Underworld, which I know so much about... or at least I know the other half side's Underworld. The other one is the light side."

Rean immediately remembered the angel they found back in the Lost Star Realm. Back then, he had heard that the angel wasn't someone from the Realm of Gods. "Wait! If this 'Foundation Realm' is divided into its dark and light sides, and the dark side is the Underworld, the light side has to be the angel race's side. Should we call it Heaven, then?"

Roan shook his head, saying, "I don't know. At least I didn't hear anything about angels back in the other half of the universe. But I also didn't know that the Underworld was part of the dark side of the Foundation Realm. No, perhaps things are different in the other half to start with. Unfortunately, Travux didn't want to talk about it as it wasn't part of the agreement. I doubt he's willing to talk more either."

Rean felt quite a headache after that. "Sigh... And here I thought the Realm of Gods was the ultimate goal in our journey. Now we even need to pay a visit to the Underworld. On second thought, with the way things are going, we might need to pay a visit to the angel races too."

Roan agreed with Rean on that point. "Indeed."

Sister Orb also added another point. [So far, we're talking about fragments without owners. What about the fragments with owners? With the way things are going, I doubt all the fragments are hidden in different places, just waiting for us to take them away.]

The twins nodded in response. "Chances are that both demons and angels have some of these fragments in their hands. That could also explain why we were attacked back in Sunkan Planet since one of these sides didn't want to get more competition. Soul Gem is bound to know how to acquire or fight for them."

\*Blub...\*



Suddenly, the twins heard a sound as if something small was dropped into a bucket of water. At the same time that it happened, the twins passed through a spatial division they didn't even know was there. Before they could do anything, they had already appeared on the other side as the pushing force acting on them completely disappeared.

"Seems like we're through the pushing field that kept everyone outside," Rean couldn't help but comment. He also closed the connection of the Dimensional Realm with the outside world, preventing the aura of their fragment from escaping outside.

Roan looked around and could only see more and more ruins. It's just that the size of those ruins increased a lot more compared to the outskirts. "Sister Orb, are we heading in the right direction?"

[Yes.] Sister Orb immediately answered. [It seems like that spatial division moved you two at least two hundred kilometers deeper inside these ruins. I can tell that the fragment in this place is just thirty or so kilometers ahead. Well, not ahead, but diagonally down forward.]

"So it should be at least a few kilometers deep once we arrive at the location, not that I can't tell where it is..." Rean then looked at an enormous building in the distance. It had three main towers that reached far high in the skies. As for its body, it was even bigger, definitely a few kilometers long.

"That's the only intact building we've seen so far," Roan commented as he paid attention to it as well. "And it seems to be very much active."

Around that building's towers, one could see many dark clouds that rained bolts of lightning on the towers nonstop. Yet, the tower seemed to absorb all the lightning. Not only that, but the Divine Energy in the surroundings also flowed in that building's direction.

Rean could only shrug his shoulders in response. "Well, we might as well go and check. Thanks to that weird field, there shouldn't be anyone here to bother us, so we only need to be careful about the traps."

[Oh, I wouldn't be so certain about that,] said Sister Orb.

"Why not?" The twins asked back.

[Just now, I felt the presence of another fragment after we arrived here, and it's not the one we're looking for.]

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Chapter 1834: Are You That Confident?

The same way Sister Orb noticed the extra resonance, so did Fratekla with her own Foundation Fragment. It's just that she found it hard to believe. No one would ever expect the demons to come to this continent, let alone bring a Foundation Fragment with them. How could someone else have had the same idea? "Listen up, everyone. We probably have angels here."

"What?!" Rlakux and the others were taken aback to hear that. "That's impossible! Angels would never risk coming to this place with our advantage in the temporal barrier."

Fratekla nodded, replying, "That's what Elder Krankax said. However, just now, I felt the presence of another Foundation Fragment. The only ones we know to have Foundation Fragments in their hands at the moment are the angels and that crazy old man Larks from the temporal gap he created. I don't think the old man would risk coming out of his home as he knows everyone is watching him. Let alone send his fragment out, which is the only thing keeping his temporal gap active."

Rlakux had to admit Fratekla was right. "If so, we need to be quick. Since you noticed the angels through their fragment, they definitely noticed ours as well. Can you tell where they are? Can they tell where we are?"

Fratekla shook her head, telling him, "No. The resonance with the new fragment disappeared too fast. I wasn't able to pinpoint it. Besides, I also closed the aura of our fragment back in the temporal sphere to be safe."

"How many of them do you think there are?" Sajax asked back.

"The five of us already had all this work to reach this place," Libork mentioned. "And we have the advantage in the temporal barrier. I refuse to believe the angels would be able to send more forces than us, especially with the old idiots of the humanoid races watching. We don't need to worry about them being above the Transition Realm either since the spatial disturbance of those at Void Tempering and above would have made it even more impossible to come here."

Rlakux agreed with him. "Indeed. Anyways, we need to be fast. The angels might decide that the free fragment is the priority and ignore us. We can't let the fragment be obtained by them."

After that, the five demons headed in the fragment's direction, not bothering to hold back at all. They also kept their Divine Senses fully spread, trying to detect their enemies ahead of time.

Meanwhile, Rean and Roan made their way to the same place. At the very least, they would be able to hide with Rean's Divine Sense bending skill as long as they were far enough. They weren't in the Void Tempering Realm yet, so their own spatial disruption was practically nonexistent and hard to detect. Naturally, they also made their way to the three towers.

The twins and the demons' groups approached the building from different sides, so it took some time before the demons' Divine Senses appeared. Sure enough, Rean and Roan noticed their numbers and cultivation. "Five Peak Transition Realm Divine Senses."

Of course, the twins refrained from using their own Divine Senses so that the enemy wouldn't be able to tell where they were. "There's something wrong with these Divine Senses. They're completely different from the ones we usually feel."

Roan nodded in response. "It's the same as the demon back in the Zasfins' Planet. At least it feels the same. I'm not sure about Travux since his cultivation was too high for us to tell the difference."

Rean agreed with that. "So you think the same, huh? Transition Realm demons? We've never really clashed against demons directly. There was always some kind of force acting in between, like the Divine Demon Beasts back in the Zasfins' Planet. Any idea what we should expect?"

Roan pondered over it for a bit before saying, "They came from the Underworld. That means they should be quite sensitive towards lifeforce since it's something that doesn't exist there. It's pretty similar to your Divine Sense bending skill. If a Divine Sense gets too close, it will pierce through the bending. If we get too close to them, our lifeforces will definitely be felt. I just can't tell which one would happen sooner. Would their Divine Sense pierce through the bending, or would they feel our lifeforce first?"

"What about their strengths?" Rean asked.

Roan shook his head, replying, "The enemies are demons. Back in the other half of the universe, I only ever met death spirits. I have no idea what the demons' strengths are."

[You guys forgot the main issue. You are only two, while the demons are five. However, you also have an advantage. The demons were not supposed to be in this place, so they're definitely acting in the shadows. You could try to warn the Rambram Sect. Or better yet, try to find Luina and bring her here. With her strength, Transition Realm demons would hardly be able to do anything.]

Roan immediately refused both ideas, saying, "I refuse to believe that these guys came to this place without an escape plan. There's a Foundation Fragment in play, after all. If we leave now to look for Luina or find a way to warn the Rambram Sect, chances are that the fragment will be gone once we return. Let alone the fact that we would have a lot of things to explain to the Rambram Sect, which is a very bad idea."

Rean agreed with Roan on that point. "We're very close to getting the necessary Destiny Points for the next Dimensional Realm upgrade, and we'll have a lot to spare if we succeed in the plan. If they run away with the fragment, we'll have to pay 300000 Destiny Points as a penalty. Fuck that! Also, they have another fragment, and I would love to take that for ourselves."

[Is that so? Then how exactly do you expect to take on those five? Are you two that confident?]

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Chapter 1835: Decades?

Roan pondered over the issue for a bit. If they were normal Peak Stage Transition Realm beings, he was confident that their strength would be enough. However, five demons that had a Foundation Fragment in their hands were bound to be anything but normal.

With that, Rean looked at the building ahead of them before saying, "Perhaps we should head inside first. It would be better to not fall behind too much in the run for the fragment. If we have to battle in the end, then so be it. We should be able to at least escape safely since the Dimensional Realm is now free."

Roan nodded in response. "Very well. Let's see if we can use anything inside to our favor."

[That's good and all.] Sister Orb mentioned. [However, where exactly is the entrance of this place?]

Rean and Roan narrowed their eyes in response. They couldn't find anything that looked like an entrance, window, or anything similar. There was also the problem that they didn't want to spread their Divine Sense so the other side wouldn't feel them.

"Hmm... at least I can tell that they aren't getting any closer to the fragment either," said Rean soon after. They still had the Divine Sense bending skill active, after all. "They seem to be circling around the building, heading in our direction."

As soon as Rean said that, Roan had an idea. "Right! Why didn't I think of it before? Quick, head inside the Dimensional Realm."

Rean was taken aback for a moment when he finally noticed what Roan wanted to do. "Hahahaha! That's right! Let's go!" Immediately, the twins disappeared from the Realm of Gods.

Meanwhile, the five demons made their way around the building as they looked for an entrance. They also kept their Divine Senses fully spread, trying to find anything out of the norm. However, the lack of movement from the 'angels' worried them. "Could it be that they already entered the building?" Fratekla couldn't help but ask.

"Maybe," Rlakux wondered. "We haven't checked everything yet. So far, I can't see any entrance. Forcing our way against a building made of Clenhest Stone is out of the question as well. They might have found the entrance already, or they might have known about it from the very start. In any case, keep your guards up. We don't know if it's a trap."

With the exception of the twins, there was a requirement for someone to have a Pocket Dimensional Realm. They must have at least a small level of control over space. That's why you simply couldn't find anyone below the Void Tempering Realm with it. Not to mention that those dimensional realms were very expensive. Even Philip didn't know if he believed in the twins' words back in the Jhiod Sect because of it.

In any case, in a group made of Transition Realm beings, one would not expect to find a Pocket Dimensional Realm. The twins knew about it, but it wasn't of much use since the Dimensional Realm was

always closed when they were in dangerous situations. However, now that they reached a level where their enemies would all be above the Transition Realm, this blockage was useless since their enemies would most likely be able to feel the Dimensional Realm regardless.

Though, the demons that came around this time were definitely strong, especially after absorbing so many souls when they arrived in the central region. Yet, none of them could use Spatial Powers. Being able to use Spatial Powers before the Void Tempering Realm was just way, way too rare. One could take Luan as an example. Many things had to come together for him to be able to do it at his level. His Sacred Eye Bloodline, his Space Affinity, Roan's cultivation technique... even the twins themselves, with everything that went for them, only had a grasp over it at the Middle Stage of the Transition Realm.

Rlakux, Fratekla, and the other three demons passed by the place where the twins left, unaware of the entrance of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm left within the fabric of space. Naturally, the twins watched it from inside as they had always been able to see everything outside. That was a perk that the other participants with Pocket Dimensional Realms couldn't do.

"Hmm... which one of them has the fragment? Do you know?" Rean asked Sister Orb.

[No.] Sister Orb answered. [Spatial rings wouldn't be able to hide its presence, so there's definitely something else masking the fragment's power.]

Roan narrowed his eyes as he looked at the demons. It was the first time he saw 'living' ones as the other two they dealt with in the past were only souls. "The female in the middle," Roan mentioned.

"What about her?" Rean asked back.

Roan then explained, "They aren't making it obvious, but it's obvious that the four male demons seem quite aware of the female one. It isn't fear, though. If anything, the guy at the front appears slightly stronger at first glance."

"Do you think they're protecting her?" Rean understood what Roan meant with his words.

Roan nodded, replying, "That's what I think. However, don't underestimate her. I'm not sure to start with. Even if I am, that might be only because she's carrying the fragment, not because she needs protection."

\*clack, clack...\* Rean cracked his fists as he prepared to attack. "Well, since we have a target, we might as well get it over with. They're passing right by the entrance of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, but they can't tell it's here." Soon after, he brought his Black Star out.

Roan pondered in silence for a bit before saying, "Forget her for now. If she really is carrying the fragment, she might have some life-saving treasures on her. Instead, focus on those three on the sides. Let's start with them."

"There are only two of us here, though," Rean mentioned.

Roan faintly smiled in response, asking him, "How long has it been since we used Sun and Moon Obliteration?"

Rean was taken aback to hear that. With a light scratch of his head, he then replied, "Decades?"

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Chapter 1836: Sun and Moon Obliteration

Neither of the twins knew how strong Sun and Moon Obliteration would be at this point in time. The last time they used it, they weren't even in the Transition Realm, after all.

Sun and Moon Obliteration basically used the twins' Light and Dark Elements, clashing them against each other. Usually, Rean and Roan's Dark and Light Elements worked together and complemented one another. However, even though that was the case, they were two opposite elements. In this specific attack, Rean and Roan allowed them to go berserk, forming a devastating power.

With that, Rean and Roan spaced themselves from each other as they brought their weapons out. They both raised their weapons high, gathering Dark and Light Elements as much as possible. Their weapons, of course, helped with that stage a lot.

'Death Style!'

The problem was the conditions to use this attack. Charging the Dark and Light Elements, launching an attack against each other, making sure that each side had the same amount of power... all of that while making sure that the enemy was located in the middle of the clash. It was simply unusable during the heat of battle. It was basically a type of attack to use against enormous and slower enemies, which was the case the last time the twins used it.

As the two weapons shone with Dark and Light Elements, Sword and Scythe Intent began to resonate from them. Both weapons turned ethereal as any similar weapon to their own began to tremble in excitement. The third stage of weapon intent, Call of the Weapons!

'Seventh Form!'

Normally, it wouldn't work against enemies at the Void Tempering Realm and above who had their own Pocket Dimensional Realms. Those enemies would be able to tell that a breach in space was present in that location and that a Dimensional realm was there. Instead, the twins' dimensional realm would be open for attacks as the entrance that's usually located in the beings themselves was completely exposed.

However, they found themselves in the perfect situation at the moment. They could do the initial charge while still in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Then, they waited for the moment the demons passed by the area where they could exit the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. They could do that while the demons outside would be none the wiser. As prepared as the demons might have been, they wouldn't have expected something like this.

The Light and Dark Elements, as well as the weapon intents, brimmed from Rean and Roan. However, that wasn't all! To add to the power of their next attack, Spatial Power began to gather within the weapons and the elements themselves. The twins were still nowhere near the level necessary to merge elements with Spatial Power. But mixing them was what made Void Tempering Realm experts so much stronger than Transition Realm ones.

Rean and Roan then charged toward each other as their powers raged! The strength of their attack was so great that even the space around the two weapons seemed to contort without the twins trying to do it themselves. Yet, just as the twins' power were about to clash...



\*Vup! Vup!\*

The twins disappeared from the Dimensional Realm, appearing on the right and left sides of the demons like two huge suns of black and white light!

"What?!" Rlakux's group was taken aback by that sudden appearance. Their Divine Senses simply hadn't picked up anything at all before the twins were already all over them. Unfortunately, it was too late now.

\*Boom!\*

The two attacks connected before neither of the demons could prepare any defenses other than using their Divine Energy to protect themselves. They didn't even have the time to use the power of the souls they had absorbed.

Rean and Roan had aimed the attack right in the middle of their group... well, almost. They still focused on the center of the explosion, targetting the three demons behind Fratekla and Rlakux. It's just that the area of the explosion of Dark and Light Elements was so big that one might as well say that they attacked the center.

\*Arrrrggghhhh!\*

\*Vun, vun!\*

\*Bang, Bang!\*

Rean and Roan were shocked by the power of Sun and Moon Obliteration. It was so big that both of them were sent flying like cannonballs, hitting the wall of the building and the ground. Roan was the one to hit the ground, creating a small crater. As for Rean, he obviously hit the wall of the building. It's just that the Clenhest Stone it was made of only slightly trembled. Sure enough, Rean's body didn't leave a single mark on it.

They were lucky that they already had a Fourth Grade StarBody. Otherwise, they might have even died, especially Rean, since he hit the sturdier surface of the wall than the ground Roan did.

Rean then looked at the Black Star in his hand and saw the cracks on it. Even his best achievement in blacksmithing so far couldn't completely resist the power of Sun and Moon Obliteration. 'Holy shit! Let alone the amount of Light and Dark Element Roan and I can gather now, just the addition of weapon intents and Spatial Power made this attack become practically a suicide bomb. Just how powerful is it?' At the same time, he started to gather Light Element to quickly heal his injuries.

Roan heard Rean's words through their Soul Connection, replying, 'We have seen the battle between two Peak Stage Space Bending Realm guys quite a few times. I would say that Sun and Moon Obliteration was at least similar to one of Olly's best attacks. No wonder even the two of us were injured by it, although we weren't the main targets. It's a shame that it's not viable during normal circumstances. After all, we also suffer from its aftereffects.'

The twins then used their Divine Sense for the first time, wanting to check and see how the demons fared.

Death... and me

Chapter 1837: Cocoon

The first thing they noticed was that the three demons they had aimed the attacks on had completely disappeared. It wasn't that they escaped; instead, they were completely wiped out by the huge explosion. The twins were injured even though they had Fourth Grade Star Bodies, so the fate of the targets wasn't any better.

However, they quickly noticed that something similar to a cocoon appeared right on the side of the location of their attack. It was dark in color and emanated a gray cloud around itself. The twins could see several thorny vines around it, seemingly crawling around the cocoon itself.

The cocoon wasn't intact, though. There were several cracks on it. Plus, it was even possible to see some extra smoke coming out of those cracks. It seemed that even that cocoon had a hard time trying to resist the power of Sun and Moon Obliteration.

\*Crack, crack, crack...\*

The cocoon then began to fall apart as the twins observed the reaction. From inside, two dark figures emerged, emanating Dark Element from their bodies. It's just that both of them seemed to have sustained quite a few injuries as dark blood came out.

On Fratekla's hand, they could see an item very similar to the cocoon that had just disappeared. The problem was that the cocoon on her hand also broke apart a moment later, showing that all of its power was completely used up.

Rean and Roan quickly arrived at each other's side before Rean smiled, saying, "Well, that's impressive. Your friends turned to dust with our attack just now, but your protective treasure was able to stop most of its power." Light Element came out of Rean and Roan's bodies as the last few injuries on their bodies completely closed up. "I wonder how many more of these little things you have."

Fratekla narrowed her eyes after seeing the Light Element coming out of the twins' bodies. "Sure enough, you angels succeeded in sending someone to this place. Your disguise is very good as well. My Divine Sense keeps saying that you two are just humans."

Rlakux, who was also saved by the cocoon treasure, narrowed his eyes, replying, "That doesn't make sense. Just now, we were almost killed by an attack that had both Light and Dark Elements. How can angels use Dark Element?"

Rean and Roan looked at each other before they looked back at the demons, telling them, "Angels? We're not angels. We're just humans. It's just that we were born with Light and Dark Element Affinities." The origin of the twins' Dark and Light Elements wasn't much of a secret, so there wasn't much of a point in hiding it. Not to mention the demons already knew they could use them, so what's the point? Perhaps they could use this opportunity to get more information from the demons themselves.

"H-Humans?! Hahaha!" Rlakux laughed out loud in response. "There has never been any humanoid races born with Light or Dark Element Affinities. Who do you think you're trying to fool here? If you were fairies or some other Light Spirit, then I could have probably believed that. Well, everyone knows that manipulating Yin and Yang allows the use of Light and Dark Elements for the humanoid races. However, after seeing your proficiency, I refuse to believe you're using those elements by simply manipulating Yin Yang."

Fratekla then raised her hand as her eyes narrowed even more. "Whether they're telling the truth or not doesn't matter. What matters is that the black-haired guy's manipulation of the Dark Element isn't any

worse than ours. You should think of him as a demon instead. Although I also have doubts since Light Element should be the nemesis of demons, which is obviously not what's happening to you."

Roan shrugged his shoulders when he heard that, telling them, "Fine, I admit it. I'm also someone from the Underworld. As for the Light Element you saw coming out of my body, let's just say my clan found a special way of using it."

Fratekla nodded in response. "Your proficiency with the Dark Element could only mean that you're from the Underworld, part of our Demon Races and Underworld Spirits. However, why are you allying with an angel? You should know the punishment for Underworld experts who defect to the angels' side."

Rean bitterly smiled in response. They still believed he was part of the angel races. That couldn't be any wronger. Still... "Fine, you seem to be more knowledgeable than I expected. I'm indeed part of the angel races. However, you've got one thing wrong. It wasn't my brother here who defected to the angels' side. Instead, it was me who defected to the demons." That couldn't be a bigger lie, but Rean and Roan were more than willing to carry that lie forward.

"Ridiculous!" Rlakux immediately intervened. "You have a fragment of the Foundation Fragments. We know very well where the Underworld experts' fragments are located. The one you brought must be from the angels' side."

"Hahaha!" Rean laughed out loud after that. "Do you truly believe that all the experts of the Underworld are true to their words? That not a single demon tried to hide a fragment they had in their hands? Come on! You're all demons. You should know better than that."

"This..." Rlakux couldn't come up with an excuse. Sure enough, deception was a normal occurrence among the Underworld races, so it was not hard to believe that some demon there had a fragment in his hand without the leaders of the demon race knowing.

Fratekla took a deep breath after hearing that. "It's still extremely hard to believe an angel defected to our side, though. However, it seems not to matter at the moment. After your actions, it became obvious that you also want our fragment, not only the fragment in these ruins."

Suddenly, a black thorny vine appeared in Fratekla's hand, looking quite similar to a rapier. It didn't take long for it to turn ethereal, showing that Fratekla could also use weapon intent. "That's convenient. We were also planning to take your fragment for ourselves."

Rlakux's weapon also appeared in his hand. Surprisingly, it was a scythe, just like Roan's. It's just that his scythe was bright red like blood. It obviously turned ethereal, just like Fratekla's weapon. "I don't know many demons who use a scythe, so it'll be fun to fight another scythe user."

Death... and me

Chapter 1838: Fight!

Fratekla and Rlakux's injuries then began to close up at fast speeds, almost matching the speed Rean's Instant Recovery could achieve. It's just that they weren't using their own power for that. Instead, they used the power of the souls they absorbed when they arrived in the central region. Of course, Rean and Roan wouldn't just stand there and watch them recover.

'Death Style, Shadow Steps!'

'Life Style, Enhancement!'

Roan was the first to attack, heading straight for Rlakux.

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

Roan's scythe then transformed into three as they attacked three of Rlakux's vital points.

"Hmph!" Rlakux's scythe spun as Dark Element and weapon intent covered it.

\*Clang, clang, clang...\*

The two scythes made several clashes in a span of a second as the space around Roan and Rlakux contorted. Of course, it was more due to Roan's Spatial Power that it happened since Rlakux and Fratekla couldn't use it yet. Somehow, Rlakux's scythe didn't seem much weaker than Roan's scythe. Well, Roan's scythe had been damaged due to Sun and Moon Obliteration, so it was already impressive that it still had a slight advantage.

Another reason was that Rlakux was using not only his demon powers but the Space Bending Realm souls as well. When it was added to weapon intent and Dark Element, it was able to match Roan's attack power. The demon's power of using others' souls to strengthen themselves was truly impressive.

At the same time, Rean brandished his Black Star against the ground even though there wasn't anything there. However, the moment his sword passed there, an ethereal black thorn vine came out of the ground.

\*Clang!\*

Rean parried the vine and shot forward as well.

'Life Fire, Flame Emperor Slash!'

Light and Fire Element gathered as Yang Energy increased the power of the attack. Sword intent and Spatial Power also increased the power even more.

Fratekla quickly jumped back as her thorny vine-looking weapon came back from the ground, attacking Rean from behind. The souls of the Space Bending Realm experts she absorbed entered the vine, increasing its strength and speed. It was as if the vine was feeding on them.

Rean didn't care, though.

\*Bang!\*

Rean's Flame Emperor Slash and Fratekla's Black Thorn Vine hit each other, causing a shockwave that forced the two apart... or so it seemed. Rean's body suddenly began to disappear into specks of dark and white light before Rean's real body appeared on Fratekla's side.

'Death Style, Fifth Form, Mirage Assault!'

'Life Fire, Third Form, Flaming Blade Arc!'

A wide-area attack at point-blank distance, giving Fratekla almost no chance to defend. However, Fratekla didn't seem to panic as even more of the Space Bending Realm souls poured out of her body, creating something that looked like a gray shield between her and Rean's Black Star!

\*Boom!\*

The shockwave once again separated the two, and this time it was truly Rean's body that was forced away.

'Death Style, Second Form, Crescent Moon!'

A wave of black and white light came at Rlakux, which he immediately counter-attacked while using the souls' power and his own.

'Reaper Wave!'

His Red Scythe came slashing down, creating a similar but vertical red wave of power, which clashed against Roan's White Scythe and the Crescent Moon.

\*Bang!\*

Just like Rean and Fratekla, Roan and Rlakux were also forced back by the shockwave, although neither side got injured. So far, both sides were evenly matched.

However, while Rean and Roan were calm, feeling that everything was under control, Fratekla and Rlakux had a heated discussion through Divine Sense.

'What the hell is happening here?! Not only can they use Spatial Power, but their overall strength is also out of the charts. We're using Space Bending Realm Souls here, you know!' Rlakux couldn't help but complain.

Fratekla agreed with him. 'They are indeed top geniuses from both angel and demon races. But that's not all. Their weapons are much better than ours. If not because they're damaged, we might have been at a disadvantage. The good thing is that it doesn't seem like they can use that attack that killed Sajax and the others. There seem to be very stringent conditions for that.'

Fratekla was mostly impressed by something else, though. 'The thing that bothers me the most is how they're both using Dark and Light Elements in all their skills. Not only aren't those two opposite elements rejecting each other, but they're also strengthening them. An angel shouldn't be able to use Dark Element, and a demon shouldn't be able to use Light Element. At the very least, not with such proficiency. That's not all. Their body strength is also ridiculous. We demons have extremely strong bodies, only losing out to demon beasts in this regard. However, both of them seem to have bodies stronger and more resistant than ours, and we're top demons.'

Rlakux narrowed his eyes after hearing that. 'I can't tell why they can use both Light and Dark Elements together. However, their body strength has to be related to a body cultivation technique. It's just that such body strength at the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm would only be possible with that technique.'

Fratekla nodded in agreement. 'Indeed, it has to be the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique. Yet, the number of experts that have ever been able to cultivate that technique is almost nonexistent. Most of them are already old monsters that wouldn't have been able to approach this place.'

It was then that Rlakux remembered something. 'Are you talking about the rumors? Those same Starlight Body Cultivation Technique experts seemed to be in a frenzy, trying to find some new cultivators of this technique that have just appeared. So far, it doesn't seem like they found who those new Starlight Experts are. Could these two be them?'

Fratekla nodded once again. 'That's what I heard as well. Elder Posrax was especially determined to find these new Starlight Users. I can't think of any other reason for their strength to be this high. Being able to use Spatial Power at their cultivation level is definitely rare, but not enough to explain their body strength.'

Suddenly, Rean and Roan's bodies began to disappear again.

'Shit!'



Although that Divine Sense discussion only lasted a second, it was enough for the twins to make their next move.

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Chapter 1839: Sea Urchin

'Death Style, Fifth Form, Mirage Assault!'

Mirage Assault had lost most of its power at this point. On top of that, it wasn't very useful since it couldn't deceive those enemies at the Void Tempering Realm and above due to their natural spatial perception. However, it was still very good against those at the Transition Realm and below. The clones were far from having enough power to cause damage to the demons, but they still looked very real against enemies in that realm.

Rlakux and Fratekla quickly jumped back just as the twins' real bodies appeared.

'Death Style, Three Claws of the Dragon!'

'Death Style, Stellar Piercer!'

Surprisingly though, Rean attacked Rlakux while Roan attacked Fratekla. In an instant, the type of movements they had to deal with a moment ago had completely changed!

'Decaying Thorn Prison!'

Following her backjump, Fratekla's Black Thorn Vine grew and surrounded herself, creating a protective barrier.

\*Putch!\*

However, the moment she thought she was going to defend against Roan's Three Claws of the Dragon, the twins changed direction once again. Rean's Stellar Piercer headed straight to Fratekla while the Claws of the Dragon followed Rlakux.

The Stellar Piercer was a single-point attack, so a spread defense like that wasn't very good against it. Rean's Dark and Light Element attack passed right through it, piercing through Fratekla's right shoulder.

\*Arrrgh!\*

The Dark Element in the attack didn't cause any trouble to her. All demons had Dark Element Affinity, just like Roan. However, Light Element was another story. It immediately rampaged against Fratekla's Dark Element, causing her Divine Energy to go chaotic.

At the same time, one of the three scythes was blocked by Rlakux, while the other two hit his body. Fortunately for him, he reacted a little faster than Fratekla did, so the two attacks didn't hit any vital point either. Nevertheless, Roan's Three Claws of the Dragon still carried Light Element. It obviously caused just as much trouble as it did for Fratekla.

Rlakux and Fratekla quickly brought out even more of the souls' power, eliminating the Light Element in their bodies while retreating from Rean and Roan's range. They knew it wouldn't work that way, though. The twins wouldn't stop their assault that easily, especially when they had the upper hand. With that said, they also prepared their own counterattack.

The two purposely jumped closer to each other as the soul power they had absorbed before came out. Following that, a much stronger decaying power suddenly emanated from their bodies, spreading outwards.

'Soul Decaying Field!'

Anything it touched seemed to age thousands of years in an instant! However, the real damage of that attack would be to the soul of those close to it. It could deteriorate the enemy's soul like a corrosive poison.

Unfortunately for them, Rean and Roan immediately disappeared. Fratekla immediately thought that they had destroyed two more clones, which wasn't wrong. The twins really did use Mirage Assault and let the clones be hit by Soul Decaying Field.

In any case, the two demons looked around, ready to counterattack. Their Divine Senses should be able to see them this time. However, the twins had completely disappeared. It was the same as when they first attacked their group. There was simply nothing there.

'Careful,' Fratekla knew why this time, though. 'They can use Spatial Powers even though they're in the Transition Realm. With that said, they must have Pocket Dimensional Realms. Let's retreat quickly since they can't come out anywhere else other than the place they first used to enter their pocket realms.'

Rlakux nodded in response as the two kept the decaying field active and moved away from that area. Well, they weren't wrong. The twins had really entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Also, it was true that they needed to come out in the same place they had disappeared unless at least one of the twins was outside. However, both the twins were in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. At most, they could reappear a few meters away from the exact point, and the two demons immediately left that range.

Then again, there was one more thing that could be used in the Dimensional Realm that allowed the twins to appear somewhere else.

Rean and Roan immediately gave the order. "Sister Orb, activate the Circuitry Teleport Formation!"

It would be too risky to use it if they were fighting against Spatial Power users. It would also be risky to teleport somewhere far away in this place since it should have defenses against Spatial Movement. However, if it was just a few tens of meters, then they could at least guarantee that the area of arrival was safe. Though, that was just because no Spatial Power users were there to scramble the surrounding space.

\*Vup, vup!\*

Rean and Roan reappeared outside the Dimensional Realm at the same moment that the demons stopped using their Decaying Field.

'Death Style, Death Scythe!'

'Life Fire, White Stellar Explosion!'

However, Fratekla and Rlakux didn't let their guard down just because they left the range of the dimensional realm. After everything they had seen from the twins, they accounted for the possibility that they could once again appear somewhere near themselves.

"Idiots!"

The two of them immediately poured even more of their absorbed souls' power out. However, they didn't use the Soul Decaying Field. Instead, two items that looked like sea urchins appeared in their hands as the Soul Power was completely absorbed by them.

'Not good!' Rean and Roan could feel that those sea urchin-like items had a lot of Spatial Power inside them. It was as if two giant black holes had appeared in their natural spatial perception.

\*Zush, zush!\*

Space broke apart as their spikes suddenly multiplied and shot out in all directions. The twins were absolutely sure that that item was created by some very high-level expert, far above the Space Bending Realm. Not only that, but those spikes seemed to pass through Fratekla and Rlakux as if they didn't exist. The control over space was so good that they completely avoided their owners.

\*Putch, putch, putch, putch...\*

In an instant, the twins were pierced by hundreds of those spikes.

Death... and me

Chapter 1840: It Can't Be

Due to the Spatial Power contained in that sea urchin-like item, the twins were not able to run into the Pocket Dimensional Realm. Usually, it would have been possible even in the face of Void Tempering

Realm and even Space Bending Realm experts. Their Spatial Power wouldn't be enough to stop the twins from entering the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm since the entrance was located within themselves.

However, the sea urchin thing's Spatial Power was way above the Space Bending Realm. It was to the point that it was able to affect the entrance into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Thanks to that, both Rean and Roan were hit by many spikes with tremendous Spatial Power and Soul Energy. They only had enough time to put their weapons in front of their heads, trying to stop the spikes from piercing through their heads.

\*Cough, cough, cough....\*

Unsurprisingly, Rean and Roan vomited rivers of blood as their bodies were launched like meteors into the distance. The only good thing was that the sea urchin's power only lasted for a split second. Thanks to that, its spikes disappeared as fast as they stretched out.

'Life Style, Second Form, Instant Recovery!'

Of course, Rean and Roan weren't idiots. The moment they understood they would be injured, they had already gathered the Light Element to heal their bodies. As long as their heads hadn't been separated from their bodies, Rean's skill would be enough to recover even limbs. Due to the nature of that attack, they escaped by a thread.

However, the problem was that they could barely move at all. Plus, recovering from such huge injuries that pierced all their organs wouldn't just take seconds. It would take several minutes, probably over half an hour. Naturally, Rlakux and Fratekla wouldn't just sit around and let them recover.

Well, their problem hadn't ended there. Due to the Spatial Power within those sea urchin-like items, they couldn't enter the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm either. It would take some time until the space around reached a stable enough point capable of letting them leave.

\*Zush, zush!\*

Sure enough, it just took a few seconds for Fratekla and Rlakux to appear in the twins' vision. Each one of them followed one of the twins' bodies, intending to finish both twins at the same time.

Fratekla's Black Thorn Vine, as well as Rlakux's Red Scythe, headed straight for the twins, ready to finish their lives.

'Rotten Prison!'

'Soul Reaper!'

The twins could only watch as their lives were about to be taken. Yet, just as the attacks were about to connect, everything suddenly slowed down. The time necessary for a normal second became a minute, then an hour, then a day. Rean, Roan, Rlakux, and Fratekla were still moving. However, they were so slow that it was almost impossible to see it. Surprisingly though, their minds were still working at normal speed, so they could see how slow everything had become.

\*Bzzzzzzzz...\*

It was then that the three towers, which didn't have an entrance at first, began to open. An enormous shining gate appeared in front of it, emanating the power of both space and time. After that, a figure stepped outside, stopping right in the middle of the four.

It was a man with white robes, pretty young if one looked at his appearance. Of course, due to the power that he was displaying, none of them would believe he was as young as he looked.

The man looked at them before raising his hand and waving in his direction. That simple action tightened the space around the twins and the demons before pulling all four of them closer to him. "Hmm... who would have thought that two fragments would come to me this easily? Also, your fight was quite entertaining. I haven't enjoyed such a good show in a very, very long time."

Rean and Roan had absolutely no idea who that man was. However, the twins' feelings told them that this man was somewhat familiar. In any case, it was very bad news for the twins as his power over the space would make it impossible for the twins to enter the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. No, even if they could, this guy's power would be enough to use the entrance left behind to destroy the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

Rlakux and Fratekla weren't the least bit happy, though. That's because they did indeed recognize the man. This was a man wanted by both the angel and demon races. However, their expressions were still slowed by the man's control over time, so they couldn't show it.

'Crazy Old Man Larks!'

That was the same man Fratekla mentioned when they arrived in the ruins. That was the crazy old man who created a gap in the temporal space and fled inside with the power of the Foundation Fragment in his possession. Both angels and demons wanted to get him and especially the fragment he had. Unfortunately for them, in that temporal gap, he was invincible. Many experts from both sides died inside in vain.

Crazy Old Man Larks looked at the two demons, already expecting their appearance. "Let me guess, it was that idiot Krankax who sent you here, right? He would never let the chance of acquiring a fragment escape from him, even if it meant risking his own fragment. Without all pieces, refining the universe into one's foundation is impossible."

It was then that Crazy Old Man Larks noticed Fratekla's face. "Oh! I didn't pay attention to any of your faces before. Aren't you idiot Krankax's granddaughter? Your bloodline also screams that idiot's inheritance. That's really unexpected. Hahahaha!"

Fratekla felt a chill in her mind, cursing her fate for encountering this man here. She didn't know the story very well, but it was obvious that Larks didn't like her grandfather at all.

"As for the other two..." Crazy Old Man Larks then waved his hand once again, swapping Fratekla and Rlakux's positions with Rean and Roan. However, the moment he looked at the twins' faces, he froze. "Y-You... no, it can't be..."