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Chapter 1901: Real Reason

That was the second time Rean passed through space like that, seeing the spatial storms as Fran brought him along. Nevertheless, there was still a doubt in his mind, so he asked Fran. "I feel like the reasons I gave you still weren't enough to convince you. Why did you decide to take my side anyway?"

Fran glanced at him and faintly smiled in response. "Because I've never liked the fact that Jakar was the Golden Feather holder. Forget our deal. Just knowing that Kitan has it makes me very happy. Of course, I wouldn't tell the others about it since there was the risk that this transfer would have gone wrong. Think of it as me thanking you for the job, regardless of how you managed to do it."

"I see..." Rean could only nod after hearing that. "As you heard, I haven't known Jakar for that long. Yet, one thing is pretty obvious. He's definitely not cut out to be a leader."

Fran agreed with him on that point. "Everyone knows that. It's just that some refuse to accept, his parents included. He isn't a bad kid per se. He's just terrible at taking responsibility. Kitan, on the other hand, always had this kind of mindset. At the very least, Jakar did select the right Winged Provis for the job. Well, I would have selected someone else, but Kitan is still a very good choice."

Suddenly, another fissure in space appeared as Rean and Fran came out. Judging by the time the journey took, Rean could guess that Fran bought him further away than where he was first captured. "Where are we now?"

"This is the Isvotis Continent," Fran told him. "This is where you can find the Azure Lilibel Race. You should be able to find their territory a few thousands of kilometers north."

Fran then turned around and reopened the fissure in space, preparing to leave. "I'll keep these Thoughts Transmission Talismans. Let's do it this way. If you answer our call in the future and come help move the Golden Feather again, I don't mind paying with Iridescent Tears. Of course, that'll only happen if something occurs to Kitan himself, and that would probably be unlikely."

"Wait, Senior Fran." Rean quickly stopped him before taking a jade slip out. He filled it with some information and then passed it back to Fran. "Give it to Jakar. Inside are the forging methods for Azure

Stream Crystals below the Divine level. It explains what type of crystals he'll have to ask from the Azure Lilibels and how to use them."

Fran checked the jade slip, and it really depicted some forging processes. He wasn't a blacksmith, though, so he didn't understand much. As mentioned before, most spirits didn't dwell on side occupations, especially forging. "Alright, I'll give it to him." Fran didn't wait for Rean to answer and quickly entered the fissure in space, which disappeared soon after.

Rean wasn't an idiot, though. He quickly activated his Divine Sense bending skill and tried to check the surroundings. Yet, there wasn't a single Divine Sense around him. 'Sister Orb, can you feel if anything that can track us was left in my body?'

[I already did that. At the very least, I can't feel anything.]

'Can father's Thought Transmission Talisman be used to find us then?' Rean covered all spots.

[No. They're in the Dimensional Realm. Even if such a thing was possible, the tracker would need the talismans to be outside the Dimensional Realm. In the Dimensional Realm, no signal can escape at all.]

Rean nodded and quickly entered the Dimensional Realm after that. Roan, of course, was already waiting for him there. "Use the Circuitry Teleport Formation and teleport away, just in case."

Rean nodded in response. "I was already going to do that anyway."

Even if they couldn't find anything, perhaps someone was observing them through other methods, like natural spatial perception. Someone in a much higher realm would definitely be able to feel Rean's presence from much further away. That meant Rean himself wouldn't be able to feel the other party.

Rean didn't skimp on Rank Four Divine Stones and charged the Circuitry Teleport Formation to its limit. That allowed him to teleport in one specific direction even though he couldn't control the precise location. However, one thing was certain. Rean definitely didn't teleport in the Azure Lilibel Race's direction. First of all, Rean had never really wanted to do anything there. It was just an excuse he used to traverse the Gods' Dividing Barrier.

As soon as Rean disappeared, space once again opened in the area as a shadow came out. It was none else than Fran, who had hidden behind space itself. "Hehe. He wasn't kidding when he said all he needed was a place without scrambled space. His Dimensional Realm really completely disappeared from my spatial perception. Oh well. Perhaps we'll meet again in the future." Following that, Fran returned behind the space once again, and this time left for real.

Rean reappeared once again somewhere else. His Divine Sense spread, covering an entire 30-kilometer radius around him. Rean was quite surprised by that since it was the first time after the breakthrough that he had tried to use it to its maximum range. 'So far...'

However, he quickly recovered and paid attention to his current surroundings. He saw a few Demon Beasts here and there, but none with cultivation high enough to have sentience. 'There might be spirits as well, but they should be hidden as always.' Unless Rean got close enough to perceive them with his natural spatial perception, even his Divine Sense would be useless to detect the spirits. The good thing was that no spirit would be able to approach him from behind anymore.

Vup!

In the next second, a big black and white demon bird appeared near Rean. "Oh! I can finally fly a little bit more."

Well, only Rean could see him since he used his Light and Divine Sense bending skill around Kentucky. "I don't know exactly where we are in the Isvotis Continent, but I know where we're going. Let's go. Our next stop is the Spirit Stream. If it crosses the Isvotis Continent as shown on the map, we should find one of its streams by moving west. The Azure Lilibel race was located close to it as well."

"Alright, hop on." With that, Rean quickly landed on Kentucky's back before the Minokawa shot into the distance.

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Chapter 1902: Hard to Believe

Indeed, the Spirit Stream wasn't far away. All Rean and Kentucky had to do was continue heading west. Since they knew that a Spirit Stream would be close to the Azure Lilibel race's territory, it also meant they would find it sooner or later. That's exactly what happened a little over half a day into the journey.

"Oh! This thing is definitely huge!" Kentucky hadn't seen it before, so he was quite impressed.

"Alright, you can admire it another time," said Rean. "Follow the Stream until we find a Spirit City that has an entrance into the Stream. We need it to cross the continents on our way to the demon beast territories."

Kentucky nodded in response and followed the Stream closely. It's just that Spirit Cities were quite rare, so he didn't know how long they would need to fly. 'Well, there was supposed to be a Spirit City close to the Azure Lilibel race. It's just that we don't know if we're following the right direction of the Stream to get there,' Roan mentioned.

Yet, it seemed like they selected the wrong direction to fly as a whole week went by without seeing a single city. "Seems like we weren't lucky..." Rean couldn't help but complain.

Meanwhile, back in the Winged Provis race's territory...

"What do you mean they simply disappeared?" An expert from the Jakarta Sect suddenly asked. "Do you know how much we need them?"

Fran didn't quite like his behavior. "Dalanbi, right? First of all, it was your fault for letting them escape from your territory. Second, we only found one of them. We don't know where the rest is. We even checked that Light Element boy's Pocket Dimensional Realm, and there wasn't anyone else inside. Last but not least, it's not like he could spread your Starlight Body Cultivation Technique method since it's purely based on chance. I know it's important, but perhaps it'll serve as a great experience for them in the future."

"Wait!" Dalanbi was taken aback by the last part. "What do you mean by Starlight Body Cultivation Technique?"

Fran was the one confused now. "That's why you're looking so desperately for those twins, no? We found out your reason for wanting them back too badly. Both of them cultivated the real form of the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique. At the very least, the boy with Light Element has found his real star. I guess his brother did the same from what he told me."

"This..." Dalanbi was shocked by that revelation. Back in the Free Continent competition, Rean and Roan barely got involved in any fighting at all. Naturally, the Jakarta Sect members who were watching couldn't tell they were cultivating it. Finding Starlight Body Cultivation Technique users wasn't hard. The problem had always been to find anyone who had found their real star. Jakarta Sect was the only force other than the devils and angels to have achieved that. "Are you sure he was using the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique with his real star? Wasn't it just some random star like everyone else?"

Fran already understood the issue. "So you weren't looking for them because of the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique?" It was obvious that Rean had lied about it. No, to be more precise, it was them who reached that conclusion by themselves. Rean just went with the flow and agreed with it. "Anyways, I'm sure he had found his real star. I used my Spatial Powers to pressure him myself. I know very well how much pressure I have to put on a cultivator of his level to break them. His body cultivation technique surpassed any other body cultivation technique by far. His body's sturdiness only lost to the bodies of divine demon beasts in that regard. There's no mistake."

Fran also took the opportunity to ask. "If the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique wasn't the reason, then just what was it?"

Dalanbi shook his head, telling Fran, "It's his knowledge that we're after. Your spirit races aren't very interested in formations, but we humanoid races are. That boy and the others we're looking for have a type of knowledge that's too beneficial for us."

Dalanbi then took out a Thoughts Transmission Talisman and immediately sent a message back to the humanoid races. A moment later, he received an answer. "I see... so those twins were the responsible for that change in the stars..."

Back when Rean and Roan had found their real stars, the top experts with real Star Bodies had noticed their appearance. They had since then been investigating which power had awakened body cultivation experts to no avail. So far, they felt it happen four times without knowing the origin. Rean and Roan were obviously two of them. The third one was the guy whose Roan got the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique from. Lastly, it was Luan, who Roan explained how to find his real star.

What did that mean? That meant that it was probably the twins' group who awakened all those real Star Bodies by finding their real stars. It was, again, another reason to find them at any costs. That's because even the Jakarta Sect, the angels, and the devils didn't know a method to make that happen. They all relied on luck and countless Starlight Body Cultivation Technique cultivators to perhaps get a fluke after many years. In the Jakarta Sect, for example, there were only two users. They were the Jakarta Sect's oldest ancestor and its actual Sect Master, Prodal and Zeswer.

After processing these thoughts, Dalanbi went back to the main topic with Fran. "Do you know where they were heading?"

Fran nodded, saying, "When I captured this Light Element Affinity user, he was traveling together with one of our race members. They were both going to the Azure Lilibel Race to acquire Azure Stream Crystals. It seems like that guy was very good at forging."

Dalanbi was even more certain it was the right person. From what they found in Huring Continent, Rean had a revolutionary forging method that could gather elements on its own. Azure Stream Crystals were Divine level materials and very good ones at that, so it made sense he wanted some of those crystals. "Now that I think about it, did he really go through the trouble to come to the spirit races' territory just to get those crystals?" He couldn't help but find it hard to believe, though.

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Chapter 1903: Ophilia and Leonardo's Advancement

Dalanbi took the chance to ask. "How about the Azure Lilibel race then? Did you send people to watch them?"

Fran snorted in response. "He would need to be incredibly stupid to head to the Azure Lilibel race now. But yeah. Just in case, I sent a few of my people to watch over it, contacting them. I think it's still pointless, though." Fran was lying. He didn't send a single living soul, but he wouldn't say that.

Fran also decided to use that opportunity to ask. "How can they move their Dimensional Realm without being outside? If you had told us they could do such a thing, we could have prepared for it."

Dalanbi shook his head, saying, "We weren't sure if they had actually done such a thing or not. And, well, you know how powers from each side work when it comes to keeping secrets."

"That's also one of the reasons we still suffer just to keep the devils at bay," Fran added. "Well, I did what I had to do, but we won't move too many resources to look for them since they're your problem. You're free to look for them in the spirit races' territory, though. Of course, as long as you don't try to enter any area that's out-of-limits."

Back on Rean's side, Roan contacted them as they flew in the direction of the demon beasts' territory. 'Change sides with me. If they decide that they want to come after us, it'll be better if they don't see you. You can change your appearance better than me, but just slightly. It'll be better to show them that I'm a 'Water Element Affinity' cultivator.'

Rean didn't mind it. 'Sure. I wanted to take a look at the System Sect, so you can take my place.'

Without saying anything else, Roan came out of the Dimensional Realm while Rean entered it. He also used Rean's appearance-changing skills to create a completely new look. "Kentucky, you can go faster than that, no? Just increase the speed already."

"You sure?" Kentucky asked back. "Others might feel me and become suspicious about my speed due to my cultivation."

"No problem," Roan didn't mind. "We're just flying until we find a Spirit City connected to the Spirit Stream."

Kentucky nodded in response and immediately increased his speed, just enough to recover his energy and keep that pace.

It took them around one more week to find a city connected to the Spirit Stream. Obviously, that wasn't the city located close to the Azure Lilibels, not that they wanted it to be anyway. After sending Kentucky into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, Roan entered the city and used Rean's badge to get access to the Stream. Only then did their travel hasten a lot as Roan continued the journey for everyone.

Inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, Rean was taking a look at how everyone had progressed since they left the Free Continent. To be more specific, he paid attention to those who awakened weapon intents.

Ophilia had already become a grown woman a long time ago, and as the first one to awaken her sword intent, she was the one with the furthest progression. "You have consolidated the second level of sword intent very well, Ophilia. Your cultivation at the Initial Stage of the Saint Realm is also progressing smoothly."

Ophilia shook her head, telling Rean, "Compared to the guys who awakened their weapon intents, I was the one who took the longest to find my path. Fosxin and Leonardo are both years ahead of me in that regard."

"Sure." Rean agreed with her. "However, you're the only one among them who has achieved perfect Stable Ethereality. Leonardo's also at the second level, but he'll still take a long time to stabilize it. As for Fosxin, he's still trying to bring his Spear Intent Seed into the second level. That will definitely give you the advantage as time passes."

Leonardo, who was also there, had to admit Rean was right. "You have always been Sect Master's favored disciple, and it's due to your own merit."

"Favored disciple?" Rean looked back at Leonardo. "Hmm... I gave her more attention because she had the same sword intent as me. I wasn't trying to give her any unfair advantage. That's why I also tasked her with taking care of Furin and Nissovis. They've awakened their sword intents these past few years, so she has to entertain them."

Leonardo shrugged his shoulders in response. "Well, if you say so." Everyone knew Rean was an easy-going guy. Thanks to that, no one really talked to him like he was someone that important. It was totally different from when they talked to Roan. After all, Roan was just too scary.

"Tatiana also has sword intent, Sect Master," Ophilia suddenly mentioned. Tatiana was also one of the first members of the sect.

Rean shrugged his shoulders when he heard that. "She does have it, but she doesn't seem to care too much. Her Sword Intent Essence is different from yours and only advances slowly."

"Anyways." Rean changed the topic. "How is your Iron Affinity going? We taught you about the effect you have on iron inside a body. Are you able to use it?"

Leonardo immediately became excited when he heard that. Before he joined the System Sect, his Affinity was considered terrible as there were no cultivation techniques for it. However, after Roan worked on one for him, Leonardo advanced nonstop. Among the weapon intent owners, he had the highest cultivation after Luan, being at the Peak of the Saint Realm. However, above all, it also affected how much of the enemies' iron in their blood could be controlled. "It's great! When I fight demon beasts

at the same level as me in the Demon Beast Forest of the sect, I can reduce their speed by around 30% or so. It's especially good during the first strike when the enemy doesn't expect me to be able to do it."

Rean smiled in response. "Remember, we only taught you about this because we believe you'll use it wisely. Don't forget that such an ability is terrifying for those unprepared. If you spread the news around while you're outside, don't blame me if a kill bounty is put on your head."

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Chapter 1904: The Halls' Improvements

Leonardo's smile quickly disappeared as it changed into a serious expression. "Don't worry, Sect Master. What you and Sect Master Roan taught me won't be used like that. Ever since you rescued me from that miserable life, I've decided to use my power for the sect only."

Rean shook his head, though. "No need to do that. It'll be enough if you simply don't betray us in the future."

Rean finally decided to leave after that. "Alright, I'm off to the Formation Hall."

It was then that he remembered something. "Oh, right! The fact that all the sect members have to struggle in the Nascent Soul Realm is because we can't use Void Shattering Pills. Roan obtained the recipe, and it allows anyone who swallowed it to easily reach the Void Tempering Realm. Unfortunately, anyone living in our Dimensional Realm has to be at least one entire cultivation realm below us. Since Roan and I just reached the Initial Stage of the Void Tempering Realm, we won't be able to use it for a while." Of course, there was the Soul Gem's 20000 Destiny Points option to allow someone to break that rule. However, there was no way the twins would use it for everyone.

"It's fine." Ophelia didn't care. "I intend to cultivate faster now that I've passed that phase. You told us before, didn't you? Your dantians need a lot more Divine Energy than most, so I can definitely catch up. Once you reach the Initial Stage of the Space Bending Realm, I'll definitely be ready for the Void Tempering Realm."

"A cultivation and sword freak as always," a voice suddenly appeared. It was none other than Luan. "Uncle Rean, you better look out for her. Even I don't know if I can stay ahead. Hahaha!"

Luan then patted the girl's head, much to her irritation. "Stop it! You aren't that much older than me."

Rean laughed as well. "Well, being older is being older. Alright, I'm leaving now. Luan is Roan's problem, not mine."

Sometime later, in the Formation Hall, Rean met with Havek for the first time in several months. There wasn't any other choice since he was the one traveling. "How are things?"

Havek glanced at Rean with a slightly unhappy expression. "Almost half a year outside. How do you expect us to fix the bugs in the Communication System if you keep spending most of your time out?"

Rean wasn't that concerned, though. "We have you, don't we? Why would I have to worry about that?"

"That's true," Havek's mood immediately improved when he heard that. Nothing worked better on this guy than inflating his ego.

"So, what are you working on now?" Rean then went back to the main topic.

"The overflow of information bugs," Havek answered. "Many times, we lost information because there were too many messages going through. Do you remember? We had to issue an order to only use the communication system for war-related things because most of the time, it was used for normal conversations. The crystals used to save information couldn't keep so many at the same time in the queue, which resulted in the loss of information."

"I see where you're coming from," Rean answered. "You're trying to improve the code to reduce the size of the information and, at the same time, increase the memory crystal's capabilities."

"Pretty much." Havek didn't deny that.

Rean pondered over it for a bit before asking, "Did you try to use bigger-sized memory crystals in the simulator of the Circuitry Formation Repository?"

Havek nodded, telling him, "That was one of the first ideas I used. The crystals did indeed save more information. However, I noticed a problem. For example, a crystal that's double the size doesn't mean twice the amount of information stored. That's because the parts of the memory crystal that have to be read need more Divine Energy to generate the electrical currents necessary to make the recording. The bigger the memory crystal, the more apparent this problem becomes."

Havek continued, "For the System Sect in the Dimensional Realm, the memory crystals we have are more than enough. However, when the system starts to encompass several cities, that becomes a problem. That's why I'm trying to improve the code where the information is recorded as well."

"Another issue is that the Divine Energy in the environment we use to generate the electrical current isn't enough when the memory crystal increases in size. As I mentioned, the bigger the crystal, the more Divine Energy we need. Depending on the location, we might need to reduce the size of the crystal instead. Unless, of course, we compensate for it with Divine Stones, but that's just too wasteful."

The memory crystals were something invented by a sect back in the Sunkan Planet. Later, when Rean reached the Realm of Gods, he had to use new materials to recreate that crystal. However, they had never been the same again. "Hmm... I guess we need to create a new memory crystal. I've been planning to change its shape for easier access to information. Let's first take a look at what you've done so far, and then I'll show you my ideas. I'm sure we can reach a solution if we combine both."

"Suits me just fine." Havek was obviously happy to be able to work on his Circuitry Formations.

Rean worked with Havek for several days until finally, Havek let him go. "Hmm... let's take a look at the Blacksmith Hall now."

The Blacksmith Hall was also mainly run by other cultivators. Rean only came by when he had to teach them more about the forging process of higher-level equipment. As his cultivation increased, so did the blacksmiths. That meant they could advance their forging as well. Jayo was still the one who commanded it while Rean wasn't there.

"Jayo, how are the Circuitry Forging equipment we created for the hall?" Rean asked Jayo when he got there.

"It's truly a sad thing," Jayo answered. "We participated in an entire continental war, but we could never bring out our Element Gathering weapons. That would have been a real good test for our blacksmiths. Other than that, the forging equipment is working just fine."

Rean nodded in response. "That's good. Once we grow strong enough to not care about showing the weapons anymore, you'll have your chance. For now, let me take a look at everyone's improvement, including yours."

Jayo nodded with a smile. "Right away."

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Chapter 1905: Into the Demon Beasts Territory

Rean was watching the blacksmiths there when suddenly, Celis got in contact with him. "Since you're already checking through the sect's issues, you might as well address this one."

Rean looked at Celis, who pointed toward the Demon Beast Forest. "I see... we have too many disciples and not enough demon beasts to keep up with their development. Is that correct?"

Celis nodded in response. "Pretty much. I've been limiting the access of disciples into the Demon Beast Forest so their numbers wouldn't drop too much. However, with the new disciples we got during the war, even the number of demon beasts we have isn't enough. We need to populate the rest of the forests. Also, we need to fill the ocean that appeared during the last upgrade." Indeed, the ocean was still devoid of any life.

Rean contacted Roan, who was inside the Spirit Stream. 'Do you think we can stop at some Demon Beast Forest or something like that to capture some demon beasts?'

Roan shook his head. 'This stream will bring us straight to the border between the Vascunir and Laxis Continent. After that, the stream turns around and goes deep into the spirit races' territories again. I intend to come out of the stream on that border. Vascunir is inside the spirit races' territory, while Laxis is already part of the demon beasts' territory. We can try to do that once I cross to Laxis.'

'The Gods' Dividing Barrier, huh?' Rean knew that they were getting close to that barrier again.

'Just tell the disciples to concentrate on other tasks during the following days until we can secure a passage. There will be no lack of demon beasts once we get to the other side,' Roan concluded.

Celis then took the opportunity to ask. 'The cultivation limit of the Dimensional Realm is always one realm or more below our levels. With that said, I would like to get some Initial Stage Transition Realm demon beasts or even plants if we can.' As to why he said that, demon beasts usually did not get sentience before the Transition Realm. Celis wanted a few of those to help keep the order in the Demon Beast Forest and the ocean.

'Very well.' Roan nodded. 'It's just that we'll have to ask them directly, and they'll have to sign the Soul Binding Contracts.'

Celis didn't mind. 'Don't worry. That's the easy part. With Kentucky and my Divine Bloodlines, they'll accept the offer very easily.'

With that decided, Roan focused on his journey again and finally reached the Gods' Dividing Barrier a few weeks later. However, once he stepped out of the Spirit Stream, he quickly noticed that there were quite a lot of Divine Senses checking it. 'Humanoid experts?' Roan wondered.

Roan ignored all of that, though. Just like Rean did, he was using a different body and appearance. Not to mention that it looked more like he was a Water Element Affinity user than anything else. There were a few humanoid beings who arrived through the stream every now and then, so it was nothing out of the norm for one more to be there.

Roan was then inquired about his reason for being there, which he answered just like most people. He needed to head to the demon beasts' territories to acquire materials for his clan, organization, sect, or whatever. That was the main reason for almost every traveler from the humanoid race.

Dalanbi had his doubts about Rean having appeared in the spirit races' territory. The weirdest part was that Fran told him that his Dimensional Realm was empty. There wasn't anyone else there. Just in case, he had each traversal city in the center of the Realm of Gods have a few humanoid experts watching. Then again, because of the Gods' Dividing Barrier, their level wasn't that high, with most being at the Space Bending Realm. It would be just too hard for any of them to see through Roan's disguise.

Roan didn't waste time and used his badge to make the traversal into the demon beasts' territory. As unlikely as the chances of being found were, he didn't want to risk it.

From inside the Dimensional Realm, Rean got its outer shell to show what was happening outside. That way, everyone once again watched as Roan traversed the continental barrier. At the same time, he told everyone. "We are now in the demon beasts' territory of the center of the Realm of Gods. Did you think you would ever come so far when you joined us? Hahaha!"

Many people sighed as they watched that. For them, who were most similar to beggars when they were found, it was really hard to believe they made it here. They had already seen more of the Realm of Gods than the majority of living beings in the Realm of Gods would see during their entire lives.

Ultimately, Roan finished the traversal of the Gods' Dividing Barrier and appeared in the Demon Beast City on the other side. It did remind him of the Spirit Cities, with very few buildings used mostly by humanoid race experts. Sure enough, demon beasts weren't very keen on having houses and things like that. The number of demon beasts in the city was also low since only those at the Transition Realm and above had sentience. 'At least I can see them,' Roan thought. Spirits kept themselves hidden most of the time, after all.

The demon beasts' territory would definitely be the most annoying to journey through, though. Just like the spirits, there weren't that many Formation Guilds around. Not to mention that cities were just as scarce. Last but not least, the demon beasts didn't have a Spirit Stream that could be used.

'That's weird,' Roan thought. 'Demon beasts at the Transition Realm and above have to move somehow, especially the important ones. With the lack of teleport formations and something like a Spirit Stream, how do they travel through the continents and visit other territories?'

As a traversal city, this one obviously had its own Formation Guild. It was thanks to this guild that Roan found the answer.

"Oh! That? It's simple. Sure, the demon beasts have very few cities and obviously Formation Guilds. However, they at least understand the importance of formations, especially bloodline and movement-related ones. With that being said, the few teleport formations in the scarce demon beast cities around the continents are mostly super long-distance teleport formations."

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Chapter 1906: Looking For

Hearing that, Roan understood. With that, it should be possible to travel through the demon beasts' territory. However, now that he and Rean were finally here, they immediately saw a huge problem.

'Okay, we've arrived at the demon beasts' territory, but where exactly will we look for Calina and the others?' Rean asked.

Roan pondered over it for a bit before saying, 'Chances are that once they teleported to the Realm of Gods' demon beasts' territory, they landed far outside the center. Our best bet would be to leave the center of the Realm of Gods and head deeper into the demon beast territories far away. We can then try to gather information as we pass through the continents.'

Although Roan said that, he understood better than anyone else how unlikely it would be to find Calina and Qia using that method. They didn't even know if they were still alive or not. Though, they were aware from the start that it wouldn't be easy.

However, little did Roan expect to find what he did. Back when the female demon beast, Lanfia, discussed the twins' issue with the others, they decided to wait for the twins to arrive. Meanwhile, they continued to think about plans to find the twins once they were inside.

What Roan was looking at right now was a message left in almost all of the demon beast cities in the center of the Realm of Gods.

-Looking for two humans called Qia and Calina. Any information regarding these two humans will be greatly rewarded.-

It went without saying that the humanoid race territory's spies had passed the message to the humanoid powers. Yet, the humanoid powers, like the Rambram Sect, knew nothing about this Qia and Calina. It was even weirder since this poster only appeared after Lanfia attacked the Huring Sect.

The powers of the humanoid races knew that Erithean was captured and brought away by Lanfia. With that said, it wasn't hard for them to imagine that perhaps, this Qia and Calina were involved with the twins. Nevertheless, what mattered was that they had to find the twins inside their own territory. As

long as they did that, the demon beasts wouldn't have any use for these two girls since they wouldn't even let the twins know about it.

Yet, here was Roan, in the demon beasts' territory, looking at this exact poster. 'They're looking for Qia and Calina?'

'How do they even know about them?' Rean couldn't help but ask from within the Dimensional Realm.

The twins thought about it. Not long after, they remembered the only person who had heard anything about it from their mouths. It was also the man who helped them eliminate all traces of being from the Mortal Realm. 'Erithean or Luina.'

'It's safe to say that Erithean was definitely caught by the enemy,' Roan mentioned. 'Kentucky, Havek, Luina, Celis. These are basically the only ones who know about the two girls in the Realm of Gods. Luina is out of the question, as the demon beasts would never be able to capture her from the Jamai Sect. Kentucky, Celis, and Havek are obviously with us right now. That only leaves Erithean.'

Rean nodded. 'I wonder what happened in the Huring Sect for Erithean to open his mouth. I don't think he would tell anything about us without a good reason.'

'The question now is whether the two girls have been found or not,' Rean focused on the main issue.

Roan thought even further. 'We should consider that they haven't been found yet.'

'How come?' Rean asked back.

'There are two main points,' Roan continued. 'First, if they had been found, the demon beasts could have simply spread the news in their cities that they have both of them. Even though Erithean knew about the two girls' names, that was all he knew. That means they would have included some proof that they're indeed our Qia and Calina in this news.'

'The second point is that this would be a way for them to catch our attention without alarming the humanoid races. For example, they spread the news that they have Calina and Qia in a certain place,

together with the proof that they were the real deal. The humanoid races wouldn't know anything about the girls, so they would be confused as to why this news was spread. Yet, both you and I would definitely identify it straight away.'

Rean nodded after hearing that. 'I see... that's why they didn't simply put there that they've caught them. After all, we wouldn't simply move out if all they said was that they had both. It would be too obvious. On the other hand, if they had proof, then we would need to at least check it out.'

'However, that's also a huge problem for us,' Roan mentioned. 'If this news had been truly shared through the demon beasts' territory, chances are that Calina and Qia saw it. If they haven't been captured yet, then they're definitely hiding.'

Far away from there, in a continent called Finzant, inside Demoros Region, two girls were hiding inside a cave not far away from Vrix Race City. They were obviously Calina and Qia. The two had found that they were being looked for and quickly left the city behind.

Finding two specific humans in the Realm of Gods would be ridiculously hard. However, this was the demon beasts' territory, so the number of Qias and Calinas that existed here wasn't that high. Not only that, they were obviously looking for these two at the same time. How many Qias and Calinas were there in the demon beasts' territories that were living or traveling together? That reduced the number of targets by a lot.

If Calina and Qia had stayed in the city, it wouldn't have taken long for them to be found. After all, they never thought about hiding their names.

Fortunately, there was one person who helped them gather news from outside that cave, Zuo. Zuo was Roan's disciple, just like Luan from back in the Freedom Sect. Red, the Golden Drohare, also came with them. However, he didn't come with Calina, Qia, and Zuo to the center of the Realm of Gods. He decided to stay back in his race.

Fortunately for the girls, only their names appeared on the search posters. Zuo was not part of it.

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Chapter 1907: There is always a way

"Alright, alright! I'm here to give you the latest news within the demon beasts' territory," said Zuo as he entered the cave. "It's quite hard to obtain any information from the demon beasts as they aren't exactly good at spreading it. From the looks of it, the demon beasts still haven't found Qia and Calina as the posters continue to be renewed."

Qia sighed in response. "Of course, they haven't! Aren't both of us right in front of you?"

Calina shook her head, clarifying, "Zuo is probably saying that there weren't other Qias or Calinas traveling together that had been captured. At the very least, not the Qia and Calina the demon beasts want."

"Exactly!" Zuo nodded in agreement. "The longer the posters continue to stay, the higher the chances that you're the girls they're looking for."

"What about Vrix Race City? A few of the demon beasts there heard our name while we were staying there. Is no one looking for us in that city?" Calina took the chance to ask. "There were even some who saw you with us, so wasn't anyone looking for you?"

Zuo shook his head, telling her, "I didn't feel like it was the case, at least. In the end, this is a hub city where quite a few people from the humanoid race pass by. I can only guess that no one paid attention to your names or the fact that I was with you. Otherwise, things wouldn't look that calm over there."

Qia then added, "If they're looking for us, that's most likely because they're looking for Rean and Roan. I can't think of any other reason since we've never done anything that would warrant a search for us."

"What if it was Rean and Roan who started the search, though?" Calina also had her ideas.

However, Zuo and Qia didn't think that to be the case. "If it was really them, it wouldn't be a search for people with just our names. It would have information about our appearance, Zuo, Red, etc. However, only our names are present, which shows that things aren't that simple."

"We can't stay here forever," Calina still insisted. "Neither the twins nor we will ever find each other. We must find a way to spread the news about us without anyone finding our names."

Qia and Zuo could only sigh after that. "Oh, yeah? Then how should we do that?"

"This..." Calina had no answer.

That was exactly the same problem the twins were having. Roan had taken the super long-distance teleport formation a few times and teleported all the way to the center of the continent. But even with that, the same posters could be found there as well.

'So, how do we put up a search for those two girls without looking like we're looking for them? Above all, a search that can reach the entire demon beasts' territory?' Rean asked.

[I have an idea.] Sister Orb suddenly intervened. [We know that these posters were put out after what happened in the Free Continent, right? It's obvious that the demon beasts here wish to find you two. Or, to be more specific, Rean, Havek, and the other Formation Masters of the System Sect. We're already in the demon beasts' territory, so why don't we just give ourselves to them?]

Rean understood where Sister Orb was coming from. 'Use the demon beasts to do a more detailed search, huh? In exchange, we can do what they want. It does look like a good idea. However, what if they don't want our knowledge about formations? What if they want us dead instead? Wouldn't we be delivering ourselves to our death?'

Roan narrowed his eyes for a moment before changing his direction. He was heading straight to the building listed in those posters for those who had information about Calina and Qia. 'Let's do as Sister Orb says.'

Rean was taken aback. 'Really?! What if I am right?'

Roan shook his head. 'I told you before, didn't I? If the posters don't have any more specific information, it means the girls are hiding quite well if they're still alive. If that's the case, forget about ever finding them in a place as big as the Realm of Gods. Our best bet is to form a trade with the demon beasts and spread more detailed information. Don't forget that Zuo and Red were also with them, so they should be able to help when the new information comes out.' Obviously, there was no way for Roan to know that Red had stayed behind in his race. Fortunately, Zuo was indeed together with the girls.

[It's too difficult for information to spread through the demon beasts' territory. Look at these posters. They're all about the two girls. The few others that exist are most likely spread by powerful demon beasts for other matters. Just how much power do you need to spread this kind of information throughout the demon beasts' territory? I don't think this is a problem of how rich you are, but how important your position in the demon beast races is.]

Roan agreed with Sister Orb. 'Exactly. All the other requests were some incredibly difficult things that only those with power would be able to spread. Of course, not counting requests made in the cities themselves, but those are marked as local requests anyway, so it's easy to tell them apart. We can't do the same thing even if we have the necessary Divine Stones. It's not about wealth. If we want to spread the information about the girls to find them, we need to be related to these powerful demon beasts at the very least.'

'So much for trying to stay hidden all this time...' Rean couldn't help but murmur.

Kentucky also heard that conversation, though. 'Errr... that's good and all. However, what will we do after getting the two of them back? Live in the demon beasts' territory forever? That's considering they really don't wish to kill you.'

As mentioned before, the twins still needed to travel everywhere to find the fragments. If not for the girls, Rean and Roan would probably be heading to the so-called Floating Islands of Time by now. Yet, Roan just shrugged his shoulders in response. 'There's always a way. Don't worry, the demon beasts won't be the only ones to appear after I show myself.'

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Chapter 1908: The Arrival of the Experts

Later in the demon beasts' building, Roan presented himself with one of the posters in his hand. "You guys said you were looking for these two girls with these names, right? I just so happen to know both of them."

The demon beast attending there looked at Roan and couldn't recognize him, not that it mattered anyway. "Are you sure? You humanoid race beings are very opportunistic. If you think you can get the reward after giving fake information and disappear, you better think twice. There's no lack of people like you who lost their lives after trying their luck."

Roan shook his head, though. "There's no need to worry. First of all, the reason the demon beasts are looking for these two girls is basically that they want to find me... and my brother. Just contact your race's superior already. I'm sure they'll be delighted to hear about me."

The demon beast narrowed its eyes when it heard that but still decided to give it a go. The order was to pass any information as unlikely it was, after all. "Very well, you come with me."

However, Roan shook his head. "I have a few other things to do. However, I'll be staying in this city. I'll come out when they arrive."

Before the demon beast could say anything, Roan had already disappeared from the building. At Roan's level, even a Space Bending Realm demon beast would have a hard time keeping track of him.

It didn't take more than a day for the Azure Dragon, Placake, to suddenly receive news about Roan. "What?! Are you sure he said that? What does he look like?!"

The younger dragon, who was passing over the news, used his Divine Sense to share the image of Roan's appearance in response. Since Roan wanted to be identified, he reverted to his original appearance. That was obviously the same appearance he had back during the Free Continent Competition.

"It's him! No, wait! This is his white-haired brother. No, that matters little. He should know where his brother is as well!" Placake was excited when his face changed again. "Wait! How many people know about this already?"

The younger dragon pondered over it for a bit before saying, "Well... the human's first appearance was reported by one of our cities on the continent of Glisgal. It's one of the bordering continents, so it had to pass through quite a few demon beasts before reaching me. As ancestor knows, we receive reports related to that Qia and Calina, which are mostly fake, so it took some time to screen through them as well. I would say quite a few demon beasts are aware of it, just like they are with other fake information."

"Fuck!" Placake's face looked terrible as he cursed out in anger. That went totally against his plans. His idea was to find the twins' girls and then use the girls to attract the twins. That way, he could guide where the twins should have gone to hear more about the girls, and it would be safer to capture them. Yet, the twins decided to turn themselves before they even found the girls. It ended up with the normal

channels being used to pass the information ahead. That also meant the spies from the humanoid and maybe even other races, like the devils, might be looking and already found out about it.

Without wasting time, Placake spread his Divine Sense and called Lanfia, Gardo, and another demon beast called Mladrem. 'Come with me. I found one of the twins. Is there anyone else around?'

Lanfia was taken aback as she quickly opened a fissure in space. 'No, there's just the four of us. The rest are obviously spread in different parts of our territory. Two of them are even out, visiting other races on their own businesses.'

'It'll have to do,' replied Placake as he also entered a fissure in space.

Gardo and Mladrem asked Placake back as they met in the middle of the space storms. 'What happened? Shouldn't we have found the two girls first? How come you found one of the twins without using those girls?'

Placake shook his head, telling them, 'I thought the same thing. However, the black-haired twin decided to appear on his own. Worst of all, he appeared in a bordering continent with the spirits.'

'Shit!' Gardo and Mladrem cursed after that. 'Will he even be there by the time we arrive?'

'I sure hope so,' Lanfia said. 'At the very least, the humanoid races' territory is on the opposite side of the demon beasts. It would take them longer to send experts capable of rivaling us through the Gods' Dividing Barrier. We have a good chance.'

She was right. The humanoid races did receive the information about Roan and sent some of their experts over. Yet, they were delayed by the Gods' Dividing Barrier.

Back in the city where Roan was waiting, he purposely changed his appearance once again. After making sure no one was following him, he left and settled on a small hill nearby. Well, to be more specific, he wasn't really there, but in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, leaving the entrance there.

"So..." Rean looked at Roan. "You want to get the attention of not only the demon beasts but the other races as well."

Roan could only shrug his shoulders. "That's basically it. If they didn't know about Calina and Qia, we could have spent our time building our authority and doing a proper search. Unfortunately, we don't have that option anymore as we don't know when they might find the girls."

"Considering they're alive, right?" Celis asked back. He was a lot more realistic on this part.

Roan nodded in response. "Indeed. If they haven't found them yet, that might be because they're already dead."

[Hey, Roan, some of the visits you were waiting for have just arrived.]

Suddenly, three powerful Divine Senses fell over the entire city, examining every corner of it. However, because the twins' Dimensional Realm was far away from the city, their Divine Senses weren't enough to find the entrance.

'Where are they?' One of the owners of those Divine Senses asked the others.

'I can't find him,' someone else answered.

'Forget it.' Finally, their leader decided. 'Capture everyone at the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm and above. Bring them close to us. If any of them has a Pocket Dimensional Realm, we'll sense it as long as it's close enough to us.'

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Chapter 1909: Shall we all talk a little?

They knew they were running against time, so they didn't even spare the demon beasts from it. Of course, they first grabbed any humanoid race members they saw, making them move close to feel their bodies with their natural spatial perceptions. Next were the demon beasts themselves, just in case there was a chance of the twins being able to disguise themselves like one of them.

Yet, the more they checked those guys, the worse their expressions became. Not even the demon beasts in the building where Roan reported his presence knew where he was. All it said was that Roan left as soon as he showed himself. He simply disappeared soon after.

"He must be hiding somewhere outside the city," the leader of the group immediately said. It was Sufo, the same one who went to check on the information about the twins in the Huring Sect.

"Just to check all the beings in this city that fit the description already took us over an hour. We don't know how far from the city they are... if they are in this city at all, that is," the other immediately complained. This one was Prodal, surprisingly one of the few humanoid experts of the Jakarta Sect with a real Star Body.

"We have no choice. We need to find him and his sect members. Especially the white-haired boy or that Sea Chilling Spirit." The cultivators didn't want to give up, though. The last one was from the Himaria Clan, Someone called Flinyu.

Outside the city, Sister Orb continued to watch everything from afar. [They should be getting impatient now. I wouldn't be surprised if they just start killing everyone to try and find us.]

Roan shrugged his shoulders in response. "I have nothing to do with any of those demon beasts or the rest. I won't come out before."

It was then that four more powerful Divine Senses fell over the city, quickly catching the three humanoid experts' attention. "Shit! They're here."

The sky turned blue as the Water Element became excited in all the surroundings. As that happened, an enormous Azure Dragon came out from behind the fabric of space as he talked with the humanoid experts. "You have quite some courage to barge into the demon beast territory uninvited."

Sifo snorted in response. He wasn't afraid of the Azure Dragon at all. "Look if it isn't the Regal Bloodline Azure Dragon. And you really had the gall to say that? That female demon beast right on your side did exactly the same thing to us. Or are you going to say that old Linfia didn't go pay a visit to Huring Continent?"

Linfia couldn't care less. "Hmph! That's your fault for having such weak defenses." She said that, but she was far from her peak strength. One must remember that she was quite injured during the escapade from the humanoid races' territories.

Prodal then came forward and demanded. "Placake, give the black-haired twin to us. Do you really want to start a war between the humanoids and demon beasts? Only the devils will benefit from that. The knowledge that boy and spirit have on formations is too important."

Placake laughed in response. "Hahaha! Do you think we are idiots? You should know better than us that we haven't found him yet. Your spies did quite a good job passing the information over for you to arrive so much earlier than us."

Prodal didn't deny that. He was simply testing the waters.

Sifo then intervened. "That doesn't matter. What matters is that we know at least one of the System Sect guys is here, that black-haired twin. Are you going to give them up if you get them or not?"

"Their knowledge in formations are just as beneficial for our bloodline formations as they are for your humanoid ones. We aren't idiots. A lot can be gained from those Circuitry Formations. The spirits are the only ones who can't see it," replied Placake. "Besides, the System Sect left a lot of Circuitry Formations behind for you in that Free Continent, no? How about you focus on that and leave?"

"Hmph!" Sifo obviously wouldn't take that. "All they left were the supporting formations. The main formations that were the heart of their communication system disappeared together with their sect. Sure, we'll have a very good look at those formations, antennas, routers, etc... However, I wouldn't mind trading all that for the white-haired twin and that Sea Chilling Spirit."

"Dream on," Placake immediately refused.

Both sides went silent for a moment as the tension increased. This was the demon beasts' territory, and they had one extra expert on their side. However, the humanoids weren't weak by no means. It was obvious that they also had a secret method to cross the Gods Dividing Barrier, just like Lanfia, without suffering too much.

Yet, just as the tension was about to explode into an all-out fight, someone suddenly teleported right in the middle of these experts. "Now, now, now. Aren't we all acting like children here? I'm sure we can reach a good deal if we talk calmly."

Everyone was shocked by the guy's sudden appearance. It was none other than Rean who used the Circuitry Teleport Formation in the Dimensional Realm to go there. None of the experts had started a fight yet, and for them, scrambled space meant nothing as they could enter and leave spatial storms with ease. With that being said, the space was not restricted. 'Well, I was also quite lucky to teleport in the right position. After all, the Circuitry Teleport Formation's arrival point is always quite random,' Rean thought.

Rean then raised his hand, continuing, "Oh, and you better not think of capturing me before the other does. With your cultivations, the other side definitely wouldn't stay still. I will probably be reduced to dust before any of you can even touch me."

That was exactly why neither the demon beasts nor the humans acted straight away. Fighting the other side wasn't a problem. However, because none of them had Rean in their hands yet, they couldn't protect him either. Both sides had already started to fight for spatial control around Rean's location, and none were holding back. For now, they couldn't risk Rean's life.

"Look how well behaved all of you are. So, shall we talk a little?" Rean asked with a smile, seeing them silent.

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Chapter 1910: We Can Leave Anytime

"Why should we even listen to you?" Sifo asked back with a dark expression. Of course, he kept most, if not all, of his focus on Placake and the other demon beasts while he said that. "You had a guaranteed future in the humanoid races' territories. Instead, you decided to run away and put our entire force after you."

Rean didn't seem to mind it, though. "That doesn't seem like a good thing, right? You say that we had a guaranteed future there. However, I don't remember having ever asked for it. Does that mean if I had asked for you to simply let me and my sect go, would you do that?"

"Impossible," Sifo answered straight away.

Rean smiled in response. "See? That's not a guaranteed future. That's basically imprisonment. I quite like my freedom the way it is right now. That's why we decided to leave. Besides, do you have any idea how hard it was to develop the Circuitry Formations? I had to literally start from scratch on my own. Well, Havek joined later and helped me make a lot more progress, though."

"On your own?" That took Sifo and the rest of the experts aback. Everyone there thought Rean had received that knowledge from somewhere else. He did... but he wouldn't talk about the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm's system. Without that, they couldn't know if it was true or not.

Placake then asked, "Why did you appear here? It seems like you wanted this situation to happen."

It was then that a black-haired twin appeared as well, using Rean's leaving point to come out. Obviously, that was Roan. "I did indeed plan for this. The fact was that we didn't want to make an appearance, but you seem to have somehow found out about Qia and Calina. Was it Erithean?"

Probal immediately answered. "That demon beast there attacked the Huring Sacred Land and killed most of the cultivators there. She also captured the cultivator that went by the name of Erithean and brought him to the demon beasts' side. We don't know if he's still alive or not."

Linfia narrowed her eyes after hearing that. "Hmph! That's because that Erithean guy lied to me. Anyone who lies to me won't have a good end. That's a personal rule of mine, regardless of who it might be."

Rean glanced at Linfia after that. "So that's what we can expect from the demon beast races, uh? The possibility of being killed at any moment. Seems like we made the right choice to have lured both sides here."

"Wait..." Placake immediately intervened, calmly stating, "Linfia is a special case. Don't consider everyone to be like her. Besides, we didn't kill your friend. He's well alive."

Roan shook his head. "Whatever. Erithean was basically the only friend we had in Huring Sacred Land. As for the others, we don't care too much." Rean and Roan also knew Erithean's granddaughter, Cassia, but their relationship wasn't anything more than acquaintances. There was also the guy who Roan got the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique from, but that was more like a mutual trade between them.

Roan then returned to the main topic. "We came here because we need to find those two girls and their companions. The humanoid races would have never let us come, so we had to do it ourselves."

Rean nodded in agreement. "Now that we found out the demon beasts know about them, we had to change our plans. We want to make a deal with all of you. You help us find the girls, and in exchange, we share what we know about the Circuitry Formations. How about that?"

Sifo found it strange. "Why would you lure us here for that? You could have done that deal with the demon beasts on your own."

"Would they even consider hearing our request if you weren't here?" Roan asked back as if stating a fact.

The demon beasts and the humanoids looked at each other for a moment. Both sides knew that due to the twins' cultivation, they wouldn't consider that at all. Instead, they would first try to force the information out of the twins.

Placake faintly smiled after hearing that. "Very well. In exchange for what you know about Circuitry Formations, we'll try to find your girls and their companions. We just need more specific details, and you can leave it to us to do the searching."

"Do you think we'll just watch and let you take the twins away with the Circuitry Formations?" Probal asked as he prepared to attack. If the deal was over like that, the humanoid races would definitely prefer to simply kill the twins instead.

"Hmm?" Rean looked at Probal with a puzzled expression. "This deal wasn't for the demon beast races alone. It was for both of you. As long as both sides accept, then we'll give you the information equally. Isn't that good for everyone?"

"Ridiculous!" Sifo immediately exploded. "You're humanoids, just like us! How can you simply give them this knowledge like that? The overall situation of the humanoid races should take priority above all else."

"Who said that?" Rean and Roan couldn't care less. First of all, they were on this journey pretty much against their will. Let's not forget that it was the Soul Gem System that had dragged them to this side of the universe.

"Also..." Roan suddenly looked in the direction where the devils' territory could be found. "If we're really talking about the overall picture, then becoming stronger than the devils should be your main priority. The demon beast and humanoid races can resolve their differences after the devils are driven back to the Underworld."

"This..." Both demon beasts and humanoids went silent. They would be very idiotic if they said that the devils didn't pose a higher threat than each other. After all, that's why humanoids, demon beasts, and spirits allied in the first place.

"Can't you see it?" Rean suddenly asked. "You have the chance of increasing both your races' overall strength. Perhaps it might be the trigger to take back the territory conquered by the devils. It's not like the humanoid and demon beast races are afraid of each other anyway. You should really consider the bigger picture here. And you can get all of that by simply agreeing to help us find our girls."

"Last but not least." Roan faintly smiled. "We can leave this place anytime we want."