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Chapter 1941: Essence Races

Frasco confirmed Rean's words. "That's correct. However, they only had a few variants."

"Essence... could it be their races had something to do with the Elements?" Roan asked back.

Frasco looked at Roan with a surprised expression. "Have you dealt with Essence Energy before?"

Roan shrugged his shoulders in response. "Do you really think I would get in contact with such a thing?"

Frasco wondered if Roan was just playing with him or not. In any case, that wasn't his problem. "Is that so? Anyways, you're right. There are different types of essence, and these types determine the Essence Races. To be more specific, there were nine Essence Races."

Frasco mentioned them one by one. "First, there were the mainstream Elemental Essence Races. Fire, Water, Wind, Earth, and Lightning. Within the Essence Races, these were the five most common ones. Of course, their numbers were still extremely low compared to the spirits. Let alone compare it to the humanoids, demon beasts, devils, and angels."

Rean immediately connected with the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm to ask Sister Orb. 'Sister Orb, which element is our World Essence? When I work with it, I don't really feel the presence of any specific element.'

Sister Orb quickly answered. [The World Essence? It's obviously Dark and Light.] Thankfully, she knew what Rean was thinking about. [Don't worry. Essence is still essence, regardless of its origin. The Universe Essence that you first received when you were on Sunkan Planet was basically a more concentrated form of it. The World Essence of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm is as good as Universe Essence, just not as concentrated. Nevertheless, both are Light and Dark Essences. As for why you couldn't feel their type, that was because your cultivation was too low. You should be able to feel it at the Elemental Space Realm, though.]

Frasco didn't know that Rean was talking to Sister Orb, so he didn't stop his story. "The next ones shouldn't be much of a surprise for Rean, Roan, or Kentucky. I'm obviously talking about Light and Dark Essences. Naturally, they're a rarer Essence Race compared to the five mainstream Essence Races."

Frasco couldn't help but pause a moment as he thought about the past. "Now, these seven Essence Races were definitely strong inside the northeast. If we went into the northeast side and fought them, the odds would be stacked against us. However, it was still possible to beat them. However, the truly, truuuuuly annoying ones were the last two Essence Races. They were also the rarest ones, with only four of their members ever reaching the highest cultivation realm of the Realm of Gods. They were the Time and Space Essence Races."

"So there's also Time and Space Essence in the air?" Fay immediately asked.

Frasco smiled at her and nodded. "There sure is, but the conditions for a Time or Space Essence Being to exist is rarer. Think about the Realm of Gods as a whole. Just the northeast side of it is around a fourth of the total. Now, do you believe if I say there weren't even a million Space or Time Essence Race beings?"

A million might seem like a lot. However, a single city in the Realm of Gods could hold hundreds of millions of spirits, demon beasts, or humanoids. A single country could have who knows how many billions, if not trillions. Then, there were the regions and continents. Until today, the twins still didn't know how many continents there were in the Realm of Gods. It definitely wasn't something as simple as just a few tens of thousands. With that, if one considered just how many living beings existed in total on each of the four sides, a ridiculous number would have to be thought. Even the spirits, which were known for being fewer than the humanoids and demon beasts, definitely had a huge number impossible to count if one took the entire spirit races' territory into consideration.

Putting it all into account, there were less than a million Time and Space Essence Race beings on the entire northeast side. Rean even wondered if there was more than a single Space or Time Essence Race member for each continent of that territory. Perhaps the average number per continent was lower than that.

"That's quite lonely," said Fay as she thought about these two Essence Races.

Frasco nodded when he heard that. "Perhaps. Back during the war, I was still young. However, I had one, just one chance to meet a Time Essence Race member. Of course, I was a nobody during that war against the devils, so that Time Essence Race member wasn't anyone that important within the Essence

Races if I could get close to him. In any case, his strength compared to those at the same cultivation level was just absurd. If you ever feel proud about being able to jump a few stages or so to fight someone, please don't be. That Time Essence being would literally trash you in a blink of an eye in the same conditions. It wouldn't be a contest at all. Even today, I think that Time Essence Race guy could jump two realms of power and probably a few more stages on top of that."

Rean and Roan looked at each other after that. To do something at that level, they would definitely need to burn their nascent souls again. And that was just a temporary measure. They would use all of their Nascent Souls' power and then fall straight down to the Core and Soul Fusion Realm after they were over. That Time Essence thing obviously didn't seem to have such an issue.

"That's quite terrifying." Rawor could only wonder what it would be to fight such an existence.

"Hahaha!" Nevertheless, Frasco laughed in the end. "Of course, I'm talking about a fight happening inside the Essence Races' territory. If they came to our side, they wouldn't be anything feared. That's why we never really cared about the Essence Races."

However, Frasco's expression changed the next moment as he sighed. "I just regret that the three races didn't join together sooner to fight the devils. If we had, perhaps the devils wouldn't have conquered the northeast side."

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Chapter 1942: Maybe

Eventually, Rawor decided it was enough. "Thank you, Senior Frasco. You've given us a lot of information."

"No problem," Frasco answered. "You know I like to tell stories. It has been some time since anyone was interested in knowing what happened in the past. After all, it's been a long time since it happened." With that, Frasco turned around and left the Circuitry Communication System's core.

Well, this 'core' wasn't an actual core but the place where all the main Circuitry Formations were gathered. It went without saying that Placake wouldn't allow the system to be built inside the System Sect since it could be moved away. Instead, he had Rean build it inside the Dragon Race's lair, where only other important demon beasts would be able to get close.

Roan then decided to go back into the Dimensional Realm and continue to cultivate with Celis. Not only Celis, but he also had his son there, forcing him to cultivate. Alen truly didn't get much free time ever since childhood.

Rean could see that through his connection with Roan. In the end, he couldn't understand. 'How could these two be so different from each other?'

The thing about Alen was that he became the opposite of Roan. He didn't take things that seriously and hated to train and cultivate. If anything, he was a lot more like Kentucky than Roan. They only had similar appearances, which was the only sign one could make to tell they were related by blood.

Unfortunately, not even Kentucky, with his cultivation, could escape Roan's regime. Naturally, Alen was even more helpless, often having to ask for help from Calina to make Roan ease up on his cultivation. Of course, most of the time, Calina sided with Roan, so he could only complain.

Rean then looked at Fay, who was hard at work on the communication system's formations. If one didn't know better, they would say that Fay was Roan's kid while Alen was Rean's.

Fay followed every single step of the training that Roan provided. Not only that, but she also learned a lot about formations from Rean and the other Formation Masters. If not because her cultivation was low, she would have been much better. Qia was also a Formation Master, so she had all the support in this field.

Well, even Rean didn't mind about the cultivation and training time. Rean knew very well how important it was. He rarely ever complained when Roan carried it, so Rean was still better than Alen or Kentucky. Alen was truly a lot more like Kentucky than anyone else.

Fortunately for Roan, Alen had never been able to escape the schedule Roan made for him. If he tried, it would become a lot more painful. It was all thanks to this that Fay and Alen still had similar cultivation realms. Both of them were at the Peak Stage of the Nascent Soul Realm.

Of course, Roan had the recipe for the Void Shattering Pill. Not only that, but he didn't even need to concoct it himself. If he talked to the Dragon Race, he could've probably gotten one. Yet, Roan refused to let either Alen or Fay use them. Sure, there were no side effects for humanoids, and it could make

them reach the Void Tempering Realm straight away. However, Roan thought it was important for both Fay and Alen to find their path on their own.

Let's not forget that to enter the Soul Transformation Realm, Alen and Fay had to understand what they really wanted. What their philosophy was. What they believed or would find out to believe. That was what one would call finding one's path. As long as they found it, they would jump straight from the Nascent Soul Realm into the Early Stage of the Soul Transformation Realm. That was the condition Roan imposed on both Fay and Alen.

Another reason for that was the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. To let either of them enter it, they had to be one realm or more below the twins' level. The Void Shattering Pill would make them zoom straight to the Void Tempering Realm, so their cultivation would be beyond the limit. Of course, there was the pass that cost 20000 Destiny Points that could be used to ignore this restriction. But then again, that was a lot of points. Not to mention that if the twins did that, it would show the others that the twins' Dimensional Realm restrictions were different. It would show that there was something there that the other pocket dimensional realms didn't have.

Another thing about Rean and Roan's kids was that neither of them had Light or Dark Element Affinity. Well, Sister Orb already told the twins that it wouldn't happen while the girls were still pregnant. As she mentioned, Rean and Roan were indeed the only humanoids supposed to have those affinities. Alen ended up with Fire Element Affinity, while Fay got Water Element. Their affinities really didn't match the twins at all.

Inside the Dimensional Realm, Alen saw Roan coming back. "Dad... I'm already at the Peak Stage of the Nascent Soul Realm. What's the point of cultivating? My cultivation won't even increase anyway."

Roan didn't seem to care. "That's not a problem. This way, you won't forget how to do it once you reach the Soul Transformation Realm. Now stop complaining and keep cultivating."

Alen sighed in response as he looked at Kentucky. Yet, Kentucky simply answered. "Well, he is your father. If it was up to me, both of us would leave straight away and have some fun."

Calina, who was still there, couldn't help but ask Roan with her Divine Sense. 'I haven't complained about your methods that much. However, he has a point there. Without entering the next realm, cultivation is pretty useless. Wouldn't it be better to let him go and experience life? I don't see how he'll find his path if he's locked in the Dimensional Realm.'

Roan agreed with Calina. 'I know. However, his personality is a big problem. If we truly set him free, I'm afraid he'll never bother trying to find it.'

Calina smiled in response. 'Perhaps. However, I still think we should let him go. Maybe living freely is what will allow for that spark to appear.'

'Maybe...' Roan could only consider the idea for now.

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Chapter 1943: Far, far away

Fay was having the same problem, the part about not having found her 'path' yet. The difference was that she truly felt concerned about that. In Alen's case, he was fine as long as he was free to do whatever he wanted. But for Fay, being stuck in the Peak Stage of the Nascent Soul Realm was far from optimal. She did take her training very seriously, after all. In fact, one of the reasons why she spent a lot of time on formations helping Rean was that cultivating didn't have use for her either.

Unsurprisingly, Qia also reached the same conclusion as Calina. She believed that Fay should go out and experience life until she found her spark. It's just that Rean was too worried to let her go in the demon beasts' territory. First of all, he was worried that someone might try to capture her and use Fay in the future against him.

After a few extra days, Rean received a message from Roan. 'Did Qia talk to you about our kids' cultivation?'

Rean was taken aback for a moment but quickly replied, 'She did. She mentioned it with Calina, right? Otherwise, you wouldn't be contacting to ask about what she did.'

Roan didn't deny that. 'Indeed, Calina and Qia seem to have talked about this issue already. With the Divine Energy of the Realm of Gods, especially a place with so much of it like the Dragon Race and our Dimensional Realm, they're supposed to be far above the Nascent Soul Realm.'

'Not to mention that we have a lot of Divine Stones in case it was necessary. In any case, it's all useless if they can't find their path. That's when I had an idea. You know how your nephew is. He won't focus on

his other training routines if I let him out to experience life. On the other hand, Fay is different. She would definitely follow it to the letter. I would like to let these cousins go out together so that Fay would keep an eye on him.'

Rean didn't find that a good idea. 'So you're saying we should let them out in the demon beasts' territory? I think it's too risky. Also, so what if Fay goes out with Alen? She's stronger due to her diligence, but not to the point she can lock him down, so Alen would be able to escape Fay anytime he wanted.'

Rean continued. 'If you really want to make sure he'll train, just make him sign a Soul Binding Contract. You know my contracts can't be rejected, right? Of course, write something like he has to train if the situation permits to avoid a meaningless death.'

Roan immediately shook his head after hearing his suggestion. 'The idiot is still my kid, you know? Would you force Fay to sign a Soul Binding Contract?' Sure enough, he recognized that Fay was stronger because of their difference in personalities. It's not like he had a Divine Demon Beast Bloodline like Kentucky to make up for that. He was just a human. Also, his talent was only a Blue Color, which wasn't anything that impressive in the Realm of Gods.

'That's true...' Rean didn't deny that, although he found it unusual that Roan would care. 'But what difference would it make if Fay decided to go out and Alen followed her? Would he really train just because Fay's there? I don't think so...'

'That's not a problem,' Roan answered. 'This guy is truly a copy of Kentucky, after all. After he reached puberty, he always tried to look good in front of the other girls in the sect. Once released into the demon beasts' territories, they'll have to rely on each other to survive. If he sees that he's being protected all the time by a woman, it'll hurt his pride. It's not guaranteed, but it's quite possible that it'll make him take things more seriously. If it doesn't work... well, just tell Fay before she leaves that she can abandon him if he becomes nothing but a burden.'

'Oh!' Rean recognized those last words. 'Now, that's a lot more like you. If they can't follow up, then leave them to fend for themselves. I'll be honest. You were a lot more lenient on Alen than you were on your two disciples since he was born.'

Roan didn't want to agree. 'That's because Calina often intervened. Sometimes I had to let it go.'

Rean faintly smiled as he knew that wasn't entirely true. But then again, compared to a normal parent, Roan was indeed many times harsher. 'I see... it was Calina. Yes, it had to be her. No doubt. So, are you fine with letting the two traverse the demon beasts' territory alone? Or are you going to have someone follow them in secret to protect them?'

That's the part where Roan was at a crossroads. His normal reasoning said that such a thing would not really be an experience. However, his heart was worried, which was something pretty new for him. The guy was helpless, but he was still his kid. Well, he would never tell Rean about that. That's why he took this long to arrive at this decision. 'There will be no protectors. In the first life and death situation, the protector would act and save them even if they didn't know someone was following their steps. At some point, they would notice this point, and everything would be useless. If they go away, they have to be on their own.'

Well, Rean would be lying if he said that he didn't have the same worries. 'I don't know... I don't feel like letting Fay leave my sight. Besides, I told you already. What if they're captured by the demon beasts or someone else that know about us? Everyone knows about our kids, after all.'

'Oh, there's no need to worry about that. No one will find out they left until they're far, far away,' Roan answered.

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Chapter 1944: That's the only important point

'Oh-ho...' Rean could only think about one thing that could make that possible, their Circuitry Teleport Formation. 'So, are you going to teleport them away randomly? Isn't that a bit too risky? Because they aren't us, there's no way for us to make them appear near each other if not through sheer luck.'

Roan shook his head, though. 'Teleport them? That would be useless. The guys keeping an eye on us here definitely have Divine Senses spread out much further away than just a thousand kilometers, which is the limit of our teleport formation. What I intend to do is disguise the two as sect members. We haven't really tried to run away for over two decades, so I doubt they think we'll let our kids run away.'

Rean understood. 'I see... with my Light Element and your makeup skills, it should be easy to make them look like some of our sect members. Fortunately, our sect members can go around and fight the demon beasts of this territory, so it should be a good excuse as well.'

'Correct,' Roan agreed with Rean. 'By the way, they won't be the only ones leaving, you know? We need to leave as well. It's about time.'

Rean knew what Roan was talking about. 'Indeed. After over two decades, it's a good time for us to leave. I already taught the demon beasts and the other Formation Masters all they need to know about the Circuitry Formations. With Havek's help on the other side of the communication system, they can build the rest on their own. Not to mention there's also Qia.'

In any case, Rean had one doubt. 'But... are you sure you want to leave them behind? I mean, will it work well? It worries me as much as it does with our kids.'

'We can't bring Calina and Qia with us, that's for sure,' Roan added.

The twins were planning to go to the Minokawa Race's territory. Or, to be more specific, they wanted to go to the Floating Islands of Time. According to the information they had, that's where they could find the next Universe Foundation Fragment. That was the last one they knew in the Realm of Gods.

At the moment, the twins knew of the existence of nine out of the fourteen fragments they needed to recover. Three were obviously with them, while the fourth was supposed to be on the islands. As for the last five, they were not in the Realm of Gods. Of course, they didn't know the location of the last five, so it was possible that they were either in the Realm of Gods or not.

Sure, they could put the girls inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm to keep them safe while they explored outside. However, the girls definitely wouldn't accept idling by the side, just watching them. Since that was the case, they might as well leave Calina and Qia behind. The same applied to Roan's disciples, Zuo and Luan.

As for someone taking them as hostages, it was a different situation from their kids. The idea was for the demon beasts to keep them close instead. Qia already knew everything Rean did, so she could take his place just like Havek on the other side of the line. After all these years, it became pretty obvious that Rean had taught her as much as the others and maybe even a little more. She was too important to be used like that once Rean was gone.

Last but not least, they couldn't tell the girls about their plan to leave the sect's territory. If they did, the girls would absolutely follow them. This was the Dragon Race's territory, after all. With that, it was also

the place where the demon beasts kept the most protected. It was different from when they didn't even know where the girls and Roan's disciples were located. They were absolutely sure the demon beasts would keep them safe since they could use them to attract the twins back later after they disappeared.

However, Rean was still worried about that. What if the demon beasts threatened to torture the girls unless the twins came back? That was definitely possible.

Roan understood Rean's concern and explained, 'I know what you want to say, but we don't need to worry. That's because we'll let Placake himself know that we'll leave and make a deal with him.'

'What?!' Rean was taken aback. 'I thought that was the last thing we wanted to happen. If we tell him we'll leave, he'll definitely lock us down. He's the leader of the demon beast races, you know? All he did in the past was for the sake of acquiring my knowledge.'

'Convincing him should, in fact, be easier than you think,' Roan answered. 'We will simply leave a letter to him, and that should be more than enough.'

Rean was confused when he heard that. 'Leave a letter to him? So it wouldn't be a deal face to face, huh? Alright, and what would you write in that letter? What could convince him to keep the girls, Luan, and Zuo safe while we're gone? Also, there are the sect disciples. We can't bring the sect with us since it's impossible to hide the fact that the sect disappeared. Not to mention that I would prefer to leave the sect here as it's the perfect place for our sect disciples to cultivate and train. The demon beasts might use the sect members against us instead.'

'Hehe... we'll just tell the truth, that's all.' Roan had a faint smile on his face as he said that.

Rean didn't know what Roan meant by that, but he seemed quite confident. Rean was already used to Roan's plans and knew they worked. If he was that certain, that meant it would most likely work. 'You do know that Qia and Calina will hate us for doing it, right?'

'They can hate us as much as they want,' Roan didn't mind. 'Before, we simply didn't know what had happened to them. Now we know, and we can guarantee they'll be fine. That's the only important point.'

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Chapter 1945: She Knew

Saying that just because everyone was inside the Dimensional Realm, they were safe was truly an overstatement at this moment. At the twins' level, any enemy that could put them in danger would already be in the Space Bending Realm or above. Those enemies couldn't attack the Dimensional Realm if the twins were out of it. However, if the twins tried to flee inside, they would leave the entrance behind. The enemies could use it to attack the Dimensional Realm as long as they knew where the entrance was. Obviously, the entrance was the place where the twins or anyone with a Dimensional Realm disappeared.

Once the twins entered the Dimensional Realm to flee, that would be based on luck. That's because those in the Space Bending Realm and above already had the ability to scramble the space. That also meant the twins would try to teleport with the Circuitry Teleport Formation in the middle of spatial storms and would most likely die.

In the end, their adventures from now on would be much more dangerous than they had been so far. That's why they didn't want to bring Calina, Qia, Zuo, or Luan.

'However, I think we still need to bring Luan along at the very least,' Rean added. 'His eyes are just too useful.'

Roan admitted Rean was right. 'That's true. However, that also means we would put him in danger.'

Rean shrugged his shoulders in response. 'Luan already found his path a long time ago. You could simply concoct one of the Void Shattering Realm pills for him. After that, we can pay 20000 Destiny Points to allow Luan to stay in our Dimensional Realm. Unlike Calina or Qia, Luan is very strong compared to others in the same realm. In the entire sect, you and I are basically the only ones who can beat him in the same conditions. He can definitely defend himself and help us a lot. We really need his eyes, Roan.'

Roan pondered over it for a bit and decided he would ask Luan first. 'Alright, let me see if he wishes to come or not. If he refuses, I won't force him. I'll also make sure he won't tell Calina, Qia, or Zuo anything.'

Rean nodded after hearing that. 'That's fine. But first, go tell Calina that you decided to send Alen away with Fay. I'll go talk with Qia as well. We'll only leave once we make sure our kids leave too.'

'That won't be a problem,' Roan immediately got up as he said that. 'Don't forget that the ones who first thought about letting our kids go were the two girls. It would be weird if they suddenly decided not to do that anymore.'

Roan then disappeared from the Dimensional Realm as he went to find Calina.

As for Rean, he just took his communication badge out and inputted Qia's number. A few moments later, Qia's Divine Sense could be heard from his communication formation. 'What is it? I'm quite busy here.'

'Roan and I decided to let Fay and Alen go. We'll have them go together so that they can rely on each other as they try to find their own paths,' Rean quickly explained.

'Oh!' Qia was happy to hear that. 'So you finally agreed to let our girl experience the world on her own, huh? We all did it and found our own paths because of that. Keeping her always close to you would only hinder her progress.'

'I know.' Rean sighed as he said those words. 'However, if Fay and Alen were together, I would rest more assured. Alen has quite a terrible personality, pretty much like Kentucky, but he was trained by Roan as well. I'm just worried about what could happen if they found someone much stronger than them while they're outside.'

Qia was obviously concerned about the same issue. 'I know how you feel. Do you think I didn't consider this issue countless times before I told you that we should let her go? However, such experiences are necessary as well. Let me borrow Roan's words here. Life and death situations are what can bring out someone's real potential. If you die during that, then that's about it.'

Rean smiled after hearing that. 'Roan would say that to everyone. However, that didn't seem to be the case for Alen.'

'It's his kid, after all,' Qia answered. 'But then again, he made sure both Fay and Alen received all the necessary knowledge to adventure on their own. Now is as good as a time to let them go as never.'

Rean looked at Fay, who was working on a few simpler Circuitry Formations before he continued. 'Yeah... at least she's stronger than Alen is, so I guess Roan and Calina will be more worried than us. Alright, I'm going to talk to her. You should come back as well. Roan and I will disguise them and pull them out of the Dimensional Realm. We'll also use Sister Orb to make sure that they don't have any kind of tracker in their bodies. When the moment comes, you'll want to bid her farewell.'

'There's no need,' Qia didn't want to come back, though. 'Fay already knows everything and is simply waiting for you to accept that.'

'What?!' Rean was taken aback. 'You two talked about it already? Why didn't you tell me?'

Qia laughed in response. 'Hahaha! That's because you still wouldn't have considered Fay leaving your side, idiot. Fay understood that and waited patiently for this day. It wasn't our fault that you were so hesitant about letting her go, you know?'

Rean couldn't help but feel somewhat ashamed of himself. 'I wonder who was really looking out for the other.'

Qia then decided to hang up. 'Alright, I'll call Fay and tell her the news before heading back to work. You go ahead and talk to her after you're done on your side.'

However, Rean totally didn't expect Qia's next words. 'Oh, right! You and Roan should take the opportunity and leave as well. I know you two wanted to flee, and our kids' departure should be enough for that.'

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Chapter 1946: Getting Things Together

'Since when did you notice?' Rean asked back through the communication device.

'Calina and I didn't need to think much to reach this conclusion. I mean, neither of us are anywhere near Roan, Kentucky, Celis, or your strength. We would just become a burden to you,' Qia explained.

Yet, Rean still found it shocking. 'But I thought you wouldn't care about any of that and still insist on coming with us.'

'Oh, come on!' Qia scoffed at Rean. 'I do love you, baby. However, I'm not that dependent. When we got separated from each other in the Realm of Gods, Calina, Zuo, and I survived just fine. We even escaped a mass search done by the entire demon beast race.'

'We've already spent a lot of time together. We even had Fay. However, if you and Roan don't do something about this separation of the universe, then we're all still fucked in the end. Calina and I are well aware that you and Roan will have much greater mobility and freedom if we are not around.'

Qia smiled in the end. 'Well, the only problem is that you'll have no one to go to bed with. Hahaha!'

Rean's mouth twitched slightly after that. 'I'm starting to think that I don't want to leave you behind anymore. Sex is way too good.'

'Shut up,' Qia answered jokingly. 'Now, I said what I had to say, so go and do your thing. Calina should have told Roan the same thing already.'

Rean nodded in response and called Fay closer so that they could talk. Just as Qia mentioned, Fay had been preparing to go out on her own for quite some time. She didn't do so until now because of Rean, really. 'Was it mother who convinced you, dad?'

Rean was going to shake his head but decided to nod in the end. 'She sure did. If she didn't open my eyes, I would have had you stay by my side forever. Yet, that can't be done. You might end up dying of old age if you don't reach the Soul Transformation Realm. You need to find your path.'

Fay was happy to hear Rean's words. One must remember that the lifespan of someone in the Nascent Soul Realm was 500 years, and there was no lack of cultivators in the Realm of Gods who didn't find their path at this time. Then again, that was the case for the majority. 'Yes, I want to take the chance that I'm still young to go out and find it myself. I trust in Uncle Roan's training beliefs.'

Rean pondered over it for a bit and then accessed the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Soon after, he brought out two pills and stuffed them inside Fay's spatial ring. 'Here, something to help you if you ever get in a situation you can't escape from.'

Fay looked at the pills inside her spatial ring and was confused. She had never seen that kind of pill before. Not to mention pills with such great power emanating from them. 'What are these, dad? Some kind of forbidden pill to increase strength?'

Rean pondered in silence for a bit before nodding. 'Something along those lines, I guess. These are Void Shattering Pills that Roan concocted after he got the recipe. These are the only two Roan has ever made.'

It was true. Roan didn't want to use them, so he only concocted those two to test his alchemy skills. Obviously, they also had the power to clean and heal one's meridians. It's just that this ability wouldn't be of much use for Fay and Alen since they already had their meridians cleaned by Rean and Roan. Basically, everyone in the System Sect had gone through this process.

'Void Shattering Pills?!' Fay was taken aback. She had never thought she would see one of them. As mentioned before, these pills were of no use to demon beasts, so they were practically nonexistent in the demon beasts' territory. 'B-But, if I use it, I won't be able to enter dad's Dimensional Realm anymore.'

Rean shook his head. 'That's why I'm giving it to you. Roan imposed a condition for these pills to be used. You and Alen must find your path first. These pills make this process useless, but we don't think that's true. At the very least, Roan and I believe that finding our path was what made us so much stronger today. It wasn't just our techniques and equipment. Well, there'll be no lack of cultivators who will think otherwise. Roan himself didn't want you to even know he had concocted these pills.'

'I can imagine so,' Fay agreed with Rean. 'However, why two pills? Is there a need for two? Uncle Roan's pills have always been infallible.'

'The second pill is not for you but for Alen. However...' Rean sighed and didn't continue speaking.

How could Fay not understand? She knew her cousin as well as Rean. 'If he got his hand on one of these pills, he would completely ignore uncle Roan's condition and swallow it straight away. Just how much

time cultivating would he save if he could head straight to the Void Tempering Realm, right? I know how that guy thinks.'

'So you know that Roan and I are sending Alen together with you, huh?' Rean added.

Fay didn't deny Rean's words. 'Mommy told me that. It has something to do with us both making up for each other's faults. I don't think I have any fault that guy can cover for me, though.' Fay obviously didn't seem to have a very good opinion of her cousin.

'Hahaha!' Rean couldn't help but laugh in response. 'Yeah, I don't think so either. But then again, I would feel a lot better if you and Alen went out to look for your path together. Look at Roan and me. We basically hate each other. However, we still realize that we're much, much stronger if we join forces to fight. Perhaps you two can reach a similar level of synergy. Besides, I need you to help protect that idiot, or he'll definitely die with that personality.'

Fay could only accept that. 'Fine. Perhaps it will lead me to my path as well.'

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Chapter 1947: New Looks

Suddenly, Rean received a message from Roan. 'Come inside the Dimensional Realm.'

Rean didn't waste time and looked at the other Formation Masters, including Rawor. 'I'm heading into the Dimensional Realm for a moment. You guys continue with your work.'

Rawor nodded as it wasn't anything rare for those with Dimensional Realms to enter them. Even Rawor himself did it quite a few times every now and then. 'Alright, just don't take too long.'

Rean then teleported away and brought Fay with him. He could tell that Roan was by Alen's side, so it was better if Fay was there as well. Naturally, Rean and Fay appeared just by their side. 'So, have you talked to him?'

Rean asked as he looked at Alen. However, seeing the excited expression on Alen's face, he didn't need an answer. 'You're definitely enjoying it, aren't you?'

Alen laughed after hearing that. "Uncle, you know me! I'm finally getting my freedom! How could I not feel happy? Dad finally understood that keeping me in this cage would serve no purpose whatsoever."

Pah!

Ouch!

Roan immediately slapped the back of Alen's head. "I'm not letting you go so that you can play around. I'm doing it so you can find your path! Otherwise, your life will be over in 500 years' time, idiot."

"I know, I know..." Alen rubbed the back of his head in response. "There's still a lot of time, you know? I haven't even gone through a third of a century yet, so what's the rush? I'll take my time while I'm out. I'm sure I'll find it somewhere."

Roan felt like it was more of a mistake to let this guy go just like that. "Just how did you turn out like this?" However, he didn't wait for an answer. "Whatever. You're going out with Fay. She's also trying to find her path, so it'll be better if you two are together."

"Ugh..." Alen didn't seem to like that idea. "Why should I go with her? She's too boring."

Fay shrugged her shoulders in response. "I'm fine with that. It simply means I'm not like you. Anyways, I'm going with you to make sure you won't die in some corner on your own. In any case, I'm doing it for Aunt Calina."

Calina smiled straight away when she heard that. "Thank you, Fay. I'm sure you will take good care of this baby."

Alen felt like everyone was treating him like a child, but he didn't complain. They were letting him go, so he would accept anything. 'Well, if I can stop all that training dad forces me to do, then I'll follow Fay anywhere. I'm not that much weaker than her either, so I won't need her protection.'

Rean then used his connection to Roan to tell him he gave Fay the two Void Shattering Pills. Roan wasn't that surprised, though. 'It's okay. It can work as a life-saving measure in the future if it's truly needed. If it's Fay, then she definitely won't take it until she has fulfilled my conditions. Just make sure she doesn't let Alen know she has them.'

Rean nodded in response. 'I already told her that. She won't let Alen even touch her spatial ring. If he tries it, well... he'll be in for a lot of pain.'

"By the way, father." Alen was curious. "How are we going to leave without anyone noticing?"

Roan then looked at Alen's side before someone suddenly appeared. Well, to be more specific, Roan had moved that guy from somewhere else in the Dimensional Realm. It's just that he looked just like Alen.

The guy quickly complimented Rean and Roan. "Sect Masters, I'm ready."

Not long after, a woman who was around Fay's age also appeared. Naturally, she looked identical to Fay herself.

Seeing that, any idiot would understand what was happening. "So you and Uncle Rean changed their appearances so that they would look just like us. That way, no one will guess we left, right?"

Roan nodded as he took a few makeup items out. "That's correct. Now stay still. Fay, you come here as well. I'm going to change your appearances. You'll look completely different after I'm finished. Rean, you deal with their body structures. It's only temporary, after all."

Rean didn't mind. "Sure, let's start."

Calina couldn't help but remember the time she passed through the same process to live in the Dalamu Sect. Back then, everyone thought she was dead when, in fact, she was saved by the twins. "Well, this brings back memories."

Rean and Roan were already used to doing that, so it didn't take long for the two to have completely new looks. "Alright, you look just like Animo and Restlar now."

Animo and Restlar were obviously the two disciples who would pretend to be Fay and Alen for the time being.

Rean obviously warned Animo and Restlar. "Remember, you'll only appear every once in a while and return to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. If anyone asks, just say that Roan and I gave you tasks to do in our Dimensional Realm."

Restlar and Animo quickly nodded in response. "Yes, Sect Master." Above all, they would receive rewards for this ruse. It was being treated as a sect mission, a bountiful one at that. Not to mention that they were under the Soul Binding Contract, so they couldn't betray the twins anyway, nor did they want to.

Calina then patted Alen's head after that. "Take care out there. I'm the one who said you had to go, but I'm still worried."

Alen obviously liked his mother much more than Roan. "Don't worry, mom, I'll be fine."

Rean looked at Fay as well. "Your mother contacted you already, yeah?"

Fay nodded. "Yes. But I'm bringing the communication badge with me. If the network spreads out more in the future, it might reach the area where Alen and I are located. Once that happens, I'll call mother and you back."

"That's good." Rean had even more reason to expand the communication system. Well, it's just that he wouldn't be here to see it expand after leaving with Roan.

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Chapter 1948: Then That's Decided

In the Dimensional Realm, Roan asked Sister Orb to check on the two. "Sister Orb, is there any type of signal coming from their bodies that's trying to escape the Dimensional Realm?"

[Nope. You, Rean, Calina, and Qia have the claws of the Azure Dragon. The connection it has with the Azure Dragon is very clear. However, Alen and Fay don't have anything like that.]

"That's good to hear," Roan answered. "We can send them away." Without wasting time, Roan made them disappear from the System Sect. By now, they had already bidden their farewells to Calina and the others, so there wasn't really a need for them to wait.

With that, Alen and Fay appeared inside the sect at some point, like any other member that used the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. After that, they went to the Mission Hall and took one of the many tasks from the System Sect that asked the member to leave the sect. The System Sect had been around for over two decades, after all. They now knew their territory and the surrounding territories very well, constantly sending their members over.

The two then registered an item-gathering mission that required the member to leave the System Sect's territory. Ran had also prepared the System Sect to recognize the two as the other fake members, so no one would find it strange. Eventually, Fay and Alen stepped on one of the teleport formations in the Formation Hall and disappeared.

The teleport formations in the Formation Hall didn't go very far, as the demon beasts didn't want that. Their maximum distance was the sect territory's borders in relation to other demon beast territories. After all, other than defending against enemies similar to Placake in level, the demon beasts wouldn't intervene with what happened to the System Sect's members. That's why it was normal for those borders to exist, and many System Sect disciples fought demon beasts inside and outside of it.

From there, Fay and Alen headed out without catching anyone's attention. Even the Divine Senses that covered the System Sect's territory didn't pay much attention to them at all. There were too many System Sect members that often went out. With Placake's tracker on the twins and their friends, they weren't very concerned either.

Back inside the Dimensional Realm, Rean let out a sigh. "Alright, they are gone."

After that, he looked at Calina and said, "Qia told me that you knew we were leaving as well."

Roan was taken aback for a moment as he looked at Calina. "You knew? How?"

Calina giggled when she heard that. "Hehe. It's just too obvious. Qia told me that Rean had taught the demon beasts' Formation Masters everything they needed to know already. After this, Rean would only be necessary as a safety measure in case the formations experienced some problem they couldn't easily resolve. However, any kind of problem could be solved by them or with Havek's help through the communication system itself. That's why we knew that you two would eventually have to continue with your quest."

Roan narrowed his eyes for a moment but didn't deny it. "That's true. We need to leave, and we can't bring you guys with us. I just hope you won't make things difficult."

"It's fine." Calina didn't seem to want to do that anyway. "Qia and I know that we would be nothing more than burdens to you two. At the moment, even Zuo is stronger than us, thanks to his Magnetism Affinity. We don't want to hold you guys back."

Roan looked at Rean, who nodded back in response. "Qia told me the same thing. I'm as surprised as you are. Qia is willing to stay behind since they'll be safe in the Dragon Race's territory."

Roan looked back at Calina, who just smiled at him. "No need to say anything. I know you very well. Make sure to bring the two sides of the universe back together."

"I can't promise such a thing, but I'll definitely try," Roan answered.

"Master!" Zuo couldn't help but call Roan over. "If you're leaving, I'm going too!"

Roan shook his head, though. "You won't come. Instead, Calina, Qia, and especially you will take my Void Shattering Pills. You have improved a lot during these two decades and something. I want you to protect them for me and work on your own method to improve your Magnetism Affinity."

"But..." Zuo obviously didn't want it.

However, Roan didn't let him continue. "No buts. Do you intend to stay under my watch for the rest of your life? That's not necessary. Your cultivation didn't progress as quickly as Luan's while you were out, but your life experience definitely did. Why do you think Rean and I sent Fay and Alen out? Because they

needed it. The same goes for you. Even Calina and Qia will have to do something to improve by themselves, and having you around should make it better for all of you."

"What about me, father?" Luan obviously was there as well.

"I wanted to tell you the same thing, Luan," Roan answered. "I will have to ask you to come with me. In the end, we need your hybrid eyes during our journey. However, I won't make things easy for you. If you come, you better be ready for a lot of danger, especially when I send you out on your own."

Yet, Roan still gave him another option. "Of course, I won't force you. If you want to stay with Zuo, Calina, and Qia, you can do so. You and Zuo are quite good training partners for each other, so it's not a bad idea."

"That's not fair..." Zuo looked at Luan with jealousy. "Give me one of your eyes."

"Hmph!" Luan snorted back in response. "Even if it was possible, who the hell would do that?"

To be more specific, Zuo and Luan always felt more like rivals than friends, not that Roan found it a bad thing.

In any case, Luan's answer was obvious. "Father, I'm obviously going with you. My eyes are ready for any mission."

Roan nodded in response. "Then that's decided."

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Chapter 1949: Time Together

Seeing Zuo's disappointed expression, Roan decided to do something about it. "Don't think that just because I'm leaving you here that your life will be easier. Unlike you, I'm not giving Luan a Void Shattering Pill. That means your cultivation will be much higher. The next time I see you, I better not see you behind Luan just because he came with me. That'll be disgraceful. I'll even help you with your Magnetism Cultivation Technique for the Void Tempering Realm before leaving."

Only then did Zuo feel a bit better after that. "Sigh... fine. Not only will I not fall behind him in cultivation, but I'll also be so much higher that he'll lose all hopes of catching up to me."

Luan laughed in response. "Hahaha! Do you think you can do that? Dream on! I got past your cultivation once. I can definitely do it twice. You'll see."

Roan nodded after hearing that, satisfied. "I shall see your cultivation from up close while you follow us."

Roan then looked at the time and decided to leave. "Alright, I'm heading back to the formations so that the dragons don't notice anything different. If anyone asks, I left Fay inside the Dimensional Realm to work on something else. We can bring Restlar and Animo out later to act as Fay and Alen." He didn't wait for an answer and disappeared from the Dimensional Realm.

Roan also didn't intend to leave straight away as Fay and Alen would need some time to get far away. "Alright, then. How about I help you guys with your training a little?"

Calina, however, shook her head. "I'll stay at home for a while. Come back when you finish with these two."

Calina left right after, making Zuo and Luan look at each other. For them, it was pretty obvious that Calina wanted Roan to go with her, even if she didn't say it. In the end, they decided on the same thing.

"Ahem... Master... Luan and I think it's better if we train together for now since you won't leave straight away. We're in the middle of a challenge against each other, so we can't go and train with you at the moment," said Zuo. They knew that Roan was completely oblivious to these kinds of hints, so they had to help their master.

"Is that so?" Roan was very proud of Zuo and Luan because they were indeed very diligent. That made him wonder just why his own kid turned out to be another Kentucky. However, he obviously could tell that they were lying, although he decided not to ask why. "Then I'm going back to cultivate with Celis and Kentucky."

"Actually..." Kentucky immediately intervened. "Celis and I will rest for the moment. Since we have such a huge journey ahead, it's better if we don't push ourselves so much before it starts."

Roan obviously thought Kentucky wanted to just avoid cultivating. However, he still had to admit Kentucky's words made sense. "Fine. If that's the case, I'll head to the alchemy workshop to work on the Void Shattering Pills for Qia, Calina, and Zuo."

"No!" Kentucky, Celis, Zuo, and Luan immediately stopped him. "You should go back home as well. We believe Calina wanted something from you."

"Something from me?" Roan was confused. "She didn't say anything, though." Yet, this time Roan couldn't feel any lies in their words.

"Trust us, she definitely has something she wants." Kentucky and the company insisted, thinking how Roan could be that blind after so much time.

In the end, Roan could only nod as even he got curious about what Calina didn't tell him. "Well, I'll go check. You guys should go and do whatever you need. Remember, Celis, Kentucky, Rean, Luan, and I will be leaving not too long after. If you have anything you want to do, you better do it now." With that, Roan left for his home, where Calina was indeed waiting for him.

Luan and the others looked at each other and nodded in agreement. They could more or less imagine what Calina wanted. After all, these two won't be seeing each other for a very long time, most likely.

"Could it be that Alen will gain a brother or sister?" Kentucky asked with a smile.

"Probably not," Luan answered. "Father won't want to leave if Calina suddenly gets pregnant, that's for sure. He'll definitely use his Dark Element to kill his seeds like always."

Zuo sighed in response. "Calina would probably want another one to have something to remind her of master. After all, Alen left with Fay to try and find their paths."

"That's not our problem," Celis decided to not dwell on this topic. "Besides, Roan wouldn't be very happy if he found out what we're talking about here. Am I right, Sister Orb?"

[Eh?] Sister Orb, who was very quiet all this time, was surprised Celis involved her. [Errr... ahem... of course! You better get going.] The truth was that she was having quite some fun listening to their conversation. Who knows? Perhaps she could have used it in the future against Roan.

Outside, Rean returned to work on the formations with Rawor and the others while he thought about Qia. Since he wouldn't go out straight away, he definitely wanted to spend some time with her before leaving. Especially since Qia already knew he and Roan would leave on their own.

'Hey, Rean. Are you even listening to me?' While Rean was in the midst of daydreaming, Havek complained through the communication system.

'Ah! Sorry, sorry. I was pondering over some things. What is it?' He asked back.

'I told you that the antennas on sectors 114 and 356 of the demon beast territories are not transmitting signals properly after the test. Have you sent anyone to check them?' Havek asked once again.

'Oh! Yes, of course.' Rean finally paid attention to the job. 'I'll make sure they'll be looked after. If it continues like this, we'll add a few more in between to strengthen the signal.'

Just as Rean wanted, Qia returned a few days later. They had their time together, just as Roan and Calina did.

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Chapter 1950: Removal

It wasn't until several months later that Rean and Roan decided that it was about time to leave. In the communication system's core at the Dragon Race's territory, Rean talked to Havek through the communication system. Fortunately, Divine Senses were the main method to send information with it, so as long as Havek and Rean wanted to, no one could listen in on their conversation. 'That's about it, Havek. Roan and I are leaving the Dragon Race's territory, so I hope you can give help to Qia if needed.'

Havek, who pretended to be having just some simple conversation through his communication badge, didn't mind. 'When Qia goes out to work on the formations, I often end up talking to her anyway. She and I are from the same family anyway, so it goes without saying that I'll support her. As long as it doesn't disturb my own progress, that is.'

'That's good enough for me.' Rean smiled as he said that.

With that, he ended his conversation with Havek before passing the orders around. "Okay, I finished the last synchronization of the sub-core DPU. I'm heading back to the System Sect to continue working on the Bloodline Formation from Lanfia and her Blue Luan Race."

Rawor didn't mind. "No problem, we can deal with the rest here anyway. Oh, right! While you're there, try checking the signal between the sect and the antennas we talked about. Your sect has its own communication system, and the communication between it and ours is quite shaky." Rawor truly learned a lot in the past two decades and something.

Rean nodded in response. "Leave it to me."

Roan, who was inside the Dimensional Realm, opened his eyes after cultivating for a while. "Celis, Kentucky, Luan, it's time."

Not too long after, Rean, Calina, Zuo, and Qia appeared in the Dimensional Realm as well. "Alright. We're going ahead."

Qia couldn't help but ask in response. "Have you prepared the letter?"

Roan nodded and passed a jade slip to Qia. It was made in a way that Placake and company would be certain it was made by Rean and Roan. "When Placake and the demon beasts notice that we've disappeared, they will come for you and Calina. Just give it to him. The message inside will guarantee that they won't try anything on you. If anything, they should treat you very well while we're gone."

Qia didn't doubt that. "Alright, I'll do that. We're the last ones inside the Dimensional Realm. Well, the last ones apart from that sealed devil's soul, but that one doesn't count. Let us out first."

They quickly bade their farewells before Zuo, Calina, and Qia disappeared. Those three reappeared inside the System Sect and went about their own business as if nothing had happened at all.

Roan then looked at Rean after that. "We can start."

As soon as he said that, Rean and Roan's hair changed into black and white colors. They began their exchange of Light and Dark Elements while they focused on the Dragon Claw positioned near their dantians. "Sister Orb, be ready to send them back to the System Sect. It'll take some time until Placake notices that we removed them."

The initial idea was to use Dark Element to destroy the claw. However, over two decades later, Rean had enough time to analyze them and understand that he could use both Light and Dark Elements to remove them. Even Placake himself wouldn't notice it.

Two Rank Four Divine Stones then appeared near the twins' bodies before Rean started. First, Element and Divine Energy were used to redirect the Divine Energy of the stone into the twins' bodies. That Divine Energy then returned and reentered the Divine Stone, making the energy inside it compatible with only Rean and Roan. One must remember that absorbed Divine Energy could only be used by the one who took it. That's why higher-level cultivators couldn't use their Divine Energy to help others with their cultivations.

Celis and Kentucky didn't have that issue since those two were inside the Dimensional Realm the day the twins got the Dragon Claws. Sister Orb already checked and could guarantee they didn't have any tracker on them either. Then again, the same went for Luan.

The process continued for a few minutes until the Divine Stones' Divine Energy was completely transformed. Those two Divine Stones would act as Rean and Roan's dantians, which was what the Dragon Claw was attached to. That was something that Rean, and only Rean, could do. Even Roan wasn't confident in achieving that result.

Eventually, the Divine Energy connections between the twins' dantians and the claws were smoothly and slowly swapped by the Divine Energy inside the Divine Stones. For the claw, there was no difference as it had already gotten used to the twins' Divine Energy. Especially since the twins' Divine Energy was fused with Soul Power, so it was very unique. It was what they called Divine Soul Power.

Over three hours... that was how long it took for Rean to swap the Divine Energy connections between their dantians with the Divine Stones. Following that, it was time to use Dark Element to open holes into their bodies. It would allow the opening of the space around the claw cleanly. Naturally, it didn't hurt. Just like in previous events in the past, the twins knew how to use Light Element to cut off the sensation of pain.

After that, Rean surrounded the two claws with his Divine Energy and pulled them out. They were quickly attached to the Rank Four Divine Stones before Rean gave the order. "Alright, send them into the chamber in the System Sect."

[On it!] Sister Orb could control the Dimensional Realm better than even the twins, so it was safer to have her do the transfer without messing up anything.

In the System Sect, inside a small empty room, two claws suddenly appeared on the floor together with two Divine Stones. For Placake, nothing was out of place, though. He still thought he could feel the twins. The removal was complete.