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Chapter 1991: There is no need

"Elder Tapir, do you mind if I show the recordings of one of your Watching Soul Eyes?" Fagund felt that he at least owed Titia, Doohan, and Salahi that much. After all, they had been training for this moment for far too long.

Tapir simply took one of the Watching Soul Eyes and threw it at Fagund as he prepared to leave. "Be quick."

Naturally, that eye was one of those that followed the twins on the first day. It perfectly reproduced the moment Roan used his Soul Guiding Power for the first time. Not long after, it also showed the huge stream of souls that was formed behind Rean when he tried the same thing.

"Y-Young Master... is this true?" Titia was the first one to recover after seeing the twins' abilities.

Fagund nodded, saying, "Fleus and I were there. Naturally, Elder Tapir saw it through the eyes. Gean and Doan's natural abilities aren't just related to their strength. There's no doubt they were born in the Realm of Gods, but that wasn't a hindrance to them at all."

Doohan and Salahi went silent after that. Salahi, especially, felt embarrassed in front of the twins. A moment ago, he was making fun of the twins' results. Yet, the truth was that he was making fun of himself instead. "Why didn't you say anything?"

Roan glanced at Salahi for a moment, telling him in response, "Would you have believed me if I told you?"

Sure enough, Titia, Doonha, and Salahi would have never believed that without seeing the Watching Soul Eye's recording. The best thing was for the twins to simply stay silent.

Eventually, Tapir got everything ready and immediately took everyone with him from the mansion. He had to go back to the Light Devil Clan to pass over the results. At the same time, he was worried about something else. Following that, he flew at full speed. As mentioned before, he had to get further away from the Path of Reincarnation to be able to open a spatial fissure to travel.

Unfortunately, someone else didn't let him go that easily. The moment he stepped out of the area near the Path of Reincarnation, Tapir immediately felt that someone was waiting for him ahead. Not only him, but the twins also felt that extra Divine Sense heading in their group's direction.

"What do you want?" Tapir could only stop there as he knew the Devil ahead wasn't just some weakling.

Sure enough, space broke apart before a devil stepped out. "You're that Tapir from the Light Devil Clan, right?"

"So what?" Tapir asked in response. "Wait, I know you. You're Malado from the Mephisto Clan. I've seen you during the last Underworld Relic Competition."

Malado faintly smiled in response. "I usually keep a low profile, so I'm surprised you even know my name. That's correct. I'm Malado from the Mephisto Clan."

"So be it. What do you want?" Tapir kept his guard high.

Malado then pointed at the twins on Tapir's side. "I received an interesting report some time ago and came here to check. It seems like your clan bagged a nice duo for the next Soul Guiding Contest. Unfortunately, I can't allow them to take part in it two years from now."

"Hmph!" Tapir couldn't care less. "What will you do about it? Attacking the representatives of each clan is prohibited by the agreement made between all the top lines. Is Elder Devil Mephisto worried about losing the Underworld Relic this time around?"

Surprisingly, Malado nodded. "That's correct. After holding four contests this millennium, four clans have one victory each. Your Light Devil Clan got one of those victories. The Underworld Soul Guiding Contest could determine which of these four will get two wins or if another line would get one victory as well. It wouldn't be a problem if a different clan got a victory. After all, that would bring four clans to the fighting stage, and my Mephisto Clan would definitely win it. However, after what we saw these devils of yours doing, Clan Master Elder Devil Mephisto isn't sure that we can keep the relic."

Immediately after saying that, Spatial Power and Dark Element began to gather around Malado. It was obvious that he was preparing to attack.

Tapir wasn't worried, though. "Hmph! I'm also a High Devil, idiot! Also, I'm a Light Devil with Light Element Affinity." With that, Light Element and Spatial Power gathered around Tapir. The only problem was that Light Element was a lot more scarce in the Underworld, so he couldn't use it as much. In the same way that Light Element was bad for Dark Element, the opposite was also true.

Tapir also took the chance to talk with Rean's group. 'You guys should leave while I hold him back. Above all, make sure to protect Fagund.'

Titia, Fleus, Salahi, Doohan, as well as the other devils who were brought together, accepted Tapir's orders. Fagund was the next Light Devil Clan Master, after all. He couldn't die.

As for Rean and Roan, they didn't think it was going to be that easy. 'Forget it. Since that guy came to fight you, knowing that his clan was breaking the rules, he definitely has a plan. We can guarantee you that they've prepared everything to make us disappear without anyone knowing what happened.'

Tapir narrowed his eyes for a moment but couldn't go against Rean and Roan's words. Nevertheless, he couldn't give up there. 'You have to at least try. Gean, Doan, you two aren't normal. If you have a way to flee this place with Fagund, do so now.'

'Spatial Black Quagmire!'

Malado didn't give Tapir the chance to talk a bit more and immediately attacked. Dark Element and Spatial Power fused together, creating a field that tried to drag everyone inside. It made it difficult to move, not to mention that it had the power to kill the twins' group.

'Light Ascension Domain!'

Of course, Tapir wouldn't just stay there and let them be killed. His Light Element and Spatial Power also fused together, counterattacking Malado's Spatial Black Quagmire. At the same time, he shot in Malado's direction with his sword in hand while he used his Divine Sense to talk. 'Go, now!'

Yet surprisingly, Rean and Roan didn't even move. 'There's no need.'

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Chapter 1992: Flapping Wings

'Demising Light Arrows!'

Suddenly, countless arrows of light that seemed to be mixed with Dark Element began to attack Malado from all sides. Each arrow wasn't that powerful, especially since the concentration of Light Element was lower in the Underworld. Nevertheless, Malado was fighting Tapir as well. Tapir, Malado, and the newcomer were all High Devils, so Malado immediately found himself at a disadvantage.

'Soul Dark Shield!'

Malado's move quickly released huge amounts of Living Soul Power and Dark Element. Yes, just like the devils Rean and Roan killed in the Realm of Gods, Malado was also using the power of the living souls he had consumed.

Bang, bang, bang...

"Losferu!" Tapir was happy to see the Light Devil. "Why are you here?"

Back in the Light Devil Clan, Rui had entrusted Losferu with the task of following Tapir and the others to make sure they were safe. "It was the clan master. He had a bad feeling about this trip, so he sent me after you."

Tapir then flew to Fagund's side to make sure he was safe. Even if the twins could win the contest two years later, Fagund was still considered the future of the Light Devil Clan.

Malado, having been forced to distance himself from Tapir and Losferu, didn't seem that worried. "Oh! So you did have someone else. Well, I guess that makes sense. You knew those two devils could possibly win the next contest, so you sent more of your members to protect them."

Tapir glanced at the twins for a moment in response. The protection was not for the twins at all, but Tapir and Losferu definitely wouldn't correct Malado. If anything, they would be happy to sacrifice the twins if that meant they could keep Fagund safe.

Tapir used his Divine Sense to communicate with Losferu straight away. 'Losferu, keep him busy while I leave with the young master. Can you do that?'

Losferu didn't mind and simply nodded. 'Go!'

'World Reinvigoration!'

Even more Light Element and Spatial Power gathered before Losferu shot in Malado's direction. With his own domain and Tapir's domain, his power matched Malado for the time being, which was enough.

Malado obviously didn't stay still and retaliated with all his power.

Using that chance, Tapir grabbed the twins and the others with his Divine Energy. He didn't want to stay there for even a second.

"Where do you think you're going?"

Unfortunately for him, Malado wasn't the only devil waiting to ambush them. As soon as Tapir tried to leave the area, another High Devil attacked from within space.

Tapir wasn't an idiot, though. Killing a High Devil was too hard, and the Mephisto Clan had to hide the fact that they attacked. With that, he was sure that Malado wasn't the only devil. "There you are!"

'Fallen Angel Wings!'

Four angel wings appeared on Tapir's back as his speed increased greatly. Just like Fagund and Rui, his wings had a few dark feathers on them. With great agility, he quickly dodged the attack with his own Spatial Power, seemingly boosted by the feather wings on his back.

'Death Spatial Closure!'

Unfortunately, that wasn't the only devil Tapir had to deal with. The space around Tapir's own domain seemed to be closing in, reducing Tapir's speed. 'Fuck!'

Without thinking twice, Tapir changed directions, narrowly avoiding another attack from the first devil. Only then was he able to see the two new High Devils in front of him. "Lacki and Yufibe! Your Mephisto Clan seems to be dead set on breaking the rules, huh?"

"If that means we can keep the Underworld Relic for a thousand more years, that won't be a problem. Especially since no one will be able to tell that it was us who did it." Neither Lacki nor Yufibe seemed worried at all.

"So the rumors were true." Tapir remembered a few events from the past Underworld Relic competitions. "It was also the Mephisto Clan's High Devils that intervened last time. No wonder you could keep the Relic for over two thousand years."

At the same time, Tapir talked to the twins. 'Things are getting even more complicated. I wouldn't be surprised if there are even more High Devils hidden around. So, I will repeat myself once again. Can you escape with Fagund or not?'

Rean and Roan looked at each other for a moment and talked through their Soul Connection. 'What do you think? These guys seem dead set on killing both of us.'

Roan nodded. 'We caught too much attention in the Path of Reincarnation's periphery. Unfortunately, the space is scrambled. If we try to escape with the Circuitry Teleport Formation, we will have to rely on luck not to die, and we don't know where we'll end up.'

Rean pondered over it for a bit, eventually shrugging his shoulders. 'Well, better to have Tapir escaping this place with us under his wings, then.'

'I think the same.' Roan agreed with Rean on that.

With that, Rean touched Tapir's back before using his Divine Sense to answer him. 'Nice angel wings you have here. Let's see them flap a little faster.'

'Life Style, First Form, Enhancement!'

Immediately, Tapir felt his body brimming with energy. His wings, especially, never felt so vivid before, screaming in excitement at whatever was providing them with all that power. After all, they only appeared when he summoned them. But this time, they would definitely come out on their own, even if he didn't do that.

'This...'

Tapir was shocked by the amount of Light Element and obviously what that Light Element was doing to his body. The most impressive part was that Rean didn't seem to be doing anything at all. Well, that was how the Enhancement skill worked. The stronger the body, the stronger the result.

Tapir immediately understood that this was his only chance. His four wings seemed to tremble for an instant before he flew out of Lacki and Yufibe's range.

"What?!"

Those two devils couldn't believe it. Their domains were active, but Tapir could still fly so much faster than them.

Tapir grew excited, not caring about how Rean did that at the moment. "Hold on!"

Too bad that Rean was smiling bitterly. 'You better fly fast, Senior Tapir. Your cultivation is just too high for me. I won't be able to keep my Enhancement skill for long.'

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Chapter 1993: Escape!

Tapir didn't quite like Rean's words, but he would be lying if he said he didn't expect something like that. 'Try to keep it up for as long as you can.'

Following that, he took out a piece of dark crystal from his spatial ring.

Fagund was surprised to see that as he knew what it was. 'Condensed Living Soul Crystal? Elder Tapir, this...'

'I know!' Tapir didn't need to hear it from Fagund. 'I obviously don't like it. However, when I got this thing, it was already like that. It wasn't me who created it. Besides, as a Light Devil, I can't use it for cultivation. I just thought that I might have a use for it someday, so...' Tapir passed it on to Rean. 'You use it. That should fuel your soul and allow your skill to run for much longer. You're a normal devil, after all.'

Rean's mouth twitched for a moment. A normal devil? What normal devil? He wasn't even a devil at all!

Rean then looked at Roan, who shook his head. 'Don't look at me. I don't know what could happen if you tried to use that thing.'

Rean took the Condensed Living Soul Crystal from Tapir after that. 'I've never seen this thing before, so I don't know if I can use it.'

'Just use your extraction ability, the same way you did back in the Realm of Gods against living beings. It's just that you'll get a lot more souls at once than just one,' Tapir explained.

What same way? Rean didn't know any possible way!

'Change direction!' Suddenly, Roan warned Tapir. 'There's a trap ahead!'

Tapir couldn't feel anything with his Divine Sense in front. However, their lives were already being saved by these brothers, so he decided he might as well trust them once more. His four wings trembled again as fused Light Element and Spatial Power forced Tapir to go around the area pointed out by Roan.

Vup!

As soon as Tapir did that, he saw a formation on the ground activate, forming a huge dome that tried to enclose him. Unfortunately, Tapir was still within its borders and moved in another direction. Before the dome was completed, Tapir passed through the gaps and escaped it. 'That was close...'

Following that, two more High Devils appeared, enraged that Tapir had escaped their trap. They had used abilities to hide both their cultivations and the trap formation, so how did Tapir notice it?

Well, the one who noticed it wasn't Roan but Sister Orb. As long as a formation existed within her perception range, she would notice it. [Good! The way is clear now. Keep going.]

Tapir began to rely on the twins even more after that. 'Where now?'

'Just keep running,' Rean answered. 'Your flight speed is higher than the guys behind us. We'll leave them behind in no time.'

Tapir nodded in response. 'I can see that. But can your skill last that long? You seem quite tired.'

He was right. Rean's Light Element and Divine Soul Power were being used up at an alarming rate. He had that Condensed Living Soul Crystal, but he wasn't a real devil. That thing was useless to him. 'Shit, ensuring my Light Element isn't seen makes it complicated. Too many things to pay attention to at the same time.'

Roan pondered over it for a bit and decided that it was way better to escape than to care about such a thing.

'Light bending skill!'

Without hesitation, he used Rean's Light bending skill, making their group disappear in thin air. Of course, the Divine Sense bending skill was also activated, but the enemies were too close and had much higher cultivations. They were able to pierce through it without a problem. Nevertheless, being unable to see them with the naked eye was enough. 'Forget it. Just go all out!'

Soon, Roan brought out his White Scythe and poured his Divine Soul Power inside. Naturally, the scythe began to gather the surrounding's Light Element, which Roan also used for the Enhancement skill. It wasn't as good as Rean's, but it was extra help. The important part was that the devils pursuing them couldn't see it.

Rean quickly nodded before the Light Element in his body burst forth. At the same time, more Light Element began to gather in him, even with the lower concentration of it in the air. 'Elder Tapir! Full speed ahead! There's no need to save energy anymore!'

Tapir was still puzzled about Rean's Light Element abilities. Now, Roan was also using the same thing, even helping him with similar skills. Nevertheless, Tapir put those thoughts at the back of his head for now and flapped his angel wings with great force. 'No one can hold us down now!'

The fused Light Element and Spatial Powers concentrated in Tapir's wings as he once again increased his speed. Since the twins said he didn't need to save the energy, then he wouldn't.

Zin...

A brilliant ray of light cut through the dark skies, even though it wasn't possible to see what was inside with one's eyes. Not before long, Tapir finally left the area near the Path of Reincarnation, especially his enemies. That allowed him to open a fissure in space and dive into it with everyone else. Unless someone was already waiting for him inside the fissure in space, no one would stop Tapir anymore.

Sometime later, four High Devils appeared in the area where Tapir entered space with terrible looks on their faces.

"Fuck! How will we explain this to Clan Master Mephisto?!" Lacki was the first one to complain.

However, Yufibe just shook his head. "No one could expect the Light Devil Clan to have such a terrifying movement skill. Tapir probably paid a very high price to use it."

Well... Tapir didn't, but he wouldn't come back to tell them that.

Lacki then looked at the other two High Devils. "It was your fault, Janos, Klomed. We led him straight into your trap, but you still screwed it up and let him notice it."

"Fuck you!" Janos and Klomed were obviously their names. "We also don't know how he did that. It was supposed to be impossible to notice it."

"Enough!" Eventually, Yufibe intervened. "We need to tell clan master. Let's go."

"What about Losferu fighting Malado?"

"Forget him." Yufibe didn't care. "Since Tapir escaped, it's pointless to kill him."

With that, the four high Devils opened fissures in space and left the area as well.

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Chapter 1994: A Lot To Explain

Sometime later, Malado received a message from the other devils while he fought Losferu. Malado definitely had the advantage, but when he saw the contents of the message, he immediately turned around and left.

'What?' Losferu was obviously surprised by that. However, he quickly understood why Malado would leave him all of a sudden. 'Young Master Fagund must have escaped. No, they didn't know about Fagund. It was Tapir and those brothers. Tapir succeeded in bringing those brothers away somehow.'

Losferu didn't want to stay there and check, though. He also flew outside the area near the Path of Reincarnation and opened another fissure in space. With that, he also disappeared from there.

Traveling through space was as fast as always, especially since the Underworld didn't have continental barriers. Thanks to that, another fissure appeared in space as Tapir came out while carrying everyone else. "That... was close..."

"Phew!" Rean was the happiest to be away from that. "Man, I'm completely dry. I've never thought that enhancing a High Devil would consume so much energy. How long did it last, not even a minute?"

Roan nodded in response. "Pretty much. And that's considering I helped you in the latter part. The cultivation difference was just too big."

Tapir looked at the twins with a different look on his face. "Why didn't you use the Living Soul Crystal I gave you, then? It's good that we escaped, but you wouldn't have ended up without energy so quickly as you are now. I refuse to believe you trust me that much."

Rean shrugged his shoulders in response. "Let's just say that I'm not that different from you."

Suddenly, Rean's group, including Fleus and Fagund, was pulled by Rui's Spatial Powers. Tapir had sent Rui a Divine Sense message the moment they arrived, so he was already expecting that.

In the meeting hall, the twins were once again put in front of Rui. It's just that the other elders from the last time were not present, except, obviously, for Tapir.

Rui looked at Tapir first, asking for his confirmation. "Is that true? Did you really get attacked near the Path of Reincarnation?"

Tapir quickly confirmed. "It's the truth. It was definitely the Mephisto Clan. Elder Devil Mephisto has the Underworld Relic in his hands at the moment, so he definitely doesn't want to lose it."

Rui's expression was as dark as it could be. The agreement between the Elder Devils was, above all, created so that the top experts of the Underworld wouldn't simply kill themselves. Every Elder Devil could feel the Relic's presence, after all. "What the hell is Mephisto thinking?! Our territory in the Realm of Gods is about to be invaded. We were supposed to stick to the rules more than ever. Is he out of his mind?!"

Fagund thought about something. "It shouldn't be because of my meeting with the angels, right?"

"No." Roan was the one to answer that. "Did you forget? He wanted to kill Gean and me because of our display in the Path of Reincarnation's periphery. My brother and I don't know what you talked with the angels about, but you made it pretty clear that things would have been many times worse if they knew."

Rui glanced at Roan for a moment, wondering if he should just lock those brothers up. He gave up on the idea, though. If the twins wanted to say anything, they could have simply used their Divine Sense to tell the devils that attacked them about everything, such as how Fagund was the next Clan Master... about how the Light Devil Clan met the angels... but even with all of that, they didn't.

Fleus was more interested in something else, though. "Errr... sorry to interrupt, clan master. Elder Tapir, was I seeing things? I could swear these two brothers used Light Element to increase your strength back there."

Tapir agreed with him. "You did not imagine things. They did use Light Element."

Rui was also curious about that. "Both of you came from the Realm of Gods. Both of you have a ridiculous talent for cultivation. Not only that but your Soul Guiding Power is stronger than anyone else. Now, you have Light Element skills, skills that are capable of increasing a High Devil's strength to such a level..."

Rui could only think about one possibility. "Are you really devils, or are you part of the angels?"

"Angels?" Rean and Roan thought Rui couldn't be any more wrong. But then again, Light Element wasn't something common in these parts, except for the Light Devil Clan. "We're not angels, don't worry. Besides, if we were, we would be some kind of allies, right?"

The thing that puzzled Rui the most was that he had already checked the twins' bodies. It didn't matter how he looked at them. They were devils through and through. He was an Elder Devil himself. Could a concealment skill be powerful enough to even trick him?

"Enough!" Rui used his Spatial Powers and grabbed the twins, pushing them close. "I'm thankful that your skills allowed Tapir to escape with Fagund, especially since Mephisto's devils didn't know about him. However, there are too many secrets to my liking. You better start talking."

Rean and Roan didn't seem bothered at all with Rui's outburst. "You have your secrets. In exchange, we have ours. What you need to know is that we can win the next Underworld Soul Guiding Contest for you. Could our identities be more important than the Underworld Relic? That's what's on the table, isn't it?"

Rui felt his rage rising, but he let the twins go after that. "Fine. At the very least, I don't think you're allied to other devil clans."

Fagund was nervous for a moment but sighed in relief when Rui let them go. He took that chance to also change the topic. "Clan master, what about the Mephisto Clan? They broke the rules. Will the other Elder Devils let that pass?"

Rui obviously knew that. "I will summon an Elder Devil meeting to discuss that issue. Mephisto has a lot to explain."

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Chapter 1995: Trump Card

"Okay, let's get this over with." Rui then used his Divine Sense to call a few devils waiting outside the room. 'Titia, Salahi, Doohan, come inside.'

Those three devils immediately entered the room, already knowing the reason for that. "We are here, clan master."

"Tapir, we only need one of them, right?" Rui mentioned. "Which one got the most souls during the five days?"

Tapir looked at Titia, who took a few steps ahead. "It was me, clan master."

Rui nodded in response. "The last slot is yours." With that, he looked at Salahi and Doohan. "The two of you are free to do whatever you want. However, I don't want anything to go wrong, so don't leave the clan's territory. I'll give you access to extra cultivation resources for the efforts you put in your soul-guiding training up to this point."

Salahi and Doohan were delighted to hear that. "Thank you, clan master."

"You can leave now." Rui just waved his hand, sending those three out.

Rui talked for a while with the twins, Fagund, Tapir, and Fleus. It was decided that the twins would not leave the Light Devil Clan until the start of the competition. Rui wasn't afraid of an assassination attempt, though. Getting inside his clan and passing through his clan's High Devils simply wouldn't happen. Let alone if he was there.

Rui did summon the Elder Devil meeting, although only a few of them took part. That wasn't a problem anyway, as the others would be told of the meeting's contents later. Unfortunately, neither Rean nor Roan would find out what happened in that meeting. They heard from Fagund that once Rui came back, he seemed to be in an especially good mood, but he didn't comment on what happened.

"So, he got something from the Mephisto Clan, huh?" Rean couldn't help but comment.

Fagund could only nod in response. "That's most likely it."

"Nothing wrong with that. Rui couldn't simply ask for Mephisto to be killed or to be banished. That would never happen. Mephisto is one of the stronger Elder Devils, isn't he? Each Elder Devil is considered one of the pillars of the Underworld, after all," Roan explained. "But then again, the other Elder Devils couldn't let Mephisto get away without paying the price. Whatever it was, you can be sure it was beneficial for Rui and the other Elder Devils."

"So what now?" Rean asked back. "Did Rui ask us to do anything, Fagund?"

Fagund shook his head in response. "Not really. It seems like you have to stay here until the day of the Underworld Soul Guiding Contest, and that's basically it. Don't worry, though. I can guarantee that you will receive the reward you asked for."

"Fine by us." Rean and Roan were happy. As long as they could enter the Swamp of No Return, the rest didn't matter as much. The devils could resolve their own differences later. As for the twins, they had Rean's skill to change their own body structures, so they could literally become different devils once they were separated from the Light Devil Clan.

There were only two years before the competition started, so the twins didn't try to go anywhere. They got Celis, Kentucky, and Luan to cultivate in the Dimensional Realm or train anything else they wanted while they did the same.

During these two years, Beelzebub also established himself in the mountain's depths. His much superior Divine Sense allowed him to catch the approach of any devil, which prompted him to stop absorbing dead souls that arrived in his range.

Though, it wasn't like no one noticed anything. The devils that passed by that area would often be puzzled by the scarceness of dead souls. Fortunately for Beelzebub, that was already an area considered not to receive as many dead souls as other locations, so the devils that passed there didn't mind it too much.

Beelzebub's altar already showed signs of cracking. Access to dead souls was definitely helping him free himself. He also prepared escape routes in case he was found, so Beelzebub wasn't afraid even if he was found. 'Mephisto, Moloch, and all the others... all of you just wait. Beelzebub is coming back really, really soon.'

Back in the Realm of Gods, the news that the spirits, humanoids, and the demon beast races would attack the devils' territory spread quickly. Even faraway continents, separated from the continents at the center of the Realm of Gods, were being summoned. Countless experts gathered nonstop near the Gods' Dividing Barrier.

The same happened for the devils as more and more of them traversed the Temporal Path to enter the Realm of Gods. It would still take several decades, but that was nothing for cultivators and the rest.

Eventually, the day of the Underworld Soul Guiding Contest arrived. Rui himself came out of his residence and gathered a few of the other High Light Devils. "Fagund, you'll stay. Where are Gean, Doan, and Titia?"

Fagund knew that he wouldn't be allowed to go to the contest. "They're waiting for you at the entrance of the Light Devil Clan. We also prepared many more Dark Element High Devils to follow you there, clan master."

Rui had another job for them, though. "There's no need for the Dark Element High Devils to come. They will stay here to protect the clan and you while I'm gone."

"Yes, great grandfather." Fagund nodded and opened the way for Rui.

Rui then used his spatial powers and disappeared from the room. The next moment, he was already in front of the Light Devil Clan's entrance, looking at the devils who would follow him. Naturally, Rean, Roan, and Titia were there. "Let's go. Our Light Devil Clan already has a victory, just like the three other clans. If we get this victory, the Underworld Relic is ours for a thousand years!"

WOW!

The devils of the Light Devil Clan cheered, all excited to see the contest. By now, many of them heard that their Light Devil Clan seemed to have a trump card. Now they just had to see if their trump card would work.

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Chapter 1996: I Know

Jekis City was much more populated compared to two years ago. After all, everyone was there to see the Underworld Soul Guiding Contest. Mephisto Clan, Light Devil Clan, Moloch Clan, Sin Clan, Mavis Clan, all of them were there. If your clan had an Elder Devil, it would be a part of it.

Of course, not all of the Elder Devils came. Many of them stayed in their own territories or were in the Realm of Gods. Nevertheless, they all had their own methods of following the steps of the contest that would start today. The Elder Devil Council guaranteed that.

Around the Path of Reincarnation's periphery, or to be more specific, outside the cultivation-limited region, many devils worked on a giant monitoring formation. It was already there before, but it was only used every thousand years during the contest. Monitoring in this place spent just way too much, so it was only used for this moment.

Rui was obviously one of the Elder Devils that did appear in Jekis City itself. He brought Rean, Roan, Titia, and a few of the elders to the main building in the city, where other elders and High Devils were gathered. Once there, he released Rean's group as he went to sit with the other leaders.

"Oh! So you decided to come, Rui." A sweet voice came from one of the seats.

Rui took his place and looked back at the female devil who talked to him. "Eishetha, I thought you were in the Realm of Gods. Is it okay to leave that place be?"

Eishetha didn't seem to mind. "Several continents can't be mobilized this fast. Relax, I still have time to at least watch this contest up close. Not to mention that my little Flata Clan also bagged one of the victories from the previous four contests."

No one considered the Flata Clan to be that small, though. "As long as you are certain."

The other High and Elder Devils also looked at Rui. However, there was one particular hostile expression that caught Rui's attention. Then again, he wasn't afraid of it at all. "Hmph! What are you looking at, Mephisto? Are you planning to attack me now that your plan to attack my clan's brats failed?"

Mephisto's expression turned worse in response. However, he quickly recovered and laughed soon after. "Hahaha! I didn't do that on purpose. It was just a small test, that's all. I paid you back for the trouble, didn't I? Or could it be you weren't satisfied with the thing you got?"

Rui shook his head, telling him, "Not at all. I pretty much wish you to try the same thing again so that I can ask for more of that. How about it? My Light Devil Clan brats are right there. Take your shot. Surely it should be easier now that you're here yourself."

Unfortunately, Mephisto didn't fall for the provocation. "Oh! They seem very skilled. Let's see how they fare in the contest."

Due to the meeting between Elder Devils, everyone knew what happened two years ago. In fact, any of the Elder Devil clans increased the security around their members several times because of that. Mephisto lost a lot because of it, but they also knew he could afford it.

While the Elder Devils looked at Rui and Mephisto, Rean and Roan didn't seem very interested in interacting with the devils around them. However, the devils who were going to participate with them

were definitely interested. By now, all of them had heard that Rui's devils were very good at Soul Guiding.

"Are you the three Devils who forced the Mephisto Clan to break the agreement?" Suddenly, a devil with a bestial form approached Rean, Roan, and Titia.

Rean and Roan looked at the guy and noticed that he wasn't the only one. Several of the other devils were with him, seeming to be curious about the same thing.

Titia couldn't help but get a little nervous. She wasn't exactly the reason for Mephisto Clan to attack, but she was indeed one of the three participants of the Light Devil Clan. "Doyis from the Mavis Clan, am I right?" Titia asked back.

"Do you know him?" Rean smiled after seeing Titia's reaction.

Titia hadn't talked much with the twins since the day her two other clan members were swapped by them. Nevertheless, she knew that the clan came first in this case, so she decided to answer. "Doyis from Mavis Clan. Elder Devil Mavis seems to have slight expectations for him."

Doyis was happy to hear that. "Not that impressive. I'm just slightly more skilled than my other clan members here."

The two other members of the Mavis Clan looked at each other but didn't say anything. They knew that Doyis would most likely be the one who would gather most of the souls in their group.

"Then again, I guess we need to be careful." Another devil entered the conversation, a female one this time. "Glanvi of the Mephisto Clan isn't just anyone. After all, the Mephisto Clan tried to get rid of you three to give him a better chance to wrap everything up this time." She had a very alluring appearance, even with her horns and red eyes. At least for the humanoid form devils, she did.

"Who's Glanvi? And who are you?" Roan also didn't know anyone there.

Titia sighed, knowing that the twins came from the Realm of Gods. "Shouldn't you have researched about the other devils before coming? You had two years to do that, you know?" Nonetheless, she still explained. "Glanvi is the guy from the Mephisto Clan you should pay attention to. As for this woman, her name is Timboa, a member of the Flata Clan. You better not fall for her tricks."

"Tricks?" Rean looked at Timboa, and for a moment, he felt like he was attracted to her. However, a small jolt passed through Rean's mind as he quickly recovered. "Oh! Nice to meet you. Let's both give it our best."

Timboa looked at Rean in surprise, not expecting him to be so casual.

At the same time, Sister Orb told Rean from the Dimensional Realm. [She tried to use a charming skill on you, Rean.]

Rean nodded in response. 'I know.'

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Chapter 1997: Error

The twins continued their talk with the other participants. They asked about the other competitors, the Relic, and things like that. Sure, they weren't any secrets, but it was good to hear more points of view. After all, there weren't that many of them. The clans that had the right to participate had to at least have an Elder Devil in their midst or someone close to it. Not to mention that only the ones with Elder Devils could receive the Underworld Relic.

The clans that didn't have an Elder Devil didn't complain about it. It wasn't that they didn't have the strength for that. There was also the fact that the Underworld Relic's power could only be used by Elder Devils. For High Devils and below, it was more or less a paperweight. Not to mention that all Elder Devils could always tell where it was located, so it was the same as asking for trouble to hold it without having the necessary power.

Ueeowwwwww...

Suddenly, the entire environment changed as the devils there felt like a huge power was pressing on them. Even Rean and Roan felt like they were nothing but ants against it, prompting them to be on guard.

"Hmph!" The Elder Devils, however, just snorted and released their cultivations. Their Spatial Powers and Divine Energies created a barrier that surrounded them and their own disciples. Only then did the weaker participants, like the twins, feel a hint of relief.

Mephisto looked at a certain point in the air together with the other Elder Devils. "Moloch, are you done?"

"Hahahaha!" It was then that space broke apart before a devil in the form of a bull appeared. "I was just checking your little guys, that's all. I see, I see... you've brought quite a good bunch this time around. Four of them seem to be especially resistant." Moloch then looked in the twins' direction, as well as two more devils there. One of them was Glanvi, the main participant of the Mephisto Clan. As for the other, it was a devil that didn't seem to be anything special. It's just that Moloch's attention caught the other participants' attention as well.

Roan got closer to Titia as he looked at that devil. 'That Moloch guy seems quite interested in that devil. Do you know him?'

Titia shook her head in response. 'I've never seen him before. But only those who can take part in the competition can be in this room, so he must be part of one of the Elder or High Devil clans.'

Moloch didn't look for long, though. He eventually came down and sat on one of the open seats there. "Fiz, come in."

The door of the hall opened again, and another trio got inside. Just like Moloch, they were all in their bull forms. "We are here, Ancestor."

Moloch nodded in satisfaction. "You probably remember Fiz. It was her who got me that victory during the first of the five contests for the Relic. Turns out she's quite good at gathering souls... or perhaps scaring them into doing what she wants? Hahaha!"

Moloch was the last of the Elder Devils that came to watch the competition, which prompted Rui to speed things up. "Alright, everyone has gathered already, so let's not waste our time. Time to decide who'll hold the Relic. Mephisto, bring it out."

The twins were surprised to hear that, not expecting the Relic to appear in front of them so soon. The other participants felt excited, though. None of them were anywhere near a thousand years old, so they hadn't seen the Relic being shown before. Nevertheless, they knew it was going to be brought out in the last contest before it started.

Mephisto faintly smiled before his hand moved. It broke through space itself and disappeared inside it for a moment. Soon after, he pulled it out while holding an object that shone a golden light. The twins couldn't tell what shape it had as their Divine Sense couldn't detect it, not to mention the light around it was too strong to allow them to see its appearance either.

Pin!

[Universe Foundation Fragment Detec- Error, error, error, error...]

Arrgh! Suddenly, the twins' heads began to ache nonstop, forcing them to fall to their knees.

Inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, Kentucky, Celis, and Luan saw how the realm itself began to distort. All of it trembled as if an earthquake of high magnitude had hit it. "What's happening?!"

BBBzzzzzzzzzz...

That wasn't all. The Soul Gem Orb released many sparks of black and white light as it trembled even more fiercely. At that point, Kentucky's group even wondered if Sister Orb would just break apart right there and then.

"Hmm?" Mephisto obviously noticed the sudden reaction among the devil participants. Obviously, the other Elder Devils and the participants near the twins did the same.

Rui then looked at Mephisto with a dark expression as he rushed to the twins' side. "Mephisto! What are you doing?!"

Mephisto was taken aback for a moment. What had he done? He didn't do anything! Unfortunately for him, everyone there knew that Mephisto had tried to kill the twins because he found out about their great Soul Guiding abilities. Other than him, everyone else had the same idea. That Mephisto was definitely the one doing it.

In a certain way, it wasn't wrong. It was because Mephisto took out the Underworld Relic that it started to happen. Mephisto then looked at the Underworld Relic. Because he was the owner at the moment, he could feel that the Relic wasn't acting as it should. It was being affected by something.

He wasn't an idiot. The twins' sudden reaction and the Relic definitely had something to do with each other. The only problem was that the other Elder Devils wouldn't believe him. 'What's the meaning of this? Why would two devil brats resonate with the Underworld Relic?' He thought for a moment but didn't say it.

Seeing the tension in the room increasing, Mephisto could only put the Underworld Relic back into space.

The moment the Relic disappeared, the twins' headache and the system's failures stopped as well.

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Chapter 1998: Wake Up!

The twins finally recovered, although they felt quite surprised by what had just happened. Of course, they were a lot more worried about their reaction when the Relic appeared. Normally, anyone could tell that the Relic's appearance had something to do with what they felt.

However, because it was Mephisto who had the Relic and the fact that he attacked the twins before made everyone suspicious of Mephisto instead. Then again, the Underworld Relic was a mystery on its own. Mephisto had to have used it somehow to inflict damage on the twins again.

"Mephisto, you really have no concerns for the rules of the Underworld Relic Transference, do you?" Rui asked, fuming.

Mephisto knew that this wasn't a good situation. After all, the contest existed so that the Elder Devils wouldn't fight over the Relic. The Relic made him stronger, but he would never be able to take all the Elder Devils on his own. "You're looking at it the wrong way. Didn't you see? It was the Relic that caused the problem. I've put them away now, so they're fine, aren't they? The Relic is a weird item, so perhaps it affects some devils more than others." As he said that, Mephisto did not mention that the Relic itself reacted to the twins' presence.

Rui narrowed his eyes in response but couldn't go against Mephisto's words. Right after, he looked at Rean and Roan to ask. "Are you fine? Can you still take part in the competition?"

Rean and Roan looked at each other for a moment and nodded. "Yes, we're fine. Still, just what was that thing? We felt like it was trying to split our minds in half."

Rui nodded after hearing that. "That's the Underworld Relic we told you about. As for why it attacked you..." Rui looked back at Mephisto, certain that Mephisto was the cause. "Perhaps only he knows."

Mephisto could only faintly smile and shrug his shoulders at that. "Believe whatever you want. The fact is that they're fine, so there's no problem, right? Or what? Do all the Elder Devils here wish to start a battle to see who ends up with the Relic?"

"No." Moloch was the first one to answer. "Just make sure that it won't happen anymore. Otherwise, we'll be forced to take the Relic from you before the contest is over." Moloch also had a victory so far, so he truly didn't want to end the contest for the Relic now with a battle. His chances were better that way.

Rui noticed that the other Elder Devils also didn't want to escalate things, so he could only agree. "Moloch is right. After we send our devils into the Path of Reincarnation's periphery, you can bring the Relic out again, Mephisto."

Mephisto, who also had a victory, nodded in response. "No problem at all. The division between the Path of Reincarnation's periphery and the outside should be enough for the Relic to have no effect on anyone."

At the same time, the twins were having trouble contacting the Dimensional Realm. 'Sister Orb, answer us! Sister Orb!'

Inside the Dimensional Realm, Kentucky, Celis, and Luan were holding the Soul Gem Orb, but it seemed lifeless. "The sparks of black and white light stopped. The Dimensional Realm is not shaking anymore, either. Just what happened?"

Celis shook his head. "As if I would know. Sister Orb isn't answering at all."

"We need to wake her up," Luan said. "Father and Uncle Rean should have noticed it, but they aren't talking to us at all."

"How do you even wake up a Soul Gem Orb?" Kentucky asked back.

The three went into silence for a moment when suddenly Kentucky remembered something. "Put Sister Orb back on the ground for a moment."

Celis and Luan nodded, thinking that Kentucky had an idea.

"Wake up, you piece of shit!"

Bang!

With a kick, Kentucky sent Sister Orb flying!

"WHAT?!"

Celis and Luan's mouths instantly went agape. "What the hell are you doing?!"

However, Kentucky didn't stop there. His body flashed as he controlled his Spatial Powers to reappear right in front of the flying orb.

Bang! Crash!

Another kick and Sister Orb was sent back against the ground, creating a small crater with the impact.

Celis tried to stop Kentucky, but Kentucky used his Divine Sense to ask Celis to believe him.

Kentucky continued, "It's always your fault! You're useless! What bullshit system is this?"

Bang, bang, bang...

"Sister Orb, no, Sister Annorb! What the fuck is brotherly affection? Brotherly affection, my ass!"

Bang, bang, bang...

Kentucky once again approached it, ready to give the orb another kick. Unfortunately, it didn't work this time.

Vup!

Sister Orb suddenly disappeared, reappearing right behind Kentucky this time. It didn't matter how good Kentucky was with Spatial Powers or how strong his cultivation was. In the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, Sister Orb was a god! [Fuck you! Brotherly affection is necessary!]

Boom!

She used the Dimensional Realm to lock Kentucky down and hit him mercilessly.

"Sister Orb, wait!"

Kentucky tried to stop her, but Sister Orb didn't care.

Bang, bang, bang, boom!

Celis and Luan couldn't help but feel a chill on their backs. Kentucky had the strongest defense in their group, including the twins. But even so, he was being massacred. Neither of the two dared to say a word.

It wasn't before Kentucky got several of his bones broken that the twins' voice finally echoed in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

'Sister Orb, enough already. Kentucky was trying to help you.'

[Huh?]

Only then did Sister Orb remember what happened.

[Wait! The System had a failure!]

Light Element accumulated around Kentucky, and his messy body lay on the ground. "Hehe-he... see? I-It worked..."

Back then, the twins did the same thing to Sister Orb, which ended up in the same way. Kentucky heard it from Sister Orb herself.

Well, it was fine, as Kentucky could heal himself with enough time.

Finally, the twins took the chance to ask. 'Sister Orb, just what happened back there? Why did the System go crazy after seeing the Underworld Relic?'

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Chapter 1999: Part of the System

[That's because that Relic has part of the system inside.] Sister Orb answered straight away.

'Part of the system?' Those words surprised everyone. 'Does that mean the Soul Gem System isn't complete?'

[More or less. I also didn't know until that thing appeared. But the moment it did, all alarms went out in the system as if a part of it had been forcibly ripped apart.]

Those words made Roan narrow his eyes in response. 'That thing is inside the Underworld Relic, right? And that Underworld Relic is also one of the Universe Foundation Fragments, correct?'

[Both answers are correct. The Underworld Relic is a Universe Foundation Fragment. However, at the same time, it's something extra. The Fragment's power is being used in that small part of the Soul Gem System, thus becoming an Underworld Relic. If it were just a Universe Foundation Fragment, the Elder Devils wouldn't be using such a name. They obviously know the difference.]

Roan nodded and looked at Sister Orb from outside. 'Then... are you, the core of the system, also a Universe Foundation Fragment?'

Rean, Kentucky, Celis, and Luan went silent at that moment. Indeed, the Soul Gem Orb was something that had control over Light and Dark Elements. That's exactly what the Foundation Fragments did. Since another fragment could hold part of the system, then didn't that mean the Soul Gem System existed on other fragments?

[Oh! That makes sense. Perhaps I'm really a Universe Foundation Fragment... a much bigger one, though.]

'You don't know?' Rean asked back.

[I don't. However, I wouldn't be surprised if it was true. I mean, the Soul Gem System is this ridiculous, after all. Even Soul Gem's soul is dormant inside. This would also explain why the Soul Gem System can feel the presence of other fragments when we're close.]

'True...' Roan agreed with Sister Orb. 'Another point is that we need the system to reconnect both sides of the Universe. Why the system, though? Because it's part of that foundation that we need to fix. Oh well, that makes things easier. Now we know where's one of the fourteen fragments necessary to do the job.'

'The system also receives huge processing power upgrades every time we receive a fragment,' Rean added. 'Another reason to assume that the Soul Gem Orb is a Universe Fragment.'

Luan then raised his hand soon after. 'Alright, now we know, or I think we know, that Sister Orb is a Universe Foundation Fragment. That's good and all. But what about the error the system received? If that problem happens every time the Underworld Relic appears in front of us, then we're pretty much useless. Father and Uncle Rean couldn't even move, being attacked directly in their souls.'

'That's something for Sister Orb to fix,' Rean answered straight away. 'In the end, there's only so much Roan and I can do about the system itself.'

[I know, okay? It's just that I don't know what I'm going to do to fi-] Suddenly, Sister Orb went silent for a moment. It wasn't before a few minutes later that she began to speak again. [Don't worry, that won't happen anymore. The system has now been configured to consider that other part of the system in the Underworld Relic as if that's how the system was supposed to be.]

Roan's expression wasn't very good. 'Was it Soul Gem who made the change?'

[Oh, you could tell?] Sister Orb was surprised to hear that but didn't deny it.

'Soul Gem, I've wanted to talk for a long time. It can't be you went back to sleep again, right?'

Since the last time the twins saw Soul Gem, he returned to the Soul Gem Orb and slumbered. There was nothing they could do to wake the guy's soul since then. As soon as he finished his business, he left. But now, the system error might have awakened the guy once again.

Unfortunately, Soul Gem only said a few words before returning to sleep. -My awakening wasn't supposed to be anywhere near now, so I had to use quite a bit of energy to get through this problem.

Don't worry. The more fragments you collect, the easier the burden on my soul is. Get more of them, and the time we can talk will come.- After that, his presence disappeared inside Sister Orb again.

Luan heard that for the first time. 'So, this is the Soul Gem father talked so much about. The guy behind everything that happened so far.'

Roan clicked his tongue in response. 'Tch... yes, that was the guy, no doubt. His presence was the same as the one Rean and I felt before.'

[Oh! but there's one good thing now,] said Sister Orb. [I can tell how many fragments we need to wake up Soul Gem again. The answer is seven! When half of them are in our possession, they should provide Soul Gem with enough power to wake up for longer lengths of time, including times you wish that he do so.]

'Seven fragments, huh?' Rean pondered over it for a bit. 'We already have four fragments since we know Sister Orb is probably one of them.'

Kentucky couldn't help but ask after that. 'Sister Orb, if you're one of the fragments, then shouldn't you fuse with the three fragments we have here? After all, the other three fragments are now one.'

[Even if you ask me that, I've never felt the other fragments' call. They contributed to increasing the system's processing power, so perhaps it's possible. However, I won't try it.]

'That's the correct decision,' Roan complimented. 'You don't know what kind of changes would happen if you tried. It might end up as a good thing, but the opposite can also happen. Leave things as they are.'

[Roger!]

Meanwhile, outside, the Elder Devils also finished their preparations.

Mephisto, the one holding the Relic, took the lead in the room. "All the participants, we will now start the Underworld Soul Guiding Contest. Depending on the results, we might have a new holder. Head to the Path of Reincarnation's periphery."

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Chapter 2000: Why Work?

As he said that, Mephisto glanced at the twins as they made their way out of the hall. For now, he couldn't do anything since the other Elder Devils were keeping a close eye on him. Then again, he didn't mind it. He would have thought the same thing as the other Elder Devils if he were in their shoes. 'I'll have to wait for an opportunity to check it.'

In the center of the meeting hall, a formation was immediately activated, connecting all the participants in the contest. In terms of purpose, it was pretty similar to Watching Soul Eyes Rui used before. The difference was that all the Elder Devils, as well as the High Devils, had access to them. Through it, they could see every single participant.

The moment they traversed into the Path of Reincarnation's periphery, Rui and the other Elder Devils looked back at Mephisto. "So, bring it out again."

Mephisto faintly smiled in response and took out the Underworld Relic once more. This time, however, it didn't cause any trouble for the twins. Just like Mephisto said, it couldn't react to the twins because of the barrier surrounding the Path of Reincarnation.

Rui and the Elder Devils used their Divine Senses and nodded in satisfaction. They could feel the Relic's presence and confirmed it was the real deal. Only then did they calm down and turn their attention to the formation in the meeting hall.

"By the way, where is Belial?" Suddenly, Malado asked in the room.

Mephisto immediately answered, "He's in the Realm of Gods. We had to keep some Elder Devils there in case the other races decide to attack before the time we thought they will."

Belial was the Elder Devil who had a Universe Foundation Fragment in his possession. Or, at least, that's what the twins' father, Turen, said when they met back then.

Rui found it a little surprising. "So that's how it is. It's quite surprising he was willing to do this kind of defensive task."

"Not really," Eishetha answered with a shrug. "He does have that thing to help him, so perhaps he sees that threat as an opportunity. You all know he isn't the kind of Elder Devil to move without reason."

"True." Everyone nodded in response, wondering if they should go to the Realm of Gods earlier because of that.

Near the Path of Reincarnation's periphery, a devil appeared in front of the participants and began to explain the rules. "You will have three days to guide souls. We don't care what method you use as long as you don't attack other participants. Well, no one can attack other devils in the Path of Reincarnation's periphery anyway. At least not at your level."

It was very simple but also direct.

"Don't forget that only the devil with the most souls will be counted as the winner. As to whether the others help a single devil or work on their own, that's your problem. You will be watched by the Elder and High Devils at every instance, so make sure to put on a good show. That's all. You can go now."

With that, all the participants rushed inside the Path of Reincarnation's periphery, although they quickly spread out in several directions. It would be idiotic to fight the other participants as they knew they all had strong Soul Guiding Power. If they fought someone, other participants would take the lead while they fought, after all.

Back at the meeting hall...

"Hey, look, Doyis is already starting!" Elder Devil Mavis obviously called out for his protegee as the other Elder and High Devils focused their attention on the formation.

Sure enough, Doyis was the first one to try to guide the dead souls. His Soul Guiding Power shone through the area, attracting all the souls towards his bracelet. One after another, they entered it, quickly starting to fill the item.

"Good, good. The boy is lucky. He found an area with many souls before anyone else did." Mavis was obviously happy to see that.

However, it didn't stop there. The other two devils in Doyis's group went ahead and began to do the same thing. They didn't guide the souls into their bracelets, though. Instead, they held the souls around their bracelets and waited.

Doyis, who finished taking the souls previously, immediately moved to those two's sides and used his own Soul Guiding Power to take the souls from them. Each clan had three members, after all. It would be idiotic if they didn't work together. Let's not forget that victory would be given to the devil that guided most souls into the Path of Reincarnation.

"Not bad." Moloch recognized their good teamwork. Though, he didn't care much as he waited for his own group to start their work.

On the other side, Eisheta saw that her own devils also found an area with quite a few dad souls. However, their approach was different from Doyis's group. Timboa, the lead devil in their group, stayed in the middle before all of them activated their Soul Guiding Powers at the same time.

However, they didn't work as a separate power. Instead, the Soul Guiding Power from Timboa's helper joined her own, creating an even stronger Soul Guiding Power. With that, the Soul Guiding Power they had was amplified by almost three times, reaching much greater distances and attracting all dead souls in its range.

Seeing that, the Elder Devils looked at Eisheta, surprised. "You can do that?"

Eisheta laughed out loud in response. "Hahaha! This contest has always been about teamwork, right? That's what I had them work on."

"But, how can their Soul Guiding Power fuse like that? Soul Guiding Powers are just like Divine Senses. There aren't identical ones. That shouldn't happen!" Rui still found it strange.

However, Eisheta just continued to smile. "Is that so? Then so be it. You don't really think I'll tell you how I did that, do you? This could very well become a contest dominated by my Flata Clan in the future, so don't expect to find an answer from me."

Even Mephisto had a dark expression now that he saw it. He thought the twins would have been his main issue during this competition. Unfortunately, he was wrong. That fused Soul Guiding Power from the Flata Clan wasn't any worse than what Rean and Roan did. If anything, it was even better, way better!

Then again, that method had its flaw, and everyone understood what it was. They would require all three Flata Clan members to stay side by side. As big as the region they could cover was, it wasn't the same as having three devils in three different places at the same time working separately. That meant the Flata Clan would rely solely on areas with high concentrations of dead souls, which they had to find first. If the others hoped to catch up, they would have to optimize their teamwork even more.

Meanwhile, Rean, Roan, and Titia were flying leisurely in the Path of Reincarnation's periphery, not working at all.

Rean looked below, seeing a few other devils that had nothing to do with the competition every now and then. "How are we going about this?"

Roan pondered for a moment. "We have three days, so it should be enough."

Titia, who was ordered to follow the twins, couldn't help but ask, "Three days isn't a lot. Why are we waiting?"

Roan faintly smiled in response. "Why work when there are those who can do the job for us?"