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Chapter 2021: Vruve Again

Rean found it strange that Luman got such a reaction. "Your race? The Lakures? I've seen them before. Is that something to be surprised about?"

The point was not that, though. The fact was that Rean and Roan didn't know that Lakures were supposed to only exist in Sunkan Planet. Rean only mentioned the Lakure name because he thought it was just one of the thousands of different humanoid races in the Realm of Gods.

Luman, on the other hand, knew that there shouldn't have been others in the Realm of Gods, only Sunkan Planet. But before he said anything, he called one of his attendants. "Take little Abelha away. Her mother will be paying us a visit soon."

"Yes, Uncle Luman." Abelha could only follow the guy, even though she wanted to hear more of what was happening. Too bad she had no right of choice there.

Finally, Luman looked at Rean, Roan, and Kentucky. "You are definitely not old enough to have seen the time when the Lakures still lived in the Realm of Gods. That means you must have come from Sunkan Planet."

Obviously, Rean and the others' attention was picked. They now knew that their Planet was called Sunkan, thanks to their father. For Luman to say that it is obvious that he knew about Sunkan too. "Could it be that sir also came from Sunkan?"

"As I thought..." Luman showed a pensive expression. "To think that there were living beings capable of ascending from Sunkan. It seems like I did a good choice in picking that Planet. Hahaha!"

Kentucky looked away as Rean suddenly showed a bitter smile. Only Roan's expression continued as cold as ever, although he understood Rean and Kentucky's feelings.

Naturally, Luman noticed that as well. "What is it? You did come from Sunkan, didn't you? Or could it be that something happened to my Lakure Race there?"

Rean sighed in response and decided it was better to simply tell the truth. "Sunkan Planet is no more. We are some of the few survivors that escaped the explosion. Also, your Lakure Race wasn't having the best time there either."

"What?!" Luman was obviously shocked by what he heard. "Exploded?! A Planet?!"

Rean then told him everything he knew. How when they were young, they ended up inside the Natural Formation that the Lakures used to reemerge after being sealed away. But above all, he told Luman how the Planet was attacked, and almost no one escaped that place.

"It can't be..." Luman didn't know what to say. Yet, there didn't seem to be a reason for Rean and Roan to be lying about that. "Then... they are all dead?"

"We are not sure," Roan added. "During our journey in the Realm of Gods, we found a few people from Sunkan in different places. However, they were all reincarnations." Roan told him about the few encounters they had. "People who regained their memories after being reborn in the Realm of Gods. Perhaps there are some of your Lakure Race members in the Realm of Gods as well. It's just that they would have reincarnated as some other race."

That didn't make Luman any happier. "I sent them there so that my Lakure Race would have a chance to revive. Not only were they sealed away, but when they finally managed to come out, the Planet was attacked. Wait! Could it be that the Planet was attacked because I sent them there? But how did they find out?"

Rean couldn't help but ask. "They? Who are they? Do you know who attacked the Planet?" Obviously, Rean didn't tell Luman that it was the Vruve Organization that attacked the Planet. It seemed like Luman had his own enemies, and they were strong enough to descend into the Mortal Realm.

Luman looked at the twins and Kentucky. "It doesn't matter. There is nothing you can do, nor can I. All I can do now is cultivate to reach the Divinity Realm before exacting my revenge."

The twins knew that Divinity was the highest realm in this half side of the Universe, just like the Devils had the Elder Devils and the Angels had the Archangels. These were all names for the same cultivation stage. "How long has sir been cultivating here? Or better, what was sir's cultivation level when you first

arrived in this place? Also, why was your race being pursued to the point you had to bring them to the Mortal Realm?"

Luman narrowed his eyes. "Instead of me answering your questions, you should answer mine. Escaping a Planet that was about to explode isn't something someone from the Mortal Realm can do at will. Sunkan Planet definitely didn't have the necessary knowledge of formations to create a teleport formation capable of bringing you away. How did you escape that Planet?"

"Wrong," Rean immediately came up with an excuse. "Sunkan didn't have the necessary knowledge of formation during the time sir was there. However, it did have by the time it was attacked. Just how long do you think it has been since you left your race in Sunkan? We used one of those formations to escape to another Planet."

"This..." Luman had to admit it made sense. It had been thousands of years even before he entered the Swamp of No Return. Way too many things could have happened during that time.

It was then that Kentucky noticed something. "Oh! Sir Luman, you knew the time in this Swamp passed much faster, didn't you? Could it be you entered it not only to look for the Swamp's secret but because it would give you time to cultivate faster than those outside? Especially faster than the enemies who were pursuing your race."

Luman looked at Kentucky in surprise. "You are quite a smart bird. Yes, I didn't intend to get stuck here, but I did want to use the Swamp's warped time in my favor."

Roan took the chance to ask back. "We did do our own investigation after ascending to the Realm of Gods. There aren't many powers capable of going down to the Mortal Realm. One, in particular, caught our attention, the Vruve Organization."

Immediately, Luman's face turned dark. "What do you know about them?"

It was pretty obvious that the enemy Luman was talking about was the same Rean and Roan knew about. "We believe it was them who attacked the Planet."

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Chapter 2022: Reason

Luman's face contorted in anger as the organization's name reminded him of his race's past. "So you went as far as going down to the mortal realm to destroy a planet, uh? There will be a day I will destroy all of them."

Rean and Roan could obviously tell that the Vruve Organization was also the one that pursued the Lakures. However, in this specific case, the Vruve Organization didn't go to Sunkan Planet because of the Lakures. Instead, it was because of the twins' system. But then again, they wouldn't tell Luman that.

A few moments later, Luman calmed down again. It wouldn't change anything even if he exploded now. "Whatever. I'll think about it later. Instead, finish teaching me how to use your Devil Transformation."

Rean nodded and continued to explain how to do that. It wouldn't get as perfect as it was for Rean and Roan themselves. However, it could be achieved to a certain extent. At the very least, it would be better than the disguising technique that Luman was using so far.

"This bracelet is quite something. Where did you get this Light Gathering Equipment? As far as I can remember, there were no such things back in the Realm of Gods during my time. Do you have anything to do with the Angel Races?" Luman was obviously curious.

"Is that so?" Rean asked back, pretending to not know that. "These kinds of equipment aren't quite common in the Realm of Gods nowadays. They are very expensive. However, you can literally find Element Gathering Equipment of all types as long as you can pay for it. Someone at senior Luman's level wouldn't have any trouble in buying one, though."

Luman nodded. Considering that the twins managed to arrive in the Swamp of No Return as living beings, he was pretty sure they were quite wealthy themselves. No one would believe Rean anyway if Rean said that he was the one who invented such a thing. Just how low would the chances of that happening be? The creator himself travels in an enemy realm and just ends up bumping into him... That was ridiculous.

Finally, Luman understood the gist of the Devil Transformation Technique. "Good, really good! My own technique was already quite a high level, but this one of yours is incredible! Now I understand why you said I could even procreate with other Devils with this thing. Hahahaha!"

'He is still thinking about having sex with female Devils...' Rean, Roan, and Kentucky thought at the same time.

"Alright, a deal is a deal," Luman quickly continued. "Not to mention you came from the same planet as my Lakures, so I'll keep my part of the accord. If you want to leave, just do so. However, I would stay here if I were you. One can not find their way in this place, even as an Elder Devil. You might end up going further into the Swamp, where the Demon Beasts are even stronger. In this settlement, you will not have to worry about being attacked by the Demon Beasts. They can tell I'm here and that they would only die if they come out."

"As we thought," Luman's words confirmed the twins' suspicions. "The creatures of this Swamp can feel the presence of those from outside from very long distances, right? We always felt like these monsters knew we were coming."

Luman didn't deny that. "That's correct. Still, it is not a bad thing. For those at your level, you can go out of the settlement but refrain from going too far. That way, you can find your way back here while still being targeted by them. It is quite a very efficient training ground. Our settlement has quite a few Void Tempering and Space Bending Realm Devils."

"Not only Devils, right?" Rean answered back with a smile.

Luman smiled as well. "So you noticed, uh? That's correct. A few of the 'Devils' you passed by are, in fact, living beings too. They are the subordinates that came with me inside my Pocket Dimensional Realm. Naturally, they used the same technique as me to disguise themselves as Devils. As for the ones who are truly Devils, none of them would risk going against me, especially since they need my presence to stay alive. Simply put, this is quite a good place, and I wouldn't mind if you stayed as well. Hey, you can even have a few female Devils to entertain yourselves... or perhaps male ones, if you like that kind of play."

"Ahem..." Rean immediately changed the topic there. "There is no need. However, we would like to hear more about this Swamp. Have you found anything at all? Is there really no way out?"

Luman sighed in response. "I do know a few things about this Swamp. Unfortunately, an escaping method is not one of them. That's why I'm trying to increase my cultivation level to see if I can change something."

It was then that Luman remembered Rean's question from a while ago. "Oh, right. When I arrived here, I was in the Elemental Space Realm. But I spent a lot of time here, so I'm already in the Space-Time Realm Late Stage."

"Space-Time Realm, uh?" Only now did the twins hear about the next level above the Elemental Space Realm. Well, they were too far away from it anyway, so it didn't matter much at the moment.

Luman continued. "As for the reason why my lakure Race was being pursued, if you know my Lakure Race as you said, then you can probably imagine why."

Roan pondered a bit before guessing. "The Lakures are excellent at Energy Manipulation. At least they definitely were with Spiritual Energy back in the Mortal Realm. Seeing you here, I'm pretty sure it also applies to Divine Energy."

"Correct," Luman nodded. "My Lakure Race is one of the strongest humanoid races of the Realm of Gods. Or at least, we were..."

"Can we hear what happened?" Kentucky immediately asked out of curiosity.

Luman thought for a moment and nodded. "Sure, it's not like knowing the past will change anything."

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Chapter 2023: The Lakure Race History

"Back then, my Lakure Race was in control of one of the Realm of Gods' continents in the center. Since you came to the Underworld, you should know about how important the Center of the Realm of Gods is, right?" Luman started his tale with a question.

Rean, Roan, and Kentucky nodded. They knew that it was separated into four regions and that it wasn't just anyone who could enter them.

Luman continued. "Obviously, we lived in the Humanoid Races' side of the center. To be more specific, we were in the Lafis Continent, one of the best for resources. But above all, Lafis Continent had one of

the highest concentrations of Divine Energy in the Realm of Gods, probably the best. Our Race believed that we evolved into our Lakure form because our bodies adapted to that environment."

That made sense in Rean's head. Evolution is pretty much always due to environmental reasons, after all. Even back on Earth, where there was no such thing as Spiritual or Divine Energy, species still evolved due to these reasons.

However, there was one thing Rean got confused about. "Lafis Continent? There was no such thing in the Center of the Realm of Gods."

Rean wasn't lying. He and Roan did travel around the Center of the Realm of Gods, so they did get information about all continents inside. Lafis definitely wasn't a name from any of the continents there. "Could it be that the name was changed?"

Luman shook his head. "No, Lafis Continent simply doesn't exist anymore. No, to be more specific, it does exist, but it is not in the Realm of Gods."

Luman didn't stop there. "Let me continue, and you will understand. With that, we took control of the region around us, using our superior ability to control Divine Energy. Even within the top Humanoid Races, few could challenge our authority. However, our continent was the best there was for Divine Energy. That's what invited calamity later on."

Roan immediately mentioned. "The Vruve Organization wanted your continent, is it?"

Luman nodded. "Exactly. That was a force that no one wanted to go against. Our Lakure Race, obviously, didn't want it either. However, there rarely ever showed themselves, so we were quite confused as to why they suddenly attacked our Race."

"I can only say that the Divine Energy of your continent was the reason," Rean added.

"That was part of the reason," Luman agreed with Rean on that point. "The second part was that our Lakure Race had truly evolved to be too strong. So when they attacked, the Vruve organization had two objectives. First, to eliminate a future enemy that might cause them trouble. Second, to get our continent for themselves."

Roan shook his head in response, though. "The Vruve Organization is way older than your Lakure Race, if I'm not wrong. Even if your Lakure Race got as strong as you said, I doubt it could hold a candle to the Vruve Organization. I think it is better to say that they got rid of your Lakure Race because they didn't want you to come back at them later. They needed your ancestral continent. If they just took it and let you go, it would only cause trouble for them later. Since that was the case, getting rid of your Lakure Race was just the obvious choice."

Luman pondered a bit and admitted Roan's words made sense. "That's true. It should go as no surprise, but I wasn't anyone important in the Lakure Race. Since we were one of the strongest races in the Center of the Realm of Gods, we obviously had our share number of Divinity Realm Lakure Cultivators. Unfortunately, they all died trying to defend our continent. I didn't have access to any important information as no one had a reason to share it with me."

"Anyway, the fact was that we were eliminated by the Vruve Organization. After that, I don't know what they did, but they somehow made our entire Lafis Continent disappear! An entire continent, can you believe it?"

That truly surprised Rean's group. "Is that even possible?"

Roan nodded. "Since they did that, it is obviously possible. Also, it is pretty obvious where the Lakure's continent ended at."

"The Vruve Organization home inside the Temporal Path," Rean immediately understood.

"So you even know about the Vruve Organization's location, uh? Well, since you were able to disguise yourselves as Devils and enter the Underworld, I guess it makes sense you know this much." Luman liked it since he didn't need to explain that much. "Anyway, I was lucky enough to have my own Pocket Dimensional Realm at that time, which I used to save as many Lakures as I could. After that, I found an ancient Spatial Gate Formation, which I used to enter the Mortal Realm."

"Unfortunately, my cultivation was too high for the Mortal Realm, so it was rejecting me. Anyone above the Transition Realm can't stay there for long, and I was no exception. Nor were the Lakures inside my Dimensional Realm. In the end, I found a nice planet and released all the Lakures at the Transition Realm or below that I had in my Dimensional Realm. Perhaps one day, they would cultivate to ascend to the

Realm of Gods again. As for those above the Transition Realm, they came with back to the Realm of Gods."

Luman couldn't help but sigh. "Too bad that Lakures were being actively exterminated. As you know, I have this disguising technique of mine, so I was able to hide. At some point, I was forced to pretend to be a Devil and even entered the Temporal Path to reach the Underworld. Here I heard about the Swamp of No Return. If there was a place where I would definitely not be found, it had to be here. As far as I know, there were no other Lakures left. Of course, I might be wrong, but I've never found any information about other Lakures after I returned to the Realm of Gods, so I truly believed my group was the last one, including the ones I left in Sunkan Planet."

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Chapter 2024: She was Quite Fast

As the twins talked with Luman, Librao finally managed to return to his home in the ruins. Naturally, he didn't waste time to go talk with his mother and told her everything that happened until he came back.

"He dares!" It went without saying that Librao and Abelha's mother got furious, especially with the idea of Luman forcing himself to impregnate her daughter.

Brommm...

Decaying Dark Energy began to leak out from the coffin she was inside, showing that it hadn't been open for a very long time. Her cultivation, as well as her children, required a constant infusion of Dark Element from the Swamp, so the coffin was made to help with that. To let it all out now was the same as throwing away several years of effort. She would have to spend a lot of time accumulating that much again. Of course, she didn't care about that now.

Following that, she grabbed Librao with her Divine Energy manipulation and disappeared from the area. She lived close enough to Luman's settlement to know where to go, after all.

Back in the settlement, Luman finished telling the story about how his Lakure Race to the twins. "So, it was pretty much that. Now the only thing I can do is to make sure the Lakures I have here in the Swamp of No Return stay alive."

Rean found it strange. "The sheer amount of Dark Element in this Swamp is ridiculously high. How come you and your Lakure Race members are not being affected by it?"

"Because of my disguising technique," Luman explained. "It not only can make us look just like Devils, but it also uses the surrounding Dark Element to keep the transformation going. Since the technique itself is absorbing the Dark Element that reaches us, it doesn't affect our bodies."

"I see..." Rean had to admit Luman's technique was also quite good in its own right. "But that will make it very hard for your Lakure Race to reproduce then. After all, the babies who are born will not be able to use the technique."

Luman then pointed at his head. However, Rean, Roan, and Kentucky Understood. He was pointing at his own Pocket Dimensional Realm. "When a Lakure Female gets pregnant, I send her into my Pocket Dimensional Realm. There she will give birth to the child and not have to worry about the Dark Element in the surroundings. The child will obviously grow and cultivate there until I judge that he or she is strong enough to come out."

Luman then looked through the window, watching the several Devils and Lakures walking around his settlement. "The numbers of my race got quite a lot bigger in the past hundreds of years. When I built this settlement, there were only 21 Lakures, including me. Now we are a few hundred."

"No wonder you keep insisting on this thing about reproduction all the time. It is not that you were a pervert but that your entire group understands that you have to reproduce if you don't want your Lakure Race to disappear."

"Hahaha!" Luman laughed out loud in response. "That's definitely part of the reason. However, I am indeed a pervert. A cultivator has to have fun, too, you know?"

Roan then returned to the previous topic. "So, Luman, what can you tell us about this Swamp?"

Luman pondered a bit and began to talk. "As you probably noticed, we can't find our way out. However, within a certain range, it is possible to locate oneself. We made a few tests using puppets and found out that around 20000 kilometers, it is still possible to find your way back to a specific location. Abelha and Librao's mother just happen to live around 13000 kilometers from here, so she knows how to find us."

He continued. "Any puppet that went past this distance couldn't find its way back. We wondered if it was because they were attacked by Demon Beasts at first. However, after several more tests, we understood that it was basically because they got lost, never to be seen again. We used time sleeves of soul, the same used to know whether someone is alive or not, to confirm if the puppets were still intact. Even though a lot of them were indeed destroyed by the Demon Beast, quite a few did go further away intact. So, keep it in mind, to be safe, try to stay within 15000 kilometers of the settlement."

"The Dark Element here has high decaying power. However, if you use it for cultivation, like the Devils, it is extremely beneficial for your progress. As long as you can deal with the decaying factor, that is. The decaying power is so high that even Devils have a very hard time dealing with it. It goes without saying it doesn't have much use for our Lakure Race, though."

Roan nodded. "I noticed that already. It has helped me quite a bit."

"So you do have Dark Element Affinity. No wonder it was so pure when I felt it during your battle." Luman was surprised to hear that. He looked at Rean right after. "So, was it like I saw? Do you truly have Light Element Affinity?"

Rean nodded. "We were born like that."

Luman looked at them as some rare breed. "Truly unexpected. You are the first humans I've seen with such affinities. It is your Light Element that helps you against the Dark Element here, right?"

"Yes," Rean confirmed his words. "And it is pretty effective against the creatures of this place. Of course, I can't gather as much Light Element as I want due to the environment."

"It is still pretty good," Luman was quite jealous. "Anyway, another thing you need to pay attention to in this Swamp is the Dark Tide."

"Dark Tide?" The twins' group hadn't seen it before. "What is that?"

"Since you haven't seen it, you haven't been in this swap for long." Luman began to explain. "It happens once every few years, but there isn't a precise time between occurrences. A huge accumulation of Dark Element washes the entire Swamp, killing everything in its path that doesn't have resistance to it. The

true danger is how fast it moves. It is even faster than me at full speed. From what I could see, the flow of space and time in this Swamp is what carries this tide forward every time."

"How do you defend against that?" Since Luman's settlement was here, they obviously had a way.

Luman shrugged his shoulder. "What else can we do? We hide and create barriers to withstand the wave. Worst case scenario, I bring everyone into my Pocket Dimensional Realm and wait for it to pass. However, I wouldn't recommend that."

"Why is that?" Rean and Roan thought that the Dimensional Realm would be a pretty safe choice.

"I told you, didn't I? It is the flow of space and time in this Swamp that causes the tide. The tide itself carries really strong spatial distortions. Suppose you leave the entrance of your Dimensional Realm exposed by going inside. In that case, it will get damaged and might cause your entire Dimensional Realm to collapse. I learned it the worst way."

[He is right,] Sister Orb suddenly spoke to the twins through their soul connection. [The Flow of space and time here can truly cause harm to the Dimensional Realm. It's just that the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm is very resistant, so it can withstand the flow while you two are inside. However, if this tide makes the flow even more powerful, it might cause some problems for the Dimensional Realm. It is basically the same as you two hiding inside the Dimensional Realm while the enemy knows where the entrance is. It is a truly bad idea to leave it exposed.]

The twins nodded in response. 'Alright, Sister Orb. We will pay attention.'

However, the twins weren't that concerned. After all, Roan is the epitome of the Dark Element. It didn't matter how powerful the Decaying Ability of the tide was. It simply wouldn't have any effect on him whatsoever. That meant he could keep the dimensional realm entrance within himself, and nothing would happen.

Still, Rean asked Luman to be safe. "How do we protect ourselves against the tide in case we are outside?"

Luman was just about to explain when suddenly, a powerful Divine Sense washed over everyone in the settlement. That Divine Sense wasn't trying to stay hidden at all, making even those with lower cultivations feel it in its full might. Luman, however, just smiled as a result. "Oh, she was quite fast."

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Chapter 2025: Dark Decaying Beads

Suddenly, a Divine Sense Message reached all the Devils and cultivators in the settlement. 'Luman bastard, give my daughter back right now. Otherwise, don't blame me for wiping out your pitiful settlement!'

Rean, Roan, and Kentucky could definitely tell that Labina's power was no less than Luman's through the Divine Sense Bending Skill.

In any case, Luman didn't seem to be bothered by Labina's words at all. He simply smiled at the twins' group before saying. "I'm going out to have some fun. You can just stay here until I'm back." Luman's body then flickered for a moment and completely disappeared.

Next time, Luman was already outside, facing Labina's dark expression. "Hahaha! If this isn't my good old friend Labina. Long time no see, uh? How is it? Did you miss me? I still have a space in my bed, just for you. Are you happy to hear that? I'm sure you are. Come, let's make a few more children. An experienced mother like you will definitely be a great bearer of my descendants."

Luman didn't try to hide his words at all, reaching the ears of every single being in that place. Rean's group didn't know what to say. No wonder everyone called him Crazy Luman.

Even as a Devil, it was true that Labina was still a beauty in her own right. She was part of one of the Devils with humanoid forms, and for some reason, that attracted Luman's interest even more than Labina's daughter. Well, that didn't make Labina any happier.

Her expression turned even worse, and she just hadn't attacked yet because she could tell that her daughter was within Luman's grasp. "Cut the crap! Give my daughter back if you know what is good for you. Different from you, I don't have to care about protecting an entire settlement."

Luman sighed in response, obviously disappointed by her answer. "So you didn't come here because of me? That hurts my heart, you know? I truly love you... and Camia, Grinda, Kanna, Suzume, Felviti, Qer'er..." Luman then continued to speak the names of many females who lived in his settlement nonstop.

Divine Energy began to come out of Labina's Devil Core as she lost her patience. No, it was Divine Origin Energy. As mentioned in the past,

However, just as she was about to attack, Luman waved his hand. Right after, the figure of a female Devil appeared on his hand. Naturally, that was none other than Abelha, Labina's daughter. She had a bitter smile on her face, knowing that she was being used as nothing more than a shield. Her Initial Stage Elemental Space cultivation had been sealed by Luman, so she could muster any power at all.

Labina's display of power immediately stopped. Nonetheless, it didn't mean she would drop her guard. "What do you want?"

Luman's smile increased even further. "How about a night together?"

Labina did her best to not explode right there and then.

"I'm, joking, I'm, joking. Hahaha!" Luman laughed straight away before Labina truly gave up everything. "Although I absolutely wouldn't mind trading some time with you, I know you can't recognize just how great of a bed partner I am. So, let's talk about something else. You have been in seclusion in that rotten coffin of yours for a while already. You should have refined enough of the Decaying Dark Element into Pure Decaying Beads. How about you give me five or so of them?"

Labina's expression changed into one of surprise. "How did you know I was capable of refining Dark Decaying Beads?"

Luman shrugged his shoulders. "It wasn't hard. Considering the way you cultivate and the fact you ended up in this Swamp of no Return, someone of your level must have come here prepared. For Devils like you, Dark Decaying Beads would be great items for the time you need to break through a bottleneck."

Still, Labina was confused about something. "You are a Living Being, from what I heard from my son a while ago. Dark Decaying Beads should be of no use to you at all."

Luman immediately shook his head. "That's not true. There are many uses for a Dark Decaying Bead, even for a Living Being like me. As for what I intend to use them, that is obviously my problem." Luman then let out a perverted smile once again. "Of course, I still prefer to have one night with you. If you agree, then I will require no other payment whatsoever."

Labina felt like killing Luman straight away. However, she knew that he was just provoking her at this point. The problem, instead, was that the Dark Decaying Beads did indeed need a very long time to be refined, which was one of the reasons Labina and her children stayed inside those coffins. She truly didn't want to give Luman a single one of them, let alone five. But then again, Luman had her daughter, which was definitely more important to her.

Suddenly, Labina flipped her hand, and five pitch-black beads appeared on her hand. They all emanated pure Dark Element and Decaying power. Not only that, but they also had a faint sign of Divine Origin Energy.

As mentioned in the past, once you enter the Space Bending Realm, Divine Energy won't be enough to cultivate anymore. To grow any further, Divine Origin Energy was necessary. That was also one of the reasons why the time necessary to cultivate once in the Space Bending Realm and above increased several folds. One had to spend time converting the natural Divine Energy into Divine Origin Energy, and that took time.

Still, those Dark Decaying Beads had Divine Origin Energy in them, showing that Labina truly put great effort into refining them. They definitely would be a great asset for the next time she needs to break through.

Nonetheless, she threw the five beads at Luman without thinking twice. "Here you go. Now, give my daughter back."

Luman excitedly caught the beads, quickly using his Divine Sense to confirm that they were the real deal. His eyes lit up right away. He then broke the seal in Abelha's Devil Core and released her. Neither Labina nor Luman was much concerned that one of the sides would break their word. "It's a pity I can't have you, but I guess these beads will have to suffice."

"Hmph!" Labina immediately shrouded her daughter with her Divine Energy before examining her. Only after ascertaining that her daughter really wasn't forced to have sex with Luman did her expression ease slightly.

Truth be told, now that she knows Luman is a Living Being, she wanted his soul, which was at the same cultivation level as herself. That would be extremely beneficial to her and even more so to her kids. However, she and Luman had known each other for a very long time in this Swamp of No Return, so she knew it was impossible to kill him; even defeating him would be very complicated. In the end, she had to take the loss and put this matter on the back of her head. "Since it was my children who caused trouble in your territory, I won't pursue this matter any further. I'm leaving now."

"B-But mother, what about those Living Beings that I need for my cultivation?" Librao couldn't help but feel that it was a waste. Sure his mother could get an agreement with Luman in exchange for the twins' group.

"Shut up!" Labina wasn't as blind as her son, though. "Luman is also a Living Being. Even if he truly decided to sacrifice those three, how much do you think he would ask for it? Living Beings are pretty much nonexistent in the Underworld, let alone Living Beings in this Swamp. Next time, make sure to capture your target faster. Not that I think you will ever find another Living Being in this place anyway."

With that said, Labina didn't waste time and quickly flew away with her children. She truly didn't want to look at Luman's face anymore, which reminded her of how she had just lost five of her extremely precious Dark Decaying Beads.

Luman smiled all the way until Labina disappeared in the distance. Only then did he put the matter on the back of his head and return to the hall where the twins' group was located. "Hehehe! To think I would strike such a deal without any losses. Truly, your appearance here in my settlement was a great blessing."

Rean could only smile back. "That's good to hear. By the way, what are these beads you asked for in exchange?"

Luman raised one of the beads close to his eyes and examined it with a bright expression. "Dark Decaying Beads. These are extremely good items for breaking through bottlenecks in Devil Races. As for me, they are one of the materials necessary for a treasure I'm refining. That's all I can say. Now then, going back to the Dark Tide. Let me explain how you can defend against that without having to resort to going into your Dimensional Realms."

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Chapter 2026: A Better Idea

Luman used his hands to create a few seals in the air, which quickly began to take the shape of a set of small formations. Rean looked at that and couldn't help but be surprised by the simplicity of the formations. It's just that when they stacked one above the other, they formed something a lot more complex. Nonetheless, the way these small formations were developed made it quite a simple task for anyone to use them, even if they had little to no knowledge about formations.

However, Rean quickly found a problem in that formation. "Wait, this thing obviously is in need of some kind of specific core other than Divine Energy."

Luman smiled in response before taking out a small piece of white and brown colored wood from his pocket Dimensional Realm. "This is called bright underworld wood. It is one of the almost nonexistent Light Element items that can be found in the Underworld. It's not rare, though. It came from the Bright Underworld Tree Forests located in quite a few places in this Realm. Due to the fact that Dark Element concentration is so high in the Underworld, the little Light Element in the environment is forced into a few different pockets in this Realm. This is how it gave birth to the trees there."

Roan looked at that for a moment. "It also has Dark Element within it. Quite impressive."

Luman nodded. "Indeed. This peculiarity makes it the perfect core for the Dark Tide Barrier Formation. Not only does its Light Element properties make it a good material to counteract the Dark Tide, but it also has Dark Element inside, which prevents the Decaying Energy in the environment from affecting it."

Rean was quite interested in that item. It wasn't every day you could find a material that had two elements inside, especially two elements that usually counteract each other. "Are you going to give this for free, though?"

Luman was happy that Rean mentioned that. "It's good that you understand. The formation is obviously extremely simple to build. However, even though this Bright Underworld Tree isn't a rare item in the Underworld Realm, it is still rare in this Swamp of no Return. That's because almost no one knew that it could be used for the Dark Tide. Let's not forget that once you enter the swamp, you can't leave. So how could anyone inform those outside that this thing is so useful? Just so that you know, there is no way to contact the outside world. Even the highest grade Thoughts Transmission Talismans can't send or receive messages here."

That immediately showed just how rare that specific item was in this place. They heard from Luman about the difficulty he had in dealing with the environment when he arrived in this place, which shows that it took quite some time until he acquired that Bright Underworld Tree.

"That said, there is one thing I want you to do for me now that you are here. Rean has Light Element Affinity, which is something I never thought I would find in this place. Kentucky is obviously a Minokawa, so he can also use Light Element. Take a look at this Bright Wood Piece I'm showing. Do you feel like it is lacking something?"

Rean and Kentucky looked at each other and then used their Divine Senses to check that piece of wood. After a few moments, they finally noticed what was wrong with it. "The concentration of Light Element that this Bright Underworld Wood is releasing isn't even a tenth of the Dark Element part."

Luman nodded. "Correct. After so many years, I was obviously successful in gathering a few pieces of this wood through the Devils that entered this place now and then. I used a few of them to build the Dark Tider Formation around this settlement too. However, after this long, the Light Element inside them began to fail. It's probably because they had been removed from the Bright Underworld Tree Forests for too long. I want you two to try and inject your Light Element inside to see if it can restore its Light Element Properties."

Rean narrowed his eyes for a moment. "That's gonna be difficult. We can definitely give it a try, but the wood was withered by the high accumulation of Decaying Energy in the Dark Element of this Swamp. I don't know if it can recover just because it got a source of Light Element. Besides, I believe Kentucky will agree with me when I say that the Light Element coming out of the wood has something special to it."

Kentucky immediately agreed with Rean. "I can feel that too. It is not just Light Element. Rean, am I crazy, or is there a hint of Wood Element fused with the Light Element?"

Rean smiled after hearing that. "So you found that too, uh? Indeed, I can also feel that there is wood element fused with the Light Element instead of a standalone part of the wood. Even if we do infuse our Light Element inside the wood, I find it very unlikely that it will recover the wood element part of the fused elements."

Luman looked in surprise at the piece of Bright Underworld Wood in his hand. He truly couldn't feel the presence of Wood Element in the Light Element at all. "Was there such a thing? Sigh... Anyway, at least

give it a try. If you succeed, I will give you a piece of Bright Underworld Wood. Otherwise, I won't be able to help you since each piece is extremely important for the settlement."

Kentucky looked at Rean since he knew that Rean's Light Element was the highest quality it could possibly be. If it could work, it had to be with Rean's Light Element. Naturally, Rean thought the same thing. However, he had a better idea as a smile appeared on his face. "How about growing a new Bright Underworld Tree instead? That should be a lot more useful."

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Chapter 2027: Careful Watch

Luman expression changed drastically upon hearing Rean's words. "Grow a new one? Here? How? Is that even possible?"

Rean caressed the piece of Bright Underworld Wood for a moment before confirming. "It should be possible. Considering that this Bright Underworld is quite common in those pockets of Light Element, some of the people who brought them into the Swamp of no Return probably had their seeds, too, right?"

Luman nodded. "Most of the Bright Underworld Wood owners didn't have any seeds and only the wood itself. But yes, some of them did indeed have the seeds. However, it is impossible to grow Bright Underworld Trees outside of those pockets of Light Element of the Underworld Realm."

Rean didn't agree with Luman's words. "That would be the case for someone else. However, both Kentucky and I have Light Element of our own. Also, we have the necessary fertile soil in our Pocket Dimensional Realms for the seeds that germinate to grow wood elements in them. That said, we should be able to simulate the perfect ambient where the Bright Underworld Trees grow."

"Great!" Luman was ecstatic to hear that. Immediately after, he accessed his own Pocket Dimensional Realm and retrieved the few seeds that he had collected in the past years. Sure enough, there weren't many since the majority didn't have an interest in them. Nonetheless, there were enough for Rean to give it a try. "Here you go. You can give it a try."

However, a thought quickly surfaced in Luman's mind as soon as he passed the seeds to Rean. "Wait! It's obviously a good thing if you can make the trees grow here. However, how long will it take?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders. "Who knows? I'm not aware of how long the trees take to grow in the first place. You seem to know a lot more about them than us. Do you have any idea how long they usually take to fully grow?"

Luman pondered a bit but shook his head in the end. "Not really. But don't worry, some of the devils who ended here definitely know. Especially the ones who brought the seeds with them. Give me a moment." Before Rean's group said anything, Luman disappeared from the room to go look for those devils.

Roan glanced at Rean, puzzled by his actions. "It would take many years to grow those trees even if you can recreate the proper conditions for it. Are you planning to stay here all this while?"

Rean looked back at Roan and didn't mind affirming it. "Indeed. That's what I'm planning to do. You said it yourself, this is a great place for cultivation. It's not like the Universe's Foundation Fragment will suddenly disappear just because we spend some extra time here. I'm sure you would like that as well."

Roan pondered the issue for a moment and had to admit that this was a good idea. With Luman to hold the fort and Luan to make sure that they wouldn't get lost, this settlement just acted as the perfect place to rest between intervals during their training. "Alright. I'm surprised to see that you were the one to offer an idea regarding training. But nonetheless, we can travel further away to fight stronger demon beasts of the swamp and come back between intervals. Not to mention that we will be obviously able to get our hands in a lot of Bright Underworld Wood to use against the Dark Tide."

Rean smiled in response. "That's basically it. Kentucky and I can take turns replenishing the trees with light elements while the other is out. With Luman's help, we don't need to be afraid of that woman either. It's a truly amazing deal."

Rean and Roan then began to talk about their plans with Kentucky, Sister Orb, Luan, and Celis in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm while they waited for Luman to come back. Naturally, Celis and Luan had nothing against that plan, especially Celis, who only thought about cultivation nonstop.

Sure enough, Luman returned after some time with two Devils who had joined the settlement over time. They both seemed to know quite a little about the Bright Underworld Trees, which was perfect for Rean's plan. "These are HruX and Clita. They should be able to answer your questions."

One of them was a bestial devil, while the other was a humanoid devil. Obviously, they knew the truth or Luman and his Lakure Race members. "How can we help you with?"

Rean nodded and passed the Bright Underworld Wood to them. "Tell me everything you know about the Bright Underworld Trees. Start with how long it takes for them to fully grow."

Hrux quickly took the piece of wood and nodded. "The Bright Underworld Trees take around a hundred years to mature. However, if the pocket of Light Element is especially abundant in resources, its growth time will be around 70 to 80 years. They aren't especially rare trees, but there aren't many uses for them in our Devil Races. The seeds..."

Hrux and Clita then began to talk about the trees, showing that they truly had some knowledge about them. From what Rean heard, Hrux and Clita were one of the few Devil races that could use the Light Element inside the wood because it also had Dark Element inside. Not to mention it was quite important to them. Thus the seeds they brought with them back when they arrived in the swamp.

Sometime later, Rean, Kentucky, Hrux, and Clita arranged a platform on the swamp trees where Rean brought out a lot of soil. From the looks of it, one could not grow trees inside the Dimensional Realm. It was the contact with the Underworld Environment that made their existence possible, so they had to be planted outside.

Hrux and Clita were shocked to see Rean wielding Light Element and even thought he was an Angel instead. Rean just smiled and didn't give an explanation. The important part was that Hrux and Clita agreed that with Rean and Kentucky Light Element affinities, there was indeed a very good chance of succeeding in their plans.

Sure enough, a few weeks later, the seeds planted on the platform finally started to sprout under the careful watch of those four.

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Chapter 2028: The Time Difference

"Seems like it will grow just well as long as we keep the fertile soil and the flow of Light Element," Rean looked at the sprouts with a smile on his face.

In fact, things were going even better than he expected, in HruX's opinion. "It's impressive how they are turning out to be even better than the trees in the pockets of Light Element in the Underworld. I can tell that their quality far surpasses any of the wood I brought with me when I entered the Swamp of No Return."

Clita agreed with him. "Indeed. Their properties' value will last much longer once they fully grow. Of course, it will take at least 70 to 80 years for that to happen. Not that we lack time. It's not like we can leave this place anyway. This will at least guarantee that our settlement will no longer have problems with the Dark Tide."

Rean was happy to hear that. He could tell why the Underworld Bright Trees they planted were of better quality than those outside. First, the Swamp of No Return had a several times higher concentration of Dark Element. As for the Light Element, Kentucky and Rean were providing it. Naturally, their Light Element was of the highest quality, different from the Light Element forcefully packed in those Underworld Tree Forests.

Rean then brought a piece of equipment from the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and passed it to HruX and Clita. "Now that the trees started to grow, there isn't much of a need for me having to be by its side all the time. Just pour your Divine Energy inside this bracelet, and it will gather Light Elements from the surroundings. Kentucky or I only need to come every few days to purify the Light Element absorbed by the trees."

HruX quickly nodded. They had already heard from Luman about this new type of equipment that appeared in the outside world. "No problem."

After that, Rean and Roan went to see Luman, who was having fun with the girls in the settlement. The twins saw how he truly didn't care whether they were part of his Lakure Race or female Devils. As long as they had nice bodies, he would pester them nonstop. Well, he wasn't forceful, though. Also, a lot of the girls didn't mind appeasing the needs of such a powerful Space-Time Realm cultivator. "Ahem... Luman, are you free at the moment?"

Luman looked at the twins and laughed in response. "Hahaha! Sure, sure!" He then looked at the girls on his side. "You four can go back to your own things. I have to talk with these friends here." The females nodded and quickly left the room, leaving only Luman and the twins inside.

"So, I heard it from HruX and Clita. The Underworld Bright Trees seem to be growing very well. Those trees will obviously give seeds in the future, which we can use to grow even more of them. Seems like

we won't need to worry about the Dark Tide from several millennia at the very least." He was obviously very happy to find out that one of his worries was now gone.

"You flatter me too much, senior Luman. I did that because it was beneficial to both of us," Rean answered.

Roan, on the other hand, didn't want to waste time with pleasantries. "Leaving that aside, Rean, Kentucky, and I will start to train around the settlement territory. Since we can't leave, we can only cultivate and get stronger in case the chance to escape this Swamp arrives. That being said, I would like to ask something."

Roan's expression then turned serious. "Do you know how much of a difference there is between the time flow in this settlement and the outside world?"

Rean and Roan already knew that Luman was at the Peak Stage of the Space-Time Realm. He definitely would be able to tell more or less how much that difference was.

Sure enough, Luman's expression turned serious as well. "I know. In this Swamp, the further you get to the center, the higher the difference is. I'm not sure how far into the Swamp my settlement is located. However, I believe it should be at least halfway to the center since I spent many decades lost here. This location where we are at the moment is one with the highest disparity in time considering all the places I've been before." Finally, he told them a number. "If my perception isn't being disrupted, then the difference in time flow in this settlement is between 19 and 23 times."

That meant at least 19 years would pass in this settlement before a year passed outside. "I say between 19 and 23 times because the flow of time changes now and then, especially when the Dark Tide is approaching."

The twins weren't surprised by the change. This was an environmental issue, not some formation with a specific directive. Just like how the seasons passed and temperatures changed, this Swamp also had its moments with high and low flow of space and time. Still, they were surprised at how fast it was. "At least 19 times... That's sure a big difference."

Of course, Roan only saw it as an advantage. "That will give us a lot of time to train without having to worry about what is happening outside." The war for control of the Northeast side of the Realm of Gods

would take a long time to start, let alone in this place. "Rean, we will start our training. I intend to stay here for at least 200 years."

Rean was taken aback for a moment. One must not forget that Rean's age wasn't much different than that. "That's... quite a long shot."

Roan didn't seem worried. He had already lived for countless years as a Death Spirit, so 200 years was pretty much the blink of an eye for him. "Stop complaining and focus on your training. With our lifespan, 200 years is nothing. I will also have Luan come out to do the same. This environment is perfect for it."

Luman was obviously more than happy to hear that. "Is that so? Then you are very welcome to stay here. Now then, if you don't have anything else to discuss, I have some little girls to entertain." He quickly left after that, though.

"Sigh..." Rean could only sigh in resignation. But then again, he knew that Roan was right. "Fine, 200 years it is."

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Chapter 2029: Dark Tide

Just like that, time continued to pass. Luman and the other devils and lakures of the settlement weren't surprised by Luan's sudden arrival. Luman knew the twins had their own Dimensional Realm, so it wasn't anything weird that they had some living beings inside. The same went for Celis, who came out for a short while before quickly going back into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

As mentioned before, the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm evolved with Celis' sprouts during the last upgrade, which allowed it to always have a higher concentration of Divine Energy than the outside world. It was also a lot safer to use the Divine Stones inside the Dimensional Realm.

It only took Rean, Roan, Celis, and Kentucky a little more than five years to reach the door of the Space Bending Realm. The twins' group wasn't running around doing many other types of tasks, after all. They solely focused on their training and cultivation, which was quite rare. Usually, only Celis spent most of the time cultivating for the four of them. Besides, the Void Tempering Realm was still able to grow with normal Divine Energy alone. Only when it came to the Space Bending Realm and beyond would you need Divine Origin Energy.

During this time, the twins did indeed meet the Dark Tide. The entire sky, which was already pretty hard to see, suddenly became completely dark in a matter of just a few seconds. Rean and Roan just so happened to be somewhere around 50000 kilometers from the settlement. Luman told them that the limit of distance to not get lost was 20000, but he didn't know about Luan. With Luan's eyes, the twins' group could go much further away to train and know exactly how to come back every time they needed to rest.

The reason for that was obviously Labina and her two children. Librao wasn't a problem in the twins' eyes. Abelha and Labina, on the other hand, would be hard to deal with. Especially Labina and her Space-Time Realm cultivation. The twins would be pretty much useless against her. They went much further away every time to make sure those three wouldn't know how to find them.

As for the Dark Tide, Rean got the formation array from Luman and carried his own Bright Underworld Tree wood. He had already prepared a formation plate that could be activated at any moment. Once used with the Divine Stones, the plate quickly formed a light and dark barrier of a few meters in diameter around it.

Still, Rean got a fright at how fast the Dark Tide reached them. In just a few more seconds, the Dark Tide hit the formation's barrier like a gigantic wave, making it tremble with the impact. He made a note to himself that the moment he saw the sky turning dark again, he would immediately turn on the formation. Luman truly wasn't kidding about the Dark Tide Speed.

Of course, even if they had been hit by the Dark Tide, Luan wouldn't die to it straight away. The huge concentration of Decaying Energy and Dark Element would still take a few minutes to completely corrupt Luan. Besides, they could send Luan into the Dimensional Realm at any time.

The twins then took that chance to step out of the barrier to feel just how powerful the tide was. At first, Rean wasn't that worried. However, he quickly noticed that even with his connection with Roan to draw Roan's Dark Element, he concluded that he wouldn't be able to stay there for more than half an hour. Anything more than that, and he would definitely end dead as well.

Even Roan, who wasn't that concerned at first, had to admit he underestimated the Dark Tide. Sure, he could stay outside and experience the Dark Tide for as long as he wanted. It would never have superior Dark Element Purity or Decaying Energy than his own Dark Element. Nonetheless, Roan had to use a huge amount of Divine Energy to protect himself because of the Space Power behind it. For Roan, his limit would be how much Divine Energy he had, and he believed that it would definitely run out around ninety minutes to at most two hours if he didn't rest.

But in the end, with the help of the formation and the Bright Underworld Tree Wood, they were able to protect themselves against the tide. The tide kept its power constant for three days nonstop. Only then did it finally start to subside. Yet, it wasn't before another two days that one could say it was safe to come out of the formation again.

Going back to the cultivation part, now that their group was finally at the door of the Space Bending Realm, they had to stop to acquire information.

Inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, Rean, Roan, Celis, and Kentucky were gathered around Sister Orb. Luan was there too. Although he was only there to listen since he was far from the Space Bending Realm.

"So, Sister Orb, how do we convert Divine Energy into Divine Origin Energy?" Celis asked straight away, excited that he was finally ready to breakthrough into the Space Bending Realm.

Rean and the others looked at the Orb as she began to explain. [It's quite simple, actually. The problem is that it is also hard. You can indeed use normal Divine Energy to make the conversion. However, it is extremely slow. That's why Divine Stone of Rank Seven and above are so many times more valuable. In any case, the conversion process is done by extracting the impurities of the Normal Divine Energy and then compressing what remains.]

[First, you pull the Divine Energy into your Dantian or Demon Cores like you always do. However, you will not add it to your cultivation like you did before. Instead, you will use your Nascent Souls to clean it up. All Nascent Souls are in their purest form, so the impurities in Divine Energy can't be absorbed by it. You could say that your Nascent Souls will work like a filter.] Sister Orb started her explanation.

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Chapter 2030: Divine Origin Energy

[Let's say that you absorb 100% of the Divine Energy of a Rank Four Divine Stone. Of this 100%, around 20% can be used, while the rest is useless for cultivation. Of course, that rest can still be used for combat, as usual. You have to understand one thing first, though. Abilities using Divine Origin Energy are much stronger than abilities using normal Divine Energy. The problem is that you won't be able to use the Divine Energy in the environment to get Divine Origin Energy during a battle. You will have to use the Divine Origin Energy stored in your Dantian and Demon Cores.]

Rean couldn't help but ask. "Isn't that the same with Divine Energy? We already store Divine Energy in our Dantians and Demon Cores to use in battle. It basically will change to Divine Origin Energy."

Celis and the other had to admit Rean had a point.

[Not quite,] Sister Orb continued, [You can indeed use your Divine Energy in your Dantians and Cores to fight. However, you complement that with the Divine Energy of the Environment as well. Simply put, you can fight for a very long time with the support of the Divine Energy around you, not only the one in your Dantians and Cores. After all, you can keep absorbing the Divine Energy in the environment to refill yourselves. Divine Origin Energy is different. You will need a long time to fill your Dantians and Cores, and you absolutely won't have enough time to do that during combat.]

[Don't get me wrong, though. Even with Divine Origin Energy, you can still make use of the surrounding's Divine Energy. You have seen it before with Abelha and Librao, remember? Even though they were in the Space Bending Realm and Elemental Space Realm, they still used normal Divine Energy. Any extra power you can have, you should use. Divine Origin Energy attracts Divine Energy, making the attacks even more fearsome. If you were not some freaks with several different trump cards, you couldn't possibly hope to have contended against those two before. You have your Starlight Bodies, Divine Soul Power, Rean's Weapons, Roan's skills, the System's Upgrades, etc.]

Rean, Roan, Kentucky, and Celis nodded. They weren't idiots. They knew that they were indeed much stronger than others at the same level by quite a big margin. Celis and Kentucky were also quite special since their connection with Rean and Roan allowed them to fuse their Divine Energy and Soul Power into Divine Soul Power. Just like the twins.

[Anyway, the amount of time you can fight while using Divine Origin Energy will be several times lower than what you can do now. Once it runs out, you will have no choice but to rely on the normal Divine Energy alone.]

"Well, Roan and I had always had much higher space in our Dantians to carry Divine Energy. Now that it will change to Divine Origin Energy, we can definitely battle with it for much longer than anyone at our level." Rean quickly pointed that out.

[That's true.] Sister Orb obviously knew that. [Still, it is good to warn you about it. Now, let's go back to the cultivation part of this conversation. As I said, only around 20% of the Divine Energy you absorb can be converted into Divine Origin Energy. But that doesn't mean that 20% of the Divine Energy will become Divine Origin Energy.]

Roan nodded. "You mentioned that we need to compress it, didn't you?"

Sister Orb was happy that they paid attention. [Exactly. The remaining 20% of Divine Energy is the purest Divine Energy, but it is not Divine Origin Energy. It is just pure. You will need to use your Foundation to compress the Pure Divine Energy for it to become Divine Origin Energy.]

"It reminds me of the fusion happening inside the Sun," Rean couldn't help but comment. "The compression fuses the elements into new ones inside. We are basically doing the same thing in our Dantians and Cores."

Sister Orb agreed. [That's a very good analogy. You are correct. In the end, only 10% of the initial Divine Energy will become Divine Origin Energy. The worst part is that it is a much longer process compared to before when you just added the Divine Energy to your cultivations. Purify it with your Nascent Souls, Compress it with your Foundations, and finally, add it to your cultivation. Three steps instead of one. Not to mention that the amount of Divine Origin Energy necessary to breakthrough into new levels is obviously higher than what you need with Divine Energy. You took just five years of full focus in cultivation to reach the door of the Space Bending Realm. If you needed Divine Origin Energy to do the same thing, you would have taken at least 50 years.]

Rean smiled after hearing that. "However, we are talking about the Soul Gem System, aren't we? I'm pretty sure that once we enter the Space Bending Realm, new rewards related to the Divine Origin Energy cultivation will appear there. It seems that saving so many Destiny Points all these years was a good thing."

Roan and the others agreed with Rean, especially Sister Orb. [Yeap, I can guarantee that it will be the case.]

Roan then went to the side and sat down. "Alright, since we know how the process works, we should start our breakthrough. Or, to be more specific, we should start converting Divine Energy into Divine Origin Energy to make the breakthrough."

[Well said. Only when you are at the door of the Space Bending Realm will you be able to convert Divine Energy into Divine Origin Energy. So, Rean and Roan should take a look at your cultivation techniques. As for Celis and Kentucky, they are a Demon Beast and a Demon Plant. They will rely on their own Demon

Cores. First, empty out your Dantians and Cores of all Divine Energy. You need to fill it with Divine Origin Energy instead before going for the breakthrough.]