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Chapter 2031: Breakthrough into the Space Bending Realm

They couldn't convert the Divine Energy already stored in their Dantians and Cores because it couldn't be mixed with the new Divine Origin Energy. Their pool of Energy had to be empty, so they could only throw away all the Divine Energy there. Fortunately, it wasn't anything hard to do. Divine Energy kept pouring out of those four's bodies, and in just a few minutes, all the Divine Energy was swept clean.

Following that, they began to absorb the Divine Energy of the surroundings and send it straight into their Nascent Souls. They had many Rank Four Divine Stones, so they obviously were using them too. The Divine Energy entered the Nascent Souls, and a slow process started.

In normal circumstances, it wouldn't take more than a few hours to completely refill their Dantians and Cores with Divine Energy. However, things were completely different now. After the Nascent Soul finished purifying the Divine Energy, it was then sent into the middle of the Foundation Pillars. Following the cultivation technique methods in the Yin Yang Cultivation Manual, the twins used the Pillars' power to compress that pure Divine Energy, and once again, more Energy was lost.

Think about it like a funnel that had something on its top pressing down. The pressure fused the Divine Energy into a new type of Energy. Obviously, Divine Origin Energy. Only then would the newly acquired Energy be allowed to enter the Dantians' Pool.

For Kentucky and Celis, the process with their Nascent Souls was similar, but Demon Beasts and Plants had different foundations. They had to rely on their own understanding of it to compress the Divine Energy into Divine Origin Energy. That was something Sister Orb could not help with since she did even know how it worked for them. But then again, Demon Beasts and Plants have never had a need for cultivation manuals, let alone Divine Ones like them. After some time, they finally understood how they should proceed with it.

Once that happened, the four of them began to share the Divine Origin Energy within their Dantians and Cores, just like it was with normal Divine Energy. It went as no surprise that Celis far surpassed Rean, Roan, or Kentucky in cultivation speed, though. He alone could almost make up for those three with his innate ability.

[As expected of the World Swallowing Cedar, not only can he absorb Divine Energy much faster, but his conversion rate is also far superior. Since he also benefits from the twins' System Upgrades, that only increases his rate even further.] Sister Orb was genuinely surprised by Celis's display.

Nonetheless, that process continued for twenty-three days in a roll. That's how long it took to fulfill Celis, Kentucky, Rean, and Roan's Energy Pools with Divine Origin Energy. The point was that neither of them was in the Space Bending Realm yet. When you reached the Space Bending Realm's door, which meant the Pinnacle of the Void Tempering Realm Late Stage, you would finally be able to create Divine Origin Energy. But since they weren't really in the next Realm, their efficiency wasn't even a tenth of what they would be able to do if they were there.

That was already considered crazily fast, though. Anyone else would take three times or more to achieve the same result.

Feeling that all of them filled the necessary amount of Divine Origin Energy, Sister Orb finally gave her orders. [Good! Now start the breakthrough. Celis and Kentucky will do as they see fit. Rean and Roan just follow the cultivation manual.]

[As the Realm's name already says, you will be able to bend space at will once you reach the next level. So it should go as no surprise that to achieve the breakthrough, you all need to bend space. With the help of Divine Origin Energy, you all need to bring the space itself into your Datians and Demon Cores. There, you will form what is called a Space Seed.]

[This space seed will be placed inside your Nascent Souls, though. They will be located where you usually have a dantian or a demon core in your real bodies. In a certain way, you could say that the space seed becomes the Nascent Soul's Dantian or Cores. It's just that it isn't used to store Energy. Instead, it will become the link between you and the space around you.]

As Luan watched the four of them, he couldn't help but ask Sister Orb. "But Sister Orb, Father and Uncle Rean could already bend space before, couldn't they?"

[That's correct. However, would you say they were anywhere near Librao or Abelha's level in this regard?] Sister Orb answered with another question.

"I see..." Naturally, Luan knew better than anyone else the huge difference there.

[It was thanks to their talents that they were able to do that without Divine Origin Energy. But in the end, Divine Evergy will never reach the level of Divine Origin Energy, let alone when they acquire their Space Seeds.]

As Sister Orb and Luan talked, the Space around Rean, Roan, Celis, and Kentucky began to bend inwards. To be more specific, they bent around their Dantians and Cores. The most surprising thing was that even though it was happening, it wasn't affecting their bodies. It was as if their bodies weren't even sharing the same space as the space around them.

Inside their Cores and Dantians, all that bent space fused with the Divine Origin Energy in their Energy Pools. They finally understood why they needed their pools to be full of Divine Origin Energy. Without it, the Seed inside their nascent Soul couldn't take form. They were very happy to see that. Since the Seed was being formed with the help of their Divine Origin Energy, their much higher Energy Pools played a huge role in this process. Not only that, but because they were sharing their Divine origin Energy equally, they achieved an even better result. The Seed quickly took form and was simply enormous! At least four to five times bigger than the size of an average newly formed seed.

Boom!

Suddenly, a burst of Divine Origin Energy and Space Power came out of their bodies. Sure enough, their cultivation began to grow nonstop, reaching the Space Bending Realm in just a few breaths of time. However, that wasn't the end of it.

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Chapter 2032: New Divine Soul Power

Divine Soul Power was the fusion form of Divine Energy and Soul Power. However, the twins' group would not have Divine Energy in their Dantians and Cores anymore. That said, the Fusion still happened, but the power used in the Fusion was the Divine Origin Energy instead.

Yet, little did Rean, Roan, Kentucky, and Celis expect that their Soul Power would also evolve because of this. The breakthrough would obviously increase their Soul Power and Divine Sense. Yet, both of them went through a transformation as Divine Origin Energy mixed with it.

"This..." Rean could feel that transformation and immediately summoned some of his own Divine Soul Power. As soon as he did, he noticed that his Divine Soul Power had suddenly turned silver in color. It wasn't much, though. Divine Origin Energy didn't have a color to start with, nor did Soul Power. It was because he felt that transformation within himself that he noticed that shallow trace of silver color.

Roan, Kentucky, and Celis obviously noticed the same thing, so they quickly brought out some of their own Divine Soul Power. Sure enough, just like Rean, all of their Divine Soul Power had the same almost imperceptible silver color in it.

"Sister Orb, what happened here?" Roan quickly looked at Sister Orb.

However, Sister Orb was just as confused. [That wasn't something I was expecting. Divine Energy and Soul Power weren't supposed to have colors, after all. It only gets a color if you mix some elements in it. Give it a try and see if you feel any difference.]

Rean narrowed his eyes in response. "Even without the Fusion, we would be using Divine Origin Energy instead of Divine Energy. There would obviously have a difference even without any color changes. How would we know the difference between Divine Origin Energy and the previous Divine Energy?"

[That is simple,] Sister Orb answered. [Divine origin Energy is a lot more powerful, but that's pretty much it. It also allows you to bend space at will. Try to use your power and see if anything else happens. Perhaps your new Divine Soul Power simply got even stronger. After all, the Fusion was part of the reward system.]

Rean nodded and quickly gathered his Divine Soul Power together with Light Element before summoning a Light Element Arrow. It was basically a gathering of Light Element and Divine Soul Power that he molded like an Arrow. It couldn't even be considered a skill since such a simple method could be performed by anyone with a bare minimum control over their own Elemental Affinity and Divine Energy.

However, everyone quickly noticed that Rean's Light Element Arrow wasn't completely white. It did have the same hint of silver color over it. Rean then looked in the distance and saw a boulder. "Alright, this amount of Divine Soul Power should be just enough to pierce through that rock."

"Wrong!" Roan quickly corrected him. "This is the amount necessary back when we only had Divine Energy and Soul Power fused. The Fusion, this time, has Divine Origin Energy, so it will obviously be

more powerful. Sister Orb, you should know this much. Usually, how many times stronger is Divine Origin Energy compared to normal Divine Energy?"

[Oh! It would usually be somewhere around two times as strong. Of course, you always used Divine Soul Power, which was quite a lot more powerful than normal Divine Energy before you broke through. That said, I expect your new Divine Soul Power to be somewhere at least two times as strong compared to other beings' Divine Origin Energy.]

Rean nodded and quickly reduced the Divine Soul Power in his Light Element Arrow by half. "Alright, then this should be more or less equivalent to what I would have needed to break through that rock before the Space Bending Realm breakthrough. Can I go ahead?"

Roan, Celis, Kentucky, Luan, and Sister Orb obviously had no objections to that.

Rean then got up and pretended he was holding a bow, which he used that same Light Element Arrow to pull.

"Is that even necessary?" Celis couldn't help but ask. He knew Rean should be able to shoot that arrow without doing any motions like that. There wouldn't be any difference whatsoever.

Rean shook his head in response. "Not really, but it looks cool, don't you think?"

"I think you look like a retard," Roan quickly answered.

Rean's mouth twitched a little. "H-Hmph! You just don't know how to enjoy the moment."

Zoooch!

Without waiting for an answer from Roan, Rean released his Light Element Arrow. He did not use any Space Power in that attack since he wanted to test the new Divine Soul Power. Obviously, there couldn't be anything unnecessary there.

Yet, Luan was the very first one to notice a difference through his eyes. 'Space Power!'

Rean and the rest also noticed it right after. As Rean's arrow flew in the boulder's direction, space began to bend around it. It was as if the arrow was bending the space to reach its destination even faster. No, it was doing exactly that!

"What?! I didn't use Space Power at all!" Rean only had the time to say that before the arrow arrived at its target. Rean had purposely shot it slowly so that they could watch it carefully, so it went as a shock that the arrow arrived there so fast after being released.

Zuuuuu...

As soon as the arrow touched the boulder, it went through it for a moment. Following that, the boulder began to crumble inward as if there was some force compressing it from the inside. In the next moment...

Boom!

The boulder exploded like a supernova, sending pieces of rock everywhere. Light Element, Divine Soul Power, and Space Power spread out at the same speed, increasing the power of the fragments.

Of course, Rean had used very little energy in that attack, so the aftermath couldn't cause him or his group any harm at all. Nonetheless...

'Isn't this a little too powerful...?' Everyone thought at the same time.

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Chapter 2033: New Upgrades

[That was truly impressive. The fused power carries the power of space on its own. If you purposely add Space Power into it, then I believe it will be even stronger.]

Roan agreed with Sister Orb. "Indeed. If I'm not wrong, the attack just now was somewhere around three to four times stronger than what we were expecting. Let me give it a try."

Right after, Roan looked in the direction of another rock in the distance before summoning another arrow. Naturally, it was covered in Dark Element while it also carried the same tinge of silver color. After shooting it, the space around it bent on its own, making the arrow accelerate once again.

The same scene occurred. The bolder crumbled inward before it exploded as Divine Soul Power, Dark Element, and Space Power spread from the center. "Sure enough, it is three or four times stronger. Not a bad upgrade at all."

Kentucky, who was a little far away, activated his Kawa Blade Domain, making countless Black and White Feathers appear all around him. This Domain had the power of space within it to start with. But not only that, because his Domain also used the new Divine Soul Power, the Feathers floating around all had the silver color over them together with Dark and Light Elements.

Kentucky only had to test it for a moment to reach the same conclusion as Rean and Roan. "So strong... It really is somewhat three to four times as powerful. Does that mean we are three to four times stronger than those at our level?"

Celis shook his head. "First of all, we were already stronger than most cultivators, demon beasts, or whatever at the same level. Rean and Roan, when fighting together, could challenge those an entire Realm above themselves before the breakthrough. If you add the New Divine Soul Power into the mix, I think it is right to say we are way more powerful than just three or four times."

[Celis is right. But you could also say that it balances things.]

"What do you mean?" Rean quickly asked back.

Roan knew what Sister Orb meant, though. "The difference between realms. Every time we break through, we get a lot stronger than the breakthrough in the previous Realm. Simply put, even at the Space Bending Realm Initial Stage, we probably still wouldn't be able to challenge an enemy at the Elemental Space Realm. Don't forget that we couldn't do anything to Abelha. It was only through our tricks that we caught her off guard. Now, however, with the addition of our new Divine Soul Power, we should truly be able to fight her, who is exactly one cultivation realm above ours."

Rean had absolutely no issues with that. "That's great! We all know very well how powerful Space Power fused with Elements can be. If we can really challenge them with everything we have, then it will be perfect. It is always possible to use the difference in cultivation to take our enemies by surprise."

Everyone nodded.

Following that, Rean thought about something else. "Just one thing, this new Divine Soul Power is obviously different from our previous one. That said, to prevent any confusion, let's call this new energy Origin Soul Power instead. Do you have any objections?"

Roan and the others didn't raise any complaints. It was better to change the name since it was indeed another type of energy.

Celis Orb couldn't help but feel happy. [Great! Now you two are finally in the Space Bending Realm. In a certain way, only now can you say that you have become a power to be reckoned with. That's the difference between those with Divine Origin Energy and those without it. This is the energy you will have to use all the way up to the highest Realm in the cultivation universe.]

Following that, Rean and Roan came out of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. As soon as they did that, Luman's Divine Sense Voice echoed in the twins' minds. 'Oh! Space Bending Realm! No wonder I felt new space fluctuations when you two appeared. Congratulations!'

Rean smiled and quickly answered. 'You are too polite, senior Luman. Roan and I have just made our breakthroughs, so we are going out to test it against the Demon Beasts of the Swamp. We might stay out for a few days.'

'No problem at all,' Luman already expected that. 'Just make sure to bring your Bright Underworld Wood with you in case you need to fend off the Dark Tide. Don't go too far either since you might get yourselves lost.'

The twins accepted Luman's advice and quickly departed after that. Of course, Rean passed by the Bright Underworld Tree plantation with Kentucky to check their progress. After adding some of their own Light Element, Rean and Roan jumped on Kentucky's back and left. The plan was to spend at least 200 years cultivating in this accelerated time, so they had a long way ahead.

As Kentucky flew forward, Roan took the chance to talk with Sister Orb through their Soul Connection. 'Sister Orb, are there any new rewards in the Soul Gem Reward List?'

[Oh, right! Let me check it here...] A moment later, her voice echoes in everyone's minds again. [Sure enough, there are new rewards regarding the Divine Origin Energy.]

'Let's go check it!' Obviously, Rean wanted to see it too. Kentucky then landed on a tree and stayed outside while the twins went back to the Dimensional Realm. Following that, they touched the Soul Gem Orb and sent their Divine Origin Energy inside.

'Hey, look!'

The first thing they noticed was obviously the cultivation-related option.

[Divine Origin Energy Conversion Level 1 - 50000 Destiny Points]

As one could expect, this upgrade increased the speed that Rean, Roan, Celis, and Kentucky could convert Divine Energy into Divine Origin Energy.

"Let me guess, each level gives an extra 5% speed," Roan suddenly mentioned.

[Nope, this one is even better.] However, Sister Orb quickly corrected him. [This upgrade gives an extra 10% per level!]

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Chapter 2034: I Have Some

At the moment, the Soul Gem System has three types of upgrades related to cultivation. The first one was obviously the [Energy Absorption Upgrade], which was already at level 5 and increased the rate of absorption by 25%.

The second one was related to the twins' Ying Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique, [Starlight Energy Absorption]. However, this one was still at level 1. The reason for that was that the twins never saw a need to upgrade this one. Their Starlight Cultivation was able to keep up with the Divine Energy cultivation. If anything, they usually reached the limit of the Starlight Body Cultivation before they could break through to the next level.

Let's not forget that there was a Divine Energy Cultivation Realm requirement for each Grade of the Starlight Body. The twins were already in the Fourth Grade, and they could only break through into the Fifth Grade when they reached the Space Bending Realm. This requirement was only accomplished now. But then again, they still haven't found the Iridescent Tear, which was the second requirement. Without it, breaking through into the Fifth Grade was impossible.

Now, they also had the [Divine Origin Energy Conversion]. The very first level cost 50000 Destiny Points, but the rate of conversion was 10% for each level. Considering their [Divine Energy Absorption] was already 25% faster, it goes without saying that upgrading the [Divine Origin Energy Conversion] was the best choice.

"Sister Orb, how many Destiny Points do we have at the moment?"

If Sister Orb wasn't really an Orb, she would be smiling ear to ear after hearing that question. [You guys will definitely be surprised. After the last upgrades, you were left with 33215 Destiny Points. But since then, you have accumulated another 204569 points. Now you have 237,784 points available.]

Rean and Roan were taken aback. That was truly a huge amount. "How did we get so much?!" It was not like they didn't get a huge amount before, but the time spent to get these 200k was definitely very short.

[Simple, it was the Reincarnation Path Soul Guidance Competition,] Sister Orb explained. [That directly affects who will hold the Underworld Relic for the next hundreds of years. As mentioned before, that is pretty much a treasure that ensures the safety of the Underworld Powers. The clan that holds it will obviously receive a huge boost of strength during that period. It is not wrong to say that your victory in that competition directly affected the Underworld as a whole. That said, you got a huge amount of Destiny Points from the changes in destiny you caused to the Light Devil Clan.]

The twins' group was obviously happy to hear that. Of course, they also knew that the Destiny Perception of the Soul Gem System was still at level 3, which only calculated the chances within a range of four million kilometers. But since that chance was mainly located inside the Light Devil Clan itself due

to the relic, they got most of the benefit it caused during that period of time. If they had stayed in the Light Devil Clan for the next few hundred years, they probably would get even more points.

Celis couldn't hold back anymore and quickly urged the twins. "Quick, quick! Buy the Divine Origin Energy Conversion Upgrade! Nothing is more important than our strength!" Sure enough, the cultivation maniac could only think about that.

However, the twins were not in a hurry. After all, the Divine Origin Energy Conversion wasn't the only upgrade that appeared in the system after their breakthrough. There was a new item on the list as well. Naturally, they quickly changed their attention to that new item. As soon as their eyes fell on the new upgrade, their hearts skipped a bit.

[All Energies and Conversion Upgrades Fusion - 1000000 Destiny Points]

"This..." Rean quickly looked at Sister Orb.

[Hehe! That's exactly what you are thinking. This upgrade will fuse the Divine Origin Energy Conversion, Energy Absorption, and Starlight Energy Absorption into one single upgrade. Instead of having to spend Destiny Points on those three skills separately, buying this skill will erase those three upgrades and create a single Universal Upgrade that will work on all three fronts simultaneously. Not only that, it will be 10% extra performance for each level once it is created.]

Without a doubt, this upgrade was ridiculously good! However... "One Million Destiny Points..." They could spend a 'small' amount to get the Origin Energy Conversion alone, or they could save points and buy this thing in the future. Still, one million Destiny Points would definitely take a very long time to accumulate. Especially since they are in a place where they can't cause many Destiny Deviations. They had to think whether it was worth the wait or not.

Even Celis felt conflicted. He truly wanted to buy the Conversion Upgrade straight away. But if you think about the Long Term advantages, the Upgrade Fusion was much better. It's just that this Long Term advantage might really take a very, very long time to be achieved. "Sigh... let's wait."

Rean, Roan, and Kentucky looked at Celis. He was the one with the highest contribution to their shared cultivation, so his opinion weighed more than theirs. "Are you sure, Celis? We probably can buy two or maybe three levels of the Conversion Upgrade straight away."

"I know," Celis agreed with them. "But Starlight Energy is something that will help you get stronger as well. I know you have been neglecting it so far since it has no use for Kentucky and me. But then again, your lives are just as important. If we can get more advantages while having a single upgrade, I believe it is better to wait. Besides, it is not like we can't cultivate without the upgrades. It will just be slower for the time being."

Seeing that Celis made that decision, the twins decided to ignore the Divine Origin Energy Conversion Upgrade and forget it existed. "Alright, we will do as you say."

Other than these two upgrades, there was nothing new in the Reward List, so the twins took their hands away from the Soul Gem Orb.

A moment later, Rean, Roan, Luan, and Kentucky reappeared in the Swamp, where Kentucky waited for them.

"Talking about Starlight Body Cultivation, we still have no news about the Iridescent Tear," Luan suddenly mentioned. He also cultivated the same technique, so it was something that interested him even though he didn't have a use for it at the moment.

Rean shrugged his shoulder. "While we were in the Light Devil Clan, we tried to use their influence to look for this item. Unfortunately, none of them knew anything. It seems to truly be a very rare item."

"Have you asked Luman about it?" Luan asked back in response.

Rean shook his head. If there were no news of it after using one of the top powers of the Underworld, how could Luman know something after being locked here for so long? The idea to ask didn't even pass through the twins' minds.

A few days later, after the twins returned to the settlement and went to visit Luman... "Uh? Iridescent Tear? Sure, I have some on me if you want."

The twins were speechless. Was it really okay for such a coincidence to happen? But then again, a skill of the Soul Gem System quickly appeared in their minds, the Destiny Attraction Ability. Perhaps, it wasn't only related to the world around them but their cultivations as well.

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Chapter 2035: How to Get Iridescent Tears

"You have it?! How? We looked for this thing everywhere!" Rean couldn't help but ask. "I just asked you out of curiosity. I didn't think you would have any information, let alone have it with you."

Luman looked at Rean and Roan as a curious expression appeared on his face. "Of course I have it! And it also makes sense that you didn't find any information about it outside. That's because iridescent Tear is a byproduct of us, Lakure Race cultivators. Since there are pretty much no more Lakures in the Universe, it makes sense you didn't find it anywhere else."

"Was there such a thing?" Rean and Roan realized.

Luman then explained. "Iridescent Tears can only be produced by Lakures at the Elemental Space Realm and above. As you know, Lakures have their special meridians covering the surface of our skin. It allows us to absorb a lot more Divine Energy or other energies that use the meridians faster than most. But there is a side effect once we reach the Elemental Space Realm. Our space meridians get really strong, and we end up absorbing not only Divine Energy but all the elements in the environment."

"Naturally, there is no such thing as a free meal in this world. The fact we absorb all elements together only causes chaos in our cultivation. To fix it, our Lakure Race has to get rid of all the elements that aren't necessary for our cultivation. The byproduct of this process of detoxification is none other than Iridescent Tears."

Rean's group was surprised to hear such a thing. Sure enough, as a Space-Time Realm cultivator, Luman was bound to get rid of that Iridescent Tear. "So that's how this several elements item came to be..."

Luman nodded. "It is more of a curse than a blessing, though. Iridescent Tears are indeed very good for some specific uses and have a high value, but they really hinder our cultivation by a lot. If any lakure at the Elemental Space or higher could choose, they would rather have none of it. Too bad we can't do that. Well, at the moment, I'm pretty much the only Lakure that produces this byproduct since no other Lakure has reached the Elemental Space Realm yet."

Luman then took out a vial with a liquid that shined with all kinds of colors, looking like some rainbow. Immediately, Sister Orb's voice echoed in their minds. [There is so much! Quick, buy it from him!]

Rean's eyes also lit up. Not only was there enough for him and Roan to reach the Fifth Grade of the Starlight Body, but he could also tell that it would be of great help to his forged equipment. "Sir Luman, how much do you want for this vial?"

Luman pondered a bit. It was true that it was a valuable item, but the problem was that there were few uses for his Iridescent Tears. He didn't keep it all this time because he wanted to save it. Instead, it was basically because he had never had a chance to sell it before. No one in the Underworld Realm would be able to make use of this thing. As a Lakure, he obviously had no need for it either.

"Hum... I really don't know how much it is worth nowadays. With the disappearance of the Lakures, I'm sure the price of this thing in the Realm of Gods has skyrocketed... if there is any left at all. But then again, this information is useless now that we are in the Swamp of No Return. Let's do it like this, Divine Energy Stones are extremely rare here since we are in the Underworld. How many Divine Stones did you bring with you from the Realm of Gods. Perhaps we can make a deal."

Rean's eyes lit up before he waved his hands in the air. Immediately, 10000 Rank Four Divine Stones appeared in the air in a flash. Rean was the one responsible for the finances of their group, and no one ever intervened, so Roan and Kentucky just kept quiet.

Luman's eyes opened wide when he saw that. He knew very well that Rank Four Divine Stones were hard to come by, but Rean had so many of them. However, Rean's words the next moment made him calm down. "I know that this looks like a lot for you in this situation, brother Luman. But you were not wrong when you talked about the Iridescent Tears value nowadays. I'll be honest. I believe you might be able to get over a hundred Rank Seven Divine Stones if you bring it to the Realm of Gods. Compared to that, these 10000 Rank Four Divine Stones are nothing more than some pocket change. Unfortunately, I'm truly not that rich. Rank Four Divine Stones is the highest quality I have. These are all that I can afford at the moment."

Luman was surprised to hear that even Rank Seven Divine Stones appeared in the talk. After all, from Rank Seven onwards, Divine Stones didn't have Divine Energy. Instead, they all had Divine Origin Energy. Their value simply couldn't be put in the same sentence as Rank Six Divine Stones and below.

However, Luman showed a bright smile and quickly collected all 10000 Rank Four Divine Stones from Rean before throwing the vial at him. "Rank Seven Divine Stones are truly a wonder, but what use do they have to me if I can't get them? I can produce more Iridescent Tears as time passes in this place, but I absolutely can't produce Divine Stones. That said, we have a deal."

Rean smiled from ear to ear. He didn't want to fool Luman, who had helped them before. So he told the truth about the value of the item. With that, there would be no grudges in the future if Luman succeeded in leaving this place and returned to the Realm of Gods just to find out the real value of his Iridescent Tears. If anything, he would be ready to ask the real price once he did so.

"Thank you, senior Luman. We owe you a great favor as these Iridescent Tears hold an extreme value to us at the moment."

Luman just waved his hand, telling Rean's group to leave already. "A deal is a deal, so just get over it. Now, leave me alone since I haven't cultivated with Divine Stones for a very long time. I want to experience it again."

Rean, Roan, and Kentucky nodded and quickly turned out to leave the room. But before that, Luman remembered something and told the twins' group. "Oh, by the way, if you have more Divine Stones, I have quite a few more Iridescent Tear Vials with me."

Rean's eyes lit up for a moment, but they quickly returned to normal. They also needed Divine Stones for their own cultivation, and Celis would definitely throw a tantrum if he took out any more of their Rank Four Divine Stones. "Thank you, senior Luman. If we need any more of these tears in the future, we will come back for them."

After bidding farewell to Luman, the twins went to their room in the settlement and entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Now that they had the necessary cultivation and had accumulated enough Starlight Energy, they could use the Iridescent Tear to breakthrough into the Fifth Grade of the Starlight Body.

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Chapter 2036: New Option

Just like the cultivation technique, the starlight body cultivation technique created by the system was perfect. As long as the requirements were fulfilled, there would be no bottleneck. That said, the twins

quickly left Luman's residence and went back to their own before entering the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

[Alright, what you need to do now is to absorb the Iridescent Tears into your bodies and control the elements. As mentioned before, the tears have various elements, and the starlight cultivation technique will make them clash inside when operated,] Sister Orb explained. [it will be a process of destruction and rebuilding, so you better be ready. Of course, make sure to connect to your own stars and mix the Iridescent Tears' Energy with the Stars' power.]

Rean couldn't help but sigh. "As always, each level is a pain in the ass."

"Stop complaining and let's start," Roan didn't seem to mind. "I want to go back outside to fight the Swamp Demon Beast to get used to our new realm."

Rean didn't have any objections and took the Iridescent Tears out. Right after, the twins shared the vial equally and gulped the entire content in a moment.

Boom!

Sure enough, the moment the Iridescent Tears' energy entered contact with their bodies and the refinement process of the starlight cultivation technique, their bodies were instantly impacted. Cracks began to appear on the twins' skins, and Celis, Kentucky, and Luan noticed several elemental colors coming out from them.

They looked more like smoke, covering the twins' bodies in no time. Rean and Roan gritted their teeth as they resisted the pain. Rean had found a method to feel painless with his Light Element, which the twins had used during the last breakthrough. However, for some reason, it didn't work this time. The only good news was that they had passed through the pain process before during earlier stages, so they knew what to expect.

This cycle continued as their bones and organs were constantly damaged and rebuilt by the power of Starlight. Fortunately, there was no mistake to be made, and the breakthrough only needed time. Around seven hours later, the twins suddenly dropped to the ground as they could move a single finger.

Nonetheless, Sister Orb looked at them with satisfaction. [Great! Now your Yin Yang Starlight Bodies are on par with your cultivation once again. Your overall power has definitely increased a lot. Perhaps you won't find it difficult to fight a Middle Stage Elemental Space Realm enemy, even if you are alone. If you fight together, then you should be able to challenge a Late Stage one. You are only in the Initial Stage of the Space Bending Realm, so it is impressive.]

However, Rean and Roan weren't paying attention to Sister Orb. Instead, they noticed that something different appeared in their bodies after they finished their breakthroughs.

"Sister Orb, was it supposed to happen?" Rean then struggled to raise his hand before a new kind of energy came out of his palm. It shined with semi-transparent Light, but it was not Light Element, nor was it his Soul Origin Energy. It was the power of the stars!

Roan also tried the same thing, and sure enough, he was able to summon the Power of Stars from within his body.

One must remember that the power of stars can only be used to refine the body. After that, the twins used their new body strength to fight. However, they had never been able to use the power of stars for anything else other than absorbing it into their bodies. Yet, here they are, controlling the Power of Stars as if it was the same as their Soul Origin Energy.

[This...] Sister Orb was taken aback by that sight. She quickly went through the Yin Yang Body Cultivation Technique but didn't find any mention of that ability in the manual. [That's weird. The Starlight Power should be something that can be absorbed to strengthen your body but not to be used somewhere else. How come you can do that?]

Rean and Roan finally got enough energy to sit while they checked the condition of their bodies. "As far as we can see, the breakthrough worked perfectly. However, we can feel that our entire body seems to have become some kind of Starlight Storage."

Roan suddenly had an idea. "No, that's not correct. To break through each level of the Starlight Cultivation Technique, we always had to absorb Starlight Power into our bodies. Once we got enough of it, we used the items to break through. It's just that the Starlight Energy we absorbed couldn't be used for anything else other than the breakthrough later on. Simply put, we have always been a Starlight Energy Storage. The difference is that now we can summon this stored energy for our own use."

Sister Orb also had complete access to the twins' bodies, which she used to check every cell of their bodies. She was already looking into it while Roan gave his explanation. After he finished talking, Sister Orb quickly partially refuted Roan's words. [That's not entirely correct. From what I can see, you are indeed using the Starlight Energy from your bodies. But there is a difference. It seems like the Starlight Energy that needs to accumulate in your body for the breakthroughs is separated from the Starlight Energy that you are summoning from your body now.]

Rean quickly understood where Sister Orb was coming from. "Do you mean that even if we use this Starlight Energy, it will not affect the Starlight Energy that we need to accumulate for our next Breakthrough?"

Sister Orb continued to check the twins' bodies and confirmed Rean's words after a while. [From the looks of it, that's exactly the case. I can clearly feel that your Starlight Energies are properly divided in your bodies. They are the same, but their use is different. Even if you expend all the Starlight Energy that you can control, it will not affect the Starlight Energy that will be used to enter the Grade Six Starlight Body.]

Rean and Roan looked at each other. They knew that it was great news and they had to test it as soon as possible.

[Eh?!] Suddenly, Sister Orb exclaimed. [Hey, there is a new option in the System Reward list.]

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Chapter 2037: Sixth Grade Starlight Body

"New option?" Rean and Roan were surprised to hear that and quickly touched the Soul Gem Orb. After pouring their Soul Origin Energy and Divine Sense into it, the options appeared in their minds.

[Starlight, Soul Power, and Divine Origin Energy Fusion - 1000000 Destiny Points]

They were aback by that. After all, they had already bought a similar option. It was the Energy and Soul Power Fusion. Now, it seemed like they could fuse Starlight Energy as well. "Doesn't that mean it can get even stronger? After all, our strength increased a lot last time when we fused Energy and Soul Power."

Celis found another point in this. "Kentucky and I were also able to fuse Soul Power and Divine Energy when we formed our connection. Will the same thing happen again if you buy that option?"

Kentucky immediately noticed a problem. "It shouldn't be possible, right? After all, neither you nor I use Starlight Energy. Starlight Energy is used to improve the body, but as Demon Beasts, our bodies are naturally stronger than Rean and Roan, especially mine. The cultivation techniques of humans don't even work with us, so even if we can make this fusion, we have no Starlight Energy to achieve that."

"That's true..." Celis had to admit Kentucky made sense.

Nonetheless, Rean and Roan were very interested in this new option. "So many things happened after we entered the Space Bending Realm. However, everything is so expensive... At the same time, we now understand why we also got a reward option for the cultivation of the three energies at the same time. It was most likely because we would be offered this fusion option. The system already expected that."

[Most likely,] Sister Orb agreed with them. [As you know, I don't have access to all the information that Soul Gem has within the system. Well, it is a good thing that the option at least appeared. The big problem is that both options cost a million Destiny Points each.]

That was indeed the biggest problem. They could get a lot stronger, but how long will it take to gather two million Destiny Points? Besides, they also have all the other upgrades to consider as well.

"Let's not think about it now," Roan shook his head as he said, "once we get the first million, we can decide if we will buy it or not. There is no point in considering our options while we are so poor in Destiny Points."

Rean and the other immediately nodded.

Right after, Rean remembered something else. "Oh, right! Sister Orb, what is the next item for the Yin Yang Starlight Body Cultivation Technique?"

[Let me see...] Sister Orb rapidly checked the cultivation manual for the twins. [It is called Star Piece.]

"Star Piece? You mean, a real Star Piece?" Rean asked back.

[Seems like it. To be more specific, it is a piece of your bounded Stars.]

The twins immediately felt a headache. To cultivate the Starlight Body, one must connect themselves with a star. Later on, Roan found out that there was a specific star for each living being. If you connect with a star that isn't your real one, the Starlight Body becomes quite a terrible Body Cultivation Technique. Naturally, Roan found a method to find the location of a living being's real star and the twins connected to their stars.

Rean and Roan's stars just happened to be orbiting each other. One was a White Dwarf, and the other was a Black Dwarf. However, that was not the problem. The problem was how far their own stars were from the Realm of Gods or basically any other location. First of all, the twins tried to fly out of the Realm of gods but found that there was some kind of force that completely prevented anyone from stepping outside. It was probably the same thing in any of the other Upper Realms.

Last but not least, both a White Dwarf and a Black Dwarf would have a ridiculously strong gravity, let alone how resistant they were. It wouldn't be an understatement to say that they were within the hardest materials in existence. Could they break a piece of the stars even if they can survive the Dwarves' gravity? Let's not talk about the fact they had to put such an extremely dangerous material into their bodies and refine it.

"Sister Orb, this is too ridiculous! How the hell can we accomplish that?" Sure enough, Rean immediately complained. Even Roan had a dark expression and had a rare moment of mutual feeling with Rean.

[It's naturally impossible for you two at the moment. However, it doesn't matter now. The pre-requisite to enter the Sixth Grade of the Starlight Body is to reach the Space-Time Realm. That's probably over a thousand years in the future, maybe thousands of years. Just ignore it for now.]

Rean sighed after hearing that. "Fine... I don't think it is possible anyway, but we will see in the future."

Roan then took his hand away from the Soul Gem Orb before looking at Kentucky. "Come at me. Let me check the strength of my body compared to yours."

Kentucky was already expecting something like that. "Sure, but you can't use weapons."

"Obviously! What's the point of this test if I don't use my body?" Roan didn't mind it at all.

They quickly got away before they launched at each other with full strength. Roan's Stellar Energy covered his fist, trying to test how good it would be. Kentucky didn't underestimate Roan's strength and quickly hardened his body to the maximum. His Regal Minokawa Bloodline lit up, causing the atmosphere around him to get under huge pressure.

Roan then threw his fist against Kentucky. Kentucky, on the other hand, suddenly flipped his body and used his legs and talons to meet Roan's fist.

Bang!

Demonic Qi and Starlight Energy spread from the shocking point. A crater immediately appeared below them as the shockwave and far and beyond. It was a truly terrifying exchange that far surpassed the level of an Initial Stage Space Bending Realm being.

Roan was then forced over a hundred meters back by the force of the impact before finally stabilizing his body. His hand was feeling quite numb, but there were no injuries left behind. As for Kentucky, he only retreated a few meters after that. It was obvious that Kentucky's Divine Demon Beast body was still stronger than Roan's.

Nonetheless, Roan was very satisfied with the result. If it was before, he was sure he would have ended several hundred meters away. Not to mention that he would suffer a lot more than just a numb feeling in his hand. "This is quite good."

Kentucky wasn't as happy, though. "So unfair, my advantage as a Regal Minokawa keeps diminishing."

Celis didn't agree, though. "You are far from completely breaking the seal in your bloodline. You still have a lot to gain in the future."

Roan didn't continue as he walked to the side. "Alright, this is enough. I would rather test my strength against the swamp monsters and then go back to cultivate. Let's get out of here."

Finally, the twins' group left the Dimensional Realm and started their two hundred years of cultivation and training.

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Chapter 2038: Improvement

Somewhere in the Swamp of no Return, a rather weaker spider-like Swamp Beast was battling a small figure. The small figure used his advantage in speed and control over space to dodge the spider's attacks.

However, because of the gap in cultivation, the amount of damage that the figure could cause to the spider was very small, so it could only keep increasing the number of injuries on its opponent until it exhausted itself.

Suddenly, the small figure appeared behind the spider after it missed his presence due to a failed attack. Still, the spider monster wasn't slow. The moment the figure appeared there, the spider's back bulged before a shot of pungent dark web came out. It spread out in all directions, leaving almost no chance for an escape.

The web hit the target and melted under the dark web's corrosive. Unfortunately for it, what its web hit was nothing more than a fake body. Spatial Power was released from that body and disappeared within the space around itself.

The next moment, right below the spider's back, that same small figure appeared. For this kind of swamp spider, its weak point was below its abdomen. The spider knew that, so it kept it hidden from its enemy until now. Too bad that it was tricked by the small figure.

'Void Style, Spatial Severance!'

His sword brimmed with dense Spatial Power as his body shot up. The spider's abdomen could not resist the attack against its weak point, especially since the attack was several times stronger than the previous

ones so far. Dark Red Blood mixed with the Dark, Pungent Web began to fall from the spider's abdomen as a huge cut appeared there.

The spider quickly tried to turn its body and attack the small figure out of rage. Unfortunately for it, the guy had already used his movement technique to disappear from that location. From there onward, the small figure just pestered the Spider Demon Beast as its wounds, especially the wound in the abdomen, got worse and worse.

A few minutes later, the spider finally couldn't continue anymore and began to fall into the Swamp. It wasn't trying to escape. That's because it was one of the few Swamp Demon Beasts in the Swamp of no Return that lived above the Swamp Water. It knew that the Swamp below was dangerous for it. It's just that it no longer had any strength to keep itself attached to the trees and webs around.

However, just as it was about to fall into the Swamp, the small figure appeared and caught the huge spider's leg. Using his Spatial Powers, he quickly pulled the spider's body up before shouting into the distance. "Father, can you please send this spider into the Dimensional Realm?"

The small figure was none other than Luan, who had cultivated diligently with the twins' group for over 200 years.

A moment later, a black shadow appeared on Luan's side, and he nodded with an approving expression. "Not bad, not bad at all."

Vup!

Immediately after, the spider's body disappeared, entering the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Naturally, the black shadow was none other than Roan, who was watching Luan's late improvements.

"You finally reached the Peak Stage of the Transition Realm, and it only took you 87 years. That's a very good speed. But above all, I can see that you didn't slack in your combat training."

Luan was happy to hear Roan's praise, which was quite rare. "That's because father never let me go much longer without coming out to battle. You even became my opponent countless times, so I could only evolve."

Roar's expression already came back to normal. "If there is no will behind it, training will not result in much improvement. It is especially so since I have no intention of saving your life while you are battling these Swamp Beasts. Otherwise, the training would be useless."

A moment later, a black and white creature appeared in the sky before it landed on a nearby branch. On its back, there was a white robed youth who seemed to have an annoyed expression. Sure enough, they were Rean and Kentucky. "Hey, Roan, what the hell was that thing? You suddenly kicked that fish in my direction and left me to deal with the aftermath on my own. Aren't you slacking on training yourself?"

"Hmph!" Roan then pointed at Rean. "Luan, make sure you don't turn out like that thing over there. It complains about everything and is very bothersome."

"Yes, father!" Luan quickly nodded.

If there was someone in the twins' group that didn't need training, that one was definitely Roan. Rean was just angry that Roan left him behind without saying a word. "Whatever! I have no patience to deal with you two."

Roan ignored Rean before the space around him bent at his will. The next moment, he and Luan appeared on Kentucky's back together with Rean. It seemed to have been an extremely easy gesture, but the distance covered in that movement and the speed couldn't be compared to any other Space Bending Realm being.

Rean and Kentucky didn't seem the least bit impressed by what Roan did, though. If anything, they could achieve the same result without much effort. "Let's go back to the settlement to visit Luman. It's about time for us to move."

Way more than 200 years have gone by since they decided to stop and train in this place. The initial plan was for it to last only 200 years, but the environment was so good that they ended up extending that duration. Only a few weeks ago, after the twins reached the Late Stage of the Space Bending Realm, did they decide to continue their journey. They were just using a few more weeks to get used to their strength after the breakthrough.

If compared to the previous realms, it could be said that Rean and Roan took several times longer to go from the initial stage to the late stage. Even in the Void Tempering Realm, they took less than a hundred years to go from the Initial Stage to the Peak Stage and achieve the breakthrough. However, way over 200 years had gone by, but they only got to the Late stage. Even the Peak Stage was still far from reach. That means they only got to advance another two stages during all this time. That was how much slower cultivation became after Divine Origin Energy became necessary.

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Chapter 2039: Leaving

Luman was enjoying his 'wives' in the settlement as usual when the twins' group arrived. By now, everyone was already aware of Luan's presence, but no one found it weird since they knew the twins had Dimensional Realms as well.

With Luan's guidance, they easily returned to the settlement. It was possible to see that on the southwest side of the place, a huge patch above the swamp trees had even more trees growing. Those were the Underworld Light Trees that Rean had been taking care of with Kentucky. There were so many now that they didn't even need to bother with it anymore. Rean's Light Gathering Equipment was more than enough to be used for the job.

Entering the room, Rean couldn't help but wonder how Luman cultivated since it seemed he was always fooling around. Of course, he didn't mention it. "Senior Luman, we came here to bid you farewell."

"What?!" Luman was taken aback by the twins' words. "What are you talking about? You have just entered the Late Stage of the Space Bending Realm. If you leave, you will not find your way back unless you are extremely lucky. Drop this idea and stay here to cultivate quietly. Don't worry. Once I step into the next Realm, I will try to use my Spatial Powers to find a way out once again."

Roan shook his head. "As you know, even an Elder Devil got lost inside this place, so this is not a problem of cultivation. We decided that we might as well try our luck and see what we find. Who knows? We might end up with something good."

Luman looked at them and narrowed his eyes. But then again, he always felt that this day would come sooner or later. The twins had never been the type to stay in the settlement for long. They were always going out for training if they were not cultivating. "Sigh... forget it. I've seen you fight before. With your actual cultivation, I believe you won't have any problems surviving unless you find Demon Beasts an entire Realm above yourselves. However, it is still possible if you end up going to the center of the Swamp of no Return. Make sure to keep an eye out."

Rean and Roan nodded as they took their leave. However, just as Roan turned around, he suddenly remembered something and turned back. "Luman, would you sell me some more Iridescent Tear?"

Luman didn't expect that. However, only the twins seemed to have any use for it in this place, and he had accumulated quite a lot during all these years. "Sure, as long as you can pay for it."

Roan looked at Rean, who understood Roan's meaning. Right after, another 10000 Rank 4 Divine Stones appeared in front of Luman, much to his satisfaction. Following that, he took out another vial of Iridescent Tears and threw it at the twins. "Then that's a deal. I wish you luck."

The twins never mentioned to anyone that Luan was capable of finding his way around the Swamp, so Luman thought they would never meet again once they crossed the distance limit. That was another reason for him not refusing to sell one last vial.

Coming out of the room, Roan immediately threw the vial of Iridescent Tear at Luan. "Keep it for yourself. Although you are not strictly restricted by the items you can use in your Starlight Cultivation, the result will be better if you use the same materials as we do."

Luan was ecstatic to hear that and immediately sent the vial into his Spatial Ring. "Thank you, father."

Rean bitterly smiled as he pointed a finger to his head. "That's good and all. However, you will be the one to appease Celis."

At the moment, Celis was complaining nonstop in the Dimensional Realm after seeing his precious Divine Stones being taken away. 'How the hell do you expect me to cultivate in the future? Did you forget how many Divine Stones I use to keep everyone's cultivation ongoing? Give my Divine Stones back!'

Roan wanted to say that those were the twins' Divine Stones, but it was true that the more Celis used them, the more everyone benefited. 'Alright, shut up already. Once we find our way out, we can try to accumulate more Divine Stones. Besides, we need to find a way to acquire Rank 7 Divine Stones instead of those below since only Rank 7 and above have Divine Origin Energy in them.'

'Rank 7!' Celis' eyes immediately lit up. Although it made their cultivation faster to use the Rank 4 ones, Celis and everyone else still had to convert Divine Energy into Divine Origin Energy. However, if they could find Rank 7 ones, it is no secret how much faster their cultivation would become. It's just that even big powers of the Realm of gods had trouble bringing out such high-level stones.

Rean, Roan, and Luan then jumped on Kentucky's back and flew to the Underworld Light Trees' area. Rean quickly collected a few of the trees and put them into the Dimensional Realm. Since there were many, no one complained about it. They would be very useful for the Dark Tides and perhaps could be used for other objectives too.

Kentucky flapped his wings once again and took flight. As always, he couldn't fly more than a few tens of meters above the Swamp Trees. Nonetheless, he was definitely much faster now that his cultivation reached the Spacen Bending Realm.

Luan's pupils rotated, and he looked at the Spatial Flow around them. "Kentucky, go northeast from here." With Luan's help, they could follow the flow of space power and move in the direction of the center of the Swamp.

The settlement disappeared little by little behind them while Rean and Roan looked forward. There was another Universe Foundation Fragment in this Swamp, and once they recovered it, everyone would probably get free from the Swamp's ability. Finally, Kentucky's figure completely disappeared into the distance.

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Chapter 2040: Not So Sure

Luman had told the twins that the further they went into the Swamp of no Return, the stronger the Demon Beasts would become. However, Luman also mentioned that he didn't know if he had truly got further into the Swamp or not during the time he was lost. It's just that there was a time when Luman found many stronger Demon Beasts as he kept moving everywhere.

It wasn't wrong to say that the further you enter a Demon Beasts' Territory, the stronger they were. After all, that's how most of their territories worked. If you are stronger, then you have the power to fight for better resources, which are usually located deeper inside those territories. It was basically logic.

Even humans followed the same path. The stronger and wealthier you were, the closer you lived to the center of a big city. Even a small village with no more than a few hundred people would usually have its chief hut at the center of the tribe.

However, different from Luman, the twins' group could tell exactly where they were going thanks to Luan's eyes. Luan knew what direction they had to go if they wanted to leave the Swamp. Naturally, he also knew how to move to the center of the Swamp of no Return.

At first, the logic of stronger beasts the further inside you went worked perfectly. After just a few years, the strength of the Swamp Beasts had risen from Void Tempering Realm to Space Bending ones. It's just that Luan could tell that they were still very, very far from the center of the Swamp.

Their travel speed wasn't an issue. Instead, the flow of space in the Swamp became more prominent as they approached the center. Luan took some time to identify an issue, and that issue was that even though they were moving to the center, their speed was reduced as well.

Kentucky was still flying at the same speed as ever, which puzzled the twins when Luan mentioned that. "Do you mean that we aren't moving straight to the center of the Swamp of no Return?" Roan asked Luan with a curious expression.

Luan immediately shook his head now that he understood what was happening. "No, that's not it, father. We are definitely making a beeline to the center. Unfortunately, it seems like the flow of space that makes one go lost started to show other issues. Even though we are moving as we should, the Space Power effect is making us slower. We are not lost, but we are not making much progress either. Think about it as if you are running on a slippery surface. Your feet gave ten steps every second, but because of the slippery ground, you only moved the distance of a single step."

Roan's eyes narrowed when he heard it. He looked around and could see the Swamp Trees, dirty, and water passing by as Kentucky continued to fly. He didn't feel like he was being affected in any way. Of course, when it comes to one's sense of Spatial Powers, even his Space Bending Realm's cultivation couldn't compare to Luan's innate ability. Not to mention that Luan had Space Element Affinity. He trusted Luan's conclusion.

"No wonder I haven't felt much difference in the flow of space ever since we left Luman's settlement. When we made our way from the entrance of the Swamp to where Luman was located, there was a consistent increase in the flow. Now, however, we have been moving for a few years, but the flow pretty much didn't change."

Luan nodded. "That's what puzzled me. Father and Uncle Rean can only feel the flow, but I can see it with my eyes. I couldn't understand why it was not changing. If anything, the further we went, the lower the increase of the flow. That's why I changed my approach and focused on our movement instead. I've been checking it for the past few days, and now I'm certain. The flow of space not only can make those inside get lost, but now that we are this far inside, it is also repealing us. If I'm not wrong, our actual speed is somewhere around 20% of what it was when we entered the Swamp."

Kentucky turned his head after hearing that. "So, what do we do then? I can't feel anything different. For me, it feels like I'm still moving as fast as I did when I left the settlement. If I'm being pulled back, I have no idea how to break through this restriction."

Rean pondered a bit before saying. "Well, it's not like we are stuck. We are moving slower, but we are still moving. It just means our journey will take longer. Since time here passes many times faster, it won't change much compared to outside. Let's not forget that the faster time effect also increases the further we go into the Swamp. By now, I don't think more than 20 or so years have passed outside the Swamp."

Luan shook his head in disagreement. "At the moment, it is fine with 20%. But that's not the problem here. I said it before, didn't I? The flow of space hasn't changed much since we left the settlement."

Roan immediately understood the crux of the issue. "Since it hasn't changed much, that means we are just too far away at the moment. If we continue moving like this, let alone a few years, we might very well take decades, if not hundreds of years, to reach our destination."

Luan shook his head. "That's already being very optimistic, father. The way I see it, we will be lucky if we ever get there. Even if we do, it will take tens of thousands of years. That's because this repealing effect will only grow. Also, who knows if other effects also don't come into play."

"That's troublesome..." Rean understood that it wasn't very good. "Well, at least we know we have a way out, so that's a plus."

Suddenly, Sister Orb's voice echoed in their minds. [I wouldn't be so sure about that.]