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Chapter 2101: Surprise Attack

The Angel in charge was called Lisfiel. He used his Heavenly Energy to grab Rean's Badge to check. After sending his Divine Sense inside, he confirmed that Badge was legit, which puzzled him. "Alright, the image and the Badge are okay. It still doesn't explain your arrival in this place. Why did you come here a day ahead of schedule? Where are the rest that should have come with you?"

Rean nodded before explaining. "Unfortunately, I can't tell you. All I can say is that I'm under the orders of Lay Lara and need to leave straight away."

The guy narrowed his eyes. Yet, he knew that Lara was the commanding officer of the Angels on the other side of the Temporal Connection Gap. "Alright, but I will need to confirm it with her. You wouldn't mind waiting just a moment as I send someone to the other side, right? The Transfer only takes a few minutes anyway."

Rean nodded without thinking twice. "Yes, Lady Lara is also on the other side. You can confirm it straight away."

Lisfiel kept his eyes on Rean before immediately passing an order to one of his subordinates. "Hastian, you go inside and check the content with Lara on the other side. Say that it was Lisfiel who sent the request." Although he found Rean's sudden appearance suspicious, he was sure Rean was an Angel. Angels care a lot about each other, so he didn't believe Rean wanted to break any rules. But then again, he had to confirm it since this Temporal Connection Gap was too important.

"Yes, sir!" Hastian didn't waste time and immediately jumped into the Temporal Connection Gap. As a Middle Stage Elemental Space Angel, he wouldn't be at risk of dying due to the Spatial Instabilities in that gap.

Rean kept his serious expression and put his hand on his back. It was as if he didn't care about it at all.

Hastian appeared inside the Temporal Connection and was immediately pulled by the Spatial Currents inside... or so it should have happened.

'Life Style, Enhancement!'

'Death World!'

'Shadow Steps!'

'Death Style, Third Form, Three Claws of the Dragon!'

As soon as his body appeared inside the Temporal Connection Gap, three Scythes came crashing down against his body. "What?!"

Hastian felt like he saw things. One had to be completely crazy to initiate a battle inside the Temporal Gap. Any mistake and the Temporal Connection Spatial Currents could throw you out of the route, which would mean certain death for anyone below the Archangel Level.

Of course, that didn't mean he was just going to sit there and let Roan's attack hit him. Heavenly Energy and Light Element burst out of his body, trying to create a protective screen around him. At the same time, Hastian spread his Domain, trying to force Roan's Domain back and give him time to run out of the Gap. He didn't intend to fight there. As long as he went back and warned Lisfiel, they could deal with Roan as they wished.

Bzzzzzz...

Unfortunately, as soon as his Domain touched Roan's, it began to corrode. There wasn't a single inch of Roan's Domain being fought back. Instead, Roan's Death World Domain completely mixed with Hastian's own Domain and started to destroy it from within. "How's that possible?!"

Without another choice, Hastian flapped his Four Pairs of wings, trying to run away from the attack.

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Arrrrggghhhh!

Too bad Roan was already expecting that. First of all, Roan had the Element of surprise and knew exactly where the Angel was going to appear. How could he not be ready for anything? The only thing that could possibly give him trouble was a Space-Time Angel or higher. And even they would die if they didn't act fast enough.

Roan's Three Scythes hit Hastian's wings, easily breaking through the protective screen. Dark Element then rampaged inside Hastian's body, going through the injuries left in the wings. The Angel Wings weren't just for show. They were deeply integrated into the Angel's powers. Usually, what Hastian did by using his wings to defend and run away would be the right choice. The wings were one of the easiest parts to control the flow of Light Element for the Angels, which made all of them rely on their wings.

That was the wrong choice against Roan, though. With the purest Dark Element in the Universe, the Light Element being released by the wings only acted as a fuel, causing Hastian even more injuries.

Hastian tried as he could to flee, knowing that he wasn't a match for the new enemy. Above all, the presence of Dark Element proved that there were Devils coming through the Temporal Connection Gap. Well, Roan wasn't a Devil, but he wouldn't tell Hastian that.

It took a long while to explain, but the events only lasted a few seconds. Roan's Dark Element caused even more chaos as he also continued his attacks. Eventually, the Dark Element reached Hastian's soul, causing extreme pain. Hastian quickly lost consciousness, almost falling out of the Spatial Currents of the Temporal Gap.

"Not so fast. I need you." Roan didn't let that happen. He grabbed Hastian's Body and pulled him into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. "Good job, Luan."

From inside the Dimensional Realm, Luan observed everything outside with his Sacred Eyes. It was thanks to him that Roan could fight in the Temporal Gap without being afraid of falling into the Spatial Currents. Above all, that also prevented Roan from being pulled back to the Underworld. "That's the least I can do, father."

Roan faintly smiled, feeling a little proud of his disciple. "Alright, time to change."

Roan immediately focused his mind on the Angel's body, and with Luan's help, Roan changed his body to become identical to Hastian. Even the Light Element being released was the same after Luan pointed out any difference.

Roan then waited for another 20 minutes there, giving the impression that Hastian had gone to the other side and then made his way back. Finally, he stepped out of the Temporal Connection Gap.

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Chapter 2102: Running away

Seeing Hastian coming back, Lifiel immediately went to talk to him. "How was it? Did Lady Lara confirm his words?"

Hastian nodded. "Yes, sir. She also expected that you would send someone to check. She will send another subordinate later to explain it to the Archangels. It seems like they are on high guard due to a possible Devil attack. However, it doesn't seem like the Devils found out about the Temporal Gap. Nonetheless, she sent Abdiel, who is acquainted with her, to pass a message. She said the content was a secret, though. If you have any other doubts, you can go and talk to her directly. But you must release Abdiel as soon as possible."

Lisfiel shook his head. "There is no need. We Angels are not like Devils. If Lady Lara said it is necessary, then it is necessary."

Hastian agreed with him. "Permission to bring this friend Abdiel out of the Temporal Gap area, sir."

Lisfiel didn't mind it. "No problem. Make sure he isn't stopped by the guards outside." He then looked at the other Angels around. "You all, keep watching the Temporal Gap. As soon as Lara's informant arrives, let me know."

"Yes, sir!" Everyone immediately acknowledged the order and opened the path for Hastian and Abdiel to leave.

Hastian and Abdiel, obviously, didn't waste time and flew away. However, just as they were about to leave the area, the Temporal Gap once again oscillated, soon spilling out another Angel. Without a doubt, that was an Angel from the Underworld. But that wasn't the really impressive thing. What really

took everyone's attention was that this other had the exact same appearance as Abdiel. "This... are they twins?"

Everyone then looked in the Direction that Abdiel and Hastian went, but those two had already sped away. Lisfiel looked at the new Abdiel, who was quite distraught due to the Temporal Gap's Unstable Power. As soon as Abdiel recovered a little, he immediately asked. "Did you see anyone passing through the Temporal Gap?"

In the end, Abdiel couldn't get rid of the idea that someone might have used Franfa back in the Underworld Entrance. He came back to the Temporal Gap and decided to enter himself, risking losing his life as his cultivation was quite low to go through the passage. Even Rean admitted he could have died, and he was at the Late Stage of the Space Bending Realm. Let alone an Angel at the Initial Stage.

Lisfiel finally understood that something was amiss and shouted. "Stop those two Angels now!" Following that, he spread his Divine Sense. However, he was surprised to discover that not only had they disappeared from his sight but also from his Divine Sense completely. "Activate the formation. Close the entire area before they can escape!"

As Rean and Roan flew at full speed, they also kept the Divine and Light Bending Skill activated. Several hundreds of Divine Senses washed over the area, but since none of them was close enough to the twins or had high enough cultivation, they couldn't pierce through. "The guys from the Underworld came faster than I expected," Roan couldn't help but mention.

"It's fine." Rean didn't seem to mind. "We just had to get away from the initial enclosure. Now that we got far enough, we have options."

Zrrrrruuummmmm...

Suddenly, an enormous formation encompassing hundreds of kilometers appeared in the sky. It quickly created a barrier that spread even further, trying to close the entire region around the Temporal Gap Entrance.

Rean and Roan looked at each other and just nodded. They immediately entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, where Sister Orb was already waiting for them. [It's ready. Just use it before the formation fully activates.]

The twins then stepped on nothing else other than the Circuitry Teleport Formation! It could teleport them up to 1000 kilometers of distance in a selected direction. It's just that they couldn't target the location of the exit very well, so the margin of error was very big. Nonetheless, being able to teleport in a specific direction was enough.

Vup, vup!

Several Rank Four Divine Stones turned into powder before the twins disappeared from the formation. The reason they didn't do this as soon as they left the Temporal Gap was that the entrance to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm would be left behind. The angels there would definitely be able to sense and attack it. Now, however, they were in a slightly safer position. At the very least, they would have enough time to activate the teleport formation.

Before the barrier could fully form, the twins' disappeared from the surroundings of the Temporal Gap Entrance. Naturally, the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm entrance they left behind did the same.

Vup, vup!

When they reappeared, they found themselves unable to move. However, that didn't bother the two. They knew that the teleport formation teleported quite randomly after setting a direction. Just like it happened in the past, the twins just so happened to teleport underground. "Again!"

They immediately entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and reactivated the teleport formation, repeating the same process. Even though they were now outside the Formation Barrier, Space-Time Divine Senses could definitely reach the distance traveled by the Circuitry Teleport Formation. Let alone an Archangel, in case there was one around.

With that, the twins repeated the same process almost a hundred times, spending a large amount of their Rank Four Divine Stones. Celis looked at that and felt his heart bleeding. He used many of those Divine Stones, and seeing them disappearing this fast really caused him trauma. "That's enough, no? Sure not even an Archangel's Divine Sense can go this far."

Yet, the twins still teleported at the full range a few more times before they finally stopped. "This should be safe." The last teleport sent them high in the skies, which was good enough for them. "Kentucky, come out with us. We will fly from here on out."

"Finally!" Kentucky was already growing roots of boredom by staying in the Dimensional Realm this long. "Let's go!"

After confirming that no Divine Senses were touching their Divine Sense Bending Skills, the twins activated Rean's Light Bending Skill as well and flew away on Kentucky's back.

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Chapter 2103: Outcome

A few hours later, Lisfiel returned to the Temporal Gap Entrance with a fool expression. He made sure he verified every single inch inside the Protection Formation. However, Hastian and Abdiel, or better, Rean and Roan, were nowhere to be found. His only choice was to check with Abdiel.

Arriving there, he noticed that a few Angels from the Underworld had also arrived. He was already expecting that, though. Before leaving, he ordered his subordinates to go to the Underworld and check the things on the other side. Above all, he wanted to know what was happening. "Lara, so you came."

Lara nodded. "Of course! I can't stay for long since I'm in charge of the Canyon on the other side, though. Yet, after what your guys told me, I could only come to see what was happening. It seems like Abdiel here found some intruders."

Lisfiel then looked at Abdiel before looking back at Lara. "Who were those two? I checked them with my Divine Sense. They were definitely Angels. One of them was none other than one of my trusted subordinates, Hastian. Why did they try to escape?"

Lara shook her head. "I have no idea. However, I'm pretty sure they are not who you think they are. Abdiel here, for example, looked exactly the same as the one who escaped, right?"

Lisfiel obviously remembered that. "Yes, even his Light Element was identical. So there is a good chance the hastian I saw was an impostor... Are they Devils?"

Lara looked at Abdiel. "Tell them what you know."

By now, the Soul Restriction in Abdiel's soul was gone. Lara understood he was afraid to talk because of that thing. As a direct subordinate of Archangel Raphael, Lara had the method to remove the restriction if necessary.

"And that's how it all happened. I'm sorry, Lady Lara. I'll accept any punishment. I was just too afraid of having my mind wiped out." Abdiel dropped his head after using his Divine Sense to explain the whole situation.

"They can remove Senior Raphale's Soul Restriction?!" Lisfiel immediately understood how serious it was. "Even if that meant having your mind wiped out, you should have told us. Do you have any idea how important this Temporal Gap is to our plans?"

However, Lara raised her hand to stop Lisfiel. "Don't act like those Devils. Besides, there was no point in Abdiel trying to do it. If the guys who put the restriction back in his soul were telling the truth, Abdiel would die the moment he tried to communicate using any kind of method. In the end, he would just die, and we wouldn't know about those two guys who escaped."

Sure enough, the Angels were a lot more forgiving than the Devils or even the cultivators of the Realm of Gods. However, it only applied to the Angels themselves. If it came to the other races, things wouldn't be this simple.

Lisfiel calmed down and nodded. "You were right. I can't let my emotions disturb my actions. Still... I don't feel like those two guys were Devils."

Lara agreed with him. "I think the same thing. The only Devils capable of using Light Element are the Light Devil Clan. However, the Light Devil Clan is under our complete control. Not to mention they were one of the main reasons for our invasion to work this smoothly."

"Indeed," Lisfiel continued. "Also, according to what Abdiel told us, one of them could use both Light and Dark Elements at the same time. Even the Light Devil Clan can't do that. No, if they did as much as try, they would just kill themselves."

Lisfiel then put those facts behind his mind. "Forget about it. We need to track them down."

"How?" Lara asked back.

"I already spread the order. All cities in the surrounding area will watch the movement," Lisfiel explained. "Also, I already sent a message to senior Raphael. He is busy at the moment, but he should come out of seclusion once he receives the news."

Lara could only accept that. "It's all we can do for now." Right after, she prepared to leave. "Anyway, I need to go back to the Underworld. If those two had anything to do with the Devils, we might end up receiving a visit from Elder Devils very soon. I need to prepare for that."

"Go ahead," Lisfiel knew that. "I'll let you know if we find anything."

"What about me, sir?" Abdiel couldn't help but ask.

Lisfiel narrowed his eyes as he looked at Abdiel. "Even though you had no other choice, you are still responsible for this mess. You will be stripped of your rank of commanding officer and have your cultivation reduced by an entire realm. Do you have any objections?"

Abdiel bitterly smiled, thinking about how many years it took to reach this realm. Nonetheless, it was better than being killed. "I have no objections, sir."

"Very good, now go." Lisfiel nodded, satisfied.

After Abdiel left with the guards, Lisfiel returned to his own residence before taking out a Thoughts Transmission Talisman. He seemed to struggle about whether to use it or not. But in the end, he decided to go for it. The talisman then burnt away, confirming that the message was sent to its other pair. "You better find them first..." Finally, he returned to his duties after that.

Tens of thousands of kilometers away, Kentucky streaked through the skies at full speed. Yet, not a single sound or oscillation in the nearby air currents was left behind. Kentucky was using his Wind

Element, which wasn't much worse than his Light and Dark Elements Affinity, to make sure to not leave any traces behind.

Rean and Roan, obviously, were on his back.

"So much Light Element. It doesn't lose to the Underworld in Dark Element at all." Rean felt like he was stronger than ever.

Roan, on the other hand, didn't feel as good. "You better be. Anyway, I'm going back into the Dimensional Realm. That guy I captured should be about to wake up by now."

Rean didn't mind. "Leave the travel to Kentucky and me. The earlier you find where we are, the faster it will be to reach the Temporal Path."

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Chapter 2104: Learning More About Heavens

Obviously, Roan went into the Dimensional Realm to interrogate the Angel he captured. The twins knew nothing about the Heavens. For now, they needed to find where they could reach the Main Temporal Path so that they could return to the Realm of Gods.

Hastian suddenly felt like his head was being split apart due to the huge pain Roan caused him during their battle. He slowly opened his eyes, not being able to focus his mind for the same reason. He tried to guide his Light Element and Heavenly Energy into his Soul, but he quickly noticed that there was almost no Heavenly Energy available at all. Only then did he pay attention to his surroundings while using that little amount of Heavenly Energy to stabilize his Soul.

Finally, the memories of the battle came back before he put himself on guard, waiting for anything that could happen. Too bad, though. He soon noticed that he pretty much could move at all. In the Dimensional Realm, Sister Orb was god, after all. She locked Hastian as soon as Roan sent his unconscious body inside.

"Seems like I was right. You woke up just when I thought you would," said a voice on Hastian's back.

Hastian felt a chill on his back and tried to open distance from whoever was near him. Unfortunately, no amount of strength could get his own body free. He then turned his head around with great difficulty, just in time to see Roan. "W-Who are you?"

Roan wasn't using his appearance. He just assumed the same form as he did when he fought Hastian inside the Temporal Gap. "Does it really matter in this situation?"

Still, Hastian insisted. "Could it be you are a Devil? Even from here, I can feel the Devil's pitiful Dark Element Affinity."

Roan didn't mind if the Angel thought him to be one. "Is that so? Well, that's up to you anyway. Now then, how about we talk a little?"

Hastian nodded. "Go ahead. What do you want to know?"

"That easy?" Roan was a little surprised by Hastian's behavior. Of course, as long as he could talk to them face to face, he could tell whether they were lying or not. In fact, Roan found out that it is a lot easier to spot a lie when he is interrogating Angels. That's because they try to always stay 'clean' in all aspects. Simply put, Angels are not used to lying at all.

Hastian just shook his head. "If I don't talk, something tells me you will have a way to make sure I do. Someone capable of going through the hidden Temporal Gap with Space-Time Angels defending, attacking from inside without anyone noticing, and then escaping definitely has his ways of getting what he wants."

Roan was satisfied with Hastian's words. "It's good to see that not all Angels are dumb. Very well, I need to go to the main Temporal Path. Where are we, and how do I get there?"

"The main Temporal Path?" Hastian was a little at a loss by Roan's objective. "Do you think you will be able to stop our invasion of the Underworld through this side? Aren't you being a little too naive?"

Bam!

Roan immediately kicked the Angel's ass, not in the mood to explain anything. "Who is making the questions here? Instead of asking meaningless questions that you know I won't answer, how about doing what you said?"

Hastian felt like he was being humiliated. Yet, he quickly calmed down and accessed his own Pocket Dimensional Realm. Roan had noticed from the start that Hastian didn't have a Spatial Ring, which was obvious due to Hastian's Cultivation Realm. Only Hastian could access his own Pocket Dimensional Realm. It was also because of this that Sister Orb allowed a very small amount of Heavenly Energy from outside to reach Hastian.

Vup!

a Jade Slip appeared on his hand, which he quickly threw to Roan. "Here you go. This is a map of the Heavens. Well, the center of Heavens, to be more specific. There are also the regions outside the center, but nowhere near as much information. I rarely need to go to the further reaches of the Heavens Realm, so I don't have much information about them. Nonetheless, the Temporal Path can be found there in the center."

Roan sent his Divine Sense inside the Jade Slip, and immediately, a huge map appeared in his mind. He could zoom in and out, increasing the level of detail of the regions he was looking at. "Hum? I see here that you don't separate the territories like countries and continents. How come?"

"Countries? Continents? Why would we do that?" Hastian asked back. "Such notions only serve to increase the discrimination and prejudice against each other. Don't compare us Angels with the Underworld and Realm of Gods' Races. Here, anyone can enter and leave any region they feel like. Trust is the base of Heaven's Races."

Roan couldn't see how an entire realm could work without those divisions. But then again, Angels were quite a weird bunch of Races to start with. Perhaps they truly felt like Hastian just mentioned. "Okay, that doesn't matter. At least you named the regions in an easy way to identify. The Temporal Path is in this Region 01. All other regions going out continued with 02, 03, 04, etc... very convenient. Where are we at the moment so that I can find us?"

"We are at Region 12096," Hastian answered truthfully.

Roan then zoomed out the map image in the Jade Slip, just to find out that Region 12096 wasn't anywhere near the Center of the Heavens. 'Well, that makes sense. Those Short-Term Temporal Gaps appear randomly. It would be way too much luck to have this thing near the center of Heavens.' Other than the general location of Region 12096, there was pretty much no other information inside the Jade Slip, except for a few cities near the Temporal Gap.

Roan didn't dwell on those thoughts for long. "So, which city's teleport formation should I use if I want to teleport to the Center of Heavens?"

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Chapter 2105: Fake and Forced

"That would be Xans City." Hastian continued to answer the questions without hiding anything.

Roan looked in the Jade Slip and quickly found Xans City. Within the few cities being shown in Region 12096, Xans was indeed quite close. With Kentuck's speed, it shouldn't take more than 4 days for them to arrive. "Xans City... Which other Cities have Teleport Formations capable of sending us to the Center of Heavens?"

Unfortunately, Hastian could only shake his head. "I told you before. I don't know much about the Regions far away from the center. I know that Xans City has one because it was the Teleport Formation I used to get here. Other than that, I'm clueless. But there is one thing I can tell you. Teleport Formations capable of sending you to the Center of Heaven is very rare the further you get from it. I doubt you will find another one in this Region 12096."

'At least this much is similar to the Realm of Gods,' Roan thought for a moment.

Roan then pondered a little about his next course of action. He didn't want to use Xans City's Teleport Formation since it was pretty much guaranteed that it would be heavily guarded. It was going to be the case even if Rean and Roan didn't appear, let alone now that they were being searched for.

What worked for them was that no one would expect them to go to the Temporal Path. The Temporal Path of the Heavens was also located in the biggest and most important city in the Heavens, Arcadia. There were always at least two Archangels there, guarding the entrance. Even if the Angels put extra defenses because of them, it wouldn't be that much.

Roan then checked the other cities in Region 12096 and decided to go to an average city called Blucan. 'Kentucky, change direction. Follow the path I will send you.' Roan immediately contacted Kentucky outside.

Kentucky nodded and immediately changed his direction. Rean saw that, but because Roan was charing the memories of his plans, he already knew where they were going. 'It's better if I go inside the city alone to gather information. Ask this Angel in the Dimensional Realm if we should be afraid of anything in case we start asking many questions.'

Roan nodded, already intending to do that. "Hastian, right? Do you have places to sell information here in Heavens?"

"Sell information?" Hastian pondered a bit. "I don't think you will find any Angel City selling information. But if all you want is to acquire information, you just need to go to any regional office available in most cities with a hundred million or more inhabitants. Other than some maintenance fees for the office, you won't need to pay anything else. The information itself is free. Of course, even we Angels have restricted information that can't just be told to anyone. If what you need to learn is within this range, no amount of Heavenly Stones will be enough to buy it."

Roan didn't quite like it. He preferred to simply pay to some information black market and get whatever he needed. Yet, there didn't seem to be such things in Heaven. "I don't know if I should call the Angels' way of making things exemplary or just boring."

He quickly shook his head and continued. "Since restricted information can't be bought for any amount of Heavenly Stones, how do I acquire them?"

"You will need to register for a higher position within our Heaven Realm Cultivation System," Hastian explained. "Every Angel who reaches the Soul Transformation Realm will receive an identification as part of this system. From there, you can apply for more information according to your rank."

"Rank?" Roan got puzzled. "I thought you Angels didn't separate yourselves through these methods. You don't even have Countries."

Hastian laughed in response. "Hahaha! Even you Devils can look cute sometimes. Of course, we don't! This Rank System doesn't make anyone more important than someone else. That's not how it works."

Our Heaven Realm Cultivation System only records what you can acquire through your position within it. For example, a Space-Time Realm Angel obviously has a much higher rank than a Soul Transformation one. Because of this, he is entitled to better Heavenly Stones."

"However," he continued. "That doesn't give him the right to give orders to that Soul Transformation Realm Angel. The only organization in our Heaven that requires angels to follow orders is the Heavenly Army. And that's just because we need to be ready in case the Realm of Gods, Underworld, or anyone else decides to attack. Otherwise, we wouldn't even have an army to start with."

Roan understood. "Having a Soul Transformation Realm Angel using high-rank Heavenly Stones would be a waste, so you at least control it."

Hastian nodded. "That's pretty much it. We won't stop anyone from growing, but that doesn't mean we will waste resources. Resources are given to us by the Heavens. How could we misuse them?"

Roan couldn't help but think how everything in Heavens seemed so different. They were practically a Utopia. Still, Roan felt like something wasn't right about the way things worked here in Heavens.

It was then that Luan, who was watching the interrogation out of curiosity, sent Roan a Divine Sense Message. 'Father, I kind of feel everything to be so... fake... or forced.'

Roan looked to the side where Luan was watching and immediately agreed with him. 'Indeed. I was wondering why it bothered me. This system does seem somewhat fake and forced. However, I can guarantee that Hastian isn't lying, either. But even though he isn't lying, his words strike me as not being his own words.'

Roan then closed his eyes to think for a moment before continuing. "Alright, you Angels are very nice and all. Let's forget about it for now. I'll try to get the information I need first. If I find that I need a higher level of access, maybe I'll try registering in this system of yours."

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Chapter 2106: Found?

Several days later, Kentucky finally flew all the way to Blucan City. He was the first to notice it in the distance before passing the information to the twins. 'Here we are. If Roan's map is correct, that city in the distance should be Blucan.'

Rean took a little longer to be able to see the city as his eyes weren't as good as Kentucky's. After confirming that the position on the map matched the city, Rean patted Kentucky's back and sent him an answer. 'Alright, Kentucky. Go back into the Dimensional Realm. I'm going inside to see if I can get the information.'

Kentucky didn't want to go back but knew it was not time to complain. Heavens has many races, but they are all Angel types. Be it the Beast or the Humanoid types, they all had Angel Wings. Kentucky didn't have it, so he couldn't show himself.

Roan watched from inside the Dimensional Realm as Rean flew to the city disguised as an Angel. 'According to what Hastian said, you just need to find a city office regulated by the Angel Government. They are definitely present in any city with over a hundred million Angels. This Blucan City should have more or less that, so you will find it somewhere near the city center.'

Rean nodded and deactivated his Light and Divine Sense Bending Skill. No one noticed when a new Angel appeared in the distance. However, as this was one of the city's main entrances, Angels coming and going were a common sight. No one paid attention once Rean joined the queue to enter the city.

The city didn't have guards at the gates, though. Other than the City Office taking notes about who entered and left, there were no Angels to stop anyone from entering as they wished. Yet, every single Angel there kept tightly on the line and paid the fee to enter the city without complaining. This was a kind of sight you would not find in the Realm of Gods or Underworld.

"Welcome to Blucan City, friend," said the worker at the counter near the gate. "I can see you have just reached the Soul Transformation Realm. Congratulations! Are you here to register yourself in the Heaven Realm Cultivation System?"

As Hastian mentioned, anyone who reached the Soul Transformation Realm could register in the system, so it made sense that the Angel asked Rean that. "Thank you for the compliment, friend. I have indeed come here to register in the system. Is the City Office open at the moment?"

The guy quickly nodded. "They sure are. In fact, they are always open since there are Angels reaching this realm nonstop in a city of our size. In any case, the entrance fee is Three Heavenly Stones."

Rean and Roan obviously took the Heavenly Stones away from the Angels they interrogated before, so Rean had more than enough at the moment for it. "Here you go. Thank you for the help."

As Rean walked away from the gate, he couldn't help but sigh while taking a glance back. 'Sure enough, this looks like a Utopia. That guy at the gate was an Elemental Transformation Realm Angel, but he still treated me with respect. Even I can tell that he wasn't pretending to be friendly. He truly felt like that.'

Roan nodded. 'That's good for us. Of course, that's because your Angel Transformation is perfect, so they truly believe you are an Angel, just like them. Things wouldn't be this way if you showed them you were a human. In any case, there doesn't seem to be anyone around capable of seeing through your cultivation.'

Rean had suppressed his cultivation to the Initial Stage of the Soul Transformation Realm. If someone wanted to see through it, they would need to be at least in the same Realm as Rean. However, Region 12096 was very far from the center of Heavens. Let alone Space Bending Realm Angels, even Void Tempering Realm Angels were quite a rare sight around this place. 'Indeed, what about the formations of the City, Sister Orb?'

[They do have a few protection formations but no formation related to analysis. They are all turned off too.] Since Space Bending Realm Angels were almost nonexistent around, the formations were obvious at a much lower level. [The highest level formation is only at the Golden Middle Level. If needed, I can hack and take control of it in a matter of seconds.]

Roan discarded the idea. 'There is no need. Even if you can hide your intrusion, we can't guarantee someone won't find something strange. Rean, just go to the City Office.'

Rean then talked with a few angels around and found the teleport formations used to travel around the city. Once he stepped on one of those teleport formations with a few other Angels, they were all sent to the City Center at once.

'Well, that should be the one.' It wasn't hard to spot the City Office as it was one of the highest buildings in the city. Rean only had to take another queue, which he quickly noticed to be at least half filled with

Soul Transformation Realm Angels. 'That's quite a lot of Soul Transformation Realm Angels per square meter.'

Roan's mouth twitched a little but refused to comment about it.

Still, Rean also noticed how higher-level Angels waited in the queue without complaining. 'There is even an Initial Stage Transition Realm Angel waiting here. They truly take things seriously.'

The Angels worked pretty fast, ensuing badges, information, and other requests at very high speeds. It only took Rean a few minutes to reach one of the counters after waiting in the queue.

"Hi there, what can I help you with?" The worker quickly asked, seeming very calm.

"Oh, hi there. I don't know if I have access to this type of information. Do you know where I can find long-distance Teleport Formations?" Rean asked casually, hoping he could get the information and leave straight away.

However, the Angel's expression changed a little. "I'm sorry, friend. I can't give you this information. Also, I will need you to follow me."

Rean narrowed his eyes as he quickly noticed a few high-level Angels approaching the counter he was at.

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Chapter 2107: Tears

Well, High-Level considering the average cultivation of Angels around. Rean could tell that most of those Angels were only in the Transition Realm, with the leader in front being the strongest at the Void Tempering Realm Middle Stage.

Rean immediately put on a confused expression. However, neither Rean nor Roan were truly surprised by the sudden change. After the show they put on when they entered the Heavens Realm, it would be weird if all cities in Region 12096 weren't being watched. Chances are even other Regions were under watch. 'Here they are, Roan.'

Roan simply nodded. 'Just keep pretending. Even if they set up verifications every time someone asks about key information, there is no way they can confirm it is you.'

Roan was right. Even if Region 12096 was far from the center of the Heavens Realm, it was still part of the three higher realms. The total number of Angels living in the many cities in this region probably surpassed the hundred billion mark. Just how many Angels stopped to ask about Long Distance Teleport Formation on a daily basis? Thousands, at the very least.

Rean released his Divine Sense Bending Skill just slightly. Not enough to prevent anyone's Divine Sense from checking him, but strong enough to tell if any higher level Divine Sense was watching him. 'This Void Tempering Realm Angel is indeed the highest level Angel checking me at the moment. That should be okay.'

"F-Friends, did I do something wrong?" Rean pretended to be nervous, seeing those Angels that he 'couldn't' feel the cultivation levels.

The leader of the group of angels who arrived immediately landed on Rean's side. "Don't worry, friend. We are looking for a criminal that deviated from the Heavens' way. We believe he is trying to escape this region, so all cities are under vigilance."

"I-I see... When I asked where I could find more Long Distance Teleport Formations, it set off an alarm regarding this criminal." Rean then 'tried' to calm down while saying that. "I will obviously cooperate with any ongoing investigation. How can I address you, friend? I'm Armaros, by the way."

"Nice to meet you, Armaros. I'm the leader of this squad, Sabrelin. We just need to check a few pieces of information regarding your request," said Sabrelin. "Please follow us."

Rean was then brought to another room, away from the crowd in the City Office Hall. Sabrelin didn't waste time and started the interrogation. "Friend, can you tell us why you are looking for the location of other Long Distance Teleport Formations? Pardon me for my bluntness, but someone at the Initial Stage of the Soul Transformation Realm usually wouldn't even have the necessary resources to teleport locally, let alone go on a Long Distance Teleport."

Rean already expected that question. "I don't know if this serves as a reason, but I lived in a small settlement of just a few tens of thousands of Angels near Blucan until now. I've never left because I didn't have the courage to do so. Besides, I have one of the highest cultivations in my settlement, so the other Angels around me counted on my help in many difficult tasks for their level."

"However, in the past hundred years, another two members of my settlement succeeded in reaching the Soul Transformation Realm. Well, partially, it was because I shared my resources with them so that we could increase the lives in our settlement. You can't imagine just how happy I was when they had their breakthroughs," Rean continued.

"Anyway, I can't possibly waste these friends' time here while they were supposed to be looking for this criminal. Simply put, now that my settlement has two new Soul Transformation Realm Angels, my presence isn't as important anymore. I talked to the elders and requested to have myself set free from my duties."

Roan's acting lessons really paid off after all these years. Two tears came out of Rean's eyes as he 'remembered' those moments. "The elders still didn't want to let me go. Yet, the two youngsters I helped reach the Soul Transformation Realm stepped forward and helped me. They promised to stay in the settlement for the next years until more members reached the same realm. Those two idiots knew they might get stuck there for over a hundred years, but they didn't mind. They just wanted to set me free of my years of service."

Rean then sighed as he wiped the tears from his eyes. "Sorry, I got a little emotional. In the end, how could I not gather the courage to leave after such a scene? Ralaciu and Ontrie were really good boys. Oh, these are their names. Now, I have decided that I will explore the Heavens while I live. I don't have family, and my parents have long since died of old age. Such is life. I'm not exactly as talented as you, sirs, so my life span won't extend that much. Nonetheless, I want to enjoy the rest of my life and see as many things as possible."

Even Sabrelin was crying already. "Good! Good! Don't take your cultivation talent to heart, friend. As long as you have lived to the fullest and honestly, that is a life well spent." Sabrelin then looked at one of his companions behind before asking. "Littia, there is no way this friend here is 'that thing from below.' Bring him back to the office and get the information he needs. It's not like it is any secret to start with."

Littia was also drying her tears as she nodded. "Yes, sir. Friend Armaros, please follow me."

Rean's eyes brightened, and he quickly got up. "I'm so sorry for taking so much of your time. Thank you for believing me."

On the inside, Rean felt speechless. 'Holy shit! They totally ignored the fact that I shouldn't have anywhere near enough Heavenly Stones to do these kinds of travels.'

Roan shrugged his shoulder from inside the Dimensional Realm. 'Who cares? Just take the information and get out of here before they notice their mistake and decide to ask more questions.'

'Indeed,' Rean nodded and followed Littia.

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Chapter 2108: Next Step

That wasn't the only thing Rean got after coming out of the interrogation. Because he wasn't registered in the Heaven Realm Cultivation System, he had to do that first. Rean didn't mind it, though. Perhaps it would be of some use later.

Rean received a badge showing his 'name,' Armoros, and place of origin. "Alright, you just need to pour a drop of blood on it, and the badge will be bound to you," said the worker in the City Office.

Rean nodded. When he used Abdiel's badge, he also collected some of his blood so that the badge could work. Not only that, Sister Orb had to hack into the badge's inscriptions and change them slightly to be compatible. Otherwise, anyone would have noticed that he wasn't the real owner of the badge.

The badge shinning with a clean red light for a few seconds, connecting Rean's Divine Sense to it. Rean also could feel its presence now. "Alright, it is done."

Littia, who was just observing, turned around after seeing that. "Okay, Armoros. I wish you good luck in your travels. I have other things to do, so I will excuse myself here."

Rean nodded. "Thank you for your help, lady Littia."

Littia left right after, leaving Rean in the room, waiting for his request to be ready. A few moments later, another Angel arrived and passed Rean a Jade Slip. "These are the cities around with Long-Distance Teleport Formations. In our Region 12096, only Xans City has one. As for the others, you will need to travel to other Regions to get access," the Angel explained.

Rean quickly grabbed the Jade Slip and checked the information. Roan, obviously, also saw Rean's memories through their connection. It turned out that the regions bordering region 12096 didn't have any Long-Distance Teleport Formations. It was just like that back in the Realm of Gods. The twins had to travel through several continents and pass a few Continental Barriers to finally get access to that type of Teleport Formation.

'The closest one other than Xans City is Lanoe City in Region 12111.' Roan looked at the information. 'We will need to pass Region 12103 and 12108 to get there.'

Rean pondered a bit before saying, 'It should be a lot easier, no? After all, there are no continental barriers here in Heavens. We can use the teleport formations from one city to another until we get there. It will be a little expensive, but this hastian in our Dimensional Realm should have no lack of Heavenly Stones.'

Roan agreed with Rean on that point. 'He does. He already brought out over a thousand Rank Four Heavenly Stones and even more of lower ranks. However, it will be weird if we suddenly show so many of those stones at the cultivation level you are displaying.'

'I'll change my appearance and reduce the suppression in my cultivation in every city we pass. How about that?' Rean immediately answered back.

Roan thought for a moment, 'Ask the Angels in the office if identification is necessary to use the teleport formations.'

Rean understood what Roan meant and immediately asked the Angel who delivered him the Jade Slip. "Thank you for the information, friend. Will I need to use my badge every time I wish to use the teleport formation?"

"But of course!" The Angel answered straight away. "it's normal for you to not be aware of these things since you lived in such a remote place until now. All the things in our Heavens Realm are properly

recorded. Otherwise, how can we ascertain the distribution of resources in an entire realm? The Heavens Realm Cultivation System personal acts in the entire realm, making sure everything runs smoothly."

"Wow! I wonder just how many workers we have taking care of the system," Rean couldn't help but ask.

"I don't know the real numbers," the Angel answered. "But I can guarantee that the numbers should surpass the trillion mark. Only our Angel Realm, with our trust in each other, could accomplish such a thing on this scale." he seemed extremely proud as he was also part of that system.

Rean was quite curious. After all, how did they communicate between all branches in all regions? All the reports, numbers, Angels, requests, etc. It was truly a monumental task. 'Perhaps they have something similar to my circuitry formations,' he thought.

Rean then shook his head. It wasn't his problem at the moment. "Thank you for your answer, friend. If there isn't anything else, I'll be taking my leave."

The Angel nodded in response. "Good luck out there. Just stay away from high-level Angel Beast Territories, understood?"

Rean then left the office and disappeared in the middle of the crowd. At the same time, he talked to Roan and the others through their connection. 'So, how will we do it? Should we just ignore my cultivation level and pay our way to Region 12111?'

Celis immediately discarded that idea. 'No can do. Our best option is to do the same thing as we did with Abdiel. We will just capture some higher-level Angel and use his badge and blood to pretend to be him. Someone that it wouldn't look so weird to have all the necessary Heavenly Stones for such a long travel.'

Roan saw a big issue with that, though. 'At the moment, I think anyone traveling long distances will be targeted inside this Region 12096. The fact we were barred a moment ago is proof enough that the Angels are keeping a tight enclosure here. It won't matter which Angel decides to do this journey. If we are barred again and can't give a good enough explanation, things might get tricky.'

Kentucky understood what Roan meant. 'In that case... you want to travel the whole distance to Region 12111 with me. Is that correct?'

Roan nodded. 'That's correct. Take a look at the map and the distance. How long do you think it will take to arrive there if you fly at full speed?'

Kentucky pondered a bit and thought about the distance he flew to reach Blucan to make a guess. 'It will take quite a long time, at least four to five months.'

Roan didn't seem to mind. 'Four to Five months it is, then.'

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Chapter 2109: More Beasts?

After leaving the city, Kentucky came out of the Dimensional Realm so Rean could jump on his back. Right after, he took flight and disappeared in Region 12111's direction. Naturally, Rean covered him with his Light and Divine Sense Bending skill so that no one could notice them flying.

Time passed in a flash while Kentucky continued to fly nonstop. Soon, three months went by. Kentucky was now getting close to Region 12108, the last region before arriving at Region 12111. At the moment, he was flying above an Angel Beasts Territory, using his Divine Sense to check the Beasts below. "It is kind of unfair, don't you think? Literally, all races here in Heavens have wings. What are birds there for, then?"

Rean didn't mind Kentucky using his Divine Sense since he was using his Divine Sense Bending to prevent being found. "Hehe! They do have wings, indeed. However, if you look closely, you will see that those wings can't be used to fly. The Angel Beasts that aren't bird types only get to fly when they reach the necessary cultivation level. Until that point, their wings are kind of just for show. Well... not just for show since Angel Races use their wings to increase their overall abilities. But that doesn't allow them to fly without the prerequisites."

Kentucky then pointed at a White and Brown Lizard in the distance. "So what? Look at that guy! He was supposed to be just a Lizard with some meager strength. But look at the wings on his back! It makes him look so cool. They all look a lot better because of their natural Angel Wings. That's not fair at all with the birds and other Demon Beasts from the other Realms."

Rean shrugged his shoulder. "Then what do you want to do? Go down and rip off the wings of every single Angel Beast we see from now on? We will take tens of thousands of years just to clear this single territory."

"I'm not that evil," Kentucky immediately refused the idea.

"Hahaha!" Rean laughed at Kentucky's helplessness. "Look on the positive side. You think they all look cooler because of their wings. However, here in Heavens, Wings are just seen as another member of one's body. For everyone else, seeing the Wings makes absolutely no difference. It only makes a difference for us because we aren't used to them." Rean also added, "Besides, perhaps due to how common wings are, the Angel Races here might think that we are the cool and different ones."

Kentucky sighed and nodded. "Fine... I'll try to see it like that." Looking at the Angel beasts below, Kentucky remembered something. "Oh, right! We have an entire planet as a Dimensional Realm now. Celis is working on growing all the plants, increasing the size of the forests day by day. Do you think we should also acquire a few Angel Beasts?"

Rean was taken aback. "This..." Right after, he asked Roan, Celis, Luan, and Sister Orb inside the Dimensional Realm. 'What do you guys think? Should we get more Beasts? In this case, Angel Beasts for our Dimensional Realm?'

Celis immediately refused. 'I think it is a terrible idea.'

Roan and the others looked at him. 'Why?'

'Because Angel Beasts need Heavenly Energy to cultivate. At the moment, they would have Heavenly Energy since the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm is absorbing it from the outside. However, once we leave for the Realm of Gods, they would get stuck in their cultivation. Eventually, they would all die to the Demon Beasts we already have here,' Celis explained.

Rean couldn't help but ask back. 'What about the Demon Beasts we have inside? Are they being negatively affected by the Devilish Energy of the Underworld or the Heavenly Energy of the Heavens?'

Sister Orb was the one to answer it. [Don't worry. I knew that those two energies weren't the same, so I isolated the Demon Beasts away from them. It's just that they also have no Divine Energy to cultivate other than a converted Divine Energy that Celis releases with his roots around the planet. Of course, this little amount Celis makes available for them isn't anywhere near what they can get when we are in the Realm of Gods.]

Rean was quite shocked to hear that. 'Wait! Did you say that Celis is giving some of his most beloved Divine Energy to other Demon Beasts instead of using it for cultivation? Hey, are you really Celis? Are you sure you weren't replaced by an impostor?'

Even Roan was forced to nod this time. He didn't expect Celis to waste any energy at all, let alone the others. They all looked at Celis as if they were seeing a ghost.

'H-Hmph!' Celis felt someone embarrassed. 'What? If the Demon Beasts don't get Divine Energy, they will also be negatively affected with time. I'm not so heartless that I will let them run completely dry. Besides, it is only a temporary measure until we get back to the Realm of Gods.'

Rean smiled but didn't insist on that topic. 'Still, this is kinda sad, don't you think? We went to the Underworld and now we are in Heavens. To think we could not bring any Angel or Devil Beasts to increase our fauna feels like a waste.'

Luan shook his head. 'To get what Uncle Rean wants, the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm would need to be able to generate all three types of energy at the same time. That's just not realistic.'

Sister Orb wasn't so sure, though. [Do you really think so?]

Sure enough, she caught their attention. 'What do you mean?'

[Did you forget what Heavenly Energy, Divine Energy, and Devilish Energy are?] She answered with a question.

Roan understood where she was coming from. 'All three of them. In fact, all energies in the universe are just variants of Divine Origin Energy. But so what? It's not like we have a source of Divine Origin Energy to start with.'

[Yes, we don't. However, if we can go reach the Chaos Origin Source, I'm pretty sure this problem can be solved,] Sister Orb explained.

Roan just shook his head. 'Just how long do you think it will take to get there? We are nowhere near the necessary cultivation level to leave the three higher realms with our own strength. However... this might be a good idea to consider in the future.'

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Chapter 2110: Companion

The journey continued without any issues. As Kentucky mentioned in the past, it took him just a little over four months to reach Region 12111, flying as fast as possible while keeping his energy stable. Once inside Region 12111, it took another two weeks to reach the City of Lanoe, where the twins intended to take the Long Distance Teleport Formation.

Kentucky could already see a few Angel Cultivators flying around, all going or coming from Lanoe City in the distance. 'Rean, I'm going back into the Dimensional Realm.'

Rean nodded, patting Kentucky's back. 'Alright, I'll enter the city to see if I can use the teleport formation.'

Roan opened his eyes inside the Dimensional Realm, looking at the outside world. 'We will need to capture an Angel at the Transition or Void Tempering Realm first. It will be weird if you appear there with enough Heavenly Stones for teleport with that Soul Transformation Realm cultivation.'

Rean nodded and immediately spread his Divine Sense. At his cultivation realm, and especially the strength of his soul, the Angels around couldn't even feel it. Soon, his eyes set on an Angel leaving the City Gates. 'Transition Realm Initial Stage. That was fast than I expected.'

Rean then suppressed his cultivation to the Transition Realm as well before he lifted his Divine Sense and Light Skill. Finally, he waited for that Angel to close to go talk. "Friend, please wait!"

The Angel stopped in her tracks, looking at the incoming Rean. She doesn't remember ever seeing Rean before. However, because she could tell that he was also at the Transition Realm, she thought it would

be worth seeing what Rean wanted. "Hum? I'm a little busy right now, friend. Please be fast with your request."

Rean smiled in response. "I'm sorry for disturbing you. I have just arrived from Region 12108, and I intended to use the Long Distance Teleport Formation. Would you be able to tell me the fee o rules to use it? I would be deeply grateful."

Roan narrowed his eyes from inside the Dimensional Realm. 'Why are you wasting time making questions? Just capture her, and I'll interrogate this Angel. We will need her badge as well, idiot.'

Rean didn't seem to mind. 'Isn't it better if we get some information of her free will first? Stop being so so dark all the time.'

"Long Distance Telepor Formation?" The Angel's eyes immediately lit up when she heard those words from Rean. "What a coincidence. I'm also here to use the Teleport Formation!"

Rean was taken aback for a moment. "You are? But aren't you leaving the city right now? Oh, by the way, you can call me Armoros."

"I'm Lisfialia. Indeed, I'm going out because I'm short of Rank Five Heavenly Stones. Only Divine Origin Energy can operate those Teleport Formations, so I need to earn it as soon as possible. Do you happen to have any Rank Five Heavenly Stones on you, friend?"

Rean could only nod. Even back in the Realm of Gods, the Long Distance Teleport Formations all needed Divine Origin Energy, so he already knew he would need those. Fortunately, Hastian had quite a few of them. He even had a few pieces of Rank Six ones, although they were less than ten. "I do have a few of them."

Lisfialia was ecstatic to hear that. "Great! How about this? You need special authorization to use the Long Distance Teleport Formation here in Lanoe City. I just so happen to have it. If I use my authorization, would you be willing to pay my fee? I can bring us both away."

Rean was puzzled, though. "Espacial authorization? Do you mean a higher rank in the Heaven Realm Cultivation System?"

"Precisely," Lisfalia immediately confirmed. "If you never used the teleport formation before, you probably didn't take the test that qualifies you to use it. I can guarantee that it will take you at least a few weeks until you finish the test as it requires you to go hunt a few Angel Beasts and do some missions."

Rean pondered a bit and nodded. "Alright, seems fair enough. I just happen to be in a hurry as well, so I'll be happy to help."

Roan didn't quite like it. 'This is too much of a coincidence...'

Rean asked him back straight away. 'Do you think she knows who we are? That seems extremely unlikely as well. No one should be able to see through my Angel Transformation. I'm using a completely random appearance too. First of all, it was me who called her over, not the other way around.'

'It can be quickly resolved if you simply capture her and let me interrogate this Angel,' Roan answered.

However, Rean was already flying to the city with the girl, completely ignoring Roan's words. "Thank you for the help. I'll make sure to pay both our fees."

Lisfalia just laughed. "Hahaha! What are you saying? I'm the one doing the easy part, am I not? I'm sure that you can complete the System Test if you tried it out. It's not that hard. It just takes a lot of time to finish. I'm also aware of just how difficult it is to acquire Rank Five Heavenly Stones, so I'm the real one grateful."

In the city, Lisfalia brought Rean to the Teleport Formation located in the facilities of the City Office. There, the workers asked for the identification badge, which she passed straight away.

"Are you bringing someone with you?" The Angel in charge of the teleport formation asked.

"Indeed. This is my friend Armoros. He will be accompanying me during this travel. My badge should give me permission to bring someone with me."

The guy just nodded after confirming the badge had the necessary access level. "Very well. Thank you for your patience. What are your destinations?"

Only now, Rean remembered this important detail. 'Oh, right! Does it teleport to Arcadia City in the Center of Heavens?' He asked Lisfialia through a Divine Sense Message.

'It does, but that's not where I'm going. Nonetheless, it is on the way, so you can use the next teleport formation to teleport to Arcadia. The difference in Heavenly Stones will be deducted due to the distance difference, so you won't lose anything.' Lisfialia explained.

'Seems fair enough. Let's go!' Rean nodded and paid the fee for the teleportation. They both stepped on it and disappeared in a flash of silver light. However... Rean would not get to use the next teleport formation as he expected.