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Chapter 2141: Too Easy to be True

"Are you sure?" Rean inquired, seeking confirmation. "We have no idea what kind of being is sealed inside the Cryogenic Chamber. As far as we know, it might be someone at the Divinity Realm who doesn't welcome visitors."

However, Roan's concern lay elsewhere. "The longer we take, the greater the chances of the Vruve or some other expert seizing the Universe Fragment for themselves. Besides, didn't the system mention that the condition of the being in the Cryo Pod was critical? Even if their cultivation is significant, we should have enough time to at least enter the Dimensional Realm and teleport away."

"That's assuming this individual doesn't disrupt the space around us, right?" Rean narrowed his eyes, mindful of the limitations of the Circuitry Teleport Formation.

Roan nodded. "We'll deal with it when the time comes. The Fragment takes precedence."

In response, Rean let out a sigh. "Fine. I must admit, I'm curious about this being from another Universe." He shifted his attention back to the system. "System, show us the nearest route to teleport to Sector 120A, specifically Cryogenic Pod number 401349X."

Zum, zum, zum, zum...

As expected, arrows indicating the path appeared on the walls once again. The twins left the room with the terminal and followed the arrows, passing by the Patrolling Robots once more. "System, would it be possible for me to acquire one of those defense robots for personal use?"

Celis had suggested that Rean and Roan attempt to obtain these robots so that he could harness their Divine Origin Energy. The Divine Origin Energy inside them seemed untainted by anyone's cultivation, making it usable for their own purposes.

-Negative. Only the command center and authorized personnel are permitted to interact with the Defense System Bots. Any unauthorized interaction will be met with force by the ship's Defense Systems.-

Rean couldn't help but feel disappointed, though not to the extent of Celis inside the Dimensional Realm. 'Damn! This clearance of yours is useless! Rean, you have to obtain a higher clearance at any cost!'

Rean simply ignored Celis and continued to move in the direction indicated by the arrows alongside Roan and Luan. Along the way, Rean entered a few other rooms to inspect them. He found many materials that could be used in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, so he sent them all inside. They were all low-level, but he planned to utilize them for future construction in the dimensional realm.

After over an hour, the twins and Luan arrived at the teleportation formations, even though they were still within the same Sector. They entered a room with numerous empty circular platforms on the ground, varying in size from accommodating thousands of people to just one individual. Despite the differences, they all served the same purpose.

"Are these platforms used for teleportation?" Rean asked.

-Correct. Please be mindful of energy conservation. Our Spaceship requires energy to traverse the planes, so everyone should contribute. Select a Teleportation Device that suits your needs.-

Rean shrugged. "It feels like the government's back on Earth about not wasting water, food, etc..."

Roan paid little attention to it and simply chose a platform large enough for around five or six people. "This should suffice. Let's get on with it."

Rean and Luan joined Roan on the same platform before saying, "System, teleport us to the nearest teleportation device to Cryogenic Pod 401349X in Sector 120A."

A green light illuminated the platform, seemingly unaffected by the Space Stagnation and other powers.

Vup, vup, vup!

In an instant, a green and silver light flashed, and the twins' group disappeared from sight.

Vup, vup, vup!

Less than a second later, the same green and silver light shone on another platform in a completely different location within the Spaceship. The teleportation had transported the twins more than halfway across the ship, all the way to the left wing of the delta-shaped Spaceship.

Plin!

-Welcome, Rean Larks, Clearance Manager of Sector 507-258B.-

The robotic voice echoed in the room as the twins and Luan stepped off the platform. The room lit up, a rare occurrence, revealing the many other platforms surrounding them.

"System, show us the path to Cryogenic Pod number 401349X," Rean requested without wasting time.

However, the system remained silent for a moment before finally responding. -Error: Cryogenic Pod number 401349X is currently inaccessible.-

"Inaccessible? Why?" they immediately inquired.

-Cryogenic Pod number 401349X is located within the damaged Cryogenic Chamber 13R. Due to the extent of the damage, accessing Pod 401349X is currently impossible. Repairs are necessary.-

Roan expressed his dissatisfaction. "System, the life signal of the being inside the pod is critical, correct? We don't mind navigating through a damaged path; just guide us."

-Warning! The weapons system along the path to Cryogenic Pod 401349X has lost connection with the central weapons control system. As a safety measure, it has switched to automatic mode. The weapons system will attack any life forms not originating from the Seventh Region.-

Rean, Roan, and Luan possessed Identification Cards from Sector 507-258B in the Eleventh Region, indicating that they were not native to this area. "It was too good to be true."

"What should we do now?" Luan asked.

They immediately recalled the weapons they had encountered outside the ship. Those devices could pose a threat to the lives of Space-Time Realm beings, let alone their own. "We managed to evade the weapons outside using Rean's Light Bending Skill. However, the sensors inside the ship are likely to be much more advanced." Roan didn't expect everything to be that simple.

Luan decided to ask the system directly. "System, what kind of sensors does the weapons system along the path to Pod 401349X employ?"

-Request denied. The user does not have the necessary access level to inquire about the weapons systems.-

Sighing, Luan had anticipated that response. "Well, at least it was worth a try."

Roan patted Luan's shoulder. "Stay back and keep an eye on our surroundings. Our only option is to test these weapons ourselves. Let's proceed!"

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Chapter 2142: What Sensors?

Fortunately, the teleport platforms weren't far from the Cryogenic Chambers. In less than an hour, the twins had already arrived in Chamber 13R. A door opened in front of them, and they were met by a searing wind due to the air pressure inside that chamber being completely different from the previous room.

However, there was no fire. It was just that the cooling system in the area had completely failed. Many of the pieces of equipment had already fried up, causing even more heat to accumulate since the auto-regeneration system kept attempting to fix what was beyond repair. That definitely didn't help in a place where cold should be used all the time, like a cryogenic chamber.

Nevertheless, the twins had little time to contemplate the situation as Luan sent them a Divine Sense Message from behind. 'Father, Uncle Rean, retreat!'

Without hesitation, the twins immediately used the Enhancement Skill and Shadow Steps to vanish from the entrance, leaving behind only two afterimages.

Ziu, ziu, ziu...

Suddenly, three laser-like shots, compressed of Dark and Light Elements, passed through the twins' afterimages, creating holes in the walls behind them. The twins had exerted all their power to damage the structure of the Spaceship, so one can imagine the strength of those lasers to have achieved such damage in a moment. Of course, the walls began to repair themselves immediately.

Rean and Roan reappeared by Luan's side, nodding at him. "Well done, Luan. Although we probably wouldn't have died, there is no doubt we would have been seriously injured."

Luan smiled bitterly. "I only had enough time to warn you. I saw with my eyes that at the end of the corridor, there were three points that suddenly charged a huge amount of Divine Origin Energy, as well as Dark and Light Elements. It was similar to the weapons outside the Spaceship, but much more concentrated."

"They were designed to be used inside the Spaceship, after all," Rean added. "Moreover, I was using my Light Bending Skill when we opened the door. Clearly, the sensors inside the Spaceship are not solely optical. Otherwise, the weapons system inside wouldn't have been able to detect Roan and me."

Roan pondered for a moment. "Perhaps it also employs thermal sensors?"

Rean could only speculate. "Most likely. Apart from that, it could be using Divine Sense, but my Divine Sense Bending skill didn't detect anything interfering with it. It definitely isn't a soul power scan either."

Luan stated the obvious. "Could it be that this ship can also utilize natural spatial detection?" As everyone knows, if someone in the void tempering realm or above is close enough to you, nothing can hide from beings at similar levels. It feels as if there is a black hole inside their perception ranges due to

the natural displacement of space caused by such experts. The higher the cultivation, the stronger this 'black hole' effect becomes.

However, in a place like the Spaceship and its surroundings, where space is stagnant, even Natural Spatial Perception is heavily affected. Even the twins couldn't see more than a few meters away from themselves, just like Divine Sense. Even Soul Power Scan was no exception in this place.

"If there's one thing we know, it's that this ship's system isn't affected by its own spatial measures. If the weapons system inside can truly utilize Natural Spatial Perception—if you can call it 'natural' at all—then Rean and I certainly can't hide from it," Roan concluded.

"That's not all," Rean continued. "This is undoubtedly a highly advanced system. It might be equipped with other types of sensors like those back on Earth—magnetic sensors, ultrasonic sensors, pressure sensors, and so on. Who knows? It might possess capabilities similar to Luan's eyes. The mere fact that we occupy a space within the air around us is already detectable."

Roan found it hard to believe. "Considering the state of damage inside, I doubt there are that many types of sensors functioning. Let's start with the thermal approach."

Without delay, Roan enveloped himself with his Divine Origin Energy, equalizing his body temperature with the surroundings. Remember that the fused energies are stronger but cost a lot more, so they used only one type whenever possible. Rean did the same. In the next second, it became impossible to discern any temperature difference as the twins' bodies harmonized with the ambient heat. Although the air was hot, the twins, at their cultivation level, had no trouble tolerating such conditions.

Rean then employed his Light Bending Skill once more, making them disappear from sight. Finally, they cautiously approached the entrance again while Luan kept a keen eye on the corridor. 'Not good! Retreat!'

This time, the twins were even more prepared, instantly vanishing from the entrance before another three laser salvos passed through the space they had occupied just moments ago. They reappeared by Luan's side, wearing grim expressions. "It's not only thermal and optical..."

Just as the twins contemplated whether to risk evading the lasers and targeting the weapons at the rear, Luan provided them with an insight. "I noticed something different this time, Father, Uncle Rean."

The twins looked at him, puzzled. "What is it?"

"The direction the lasers were aimed," he explained. "They didn't attempt to hit your vital points."

"This..." Rean and Roan pondered the previous attacks and had to acknowledge Luan's observation.

"Indeed, both shots were aimed precisely at the center of our bodies. It would certainly cause significant damage, but they didn't target the heart, dantian, or head."

At that moment, Rean had an idea. "Then there are two possibilities. Either the weapons system doesn't recognize beings like us and simply aims for the center mass, or it consistently aims there regardless of the target. It could also be due to my Light Bending Skill, preventing it from targeting vital points."

Roan understood Rean's line of thinking. "Are you suggesting we create a false center of mass?"

Rean nodded. "Exactly." Immediately, Rean accessed the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and retrieved several materials, using his Divine Energy to shape them around his body. "If this theory is correct, the lasers should aim for my left side next time."

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Chapter 2143: This Won't Be Easy

Roan didn't need to go with Rean this time. Rean just approached the entrance of the Cryogenic Chamber 13R with his modified body. Well, his body wasn't really different. But because of his Light Bending Skill and the thermal change, it would be very hard to tell which part was the real center of mass. That's because the materials molded around him made him look to have a center of mass far from the body itself.

Ziu, ziu, ziu...

The same three lasers once again shoot, arriving at Rean's location in an instant. This time, however, they hit the fake center of mass that Rean created with the materials. Of course, Rean still retreated straight away as the material he used to make the fake mass was immediately pierced through. "Alright, Roan. Just get the same materials as me and use your Divine Energy to mold them in a similar way.

Considering the interval between shots, it should be enough for us to attack those weapons at the end of the corridor."

Roan nodded, immediately following Rean's lead. They made sure that the shape they took didn't hinder their movements before they counted to three.

"Three!"

'Life Style, Enhancement!'

'Death Style, Shadow Steps!'

Their bodies surged with speed, charging straight at the lasers. Obviously, the lasers noticed it and shot once again.

Just because they created fake centers of mass around their bodies, it didn't mean that Rean and Roan would let them be hit by the weapons. They quickly used Roan's Shadow Steps skill to dodge the lasers, preventing the fake centers of mass from being hit. 'Hmph! As long as we know where they are aiming, dodging is not an issue,' they thought.

Ziu, ziu, ziu, ziu, ziu...

Although there were intervals between shots, they lasted less than a tenth of a second. The twins had to perform over ten changes of direction over the space of a little over a hundred meters to avoid all of them. Fortunately, at their cultivation level, that was pretty easy to do. Even Luan would probably have no trouble doing the same.

'Death Style, Death Scythe!'

'Life Fire, Flame Emperor Slash!'

'Death Style, Stellar Piercer!'

Swish, Swish, Pucchi!

Boom, boom, boom!

The moment the weapons on the walls were hit, they exploded due to the Divine Origin Energy and Elements accumulated inside to shoot.

Fortunately for the twins, they didn't even have to use their fused energies. Divine Origin Energy alone was more than enough considering they also had their Stellar Bodies. In an environment where Space Power is severely affected, the twins truly have an enormous advantage.

Buan, buan, buan, buan...

Unfortunately, destroying the weapons on the walls was the least of the twins' problems. Alarms began to sound around them, which prompted the door behind them to close immediately. Fortunately, Luan had used the chance to get past the door as soon as he saw that the twins would succeed in destroying the lasers. Nonetheless, that meant the three of them got no way back unless they used the Circuitry Teleport Formation.

"Should we leave?" Rean immediately remembered how this alarm had happened before, just to disappear a few seconds later, saying that the threat had been eliminated.

Roan shook his head. "Not before ascertaining what we are dealing with. If it is really impossible, we will give up rescuing whoever is in that Cryo Pod." He then looked back. "Luan, keep informing us of the dangers around."

"Yes, Father!" Luan didn't stop using his Sacred Eyes even for a moment since they entered. From there onward, he used Divine Sense to communicate. 'Father, Uncle Rean, five masses of Divine Origin Energy are moving in our way from the corridor on the left, thirty steps ahead. They will appear in your line of sight in four seconds.'

The twins nodded. 'They should be the patrolling bots.'

Sure enough, five of the robots the twins had seen many times immediately appeared in front. However, the moment they did, a Dark and White wave of Light and Dark Elements was already there to meet them.

'Death Style, Death Scythe!'

'Death Style, Crescent Moon!'

Swish, swish, swish, clang, clang!

All the robots generated a Divine Origin Energy shield around them as they formed a line. The first three robots were still slashed through by the twins' attacks. However, they also helped reduce the twins' attack strength so that the two robots behind could survive.

Rean and Roan narrowed their eyes. 'Their combat AI is truly impressive. Even at such close range, they immediately identified that it was impossible to hold our attacks back and communicated with each other to get three of them to sacrifice so two could survive.'

Fortunately, the twins were using their shared memories for communication, so everything happened in a fraction of a second.

Boom, boom, boom!

The three robots that were cut down immediately exploded their Divine Origin Cores, causing a blast around them.

The twins were also within the explosion range, so they were forced to retreat. Not that they couldn't resist the explosion, but that it would be a waste of energy.

Ziu, ziu!

From behind the explosion, two rays of Light and Dark Elements pierced through the blast, aiming straight at the twins. It's just that these rays did the same thing as the previous weapons on the walls. They aimed at the fake center of mass the twins had created with other materials.

The twins were surprised by the attack as there were no lasers on the walls around them. The auto-recovery system also worked on those weapons after they were destroyed, but it took a lot longer to fix them than it did to fix damaged walls. They were nowhere near being repaired yet. The ones who shot the lasers were the robots who survived instead.

The twins obviously dodged the lasers straight away. They might be surprised, but it wasn't like they weren't expecting something to happen in this situation.

Zush, zush!

However, right where the lasers passed, two balls of energy suddenly materialized, taking the form of the robots from before.

'What?!' This time, the twins were truly taken aback. 'They can use their lasers to teleport!'

They only had time to think about it when suddenly, the robots' bodies turned red, just like the other three. 'Fuck! They will self-explode too!'

Boom, boom!

Rean and Roan immediately retreated. At the same time, they finally used their Fused Energy to protect against the explosion. It was only a bit of fused energy, but they used it nonetheless.

Tud, tud.

They landed once again on Luan's side. "This won't be easy..."

Luan's eyes immediately detected more movements. 'Father, Uncle Rean, another seven of them coming from the end of the corridor.'

Rean and Roan looked at each other and nodded. 'We can only move and fight at the same time. Luan, follow us!' And thus, they started to make their way to the Cryo Pod.

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Chapter 2144: Moving Through Chaos

'Lasers on the walls, 240 meters ahead, after the next left corner! There are five of them this time!' Luan immediately informed the twins of the additional danger as he followed them from behind.

Rean and Roan had no choice but to pass through that passage, so they promptly split up, each taking one side of the corridor. It wasn't that there weren't better paths; it's just that the other routes were blocked due to the damage in Cryogenic Chamber 13R.

Ziu, ziu, ziu, ziu...

'Life Style, Enhancement!'

'Death Style, Shadow Steps!'

The twins skillfully evaded left and right while the lasers kept targeting the false center of their mass. In the end, Rean was correct. The lasers aimed at the wrong parts of their bodies because he was also employing the Light Bending Skill. The other sensors couldn't discern Rean and Roan's true appearance, so they simply shot at what their programming deemed the most significant areas.

Just as the twins prepared to counterattack the lasers, Luan's voice once again resonated in their minds through Divine Sense. 'Careful! There are at least ten of those deranged robots about to surround and attack you.'

The twins had already lost count of the number of times the robots had attacked them, only to self-destruct in the end. Eventually, the robots abandoned attempts to kill the group with conventional attacks. As mobile units, they lacked the firepower of the lasers and other wall-mounted weapons,

which had a direct energy source. Consequently, the robots changed their strategy, attempting to get as close as possible to the twins to self-destruct. Fortunately, not all of them had those teleport systems inside them, so it was a little easier to deal with.

The twins observed that the robots would emerge right in front of them at the end of this corridor. Perhaps they were trying to obstruct the twins to allow the lasers to continue firing while they held them down. However, this positioning would also bunch them together for a brief moment.

'Death and Life Style, Seventh Form, Sun and Moon Obliteration!'

This was an attack the twins hadn't employed in quite some time. They concentrated their Light and Dark Elements onto their weapons, surpassing the usual quantity used in any other attack. Afterward, instead of the typical fusion, they intentionally provoked a reaction between the two elements. Finally, they unleashed their weapons, causing a surge of chaotic Dark and Light Elements.

But that wasn't all. This attack also contained traces of Fused Energies, not to mention their weapon intents at the third level.

The robots immediately appeared on either side, forming a barrier while the lasers behind them intensified their barrage. Unfortunately for them, their actions only fueled the already chaotic wave of Dark and Light Elements!

"Explode!"

BOOM!

Both the robots and the lasers behind them were instantly obliterated! However, the twins kept their distance.

Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom...

The Divine Origin Energy cores of the robots and accumulated energy of the lasers promptly combusted as well, triggering a chain reaction that swept through all the corridors, extending several hundred

meters. The twins and Luan were naturally within range, unable to dodge. Fortunately, they were far enough from the explosion for their protective barriers to withstand the blast.

'These robots and lasers are much weaker than I anticipated,' Rean commented suddenly, waiting for the explosion to subside.

Roan nodded. 'But have you noticed that they all seem to be in quite poor condition? They're in much worse shape than the patrol robots we encountered in that insignificant sector.'

'The system wasn't kidding when it mentioned that Chamber 13R had sustained significant damage. Even the weapon systems aren't functioning properly,' Rean added. 'Luan, can you check if the energy being supplied to the wall-mounted lasers is somehow affected?'

Luan wasted no time and focused even more on his elemental world. He could perceive the faint threads of energy permeating everything around him, including those directed at the lasers. Unlike the robots, the lasers lacked cores. The energy released when they attacked the twins originated from these threads. 'The energy supply is highly irregular. Now that I think about it, the threads I observed in the water management sector were far superior.'

'Just as I suspected,' Rean expressed his satisfaction with Luan's answer. 'The energy source in this sector is damaged, or perhaps it lacks one altogether, so it's drawing energy from other sectors. That explains why we're finding these defenses relatively easy to deal with.'

Indeed, the weapons systems here were inferior to those in other areas. However, it wasn't a walk in the park for everyone. The truth was that even experts in the Space-Time Realm would have encountered greater challenges than the twins currently faced. Not because they were weaker but because they heavily relied on their Spatial and Time powers, whereas the twins could lean more on their purer elements, fused energies, and, most importantly, their starlight bodies. Let's not forget Rean's superior weapons and their weapon intents too. The environment simply made the twins' methods more optimal than anyone else.

'Let's proceed!' Roan noticed a slight decrease in the explosion's intensity and immediately leaped forward. The walls were incredibly robust, so despite the damage, they held firm. The auto-repair system would soon activate, restoring them to their previous state. However, this also included the lasers on the walls, so the twins had no intention of being present when that happened.

"System, which direction now?" Rean spoke loudly. Prior to entering Chamber 13R, Rean had requested a means of communication within. As expected, the system guided them to a room where they obtained a few devices capable of communication within the spaceship. The best part was that these devices required an ID card to function, making it highly likely that only the twins possessed the ability to utilize them on the ship at the moment. It was perfect for a Spaceship where Divine Sense was almost completely blocked.

-Two floors down. The elevator has been compromised due to damage in Chamber 13R. Please proceed to the stairs located 1316 meters away from your current position. To reach there, take the second left and then the eleventh right.-

"Understood!"

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Chapter 2145: Guardian

Boom!

A door exploded, leaving behind a gaping hole. Outside, a chaotic mix of Light and Dark Elements, accompanied by Divine Origin Energy, swirled in a mesmerizing display. Scattered across the ground were the remains of several robots, reduced to mere scraps.

Zush, zush, zush!

Three figures emerged from the newly formed breach. Stepping through the debris, they surveyed their surroundings with unwavering determination. Ignoring the rapid repairs being carried out by an auto-repair system, they remained on high alert, scanning for any signs of additional robots or defense mechanisms. Naturally, these three individuals were none other than Rean, Roan, and Luan.

Rean held a device provided by the spaceship's system and addressed it directly. "Hey, system, how far away is Cryogenic Pod 401349X?"

The system wasted no time in responding. -The room with Cryogenic Pod 401349X is located 153 meters to the left.-

The spaceship they found themselves in was colossal. Their journey through Chamber 13R alone had taken over five long hours. Most of the chamber was in ruins, making it nearly impossible to navigate. The remaining paths were also guarded by the weapons system, posing a significant challenge.

The biggest issue they faced was that not all the robots or wall-mounted lasers had been damaged or cut off from their supply of Divine Origin Energy. Along their path, they encountered numerous of those defenses in pristine condition, making their mission even more difficult. However, the twins had a unique advantage—they could use their Fused Energies without restraint. Even if it meant expending large amounts of energy, they were willing to do so.

Whenever they faced imminent danger, they unleashed their Fused Energies, combining their powers to overcome their foes. Once their targets were defeated, they sought refuge in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. There, they used Divine Stones to replenish their energy, converting it back into Divine Origin Energy, enabling them to continue using their fused powers.

While recovering in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, they decided to give a name to their fused energy. After all, it looked weird to call it Fused Energies all the time. It wasn't meant to have any deep meaning, though; it was just an easy-to-remember name. Inspired by the light sky blue color resulting from their fusion, they simply called it Sky Energy.

Rean glanced to the left and saw no obstacles in their path. "My Sky Energy is still pretty much full. Should we keep going? I can't see any of those robots or the annoying lasers."

Roan nodded in agreement. "Let's keep moving."

'Wait!' Luan's message reached the twins through their Divine Sense, causing them to halt. 'There's something right behind that door. The amount of Divine Origin Energy emanating from it is nearly five times greater than any of the robots we've encountered so far.'

Rean turned to Luan and asked, "Could it be the living being trapped inside Cryogenic Pod 401349X?"

Luan shook his head. "It's not. That concentration of Divine Origin Energy doesn't match what you'd find in a Dantian or a Demon Core. It's probably one of those defense robots or something similar."

Roan shrugged. "Well, we won't know until we see it. Luan, keep an eye out."

Luan nodded, maintaining his distance from the twins while scanning their surroundings for any normal robots or wall-mounted weapons.

With caution, Rean and Roan approached the door, ready to force their way through, just as they had done with the previous doors in Chamber 13R. However...

Vuuuuuuu...

To their surprise, the door swung open effortlessly. It was obvious that it had not checked their ID cards, though. Nevertheless, they remained on guard, curious to uncover what awaited them on the other side.

Before them stood a slender metallic robot, distinct from the floating poles they had encountered until now. Resembling a star-shaped figure barely a meter tall, it defied gravity with its four elongated blade-like limbs. Its two leg-like blades delicately balanced on their tips, while its triangular head housed a lens that resembled a camera.

The twins squinted, sensing a greater danger emanating from this robot compared to any they had encountered thus far. Yet, the star-shaped automaton remained motionless. "Did this robot open the door for us?" Rean pondered aloud, considering that none of the previous doors had unlocked on their own in Chamber 13R.

Roan shrugged, unaware of the robot's intentions. "Who knows? Just be careful. There's something off about it."

Preferring not to rush, the twins lingered outside the room, observing the robot for any signs of activity. Other than the lens tracking their movements, the automaton seemed almost inactive.

Growing impatient, Roan decided to take action. He swiftly gathered his Dark Element, infused it with a hint of Divine Origin Energy, and conjured a Dark Arrow in his hand. Without hesitation, he released the arrow, sending it hurtling towards the robot.

Zush!

In a split second, the arrow reached the center of the robot, poised to strike. However, their plan quickly took a turn a turn for the worse.

Swish!

The twins could barely register what happened next. Roan's Dark Element Arrow was effortlessly sliced in two, cleaving it from top to bottom. The arrow's energy dissipated instantly as if it had never existed.

"That was fast!" Rean and Roan exclaimed, taking a deep breath. They immediately understood that even if they burned their Nascent Souls, they might still not be able to match the speed at that the robot's blade just moved.

[No, it's not just speed,] interjected Sister Orb's voice in their minds. [That thing is quite fast, no doubt. But you should be able to match it if you go all out. However, this thing in front of you can also manipulate time, much like an expert in the Space-Time Realm. And it doesn't seem to have the same limitations as Spiegel did when he wielded Time Power.]

Luan confirmed from a safe distance, "Sister Orb is right, Father. This robot's Divine Origin Energy hasn't diminished, even after using Time Power. Be careful!"

The twins nodded in agreement. Fortunately, the robot showed no signs of leaving the room, alleviating their immediate concerns. However, the challenge of gaining entry remained. They pondered their next move, wondering how to get rid of this thing.

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Chapter 2146: Person?

As Rean grew accustomed to the light within the room where the robot resided, he vaguely noticed something peculiar at the back. There was a blue pod resembling a cocoon, connected by numerous thick cables sprawling across the room. Above it, a continuous stream of holographic red messages appeared. However, they were too far away for Rean to read. 'That must be the Cryogenic Pod we were searching for.'

But at that moment, Roan wasn't concerned about that. The new robot in front of them posed a far greater threat.

'Death World Domain!'

Roan's domain expanded for the first time since the twins acquired Sky Energy. It became significantly denser, enhancing the corrosive power of the Dark Element. Since the robot was right in front of them, it was inevitably enveloped by Roan's Domain. "Let's see if I can corrode it without getting too close."

However, he soon realized that his efforts were futile. A thin golden membrane materialized around the star-shaped robot, preventing Roan's Domain from reaching it. 'Time Power...'

Nevertheless, Roan didn't stop there. He swiftly conjured more of his simple dark arrows and hurled them at the robot.

Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish...

Yet, each arrow was effortlessly sliced in half from top to bottom. It seemed as though the robot had no trouble doing so. The only issue was that it still refused to leave the room where the pod was located. "This isn't getting us anywhere..." Realizing his attacks were in vain, Roan ceased his assault and retracted his domain.

Rean nodded before turning his attention to Luan. "What's the situation around us?"

Understanding Rean's meaning, Luan swiftly surveyed their surroundings. "At the moment, it doesn't appear that any other robots are approaching. However, my vision is limited within this ship, so I might have missed those that might be coming from a greater distance."

That's what Rean wanted to hear. "Alright, for now, let's focus on this one. What if we attack it together? Using Mirage Assault, we can create several copies and unleash a barrage of attacks simultaneously. While the copies may not be as effective as before, they should be enough to deceive this robot."

"Hmm..." Roan had reservations about its effectiveness, but it was better than doing nothing. "Alright, let's try combining our real attacks with the mirages and see what happens."

'Death Style, Mirage Assault!'

Instantly, three clones of Rean and three of Roan materialized at their sides, bearing an identical appearance. In the past, this ability could create clones with around 80% of the twins' true power. However, as their power grew, the clones couldn't keep up. Nowadays, they possess less than 10% of the twins' actual strength, so they rarely utilize this technique.

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

All the clones, along with the real twins, executed the Claws of the Dragon, unleashing numerous slashes from all directions against the robot in the room. The real twins' attacks carried their weapon intents and Sky Energy while appearing indistinguishable from the clones.

Zin, zin, zin, zin, zin...

Unfortunately, Roan's intuition was correct. The robot didn't even need to leave its position as it deflected and slashed through all the twins' attacks, whether real or fake. It appeared to handle the situation with ease.

"Alright, let's not waste any more time," Roan promptly dispelled his clones, which vanished in dark light particles.

"Sigh..." Rean followed suit, dismissing his clones as they dissipated. It wasn't that the twins didn't want to employ a more powerful strategy, but they feared causing harm to the Cryogenic Pod at the back of the room. "Dark Element is ineffective. Attempting to use speed won't work either since this thing can manipulate Time Power without the constraints that affect other cultivators. If it weren't for its reluctance to leave the room, we might have already fled. It's incredibly powerful."

Roan couldn't help but inquire. 'Sister Orb, is this thing controlled by any kind of formation? Perhaps you could attempt to hack into it.'

However, Sister Orb dismissed the idea. [You can forget about that. I can sense many inscriptions resembling Rean's Circuitry Formations, but they are entirely different from those we use in our Universe. It's not that I'm incapable of making it work, but the time required to analyze and hack into it would be ridiculously long. At the very least, you'd have to be prepared to wait in this place for a few years. And even then, I can't guarantee success.]

Rean shrugged. "In that case, I can only think of one solution."

Roan understood his brother's intent. "Seems like we can only deplete its Divine Origin Energy Core and hope it has no means of replenishing it while it defends." They had a lot of Divine Stones, and this robot definitely had to use energy to move.

However, at that moment, Luan approached the twins from behind, capturing their attention. "What's the matter?" Roan had instructed Luan to keep his distance, and Luan wasn't one to defy orders, so there had to be a reason for his proximity.

"Well... I was just wondering. Have you tried asking it if we can pass?" Luan inquired with an odd expression.

"Ask... it?" Rean and Roan exchanged glances. They didn't believe such a straightforward approach would work, but that didn't mean they couldn't attempt it, right? "I guess we haven't tried that yet."

Luan then saluted the robot in front of him without entering the room. "Hello, Mr. Guardian. We've come here because we received information that the person inside the Cryogenic Pod behind you is in critical condition. If we are not allowed to proceed and investigate, that person may die."

Suddenly, a voice emanated from the robot. -No information was found in this unit's internal database. Required information: What is a person?-

Surprisingly, the robot responded to their words. It became apparent that it had never encountered a person before, confirming that the occupant inside the pod was certainly not human. Nonetheless, they could at least try a different approach now.

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Chapter 2147: Dilemma

As Rean's group came to their senses, they decided to temporarily forgo any further attacks. "Ahem... a person would be someone from the same race as me," Luan spoke up. "I'm a human, and humans are people." Luan used himself as an example since Rean and Roan, still maintaining their disguised appearances, looked far from humans at that moment.

The robot analyzed the information. -Race not found in this unit's internal database. Incorporating new parameters. -Human People Race incorporated.-

Luan, feeling the need to clarify, attempted to interject. "That's not exactly what I meant—" However, he halted as he realized it would likely be fruitless. "Forget it. Our primary objective is to gain access to the pod and provide assistance to whoever is inside."

The robot responded, -Master's explicit orders dictate that I must ensure uninterrupted sleep. Consequently, entrance to this room is prohibited. Permission denied.-

Luan persisted. "Can't you see that the Cryogenic Pod is malfunctioning?" he pleaded.

The robot took a moment to process the new information. -Analyzing alternatives.- After a brief pause, it continued, -Error: Alternatives require repairs that cannot be performed by this unit.-

Rean saw an opportunity and chimed in. "How does your master address you?"

The robot replied promptly. -This unit's Serial Number is Z107945, model Unlimited Blades C2. My Master typically refers to me as Zeta.-

Rean nodded, formulating his plan. "Alright, Zeta. I believe you serve as your Master's Personal Service Bot, or something similar, correct?"

Zeta confirmed Rean's assumption. -That is correct. Zeta's algorithm is programmed to serve the Master indefinitely, using the Master's ID Number and DNA for identification purposes.-

"Very well," Rean continued. "In that case, what is your main priority in serving your Master?" he inquired.

Zeta responded with clarity. -Master's orders are of the utmost importance and main priority.-

A smile formed on Rean's face. "You are diligently carrying out your Master's orders to ensure his rest. However, his sleep is about to be disrupted due to the malfunctioning Cryogenic Pod 401349X. Allowing this to persist would lead to his demise, thus rendering your duty a failure. Nevertheless, if you permit us to examine the pod, we may be able to aid your Master in his slumber. At the very least, he will survive and have the opportunity to rest again in the future."

Zeta's programming encountered an internal conflict. -Master's orders are in conflict with themselves. Allowing the Master's death would prevent the fulfillment of his orders.-

Rean patiently waited as Zeta continued processing the information.

-Analyzing alternatives.- The robot's digital voice resonated with uncertainty. -Error: Accepting alternatives would cause this unit to fail its mission, as it would require outside assistance to perform the necessary repairs and allow entry into this room.-

Another internal conflict arose as Zeta deliberated the consequences of its choices. -Error: Not accepting alternatives would cause this unit to fail its mission, as the Master's sleep would be interrupted by his death.-

The tension built up, and the robot's systems seemed to struggle with the complexity of the situation. The sounds of electronic glitches filled the air.

Ziiiiiiiiiiiiii...

To the surprise of Rean's group, the machine emitted a noise as if building up pressure.

Sensing danger, Rean, Roan, and Luan instinctively took a step back. They were well aware that this robot possessed five times the amount of Divine Origin Energy as the previous ones. Being too close if it were to explode would not bode well for their safety.

-E-E-Error-Error-

-E-E-E-Errrr-rrrrr-E-----E-Erooorrrr-

Ziiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii...

Anticipating an imminent explosion, the twins didn't hesitate.

Zush, zush

Rean and Roan grabbed Luan by the shoulder and disappeared in a flash of movement. In the midst of their retreat, Roan couldn't help but complain. "Look at what you've done. If it explodes, whoever is inside that pod is dead-fried meat!"

Frustrated, Rean fired back, "I wasn't trying to fry its systems! I simply thought that by making the robot prioritize its Master's life, we could gain access to the room. How could I have known that such an advanced machine would possess such a critical flaw in its programming?"

However, contrary to their expectations, the anticipated explosion did not occur.

Bzzzz...

Clancgand...

A thick, white smoke billowed from the machine's head, and it tumbled forward, collapsing between the corridor and the room. After standing erect for countless years, it failed to do for the first time as the robot's internal circuitry had been obliterated, rendering it immobile.

With the absence of an explosion, Rean, Roan, and Luan cautiously approached the fallen robot once more.

Tuk, tuk, tuk...

Rean tapped the robot's head a few times, but it remained motionless. "Could it be some sort of defective product? It's hard to believe that a programming dilemma could fry its circuits. Especially considering how advanced this spaceship is," he mused.

Luan offered a suggestion. "Perhaps it sustained damage during the same events that caused Chamber 13R to end like this."

Roan agreed, nodding. "That's a plausible theory. After all, if its mission was to prevent anyone from entering the room, why did it initially open the door for us?"

Rean and Luan concurred with Roan's assessment. "That makes sense."

Suddenly, Celis's voice echoed from the Dimensional Realm. 'Hey, hey, hey! Are you planning to leave that robot lying outside? It has a Divine Origin Energy core with more power than any of the others. Send it to the Dimensional Realm, and Sister Orb can extract the core without causing an explosion.'

[Well, that's true. Nothing happens here without my approval.]

Rean, Roan, and Luan had no objections. They welcomed the additional Divine Origin Energy, especially in such abundance.

However, Roan gave up the idea in the end. "This robot was probably property of the guy in the Pod. We better keep it out for now in case it asks for this Zeta or whatever."

'What?!' Celis obviously didn't like it. 'Just tell him that you couldn't find it!'

Roan shook his head in response. 'We can ask it for this robot after. For now, it is better to not cause any unnecessary trouble.' And so, the Robot stayed on the ground.

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Chapter 2148: Request Accepted

-Please connect the communication device's XB port to the XB port in the Cryogenic Pod 401349X. Due to the poor connection between Chamber 13R and the rest of the Sector, the system will need to use the communication device to assess the situation. At the moment, the system can only tell that the being inside is in critical condition due to the Pod's malfunction.-

Rean had no idea what an XB port was, but he imagined it was something similar to a USB or a similar port on Earth. After checking the device, he did indeed find an entrance there. He quickly looked around the room and found many cables, one of which was just perfect for the device he was using.

After searching for the same type of connector on the Cryogenic Pod, Rean quickly connected the two devices together. His device screen began to show huge amounts of information every second, which looked quite similar to the holographic messages appearing on the Pod itself.

-Cryogenic Pod's issue found. The Divine Energy Conversion Capacitor has been damaged. That caused the Pod to have a poor flow of energy that controls the stasis inside. Divine Energy Conversion Capacitor must be changed.-

Rean nodded. "Alright, that can be done. However, we would rather wake this being up first. Would that be possible?"

-Negative. If the Pod's stasis is interrupted in this state, it will lose its balance between the environment inside and outside. The stasis release would happen way too fast, possibly breaking the being inside into many parts.-

Rean scratched the back of his head. He had no idea how this thing worked or what a Divine Energy Conversion Capacitor looked like. "As you know, I was previously working in another sector far away from here. I did not receive any training on how to fix Cryogenic Pods. How am I supposed to change this thing you asked?"

Immediately, the holographic messages on the communication device increased in size, showing many different manuals. After a few moments, the images stabilized, presenting a clear step-by-step procedure to open and change the capacitor. Even someone who had never seen technology before would probably be able to follow the instructions there.

-The system can only provide the necessary instructions. It is possible to use a repairing bot to carry out the procedure, but this robot has to be taken from outside Chamber 13R.-

Rean immediately shook his head. His group already took this long to arrive here. They definitely didn't want to make their way back just to return to this place once again. After all, they would most likely have to fight their way through on both occasions. He would rather try it himself. "Well, the instructions seem pretty clear. Let me give it a try. System, can you find anywhere near here with this Divine Energy Conversion Capacitor?"

-Searching...-

-Object found. 12 meters to the left, the second container from the top. It is labeled as 'Transportation Parts.' Warning: This container is set to be sent to Sector 132B. The system recommends that Clearance Manager Rean contact the Sector 132B Clearance Manager Luvati and inform him of the necessity for the use of these parts. The transportation of the container has been delayed.-

Rean shrugged his shoulders. Everyone in this Spaceship is gone, so how does the system expect him to contact this Luvati guy? "I'll tell him later," was all Rean could say.

Clang...

Rean forced the container open and soon found the capacitor. It was identical to the ones shown in the step-by-step instructions on the communication device. Finally, he approached the Cryogenic Pod and looked for the lid mentioned in the instructions too. "Let's see... it should be this one..."

Roan and Luan observed from afar. Rean was the one who always dealt with technological things in the Dimensional Realm, so he was obviously the best for the job.

"Oh! There we go!" Rean pressed the commands necessary to pause the Pod for a moment while he changed the capacitor. Sure enough, he could see that the one in the Pod had a few cracks on it, different from the new one he had. After a few minutes, the new Divine Energy Conversion Capacitor was in place. "Let's give it a try. System, check the Pod now."

-Analyzing...-

The red messages on the Pod began to disappear one by one. The Pod's condition also seemed to change as the system operated the machine. Finally, only blue messages of all sorts were left in front of the Pod.

-Cryogenic Pod 401349X is now fully functional. Life conditions inside are stabilizing. The life recovery system is now healing the body's damage. Time left: 31 minutes.-

Rean was satisfied. "Great! Let me know when it is safe to halt the stasis inside the Pod."

-Request accepted.-

Rean then turned to Roan and Luan at the back of the room. "Seems like everything worked just fine. We just need to wait."

Roan nodded back at him. "As long as we can get this guy out, that's fine. Luan, can you see the being inside? The Pod seems to block Divine Sense too. Even standing on its side doesn't allow me to see the cultivation of whoever is there."

Luan nodded. "I can see, Father. However, I can't tell exactly how strong this being's cultivation is. I can see that its Dantian... or maybe Demon Core... has Divine Origin Energy inside, so it is definitely someone at the Space Bending Realm, at least. However, I can't tell if this is this being's full capacity or not. It might be that the being inside hasn't absorbed Divine Origin Energy in a very long time, and I'm only seeing a fraction of what he can hold inside. Or maybe this indeed is all this being can accumulate, and it is in a lower stage of the same Realm as you and Uncle Rean."

Roan narrowed his eyes. If there was no Divine Origin Energy, it at least meant the being inside was in the Void Tempering Realm or below. But that was obviously not the case.

Rean spread his arms. "Well, it is not like we can go back now. Just be ready to flee into the Dimensional Realm."

Luan and Roan nodded. "That's the only choice."

The trio then sat somewhere around the room and waited for the recovery to be over. Finally, the system spoke once again. -Recovery finished.-

"Good." Rean was waiting for that. "System, halt the stasis and allow the being inside to come out."

-Request accepted.-

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Chapter 2149: Last Log

Tshhhhhhh...

The lid of the Cryogenic Pod opened gradually, releasing a white, cold fog that spread throughout the room. The lid completely raised, revealing the entity inside the pod... if it could even be called an entity at all. Something resembling a Green Jelly rolled out from the pod and fell onto the ground.

Blob, blob, blob...

It bounced a few times, coming to a stop a few meters away, motionless.

"Errr..." Rean, Roan, and Luan were at a loss for words. They glanced back at the pod, hoping to find the actual being they were expecting. However, to their disappointment, the pod was now completely empty after the Jelly rolled out. "Um... System, where is the being you mentioned?" Rean couldn't help but inquire.

-Searching...-

-It is located two meters to your right.-

Rean, Roan, and Luan turned their attention to the Jelly, only to find it still and lifeless. "Is it alive? Wait, is it even a living being? It appears to be nothing more than some Jelly Dessert."

Blub!

Suddenly, the Jelly pulsed once, and a green bead-like object moved within it.

Glug, glug, glug...

Three cavities formed on the front of the Jelly, or perhaps it was the back? Maybe Top? Bottom? Side? They weren't quite sure. These cavities resembled a mouth and two eyes, although they were empty. Luan noticed a small accumulation of Divine Origin Energy within the eye sockets, though. The... creature... then sucked in the air into its gelatinous body and emitted a peculiar, high-pitched voice. "Zeta, why are the living samples out of their cages? Weird, I don't remember having this species in our stock. Besides, didn't I tell you not to wake me up for the next three days? I need my rest!"

The twins' group was taken aback by the Jelly's words. Three days? Could it be that it had been awake since they arrived on the Spaceship over two weeks ago? No, that didn't make sense. According to their knowledge, this pod had been housing this... thing... for countless years. It seemed the Jelly was unaware of the extended duration it had spent inside the Cryogenic Pod.

The Jelly noticed that it couldn't hear any response from its robot, so it turned around to search for it. Only then did it see the fallen robot on the ground. "What?! Who broke my Zeta?!!! Do you have any idea how expensive this model is?!!!"

"Um..." Rean raised his hand. "I apologize. I asked a question to that robot, but then white smoke started to emanate from it before it fell to the ground on its own. Could it be a failure in its algorithm?" He had numerous questions, but he thought it best to try and calm the Jelly down first.

The Jelly jumped back, trembling. Its face, if one could call it that, displayed shock upon hearing Rean's words. "You can speak? This Universe shouldn't harbor any species intelligent enough to communicate.

Could it be that you are a visitor from another Universe? Yes, that seems more plausible. Nevertheless, it doesn't explain why you are in my lab right now. However, I will make sure your superiors pay for what happened to my Zeta, so you better be prepared."

Rean shook his head. "We came here because the Spaceship's System informed us that there was a living being in critical condition inside a Cryogenic Pod in this Chamber 13R. Just so you know, it was me who replaced the Divine Energy Conversion Capacitor to fix your Cryogenic Pod and save your life."

"What are you talking about?" The Jelly didn't believe Rean. "I'm Tanxan Tanxin, one of the leading researchers aboard the Dimensional Yin Yang Spaceship! I keep my equipment in pristine condition! There's no way my Cryogenic Pod could malfunction after just a few days of sleep," it said, attempting to retrieve the broken Zeta from the ground.

However, it soon became apparent that something was amiss. The red emergency lights were on in the corridor, and there was hardly anyone in sight. Well, the only ones in sight were the twins and Luan... Moreover, Tanxan's lab was in complete disarray compared to how he had left it a few days ago. "What is happening here? System, report the status!" Yet, the system remained silent.

"Um..." Rean caught Tanxan's attention. "Apologies, but if you want to communicate with the system at the moment, you'll need to use one of these." Rean then handed one of the few devices he had taken before entering the chamber to the Jelly.

Tanxan recognized it immediately. "Are you serious? Has the Dimensional Yin Yang Spaceship come under attack? Wait, could it be that your race attacked us, and you are now here to capture me?"

"No, no, no!" Rean promptly refuted that idea. "We had absolutely nothing to do with what happened here. If we truly wanted to capture you, do you think we would have allowed you to exit the Cryogenic Pod?"

"That's true..." Tanxan had to admit that Rean's words made sense. He then turned his attention to the communication device before speaking. "System, report the status of Chamber 13R. ID Number: 07794513S, Tanxan Tanxin."

-ID number found. Inquiring request accepted. Chamber 13R has sustained significant damage. Repairing robots are insufficient to restore its functionality. The Defense System has been activated to attack any intruders from outside the Seventh Region.-

"What?!" Tanxan exclaimed, looking back at Rean, Roan, and Luan. "The Defense System only activates if the ship is in danger. How did the three of you end up in my lab with this thing activated?"

-Sector 507-258B Temporary Clearance Manager Rean Larks and his two subordinates fought their way through the Defense System to reach this location. Objective: Reach Cryogenic Pod 401349X, which was in critical condition. Total number of Patrolling Robots destroyed in the process: 389. Total number of wall-mounted defenses destroyed: 257.-

"This..." Tanxan finally started to believe the twins' group. "What in the world is going on?"

Rean raised his hand. "I think a better question would be 'when.'"

"When?" Tanxan began to feel a sense of foreboding. "System... How long have I been in the Cryogenic Pod?"

-Inquiring request accepted. It is impossible to calculate the exact duration. Would the last time the pod communicated with the system suffice?-

"Yes!"

-The last log filed by Cryogenic Pod 401349X occurred 12,589,741 years, 8 months, and 22 days ago. User Tanxan Tanxin should be aware that the pod had already been in use for an extended period before that, which the system is currently unable to estimate. The total activation time exceeds the system's recording capabilities.-

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Chapter 2150: Major

The Jelly suddenly flattened on the ground, which made the voice coming from it even more comical. "How's that possible... Over twelve million years... No, that's only the time when my pod last communicated with the system. It might as well have been twenty million, thirty million, or even more!"

"Ahem," Rean tried to cheer Tanxan a little. "Well, that also shows your dedication to your equipment. Even after millions of years, it was still working. As expected of the leading researcher of the Dimensional Yin Yang Spaceship!"

Tanxan's jelly body then returned to normal. "Working fine? Then why it didn't stop the cryostasis?" Thinking about that, Tanxan moved to the Cryogenic Pod and began to check the information. Many holographic messages appeared one after another before Tanxan finally found his answer. "I see... the time input was made through the system, but it seems like the database responsible for it was suddenly deactivated. No, judging the state of this Chamber 13R, I guess the database has been damaged or destroyed."

Roan wasn't really in the mood to wait for Tanxan to recover, though. "Alright, what happened happened. There is a reason why we came here to wake you up. We need your help."

Tanxan turned around and looked at Roan. "Now that I think about it, just who the hell are you? How come you only came to release me now?"

Rean nodded. "I'll give you a full explanation." He then used a Divine Sense Message to explain everything that led to the exploration of the Ruins of the Stars. After all, it would take too long to speak it. "And that's how we ended here."

"This..." Tanxan didn't know what to say. "The Yin Yang Space Barrier was kept running all this time, so no one could enter until now. However, due to this war between the two higher realms, it seems to have been affected. That makes sense."

Roan narrowed his eyes. "Why? These two higher realms fight is happening really far away from this spaceship. Why did the spaceship open due to that?"

However, Tanxan shook his blobby head... or was it a head? Let's consider it so. "You seem to not understand how the Yin Yang Space Barrier works. It doesn't generate the Light and Dark Elements on its own. Instead, it draws them through a spatial displacement that covers an area tens of thousands of

times bigger than the ship itself. Usually, in open space, these two elements are pretty much perfectly balanced."

He continued. "However, after this Heavens of yours began to fill the Underworld with Light Element, it also affected the balance in the rest of the Universe. It makes sense since these two realms are responsible for much of the land in existence. That caused the change in the Yin Yang Space Barrier, which obviously allowed your forces to enter this place. In fact, the entrance was supposed to be completely open. But I guess it has also been damaged, which explains why your backgrounds had to gather methods of harmonizing with it to get inside."

Rean and Roan were right in the end. They had guessed when they passed through the ring entrance that it wasn't supposed to have anything blocking the path.

Tanxan decided to leave it at that. "Whatever. I need to get back to Ligan and see what happened to my Universe."

Ran couldn't help but ask. "We heard from the system that the Bului Universe employed your Ligan Universe's service to move our Universe's Chaos Origin Source because their own was about to be extinguished. Is that true?"

Tanxan nodded. "That's correct. Obviously, it didn't work." He then changed his focus to the communication device. "System, report the causes of the damage in the ship."

-Error: Main Database Compromised. Information Request can't be fulfilled.-

"We tried that," Rean said. "But anything related to the time when this spaceship was evacuated seems to have been lost."

Tanxan narrowed his... eyes? "Even the main database was affected. It is found in the most secure location of the spaceship. Whatever attacked us at that time had to be extremely powerful. System, are any other survivors in the spaceship Cryogenic Pods? Ignore the life forms that have entered the ship in the last year."

-Pod 401349X was the only pod with life signals. The rest of the ship that can still be scanned has no life forms fulfilling the time request.-

"So I'm really alone in this shit..." After that, Tanxan basically made the same questions as the twins did about using this ship to return to its own Universe. Naturally, the system told him how the ship would most likely explode due to the damage to the Dimensional Thrusters. "How does it expect me to repair the Dimensional Thrusters? It would take thousands of years on my own. I don't even know how they work to start with. That's not my area."

Suddenly, Luan's eyes picked up movement. "Father, there are more of those robots coming!"

Rean and Roan immediately took out their weapons, ready to destroy the patrolling robots.

However, Tanxan left the room ahead of them, appearing in front of the patrolling robots. "Tanxan Tanxin, ID Number 07794513S. Deactivate Chamber 13R Defense System."

The robots immediately stopped as several lights began to scan the Jelly. After a breath moment, all the red lights around disappeared. In fact, all of the alarms and warning systems were completely turned off as a similar system voice echoed in the corridor.

-ID 07794513S confirmed. Major Tanxan Tanxin. Request Accepted. All Defense Systems turned OFF.-

The robots then turned around and began to make their way back from where they came from.

"Major?!" Rean's group was taken aback. "Aren't you a researcher?"

Tanxan looked back at them. "What? Can't a researcher have a high rank? My cultivation talent might not be that impressive, but my tactical intelligence is definitely one of the bests in the Lingan Universe... or I believe it still is today. It's just that I'm usually not needed for such things and especially because I prefer to use my time for my research work. Not to mention that all the crew of the Dimensional Yin Yang Spaceship has to be enlisted in the Lingan Universe Army. Civilians are not allowed to travel between Planes. Everyone here is... was a soldier."