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Chapter 2201: Back in Order

Everyone in the room was silent, naturally shaken by the revelation. It goes without saying that since the room only has Space-Time Realm and Archangels, they all were aware of the calamity of the Extinction Sphere all those years ago. "Waremis, are you sure this char was from the other side that got disconnected?"

Waremis nodded before taking out another star chart. This one, however, was very old. "Gabriel and a few of you probably still have some of this. If you check this star chart, you can see how the Universe was back before it was divided. It also compensates for the natural expansion of the Universe, galaxy merging, and things like that, so it should still be more or less precise."

Everyone understood what Waremis meant and quickly compared the old star chart with the one acquired from the Archangel with no name. Sure enough, the half of the Universe on both charts were quite similar. They had their differences since too much time had passed. Nonetheless, the overall structure was still the same. "There is no doubt they are the same," said Gabriel.

Sandalphon calmed down after confirming the news before asking, "So, what now? We know he probably came from the other side of the Universe, but what was his objective? For example, this thing about wanting to take the Reincarnation Path away from the Devils was something that only appeared in our minds after the Soul Worms. Why did he need that?"

Waremis shook his head. "That's as far as I could check back when I was still in the Archangel Level. Yet, let's be honest here. Can you really confirm that what he wanted was the Reincarnation Path? If it was me, I would definitely have some other ideas in mind. The Reincarnation Path thing most likely was just an excuse to fool your altered minds. But then again, it might have really been his real objective."

"There are just too many questions," Gabriel added. "For example, why did he choose the Angels instead of using the Soul Worms to control the Devils?"

Spiegel raised his hand. "I think I know why. While I was in the Ruins of the Stars, I heard that the Soul Worms are very delicate. They can only work with similar types of souls, and there can't be much difference. The Angel Races just so happened to fit this criteria. If I'm not wrong, the Devils and their mentalities made it impossible to create Soul Worms for all of the different types. Let alone the Realm of Gods, where you have an almost infinite different number of races with very distinctive souls."

"I see..." Gabriel nodded. "I think you are right on this point. Another question is how did he get his hands on these Soul Worms? Perhaps we truly received a visit from someone from another Universe."

Waremis didn't deny that. "It could be, although I find it unlikely. After what we say in The Ruins of the Stars, I don't think someone who comes from the outside would be captured by someone from the inside. Their methods are just much more advanced than ours. Their... technology... or whatever they called their abilities, was truly a marvel."

Just like that, the angels began to discuss that Angel and things they could do to find out more about him.

Suddenly, an Angel entered the room to give a report. "Master Gabriel, the city Angels are starting to grow impatient. If we don't give some explanation soon, we will probably have quite some revolt."

Gabriel thought about it for a moment and decided to go out. "Alright, for now, we will mobilize our forces to look for clues about this Angel... if he is an Angel at all. I refuse to believe he knew Waremis would kill the Soul Worms, so he definitely escaped in a hurry. Perhaps he is still in the Heavens."

The other Archangels and Space-Time Realm Angels agreed with Gabriel. They coordinated with each other and decided to share information as they spread the news.

Meanwhile, Gabriel addressed all the Angels in Arcadia City. He decided he wouldn't hide anything, explaining that they had all been controlled by the Soul Worms, thus the huge sense of loyalty in their minds. Fortunately, one of the clans of the angel realm had a different type of soul. They found a solution, and that culminated in everyone's awakening.

That obviously caused a huge commotion. There were those who believed and those who didn't. But in any case, it wasn't like the majority could do anything about it. Perhaps it was because they were Angels and naturally a lot more pacifist than the beings of other realms that things didn't go out of control.

Gabriel then used his Divine Sense to share a picture of the Archangel they believed to be behind the whole thing, asking everyone to spread the information. He even offered a prize in Rank Seven Heavenly Stones that opened the eyes of every single Angel in the city. As low as the chances of someone knowing something was, when you put an entire realm together, perhaps there would be some lead.

During the next few weeks, the archangels and Space-Time Realm experts spent their time putting everything in order all over the Heavens. At the same time, the Spatial Soul Spectral Oscillation Liquid was brought everywhere. As big as the Heavens might be, Waremis truly had a lot of it. Given the time necessary, they were sure they could cover most of the cities in the Heavens.

Yet, Gabriel and the others suddenly received a message from an unusual force. "The Vruves..."

Gabriel brought the news to the table so the Archangels could discuss it. "It seems like they want to meet us."

Waremis, who although had much lower cultivation, was also there. The Archangels respected his seniority and knew he would eventually reach the Archangel Realm again with his knowledge. "Why now? They are probably thinking about using the tumult in our Heaven Realm to try something."

Gabriel then spoke about the content of the message he received. "They say... they have information regarding the Angel we are looking for."

Immediately, the idea of ignoring the Vruves' call disappeared.

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Chapter 2202: Another Gap

As the Angels thought about what to do in the heavens, the Devils also took their time to put everything back in order. They retook the city where the Temporal Path Entrance was located, building several formations to make sure it wouldn't fall again. Yet, that obviously didn't make Mephisto happy at all, let alone the other Elder Devils.

"So, all this situation was made so that we could get rid of the Archangels. But now, they all retreated, and we got nothing but the damage caused by this war between the realms. Is that correct?" Mavis asked with a dark expression. After the conversation with the Elder Devils in the Realm of Gods, Mephisto, Belial, and Rui couldn't keep the secret anymore.

Rui, too, was in the room at the moment. "That's how it was supposed to be. There would be two sides attacking at the same time, and I would jump out in the critical moment with the underworld Relic to

give the final blow. Although it was hard to kill all of them, we were sure we could take at least half of the Archangels in the Underworld out."

Mephisto was still angry. "How?! Just how did they find out about it?"

Frulos, the Elder Devil that had been missing inside the Swamp of No Return, didn't seem to mind that much. He hasn't taken part in anything in the Underworld for a long time, after all. "If it didn't work, then it didn't. Why are we wasting our time here?"

"Because our troubles aren't over yet," said Belial on the sides. "Not only we failed to take the Archangels, the Elder Devils in the Realm of Gods are not faring very well. I already sent a few of our Devils into the Temporal path. Unfortunately, the Realm of Gods' experts took over the Temporal Path Entrance in their Realm. If we use that path, we will ask to die with all the formations in place."

"Hmph!" Mavis didn't believe it. "What danger is there to Abaddon and the others? Now that the Angels retreated, the seal over our Underworld is lifted. They can definitely come back to the Underworld with their cultivation alone if they need it."

Belial narrowed his eyes. "I'm pretty much one of the only Devils that can cultivate with the help of Dead Souls, so it isn't a big issue to me. However, the other Devils need Living Souls if they want to progress rapidly. That also includes your clan. Are you sure you want to lose our territory in the Realm of Gods?"

Mavis wanted to retort, but he knew Belial was right. "Ok, you have a point. So what? Do you have a plan to take control over the Temporal Path again? Not only we can't do anything with the Cultivators, but even the Angels are protecting their side of the Temporal Path now. We are not the owners of the Temporal Path anymore. All I can see now is a status quo."

"That's why we gathered everyone here. To think of a way to send reinforcements to the Realm of Gods and prevent us from losing our territory there. Above all, we need to get a passage between the Realm of Gods and the Underworld so that the Living Souls can circulate," said Mephisto.

Eisheta raised her hand. "Mephisto, weren't you intending to create a Living Soul Devil in the Realm of Gods? That's probably our best shot. We force the cultivators to move their Divinity Realm experts to deal with it, and we storm through the Temporal Path."

"This plan only worked because the Angels were the ones in control of the Temporal Path Entrance in the Realm of Gods as well. Now it is the cultivators, so their formations will definitely make it too dangerous to give a shot," Mephisto said. He obviously had thought about it before too.

Seeing that no one had any other ideas, Mephisto could only give an option he wasn't very happy with. "Just like Mavis mentioned, there is a way. We can break through the Realms' Barriers and enter the Realm of Gods by force. It seems like the Realm of Gods is not sealed like our Underworld was a few weeks ago."

No one liked that idea. "Just because it isn't sealed doesn't mean it won't be," Moloch finally spoke as well. "The cultivators definitely know we will try to help the Devils and protect our territory there, especially since it will take decades to truly conquer the Devils who are there at the moment. Couldn't they be holding back, waiting for us to enter to finally close the Realm of Gods?"

"Don't forget, they somehow managed to convince that being to stop its energy release, so now the Continental Barriers are gone. I doubt they don't have the means to seal the Realm if necessary. Perhaps they are thinking exactly as Mephisto did when he intended to eliminate the angels. They want to wait for us to go there and then get rid of as many Elder Devils as possible. After all, we took away their territory for obvious reasons."

Everyone in the room nodded. "Moloch is right. There is another problem. What if we leave the Underworld, and the Angels attack once again? This time, there will be no one to stop them, let alone execute the Killing Archangels Plan that Mephisto intended to use."

"We have no other choice. We need to use that Temporal Gap," said Rui as he looked at Mephisto.

Mephisto knew what Rui was talking about. "Does it still exist? It has been a few hundred years since it appeared, so it should be about to disappear if it hasn't already." They were talking about the same type of Temporal Gap that the Holamenor Clan offered the twins to send them back to the Realm of Gods. It's just that the twins didn't need it in the end.

Mavis looked at the two. "Did you find a Temporal Gap between the Realm of Gods and the Underworld? Since when?"

"It doesn't matter," Rui didn't want to talk about it. "What matter is that it is still open and can be used. It is indeed somewhat unstable, but I think it can still hold for another 40 or 50 years if we use our power to stabilize it."

This time, the idea wasn't received with immediate refusal. "Let's first go and take a look at this gap."

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Chapter 2203: Bloodline Purification

Deep within a Demon Beast Forest, an enormous group of Purple-Scaled Pythons, counting on the tens of thousands, arrived. They had several levels of cultivation, with some still at Stage One all the way up to the Transition Realm. It's just that there was only one Transition Realm within that group.

This Python was the biggest of them. With a hiss from its mouth, all the Purple-Scale Pythons immediately began to spread. This species of Python was by nature solitary, only meeting other Demon Beasts during hunting times or by coincidence, not counting breeding seasons, of course. Still, the Transition Realm Python was able to gather all of them at his will, showing the bloodline connection between them.

These Pythons would then enter several Demon Beast Territories in the surroundings, joining the food chain like all the other Demon Beasts. After using its Divine Sense, the Transition Realm Purple-Scaled Python couldn't help but grow excited. This new home of his race had so much more Divine Energy that it finally saw some hope of reaching a higher realm in the future.

Still, it quickly calmed down before it looked to the sky. A few hundred meters in the air, an enormous Black and White Demon Beast flew in circles, watching the addition of this new race to the environment. "Sir, with the exception of a few thousand Purple-Scaled Pythons that I wasn't able to communicate with, all the others are now here."

The Black and White Bird heard the Python's voice and quickly descended on its side. Naturally, this bird was none other than Kentucky, who had spent several years flying around the Demon Beast Territories. "That's great, Kulil. How was it? Other than the Divine Energy, does it look like a place where your race can thrive? Of course, you and them will have to fight for your own things as no one is given any advantages."

Kulil couldn't ask for more. "There is no problem at all, sir. I can see many different races being predators and prey everywhere. My race will have more than enough challenges to grow and will not lack food to survive, either. As for me, I'm just going to claim a corner and focus all my attention on my cultivation. I don't have much longer to live, and to be honest, I had already given up on reaching the Void Tempering Realm. But now, I think I have a slightly bigger chance."

Kentucky nodded, satisfied. "Every race added to this place was done after thinking about the environment as a whole. The only rule is that the Transition Realm Demon Beasts must not fight each other as this is a small planet in a small Dimensional Realm. You would cause too much damage. If you have any disagreements with any of the Transition Realm Demon Beasts around, we have a formation prepared especially for this kind of occasion."

Kulil shook his head. "I have no intention of getting in the way any anyone during this critical moment."

"That's good." Kentucky was happy to hear that. "In any case, I'm still in the process of inviting more races to join this Dimensional Realm. Simply put, more than half of the entire planet is still empty. I found your group while looking for a sea so that I can gather some Sea Demon Beast Races."

Kulil knew that. "In that case, you can just keep flying in the same direction that you found me. I traveled quite a lot after reaching the Transition Realm, so I found a sea around three years of distance away. I did not there to check inside since I would be at a huge disadvantage if I was ambushed by Sea Demon Beasts in their territory."

Kentucky's eyes lit up. "There is? Great! I only found a few small lakes, but only a single Transition Realm Demon Beast. In the end, he didn't want to leave his territory, so I didn't force him."

It was obvious that not all Demon Beasts would simply accept Kentucky's invitation to join the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Truth be told, the majority thought it to be a trap or something similar, so Kentucky had to truly travel a lot to gather so many races after all those years.

Kulil added. "Well, it's three years of distance for me when I was in the Initial Stage of the Transition Realm. For you, sir, I think you won't take even a month to get there."

Kentucky nodded. "It's fine. I'll take my time, and perhaps I will pass by the Transition Realm Demon Beasts you mentioned to live near your territory."

Kulil then turned around, preparing to leave. He wanted to start cultivating as fast as possible. Yet, Kentucky remembered something. "Oh, right. Rean, one of the humans I told you about, built a formation to purify bloodlines. It has no use for Divine Demon Beasts like me, but it will definitely enhance your constitution. If you have any trace of any Divine Demon Beast bloodline, it will definitely increase a lot. Perhaps you will even evolve depending on the results. Make sure to give it a try."

"WHAT?!" Kulil immediately turned back and stopped his face right in front of Kentucky while breathing heavily. "IS THAT TRUE? IS IT? IS IT?!"

Kentucky quickly took a few steps behind, showing an expression of disgust. "What the hell are you, a pervert? Don't get any closer! Anyway, the formation is marked in the Jade Slip I gave you, so just cultivate there for the next few decades, and it should give some results." Kentucky quickly left before Kulil showed even worse behavior.

Kulil, without wasting any time, took out the jade slip and immediately took flight, disappearing into the distance. Anyone could tell where he was going.

Kentucky then reappeared outside of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and immediately felt the speed of his cultivation increasing tens of times. He was used to that already, though. As mentioned before, his cultivation was shared with Rean, Roan, and Celis, who were cultivating in a space where time passed fifty times faster. Now that he was outside, he truly felt that difference. "In at most a year, we should reach the Middle Stage of the Elemental Space Realm," he murmured before departing once again.

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Chapter 2204: Another Idea

Going a little back in time, the twins' group reached the peak of the Space Bending Realm. Naturally, it was time to have a breakthrough. Sister Orb explained to the twins that the Elemental Space basically consisted in fusing one's Spatial Powers with one's Elemental Affinity. You would then use that fused energy to push your Dantian or Demon Cores into the Space Bending Realm.

From there on, their group would be able to choose whether they wanted to use their Spatial Power fused with their elements or use it separately. It goes without saying that the power of Spatial Related skills was much stronger when one's Elemental Affinity worked together with their Spatial Powers.

Usually, such a breakthrough would generate a huge commotion. But since their group did that while inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, nothing happened on the outside. Even Kentucky had come back just for that breakthrough.

Since then, the twins continued cultivating with Celis while Kentucky gathered even more Demon Beasts for the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. In between the cultivation times, Rean and Roan would often train their skills, getting used to their new power before continuing to increase their levels.

They also practiced their Weapon Intents, aiming to reach the next level while they were at it. According to Sister Orb, because of the oversaturation of Divine Origin Energy, their dantians needed time to rest. The same went for Celis and Kentucky's Demon Cores. [Simply put, your dantians and cores were not supposed to have this much Divine Origin Energy. Countless years of evolution made them prepared for the normal cultivation speed, not this craziness. That said, try to spend a month or two stabilizing your cultivations every year. Otherwise, it will definitely negatively affect your future prospects.]

It was during these times that Rean came up with the Bloodline Purification Formation. First, because the majority of the living beings in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm were Demon Beasts. Secondly, it was because it would appease the Transition Realm ones. Although a lot of them brought their races to the Soul Gem Realm, they still kept their guard, thinking that their might be being used somehow. Having that formation was a huge benefit that made them think it was definitely worth the risk.

Well, Rean's group had no intention of doing such a thing anyway. Besides, it served as a good distraction to Rean, who had never made such a formation before.

Roan, on the other hand, focused his time on creating new skills now that he could merge his Spatial Powers with Dark Elements.

Back to the present time, Roan was using one of these months of cultivation rest to train exactly that.

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Roan Domain spread several hundred meters around him, making it impossible to see inside. Inside it, his Shadow Steps skill allowed him to move even faster than normal shadows. Any skill that used Dark Element would be enhanced as well. Of course, Roan's Domain's main use wasn't that. Instead, it was the fact it could corrode other Domains.

Yet, there was something new to it now. Spatial Powers fused with the Domain's Dark Element, something he got able to use now that he reached the Elemental Space Realm. However, only he knew what kind of effect it would have against an enemy. Roan faintly smiled and then retrieved his Domain.

Right after, he took out his Scythe and summoned his Scythe Intent. It was at this moment that Rean arrived at his training ground. "So you are here."

Rean nodded, not caring too much. "What is it? Wanna have a fight training again?"

Obviously, Rean and Roan and also Celis fought a lot against each other to help themselves get used to their own powers. "It's about the weapon intents. You and I can share our own memories and experiences as long as we wish to. That said, you should know we are very close to taking one extra step."

Rean nodded. "Sure, we are already at the Call of the Weapons, the third level. I can also feel our proximity to the next level. But you know very well that we simply don't know what the fourth level is about. We can't take this next step yet."

Roan looked at his Scythe Intent, humming with his weapon and making use of his Dark Element and Sky Energy. "That's where I think I made a discovery. So far, we used our Spatial Powers with our Weapon Intents to increase their power. It is basically the same way with Dark Element and Sky Energy. The difference was that we simply covered it with our Elements, Sky Energy, and Spatial Powers. After we got to the Elemental Space Realm, we were able to fuse our Spatial Powers with our Elemental Affinities. Perhaps that's what the next level of Weapon Intent needs."

"You want to fuse the Weapon Intent with Sky Energy, Elements, and Spatial Power?" Rean asked, finding it quite hard to believe. "Our Elements are already fused with our Spatial Powers now that we are in the Middle Stage of the Elemental Space Realm, so you don't need to do it separately. Still, I don't think this is the answer. Weapon Intents had always been an entity of their own."

"It is a kind of energy... if you can call it energy at all, that contradicts the other concepts. It is there, but at the same time, it isn't. I don't see it being possible to fuse it with anything else since it would go against its own nature. It is exactly because Weapon Intents are like this that they don't cause any conflict with the other powers like our Sky Energy, Spatial Powers, and Elemental Affinities. Instead, they only boost our attack power."

Roan narrowed his eyes in response. "That's where I'm confused. How come it can boost the overall power of skill while using it if it can't fuse with the rest?"

"This..." Rean was a little uncertain. "I don't really know."

Roan kept looking at his Scythe Intent. "That's why I think the next level has something to do with our other powers."

It was then that Rean got an idea. "Wait, perhaps it is not related to our other powers."

Rean's words caught Roan's attention. "What do you have in mind?"

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Chapter 2205: Come Forth!

"You want to fuse our Weapon Intents with our Sky Energy, Spatial Powers, and Elements. Yet, for you to call me here, it means you have already tried it and failed many times," Rean continued. "That should be proof that such a thing is not possible. I think you got it wrong. Instead of fusing them together, what if we change the weapon intent instead?"

Roan was taken aback. "Change the Weapon Intent?"

Rean nodded in response. "Our Weapon Intent started with the Weapon Intent Seed. Then it grew into a Stable Ethereality in the Second Level. Finally, it grew once again, now being able to use the Call of the Weapons to strengthen itself. Do you see what I'm saying? It has always been changing. Each level is nothing like the previous. The next level sure has to be a new form as well. Forget about fusing it with our other powers. Our Weapon Intents already boosts everything else. It doesn't need to fuse. As I said, it is a different concept of existence. It already works with everything."

Roan pondered about Rean's words and had to admit they made sense. "Change into something different once again..." Roan looked at his Weapon Intent, which had already reached the limit of the Call of the Weapons Level. "I can feel it wants to give another step forward, but which direction?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders while he held his Black Star Sword. He then activated his own Sword Intent while speaking. "I wish I knew the answer to this question. I can also tell that my Sword Intent has reached the limit of the Third Level and wants to evolve. Who knows? Perhaps it is something cool."

Rean quickly made several attack poses that were full of flaws in Roan's eyes. Finally, he finished raising his weapon high above his head before shouting like a superhero from tv series.

"Come forth, Sword Aura!"

Roan's mouth twitched, feeling like giving Rean another beating just to get rid of his frustration of having to watch that.

"As if it was that easy, hahaha!" Rean didn't care about Roan's expression and just laughed at his own joke. Yet...

Bzzzzzzzz...

Rean's Sword Intent seemed to hear his call. The Ethereal shape covering his Black Star began to change form, just like it did when it evolved from the previous two levels. The ethereal then imbued itself in the Black Star Sword, giving it a white glow that contrasted with the sword's black color.

"This..." Roan looked at Rean's Sword as if he was looking at a ghost. "It can't be that easy, right? RIGHT?!" He asked with resignation as he looked at Rean. "You call Open Sesame, and then there is a fucking cat called Sesame behind that gate. Now you call fucking Sword Aura, and there you go, you now have a fucking Sword Aura. Why don't you call the fusion of both sides of the Universe as well? That would solve all our problems!" Even Roan lost his composure now.

"Come Forth, The Fusion of Both Sides of the Universe!" Rean shouted, giving it a try. After a loooooong time of silence, nothing happened, though. "Well, I tried..."

Roan felt like crying already.

Of course, Rean was as surprised as Roan himself. "Hey, don't look at me. It was supposed to be a joke, a joke! I simply thought about those superheroes series and RPG games and pretended to be a sword-wielding character. I swear I didn't want anything like this to happen. First of all, is this really the Fourth Level of the Sword Intent?"

Roan then took a deep breath and immediately raised his Scythe against Rean. "There is only one way to find out. Don't use anything else other than this Sword Aura of yours. I'll use my Scythe with the third level of the Weapon Intents, Call of the Weapons."

"Hey, wai-" Rean wasn't prepared at all. Unfortunately, Roan had already attacked. "Shit!"

Roan's Scythe, which had only his Scythe Intent at the third level active, immediately hit Rean's Black Star Sword.

Although Rean was taken by surprise, he didn't delay in his response. He already had his Sword Aura... or whatever his Sword Intent had turned into... activated. After so many years of training with Roan, Kentucky, and Celis, his reaction was just as good.

Clang!

Crack...!

Both Weapons were part of a set, so they were literally as strong as the other. Yet, Roan's Call of the Weapons Intent was easily breached, allowing Rean's Black Star and Sword Intent to hit it with incredible force.

"Ahhhhhhhhhh!!!!!!"

Rean immediately screamed when he saw that. "My White Star Scythe!" There, he could see a small crack on the blade of the huge Scythe, which made his heart bleed. That was his kid, after all.

Roan completely ignored Rean's scream and looked at the crack with surprise. "Such power... So that's the Fourth Level of the Weapon Intent." He then looked at Rean, who immediately pulled his Scythe

from Roan's hand to check the damage. "Share your memories with me. I want to understand what you felt when you gave birth to your Fourth Level of Intent."

Rean's tears dropped on the Scythe. He seemed to not care about Roan at the moment. "My poor little White Star. What I've done to you..."

Pah!

Ouch!

Roan then slapped the back of Rean's head, not in the mood to wait for Rean to recover. "Stop the bullshit! You were already planning to upgrade our two weapons with the accumulated Solar Essence anyway. Just take this chance and make it. Now, share your memories with me."

Rean rubbed the back of his head, feeling wronged. "You truly don't understand the feelings of a Metallurgist..." Still, he shared his memories before putting the White Star Scythe away. "Whatever, your idea wasn't bad. I guess I can only push for a Divine High-Level upgrade."

He completely ignored Roan after that and left. After these years of cultivation, the Solar Essence in the Sun was indeed enough to reforge the weapons, so now was as good as any other time to work on them. He would study his Sword Aura later.

As for Roan, he focused on the memories and feelings Rean had when he awakened the Fourth Level Intent before taking out a simple Scythe he used for training. Not long after, the Ethereality of his Scythe transformed in the same way that Rean's Sword Intent did, becoming a Dark Glow over his Scythe. "So that's how it is..."

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Chapter 2206: An Idea That Can't be Executed

It turns out that the next level of the Weapon Intents was indeed that Aura-like glow. From what Roan could see, Rean was right. The Sword Intent changed form once again, just like it did in the previous three stages. "Each form increases its power even further while maintaining its main ability to aid any movements used with it. It truly had no need to fuse any of our powers, and most likely, it will never will. The idiot was right about considering it a different concept of existence."

Roan then put Rean's existence behind the back of his mind and focused on training with the new Weapon Intent, which he admitted that calling it Aura was quite appropriate. "Let's just call it Weapon Aura then," he murmured as he realized several moves in a roll.

Meanwhile, Rean arrived at the Blacksmith Workshop and immediately started to work on the new upgrades. He still felt some pain about the Scythe as it would cost quite a lot more of his rarest materials to fix, but that couldn't be helped. 'Hum... I haven't practiced blacksmith at my level of cultivation yet. If I was in the Late Stage of the Elemental Space Realm, I believe I could forge a Peak Divine Level Equipment. However, I'm only in the Middle Stage, so I lack the cultivation necessary to pull it off.'

Yet, it was then that he remembered his Sky Energy. 'What if I use Sky Energy to compensate for the lack of cultivation level. It should be enough to make up for this one stage, no?' He thought. Back when he last upgraded the White Star Scythe and the Black Star Sword, he didn't have Divine Energy, Stellar Energy, and Soul Power fused. The result of their fusion, the Sky-Blue colored energy, was definitely a lot better than what he used before.

However, Rean didn't start to reforge the Scythe and Sword straight away. First of all, he had never tried to forge Divine High-Level Equipment before, let alone a Divine Peak-Level. Rean quickly went through the many metals and other materials he had gathered in these years and decided on what to do. 'First, let's give it a try with some common equipment at the High-Level. I only have enough Solar Essence to reforge our weapons once, so I can't waste it with a failure.'

And so, Rean started to work on improving his Blacksmith Skills. He even wondered if he could carry the abilities acquired in the Elemental Space Realm into the Weapon itself. That way, his weapons that could gather elements on their own would also fuse the elements gathered with Spatial Powers by simply pouring Divine Energy inside. There was a problem, though. As small as they were, the runes used to inscribe the Weapons were already occupying the entire space available for them.

Suddenly Rean had an idea. 'Wait... what if I use the runes I found in the empty Divine Origin Energy Cores? They are several times smaller... If I could just replicate their size and resistance by myself... But then again, how were they even made? They are too small to be made by hand. Even my own Circuitry Formation Runes are already at the point where using hands to carve them out is out of the question, let alone the runes from the cores we got from the Spaceship. The technology there was countless times more advanced...' After thinking about it for a moment, Rean decided to call Sister Orb into the blacksmith workshop.

[What do you need me for?] She quickly arrived, not having much to do anyway.

"You have seen the runes in the Divine Origin Energy Cores, right?" Rean asked straight away.

[Sure, what about them?]

"Although I can simulate them in the Circuitry Formation Repository, I have no way of crafting and inscribing them in my weapons. Do you think you can manipulate the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm to replicate what I make in the simulator?" Rean could only rely on that.

[Nope,] Sister Orb answered. [How can I create something that you can't? First of all, it is not like I know how to build runes from formations and inscriptions. I can only hack into them. You will have to build the equipment necessary to make runes that small.]

Rean couldn't help but sigh in response. "So it is like that, uh? Well, it wasn't like I didn't expect it. If you were able to do such a thing, you would have told me a long time ago." In the end, Rean had to put the idea of a weapon that could fuse elements and spatial power together on its own on hold. "Thanks, Sister Orb."

[No problem. By the way, it's been almost two months already since your last cultivation session. Don't forget to go back to cultivate when the time comes.]

"It was Celis who told you to remind me, right?" Rean could tell why she said that.

[Yeap. Because he is a World Swallowing Cedar that basically exists to absorb energy, he doesn't need as much rest as you three. His core always stabilizes a month in advance compared to you two and Kentucky. You can already imagine what it means to him to always have to wait an entire extra month since his cultivation is shared with you all.]

Rean shrugged his shoulder while shaking his head. It wasn't like he could do anything about it. "Well, I won't forget, don't worry. Especially since he will definitely come to Roan and Me when the time comes."

[That's true. Anyway, I'm leaving.] Sister Orb then disappeared in a flash, leaving Rean alone in the Blacksmith Workshop.

Rean then moved to the electrical furnace and turned it on once again, quickly restarting his work on the normal weapons. "Well, if anything, I'll be able to sell these extra weapons once we reach a city. That wouldn't be possible if I figured out how to make them fuse elements and spatial powers on their own, as I would want to keep it a secret." Following that, the sound of the furnace echoed in the workshop as Rean put his other ideas in the back of his mind.

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Chapter 2207: Advantages of Sky Energy

Talking about Celis, he obviously wanted to cultivate nonstop. But since he couldn't do it, he had another very important job during the two months he did nothing every year. Celis was collecting countless types of plants and spreading them all over the territories. He was basically the sole responsible for the growth of plant life in the Soul Gem Planet.

Through his roots, which were spreading further and further around the planet, he checked the situation of the areas he had to start working. 'Hum... considering the positioning of the fake sun, this area is better to be left alone. It is pretty much a desert already. Trying to grow trees and smaller plants here will be too troublesome. I'll keep just a few of my roots in this place, just in case. Besides, Kentucky can bring some desert-type Demon Beasts later on if he passes near such a place.'

His attention then moved underwater. As a World Swallowing Cedar, his roots simply don't distinguish between dry and wet terrain. Everything was considered valid for absorption in his race. 'Seems like the underwater plants are doing fine. I still haven't got the chance to spread them around to more than 10% of the locations, but I can only do so much with the time I have. We are lacking a lot of sea demon beasts and normal fish as well, so it isn't a priority at the moment.'

As Celis did all of that, he couldn't help but remember how much he had changed from his previous self. 'Back then, I almost absorbed a planet dry of all its life to the point the Zafins had to seal me down. Now here I am, helping a planet to develop instead of sucking it empty. Well, that's basically because I'm provided with more than enough energy to cultivate, so I don't need to do such a thing...'

'Rean and Roan would get me killed if I tried such a thing anyway. Hahahaha!' Just like that, Celis continued his work for the next few days.

Of course, the minute that the resting time was over, he immediately messaged Rean and Roan. 'Time to cultivate. Let's go, go, go!'

Rean held a pair of chains in his hand, one of the weapons he had forged during the past few days. It was a Middle-Level Divine piece of Equipment and was extremely close to being a High-Level one. 'Sigh... I was so close. But I guess I have to go back to cultivate before continuing my blacksmith training.' He then threw those chains into a corner and left the Blacksmith Workshop.

Roan, too, was working at that moment. He wasn't training with his newfound Weapon Aura. Instead, he knew that the time to resume cultivating was getting close, so he went back to the Alchemy Workshop instead. One of the reasons why the twins' group cultivation speed was that fast was not only the Divine Origin Energy Cores but also the pills that aided the cultivation progress.

Tsssss...

Roan opened the lid of his cauldron, looking at the steaming hot medicinal liquid inside. He then added the last materials of the pill and closed it again. Using the Control Cauldron, which had a pinpoint heating ability, Roan controlled the temperature to reach exactly 313.7 degrees. It then began to tremble as if the medicinal liquid and energy inside were going out of control.

Yet, Roan wasn't surprised or concerned. A sky-blue energy came out of his body, sipping inside the cauldron as if there was no barrier between the outside and the inside. The trembling quickly stopped as the cauldron turned quite docile. 'This Sky Energy is truly something else. The Stellar Energy fused in this energy is capable of strengthening the resistance of the medicinal liquid, allowing me to use a much higher temperature. Once I add the elements, it can form much better pills.'

The Control Cauldron suddenly shined with a red glow while Roan operated the concoction. That glow increased for a few seconds, but the cauldron continued calm. Finally, the glow disappeared as the lid was unlocked.

Inside, there was now a batch of twelve pills, all at the Divine Middle Level. 'Another twelve Elemental Latent Cultivation Pills with an added Yin and Yang Energy effect. The medicinal herbs used in them were also very good. Celis truly did an amazing job helping me with the medicinal garden.'

Roan quickly put those pills inside a specially-made vial that prevented them from losing their medicinal properties. Following that, he turned everything off and cleaned the Alchemy Workshop until it was spotless. He had heard Celis's nagging about going back to cultivate, but he didn't care and finished everything there before coming out.

He then used his connection to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm to teleport the vials to Rean and Celis, as the pills were effective for both humanoids and demons. 'Same thing as always. Take one pill and spend the next four to five months digesting it while cultivating. They should be able to increase our cultivation speed by 15% or so.'

Rean and Celis nodded, quickly swallowing one pill each. Roan, of course, did the same and took one pill. That last batch of pill concocting was only one of the various he had already made, so there was plenty for them to use for the next few decades. Let's not forget that time flies fifty times faster in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm at the moment.

That was how things worked in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Cultivate, train other skills while resting from cultivation, then cultivate again after resting. The twins would spend hundreds of years inside the Dimensional Realm, so they truly had time to work on a lot of things.

Just like that, a complete twenty years passed in the outside world. Today, Kentucky came back and entered the Dimensional Realm as well. That's because they were going to enter the Late Stage of the Elemental Space Realm!

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Chapter 2208: Time Power

"Yo, that was faster than I thought," said Kentucky. "We are almost reaching our target after twenty years, it seems."

"What are you talking about?" Rean asked back. "It's just the Late Stage of the Elemental Space Realm. Also, it has been only twenty years for you! How long do you think we kept cultivating here? Were you not doing a great job recruiting the Demon Beasts, I would have told you to stay and help us cultivate. Your part in cultivation does make a difference, you know? We would already be in the Peak Stage if you were here cultivating with us."

Rean was right. Although Kentucky was doing a good job with the recruitment, having one less individual cultivating with their shared cultivation had delayed them a few years. The initial idea was to reach the Space-Time Realm in twenty years, after all. Yet, they are just about to enter the Late Stage.

Kentucky was very thankful for that. "Good thing I am doing a nice job then. I truly wouldn't want to have spent these hundred years inside this place doing just cultivation. By the way, I got a few Sea Demon Beasts races to join us. Just come out later for a moment once I get to their homes."

Rean nodded. "Fine."

Roan didn't want to keep waiting, though. "Are you done? Let's just have our breakthrough already."

Celis agreed with him. "He is right. Let's get over with it because I want to continue to cultivate."

Fortunately, there wasn't much of a secret when you went from one stage to another from the same Realm. It was all about having enough Divine Origin Energy for the breakthrough and that was it. They all took out even more of the Divine Origin Energy Cores, quickly starting to absorb their energy to build up momentum.

Cores cracked one after another as they all absorbed more and more energy. Their Dantians and Demon Cores seemed to get close to exploding with all that energy. Finally, they used all that energy to attack the barrier of the Late Stage of the Elemental Space Realm.

Boom!

An enormous wave of Divine Origin Energy came out of their bodies, spreading far and wide. At the same time, their cultivation level increased nonstop. Their Dantians and Cores became more robust and capable of holding even more Divine Origin Energy. A few minutes later, their cultivation reached the expected Late Stage of the Elemental Space Realm.

"Phew..." Rean was glad everything worked just fine. "Just another two stages, and we will reach the Space-Time Realm."

Yet, Roan noticed something different after reaching that level. "Hum...? What is this?" He stretched his hand out, trying to better feel that sensation.

Rean, Kentucky, and Celis also noticed what Roan was doing and got closer. They could feel that same power that Roan was trying to touch, although it was the first time they felt that.

Slowly but certainly, small specs of golden light started to gather around Roan's hand. Immediately, the four of them noticed what it was. "It's Time Power!"

They had seen the color of Time Power several times before. However, they were never able to truly feel how it was. All they knew was that once enough of it was gathered, it would be visible as golden light. "Wasn't we supposed to be able to touch Time Power at the Space-Time Realm only?"

It was then that Sister Orb commented. [Is that really that hard to believe? At the Transition Realm Late Stage, you two were already able to use Spatial Powers. At the Void Tempering Realm Late Stage, you two were able to Bend Space. At the Space Bending Realm Late Stage, you two were able to fuse Elements with your Space Power. Now you reached the Late Stage of the Elemental Space Realm. You see what I'm trying to say?]

Rean and Roan had to admit Sister Orb was right. They could also tell that it was all thanks to the cultivation technique they got from the system, which was perfect for their bodies.

Rean quickly tried to do the same since he could feel that power. Sure enough, he also gathered some Time Power around his hand. The twins had to use quite a bit of Divine Origin Energy to make that happen, but they could do it nonetheless. "Let's see if we can use it to accelerate or slow time around us."

By gathering that power around their bodies, they willed it to move faster. It did work, and the twins felt their bodies' movements working faster than usual. It's just that the effect was very limited.

Seeing his own movements, Rean couldn't help but say. "Even though I'm doing as much as I can, I'm only what... 2, 3% faster?"

Roan nodded, reaching the same result. "Indeed. It seems to be our limit, and it is using a lot of Divine Origin Energy to keep."

[There is nothing wrong with that,] said Sister Orb. [You were indeed able to touch the next Realm's abilities two stages prior. Yet, every time it happened, your ability to do that was even worse than someone at the Initial Stage of the next Realm. It is the same problem. You are simply not in that Realm yet. The fact you can touch this ability at all is amazing enough.]

Rean and Roan then stopped doing that as controlling Time Power truly spent a lot of Divine Origin Energy. "That makes sense."

Kentucky tried to do the same thing, but it seemed like he was unable to. "I truly envy this cultivation technique of yours. I can feel the Time Power, but I can't gather it."

Celis agreed with Kentucky. "Same thing here."

[You can feel it because of your connection with Rean and Roan. However, you are not them. Nonetheless, it is a great advantage to at least feel it, as you shouldn't have been able to before the Space-Time Realm. Who knows, perhaps you will be able to control a little of Time Power in the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm.]

The two Demons nodded and stopped trying.

Yet, Roan was more interested in something else. "Since I can control time now... can I open a Spatial Gate?"

Sure enough, those words caught everyone's attention.

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Chapter 2209: It's My Baby

Spatial Gates had a lot to do with time as well, which is the reason why only at the Space-Time Realm would cultivators be able to open them. A good example was the formation that transferred the twins from the Mortal Realm to the Realm of Gods. Back then, time had warped, causing them to arrive in the

Realm of Gods many years in the future. Let's not forget that Rana, the twins' sister who reincarnated as the fairy queen, was already much older than them when they found her for the first time. She was only two years old when the Sunkan Planet exploded.

When opening a Spatial Gate, one didn't just cut the fabric of space but also time. That's why the effectiveness of how far and how fast a Spatial Gate can bring someone heavily depends on their cultivation. The higher their realm after entering the Space-Time Realm, the further and faster they can travel through it since their control over Space and Time is a lot better. Of course, regardless of the level, any spatial gate could bring its user at ridiculously long distances.

A Peak Stage Divinity Realm cultivator could go from the border of the Realm of Gods to its center in a matter of a few days. Someone who just entered the Space-Time Realm would take a few weeks through the same process. Nonetheless, using a few weeks to travel such a distance was definitely impressive enough.

One must not misunderstand things, though. Time Power indeed allowed one to accelerate and slow time. However, it definitely couldn't bring one back to the past. The past can never be changed since time is a constant flow and only goes in one direction.

Back at the twins' location, Roan had just wondered if he could open a Spatial Gate now that he could control time. "How is it, Sister Orb?"

[Hum... it should be possible, no? However, your control over time power is many times worse than any average Space-Time Realm expert. If we are as far as I imagine we are from the Center of the Realm of Gods, then it might take a few years to arrive there, even if you open one.]

The Twins' Time Power truly wasn't even a tenth as good as an Initial Stage Space-Time Realm expert at all. "So you are saying it would be better to continue to cultivate?" Roan asked her back.

Sister Orb then explained her thoughts. [It all depends on how far away we are from the center of the Realm of Gods. You have used Spatial Gates from those at the Divinity Realm and those at the Space-Time Realm, right? I'm sure you can tell the difference in speed and distance they can achieve. With your ability to control Time Power, it truly might be faster to simply keep the accelerated time ON and reach the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm or even the Space-Time Realm before going out.]

The twins obviously understood it. "So that's how it is..."

Suddenly, Kentucky felt a chill on his back. He quickly looked around, just to see Rean's eyes shining as he looked at him. "W-What? Why are you looking at me like that?"

Rean completely ignored Kentucky and told everyone his plan. "Why not do both at the same time? Roan or I will go out and open Spatial Gates to move in the direction of the Center of the Realm of Gods. Meanwhile, Kentucky will take our place in the cultivation effort. The four of us have a shared cultivation, after all. Kentucky can definitely make up for the absence of Roan or me."

Roan had to admit that was a good idea. "I can't believe I'm saying this, but you are correct."

"I'm always correct," said Rean, not caring about Roan's remarks at all.

Celis, obviously, had no objections whatsoever. "As long as we can keep our cultivation speed, I couldn't care less. Anyway, we are finally in the Late Stage of the Elemental Space Realm, so I'm going back to stabilize my cultivation." He left straight after saying that.

Roan then caught on the side of his eyes a giant black and white bird slowly making his way out. 'Hmph!'

'Death Style, Shadow Bind!'

Zla, zla, zla, zla...

The Dark Element ropes quickly caught Kentucky, who wasn't expecting Roan to act that fast. "Nooooo! I don't want to spend the next hundreds of years cultivating! It's too boring!"

Roan completely ignored Kentucky's plight and turned his attention to Rean. "You and I have basically the same control over time power at the moment. However, I'm better at keeping my focus on straightforward cultivation, only losing to Celis in this regard. It is better if you spend your time trying to master the use of Spatial Gates and traveling outside."

Rean nodded, knowing that no one was crazier at diligence than him. "Very well. However, not now. We have just broken through, so we need to stabilize our cultivation. I'll reach better results if I wait for it first."

Roan then pulled the screaming Kentucky with him while leaving and saying, "Nothing better than keep one's mind occupied with something else during that time. Now that I think about it, this idiot bird hasn't trained in combat for a while, so I'm going to make it company. You can go and do whatever you want while that."

Kentucky was already shedding tears of despair. *Nooooooooo...!!!*

Rean laughed a little and immediately turned his attention back to the Blacksmith Workshop. He had practiced a lot with other materials ever since he decided to upgrade the White and Black Stars. Now that he was at the Late Stage of the Elemental Space Realm and could use his Sky Energy, he was confident he would be successful. "Sorry for making you wait, my little White Star. Dad Rean will fix you up straight away."

[You do know you look quite creepy when you talk like that, right?] Sister Orb, who was still there, couldn't help but ask.

"Shut up! It's my baby." Rean didn't care at all and left straight away.

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Chapter 2210: Worth Continuing

Rean spent the next few days working on the White and Black Stars, having already mastered the skills necessary to forge them. Of course, a big part of the reason he could do that so fast was because of the Soul Gem System. The Blacksmith Workshop's tools were something that you simply wouldn't find anywhere else in the Universe.

Finally, the last touches were made, giving birth to the newly upgraded weapons. Both were now at the Divine High-Level. "Hehehe, Sky Energy truly made things a lot easier. The weapons even got a little bit of affinity with Stellar Energy, although nothing worth mentioning." Yet, that little extra would make the weapons more resistant, which was the main attribute of Stellar Energy.

Rean then left the Blacksmith Workshop, feeling good about himself, quickly moving to the place where Roan was torturin- Ahem... training with Kentucky.

Bang, bang, boom!

Crash!

As Rean approached, he quickly noticed a huge and sorrowful Divine Bird lying on a crater. Its defense, which it was so proud of, was nowhere to be seen. There were only countless broken scales and blade feathers. Naturally, that was Kentucky, who had 'the time of his life' while playing with Roan. "G-Give me a -bre-break, will you?"

Surprisingly, Roan wasn't uncached. Instead, there were a few injuries on his body as he stood high in the skies. "Stop the bullshit. You can simply use Instant Recovery and heal yourself. Besides, you improved a lot thanks to the awakening of your Regal Bloodline. You can even cause a few injuries on me now, so you definitely can do more than that."

"I have no more Divine Energy at all! I need to recover! You shouldn't have that much Divine Energy, either. Come on, just a moment will be enough!" Kentucky still complained as he struggled to come out of the crater.

Rean, seeing that, couldn't help but ask Roan. "I know he used the blood in that quail to further awaken his Regal Bloodline. Still, to injure you like that... Is his Regal Bloodline really that strong?"

Roan glanced at Rean on the side and nodded. "It is pretty good indeed. From what he said, he already unsealed 90% of it. Sure, another reason is the fact that the system's upgrades are also valid for him, but it is still a great increase of combat power."

Rean then took out the new White Star Scythe, passing it to Roan. "Well, here you go, then. Your new White Star Scythe definitely won't break if we try the same thing before. By the way, my cultivation got quite well in the time I spent in the blacksmith workshop, so I'm going out to try to learn how to use a Spatial Gate. Well, I have a pretty good idea already, so it shouldn't be a big issue."

Roan didn't mind. "Just share your memories of the opening method, and I will know as well," said Roan as he looked at his new Scythe. He could tell that it was a lot stronger and especially its little affinity with Stellar Energy. "Was it because you used Sky Energy to forge it?"

Rean smiled in response. "Yeap. Sky Energy has Stellar Energy within it, so the weapon got some affinity with it, although very small. Anyway, give it a try. As for me, I'm leaving." With a thought, Rean disappeared from inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

Roan looked at the new Scythe and immediately activated the Fourth Stage of Weapon Intent, Weapon Aura. Following that, he looked at a recovering big bird on the ground and couldn't help but smile coldly. "Well, since I have to give it a try, I will give it a try."

Kentucky felt like death itself had arrived when he saw Roan's expression. Well, it was death indeed... As for what happened next, it is better to not talk about it. Just know that Kentucky's Regal Bloodline received a great stimulation in the next few days to the point it almost got completely unsealed. Nothing better than a Life and Death situation to bring out one's best potential.

Outside of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, Rean stood still in the air, feeling the Spatial and Time laws around him. Naturally, it was countless times easier to touch the Spatial Laws than the time laws. Nonetheless, he had to use both if he wanted to open a Spatial Gate. 'Hum... the trick is not to fall in a time displacement while traveling inside the fabric of Space. That's where the Time Laws come into play... if I'm not wrong.'

Rean then used his Spatial Powers to open a fissure in Space, which quickly showed the Spatial Storms behind it. Fortunately, Rean's Spatial Control was just good enough to fend them off, so they weren't the real problem. Instead, Rean was trying to pick up the Time Laws inside before entering it. 'It's so messy inside. Everything is warped.'

Still, he decided to give it a try. He used his Spatial Gate to connect to a relatively close place, so even if it went wrong, he could at least prevent being randomly thrown somewhere in the Universe.

Vup!

Rean quickly entered the gate, where the Spatial Storms immediately assaulted his body. He kept his control over the Spatial Power, fending them off with some strain. That was already very good, considering that others wouldn't be able to do such a thing before the Space-Time Realm.

Above all, Rean used the rest of his concentration and Divine Origin Energy to control the Time Power inside the gate. It was the hardest part since his control was very small, and the messy laws behind the fabric of Space made things even more difficult. 'This shit is too complicated...'

Yet, little by little, Rean got a grasp of it. He was spending a lot of Divine Origin Energy but was progressing. Around a minute later, another gate appeared tens of thousands of kilometers away. Naturally, it was the destination Rean set before entering and where he came out.

Rean then sat on the ground while gasping for air. "Si-Sister Orb wasn't kidding. It will definitely take a lot of time if I keep going on like this." Yet, he was excited. "In any case, it is several times faster than we could ever hope to travel, even on Kentucky's back." He decided that it was worth continuing.