

## Death 2211

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Chapter 2211: Please, Do Tell!

Rean would often return to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, where he could use the Divine Origin Cores to recover his Divine Origin Energy before once again coming out to travel. Every time he used a Spatial Gate, he got more used to it, able to control his little Time Power better and better.

It still took him several weeks of trial and error to get stable performance, though. Nonetheless, he now was confident that he wouldn't end up in a time displacement or some random location in the Universe. It's just that due to his little control over time, his Spatial Gates truly couldn't connect as far as someone in the Space-Time Realm would. 'Sigh... I guess I can only wait for Roan, Kentucky, and Celis to reach the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm.'

Everyone had their roles, so Rean simply spent the next years moving in the direction of the Center of the Realm of Gods. The plan wasn't to go all the way there, though. Instead, it was to continue to travel until he found a Demon Beast City with a Long Distance Teleport Formation. He had more than enough Divine Stones to pay for it, and no one would try to stop an Elemental Space Realm expert. Such a level of cultivation was simply unheard of in these faraway places of the Realm of Gods.

Now and then, Rean would find a Demon Beast at the Transition Realm, but no Void Tempering Realm appeared during the first four years of opening Spatial Gates. Divine Energy continued to be scarce everywhere, which explained that situation. It's not that there wasn't a single one, but between coming in and out of Spatial Gates, Rean didn't meet any.

After four years and three months of travel, that changed. Another Spatial Gate appeared in the middle of the air from which Rean came out with a tired expression. He was already planning to go into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and use the Divine Origin Energy Cores to recover his energy. Above all, his group was truly close to the have another breakthrough and reaching the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm. Perhaps he would join the other three and cultivate for a while just to get that one more breakthrough.

Yet, as soon as he stepped out of the Spatial Gate, he was attacked by several Demon Beasts at once. All of them were at the Transition Realm, with their leader watching from the back.

This situation wasn't anything new to Rean. After using thousands of Spatial Gates, he did end up connecting Spatial Gates with some more aggressive Demon Beast territories. That sudden Spatial Gate, which was something the Demon Beasts had never seen before, naturally attracted a lot of hostility.

Yet, even Transition Realm Demon Beasts were rare in those situations, let alone a pack with tens of them at once. Through his Divine Sense, Rean quickly noticed that they were some kind of weird hornet bats with four wings. Rean didn't know which race that was. Yet, that didn't matter. That's because what Rean noticed was that at the very back of this group, there was one Bat at the Void Tempering Realm!

All the bats attacked Rean together, trying to bring him down before anything. Yet, Rean's body simply disappeared in a flash of silver light. Neither of them could see Rean's movement at all. Well, Rean was literally three entire realms above them, and he was definitely much stronger than those at the same level, so... nothing surprising there.

\*Zush!\*

The Void Tempering Realm bat felt scared out of his wits. As a Void Tempering Realm being, he obviously had the Natural Spatial Perception that everyone in his realm and above has. They all looked like black holes in their perceptions... and for that Bat, Rean's Realm made him look like a black hole that could cover the world. "Shit!"

He quickly tried to use his Spatial Powers to get away, but how could he possibly succeed with such a disparity? Rean's own Spatial Powers completely sealed the Bat in place, not allowing him to move a single muscle. "Hahahaha! Finally, a Void Tempering Realm Demon Beast. Seems like I'm getting closer to the Center of the Realm of Gods!"

The other Transition Realm Bats noticed that their leader was captured and quickly tried to attack Rean. Yet, Rean's Spatial Powers made an impenetrable barrier that didn't allow any of their attacks to pass through. For Rean, it was as if they weren't even attacking at all. "Hey, hey, hey, calm down, everyone. I'm not here to kill or take anything away from you. I just need some information, and I will be on my way right after."

Rean then released the Bat Leader, showing that it didn't really matter since he could capture again if he wanted to.

The leader was still frightened, having never seen someone with such a high cultivation Realm. Yet, he did his best to calm down before shouting at his companions. "All of you, stop! We are nothing but ants in front of this... errrr... I don't know what he is, but he is that strong!"

Rean's mouth twitched a little, feeling like he was being treated as an aberration. "Ahem... let's not pay attention to such details, shall we?" Obviously, the bats had never seen a human before.

The other Bats, seeing that their leader was fine, could only stop and watch from a distance.

Rean then looked around, seeing that he arrived in a quite dark place. It was still the outside world, but the environment made the light of the day quite hard to reach the ground. It wasn't anything that impressive. Different types of environments were common when you considered the entire Realm of Gods. "First, sorry for barging into your territory. It was not intentional. I just wish to know if you can point out a Demon Beast City where I can use a Long-Distance Teleport Formation."

"Demon Beast City?" The Bat sighed in relief, seeing that Rean didn't want to cause trouble to his race. "I don't know if they have a Long Distance Teleport Formation. However, this Demon Beast City is the only one I know about. It's just that it is really far away. Even if I fly at full speed, it will take me over ten years to arrive. Is that fine, sir?"

Rean's eyes lit up. "Absolutely! Please, do tell!"

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Chapter 2212: Helping Luan

Seeing that Rean was interested in the city, the Four-Winged Bat quickly explained. "The City is called La Mataia, and it isn't that big from what I heard about. I haven't seen other cities in my life, so I can't confirm if it is big or not. Anyway, starting from this location, sir just has to travel northeast. You will see at some point that the environment will change into a mountainous range with several valleys. The city is located within this valley."

The Bat continued. "You won't find many Transition Realm Demon Beasts here, let alone Void Tempering Realm ones like myself. However, as you get closer to La Mataia, their numbers will increase. You can ask any of those around, and I'm sure they will be able to tell you where to go. There isn't anyone above the Void Tempering Realm, though."

Rean was satisfied. "That's more than enough for me. Here, have these as an apology for invading your territory." Rean then threw a few Rank Two Divine Stones, which was a great fortune in a place like this. Right after, he opened another Spatial Gate and disappeared from the area.

The Bat's eyes lit up. He did have a few Rank Two Divine Stones, but even he had to be careful at spending them. Gaining some extra ones was truly a great outcome. 'Still... it was good he didn't take any offense. Otherwise, we would all be dead already,' he thought with some lingering fear.

Rean didn't travel straight to where the Bat indicated, though. As mentioned before, he was already tired and needed to recover his Divine Origin Energy. That said, he entered the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm as soon as he came out on the other side.

Inside the Dimensional Realm, Roan had seen the interaction with the Four-Winged bats. "So we are finally close to a city, uh?"

Rean nodded as he pulled out some Divine Origin Energy Cores to recover. "Indeed. Even if the city doesn't have any Long-Distance Teleport Formation, the higher-ups there should be able to at least point in the direction of bigger cities."

Roan nodded. "It most likely doesn't have such a thing if you consider the location we are at the moment. Anyway, just go there and check it."

"Uncle Rean!" Suddenly, Luan called Rean. Rean didn't focus on Kentucky only. He also helped Luan to train. Luan might not have the Soul Gem System's upgrades to increase cultivation speed, but he does have the Divine Origin Energy Cores and Roan's pills, not to mention an enormous talent and dedication. With these traits, he was able to cultivate from the Void Tempering Realm Late Stage up to the Space Bending Realm Late Stage. Yes, he got an entire realm above!

But above all, the main reason for that was none other than Luan's Space Affinity. That is something Rean and Roan don't have and will never do. When the cultivation reached the Void Tempering Realm, Spatial Laws became a huge part that dictates one's progress, and who could have more to gain on this side than Luan? Sure, he was still slower than the twins' group without the upgrades. However, it is definitely not by much with that huge advantage of an affinity.

"What is it?" Rean looked at Luan, asking.

Luan then brought out his sword. "It's broken again... Sorry."

Rean looked at Luan's sword. It wasn't as good as the White and Black Stars since Rean did not use Solar Essence. However, it was definitely much better than most weapons at the same level out there. "Sigh... There is no helping it. Your cultivation improved too fast, so this Golden Peak-Level Sword obviously can't keep with you anymore."

Rean then took the Sword from Luan, and something magical happened. The sword itself began to disintegrate as if it was becoming nothing more than energy. Rean wasn't the least bit surprised, though. "You worked well. You can rest now."

Roan and Luan looked at each other, not knowing how Rean did that. Still, that wasn't their specialty, so they didn't even ask.

Rean then looked at Luan and especially at his cultivation realm. "Alright, with your huge Spatial Power, I believe you shouldn't have any issues controlling a Divine High-Level Sword. Normally it would be impossible before the Elemental Space Realm, but you are quite an exception." The same worked for the twins, as their weapons levels were supposed to be used only in the Space-Time Realm. "Sister Orb, the sun's Solar Essence production also increases with the time acceleration, right?"

Sister Orb, who was always listening to everything in the Dimensional Realm, quickly answered. [Obviously. Time here is accelerated, but it feels normal while you are inside. The same goes for the Sun's Solar Essence production. Considering the amount of Solar Essence you used in the White and Black Stars, I reckon you do have enough to forge a new weapon now.]

Rean nodded, satisfied. "Alright, Luan. I'll forge a Divine High-Level Sword with Solar Essence for you then. However, I have a question. Usually, my weapons gather elements on their own, and I always forge a weapon to match the user's element. Yet, your Elemental Affinity is Space itself. Of course, my weapons can also draw Spatial Power on their own together with the elements they were forged to work with. It's just that you don't really have one of them to work with. Do you have any preference for an element, or would you rather I use the space allocated to this effect to increase even more the Spatial Power drawn by the sword?"

It wasn't like Luan couldn't use other elements. All cultivators can use elements different from their affinity. It's just that they wouldn't be very efficient at using them.

Luan pondered a bit and just shook his head. "I'm quite good at using Yang Energy to draw Light Element, but I already have help on this side with Uncle Rean's bracelet. In that case, I would rather have more Spatial Power since it is easy for me to control."

Rean didn't mind. "Alright, a Pure Spatial Power Sword it is."

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#### Chapter 2213: Releasing Kentucky

Since the time inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm was much faster, it wasn't like Rean would lose too much time outside. During the next few days, he worked on a sword for Luan. At the same time, he had Luan help with the forging process and use his own Spatial Power to create the Spatial Draw Ability of the sword. That way, it would be a lot more efficient. Rean always did that with his and Roan's weapons, so Luan wouldn't be different.

Finally, around a week later, the work ended. It took longer than the White and Black Stars since he wasn't using the previous equipment and upgrading it. Instead, he was forging something completely new. The result was a sword that couldn't look any more plain, something that any mortal would carry on his waist just to defend themselves.

Nonetheless, Luan was the wiser. He could tell just how much power that sword could display just by holding it in his hand. If anything, its plain appearance was even more of an advantage than a drawback. Luan then poured his Divine origin Energy inside, causing the sword to immediately attract the Spatial Laws around it.

The result was better than the Black and White Stars. Even though it was one level weaker than the twins' weapons, all its runes' space was used exclusively for Spatial Power. Not to mention it was forged with Luan's own Spatial Affinity in the mix. "Incredible! If I use my own Elemental Affinity to control even more Spatial Power, it will truly feel like I can cut space with just a thought."

Rean smiled in response. "It's good that you know it. So, what will you call it? From here onwards, you won't get a new weapon. Instead, I will upgrade this sword in your hand."

Luan was obviously happy to hear that. "A name, a name... Oh! I'll call it Dimensional Slicer!"

Rean was quite surprised to hear that. "I would understand such a cool name coming from Kentucky or me since we like to catch others' attention and show off. But you being Roan's kid and being so similar to him, I didn't expect something like this. If anything, I thought you wouldn't give a name at all, saying something like it is a waste of time."

Luan scratched the back of his head. "It's not as if I don't like cool things too..."

"Hahahaha!" Rean laughed after hearing that. "Alright, alright. Dimensional Slicer it is. Honestly, you should be able to cut through space much more easily than Roan and I, so it matches the sword's abilities. As long as you don't put it against a Legendary Level Sword, I doubt you can break it."

Above Divine Level stood the Legendary Level. Rean only saw one formation at this level in the past, let alone see a weapon. Still, he believed they were out there, and he would be able to forge such a thing in the future.

With the work done, Luan quickly left, having been called by Roan to give it a try with his new weapon. In the past few hundred years that had gone by while Rean traveled outside, Roan taught Luan about the Fourth Level of the Weapon Intent. Through pure diligence over several years, Luan was also able to bring his Sword Intent to the fourth level, Sword Aura.

Rean just smiled as Luan left before he stretched himself. His Dantian was already full of Divine Origin Energy, so he decided to go to the city. As for breaking through into the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm, that would have to wait.

But before that, Rean went to see Kentucky, who was cultivating in his nest over Celis's branches. He only needed one glance to notice just how annoyed Kentucky looked while he absorbed the Divine Origin Cores' Energy. "Let me guess, Roan didn't let you take a single step out in the past decades."

Kentucky immediately noticed Rean's voice and felt like he was seeing his savior. "Rean! Please, help me! I'm going crazy here! I'm a Minokawa! Minokawas are lazy by nature! I'm gonna die!"

Rean gave a thumbs-up to Kentucky. "Don't worry, I got you!"

"Eh? Really?!" Kentucky wasn't truly expecting Rean to help him.

Rean nodded. "But of course! We are going to visit a Demon Beast City, Ia Mataia, so I need a Demon Beast with me to prevent unnecessary trouble. Just use your bloodline to open the way for me, will you?"

Kentucky narrowed his eyes. "I feel like I'm being used..."

Rean then turned around, not minding at all. "Well, so be it then."

"Ahem! Why so fast? Have you never heard about Kentucky, the great 1001 Utilities Minokawa? If you are in need of a Divine Demon Bird to scare other Demon Beasts, I'm your guy!" So what if he was being used, it was still better than continue cultivating here...

"What are the other 1000 utilities?" Rean asked with some curiosity.

"I'll think about them later," Kentucky answered shamelessly.

Roan obviously saw and heard everything, but Rean had already told him that he was going to the city with Kentucky to make things easier. He also wanted to get to the Center of the Realm of Gods as fast as possible, so he obviously didn't stop them.

\*Zush, zush!\*

Suddenly, a man and a demon bird appeared in the middle of the air. The bird stretched its wings as if it was out of prison. "Finally, real air!"

Rean ignored Kentucky, though. "Hum... judging that bat's speed, ten years of travel should be more or less this amount..." Right after, Rean opened another Spatial Gate. "Let's go, Kentucky."

Kentucky didn't waste time and dove into the Spatial Gate, quickly following Rean. When they exited it, they were already above the mountain range with the several valleys the Bat mentioned. Rean then



jumped on Kentucky's back. "Alright, Kentucky. Let's fly around until we find a Demon Beast we can talk to."

"On it!" Kentucky nodded. Both man and bird began to look for the city called La Mataia.

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Chapter 2214: La Mataia

As the Bat mentioned, it wasn't hard to find a Demon Beast at the Transition Realm in this mountain range. It was close to the city, after all, so the demon beasts often came and went everywhere. Kentucky's Divine Sense picked up a demon beast that seemed like a squirrel, quite small. Yet, it was at the Late Stage of the Transition Realm. Not all Demon Beasts get bigger as their cultivation improves. Some stay the same as it is more advantageous for them.

\*Fuaaa...\*

Kentucky then landed in a flash in front of the squirrel, blasting the dust around with his wings. The squirrel was scared of its wits, not having detected Kentucky's presence at all until he appeared in front of him. Just as he was about to flee for his life, Kentucky's voice reached his ears.

"Sorry to bother you, friend. Would you perhaps know where I can find La Mataia City?" Asked Kentucky with a friendly tone.

The squirrel was surprised to hear that and momentarily stopped. Seeing that Kentucky wasn't trying to do anything, he decided to talk. "I-It's in that direction," he said while pointing his finger. "It shouldn't take more than two or three hours from here..."

Kentucky pondered a bit and understood that it probably wouldn't take more than a few minutes with his speed instead. "Oh, is that so? Alright. Thanks for the help, friend." Kentucky then opened his wings and was just about to fly.

Yey, the squirrel couldn't help but ask, seeing that this was probably something he wouldn't see again. "S-Sir, j-just what cultivation level are you at the moment? Your aura is s-so much stronger than the Poison Mantis in the city."

"Hum?" Kentucky looked back at the squirrel. "Oh, I'm at the Elemental Space Realm."

"Elemental Space Realm?" The squirrel had never heard about that one. "How far is it from the Transition Realm?"

"After the Transition Realm, you have Void Tempering Realm, then Space Bending Realm, and finally, Elemental Space Realm. That's where I am at the moment," said Kentucky.

"Three entire realms above!" The squirrel didn't even know it was possible to go that far. "H-How did you get there?"

Kentucky then looked at Rean, who was just hearing everything. Rean understood what he meant and simply nodded. 'Go ahead. He seems interested.'

Kentucky then reverted to his human form and smiled at the squirrel. "If you are interested, you might want to make a decision now. I can give you an opportunity to cultivate and at least reach the Void Tempering Realm in the future. You will even have the chance to improve your bloodline. In exchange, you will have to live in a Dimensional Realm for the foreseeable future. What do you think? I need your decision now as I can't waste much time here. Also, don't think I'm tricking you. At my cultivation level, I wouldn't need your permission to take you away if I wished so. You have one minute, and then I'm leaving."

The squirrel was taken aback. He didn't have much hope of reaching the Void Tempering Realm to start with, let alone improve his bloodline. Still, that also meant he would be trapped for a while. Demon Beasts don't like to stay confined, so it wasn't easy to simply decide it there.

Seeing that squirrel was silent during the entire minute, Kentucky just shook his head and went back to his Demon Bird form. "Oh well, I guess that's that."

Yet, just as he was about to fly again, the squirrel gritted his teeth and shouted. "I accept!"

Kentucky then looked back and nodded. "What's your name and race?"

"Sir can call me Hoshi," the squirrel answered. "I'm kind of a hybrid between Canopy Squirrels and Frost Squirrels, so I don't think my race has a name, to be honest."

Kentucky and Rean didn't know that. "Oh! A hybrid. Such mixes often end up with some genetic defects. It is nice that you made your way to the Transition Realm. Anyway, nice to meet you, Hishi. I'm sending you into the Dimensional Realm, then. Don't resist."

In the next moment, the Hoshi disappeared. Rean and Kentucky wouldn't waste time going there to explain how things worked, though. That was Sister Orb's job. The two of them just flew in the direction the squirrel pointed out. Sure enough, Kentucky was right. It only took him a few minutes to start to see a lot more Transition Realm Demon Beasts. As for the city itself, it appeared in their Divine Sense Range another few minutes later.

"This one is quite small..." Rean couldn't help but comment. As far as his Divine Sense could see, the city truly wasn't more than a few tens of kilometers in size. In the Realm of Gods, such cities might even be considered villages instead.

When Kentucky flew above the city, he immediately released the aura of his bloodline, which he had been hiding until now. As one can imagine, it caught the attention of all Demon Beasts in the city, as Kentucky was the only Divine Demon Beast they had ever seen. The suppression of his bloodline was quite effective.

Kentucky only kept it like that until he landed in the center of the city. There was no need to keep using his bloodline to intimidate the Demon Beasts there. Besides, he has already achieved his objective.

Suddenly, a purple-colored mantis of about three meters in size came from the main building in the city, quickly reaching Kentucky and Rean. It was indeed in the Void Tempering Realm, although it was only the Initial Stage, and he was only one of the three Kentucky and Rean could feel in the entire city. In any case, that was the fastest way to catch the attention of the most important Demon Beast in the city. "Sir, what could this little one do for you?" The Mantis obviously understood that Kentucky's display was an invitation to itself.

Kentucky nodded before asking. "Do you have any Long-Distance Teleport Formations? Price is not a problem."

Unfortunately, the Mantis shook his head. "We don't have simple teleport formations, let alone Long-Distance ones. Sorry, sir."

Neither Kentucky nor Rean was surprised by that. "In that case, please tell us where we can find bigger cities, especially ones with the formations."

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#### Chapter 2215: Getting Closer

A few minutes later, Kentucky and Rean were already flying away, leaving La Mataia behind. They didn't have much to do there anyway. They got a Jade Slip from the Mantis and made a copy of it. Inside, there was a simple map of the surrounding territories. According to the Purple-Colored Mantis, the biggest Demon City he knew about was many years of distance, and he was sure they didn't have a Long-Distance Teleport Formation either since he had been there before.

Rean and Kentucky didn't mind it since many years for the Mantis wouldn't be more than a day or so with Rean's Spatial Gates. "Are you sure you don't want to stay a little longer and see if more Demon Beasts want to come with us?" Asked Kentucky.

Rean shook his head. "Once in the Transition Realm, those Demon Beasts become the leaders of their races in such a desolate place. Hoshi was an exception since he wasn't from any of the two races he became a hybrid from. If we were to give them a chance, they most likely would ask to bring their races or abandon their races altogether. The first option would take too long, while I truly don't like the sound of the second."

Kentucky nodded. "I guess that was the difference during the time I was recruiting Demon Beasts. I had time to allow them to gather their own races before bringing them all together."

"That's pretty much it," said Rean with a smile. "Alright, this should be far enough." Rean then created a crack in space, quickly opening another Spatial Gate.

The two of them entered it, disappearing inside a moment later. The gate then closed behind, leaving no traces of their existence.

It indeed only took a day to reach somewhere near the next city—also another hour to find the city by acquiring information about the surroundings. This Demon Beast City was bigger than La Mataia, called Yutika. Yutika was the name of a race that controlled it too.

Kentucky did the same thing as before, quickly attracting the city's strongest Demon Beast. This one was in the Middle Stage of the Void Tempering Realm, which was a great achievement for the place he lives in. It was also this Yutika Race Demon Beast that first recognized Rean. "Is the man on your back part of the humanoid races, perhaps?" He asked.

Rean's eyes lit up when he heard that. "Oh! That's correct. I'm indeed part of the humanoid races. Have you seen more of us around here? Oh, right. My name is Rean."

The Yutika nodded. "I'm Grinwe, sir. Yes, I have seen other members of the Humanoid Races twice before. They also came to our city looking for information and departed right after. It was many, many years ago, though."

"It's fine. I'm not here looking for them anyway. It is just a coincidence," said Rean. "By the way, I noticed you guys have a teleport formation."

Grinwe nodded. "That's the pride of our Yutika City. It is truly hard to get a Demon Beast with any knowledge at all about formations this far from the center of the Realm of Gods, so you could say we were lucky too."

"Alright..." Rean didn't seem very interested in that part. "Anyway, how far can it teleport us? We are trying to go to the center of the Realm of Gods. Since you know we were in the Realm of Gods at all, you should have some knowledge about it."

Grinwe nodded. "To be honest, we have been visited by a member of the Dragon Race before, which was the moment we got our knowledge about it. As for the teleport formation, it should be able to teleport you to the city nearest to the Continental Barrier."

Rean couldn't help but sigh. If he used his Spatial Gates, he was confident he would get there in a day or two at most. "Do you know any city with Long-Distance Teleport Formations in the nearby continents?"

Surprisingly, Grinwe nodded. "Yes. You can find one three continents away from here. Would you like a Jade Slip with the map?"

Kentucky and Rean were taken aback. They didn't have hope since this was the Demon Beast Territories. Yet, there was finally one. "Of course!"

Grinwe then passed a Jade Slip over. "It's the biggest Demon Beast city you will find in the nearby continents. Usually, it would be hard to get there since the Continental barriers are in the way. Yet, the Continental Barriers are gone for some reason, so it shouldn't be a big issue. Well, considering your cultivation levels, I don't think it would have been a problem anyway."

It wouldn't be a problem even if their cultivation was low since Luan still had Fluki with him.

Rean took the Jade Slip and checked the content. It was quite detailed, showing the few cities in the nine continents it displayed. Of course, compared to the humanoid continents, there wasn't even a hundredth as many cities as you would find there. Demon Beasts Cities were still quite rare.

Kentucky and Rean didn't intend to spend much longer there, so they quickly bid farewell to Grinwe. "Alright, thanks for the information. It was a great help!"

"Oh, right!" Rean then took a Spatial Ring from the Dimensional Realm and threw it to Grinwe. "This is for your help and especially because you made me very happy."

Rean knew that if he showed the contents of the ring outside, Grinwe might get into a lot of trouble, so he just gave him the Spatial Ring and let Grinwe decide what to do with it. As for the contents, there were twenty Rank Four Divine Stones. It was truly a fortune worth battling to death for in a place like this. Grinwe almost choked when he saw the content. However, he quickly recovered and bowed to Rean and Kentucky. "Thank you for your help, sirs."

Rean and Kentucky nodded. Right after, Rean checked the map before opening a Spatial Gate above the city. The two of them were gone just like that.

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Chapter 2216: Peak Stage

When Rean and Kentucky arrived at the continent where they could find a Long-Distance Teleport Formation, they didn't go there straight away. Instead, Roan and Celis called the two back into the Dimensional Realm. "We have reached the limit of the Late Stage of the Elemental Space Realm. It's time to get another breakthrough."

Let's not forget Rean spent five years outside using Spatial Gates to travel, only coming into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm to recover his energy. During this time, the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm was still running at an accelerated pace while Roan, Kentucky, and Celis cultivated.

Rean and Kentucky nodded, seeing no issues with a quick breakthrough. There were no barriers in their cultivations, after all. They quickly gathered the energy from the Divine Origin Energy Cores and pushed for the next stage. As always, another wave of Divine Energy spread out as their cultivation rapidly raised. Finally, it settled into the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm.

Right after that, Rean went to the Time Acceleration Building, where the formation was located. Without thinking twice, he deactivated the time acceleration, returning the speed inside the Dimensional Realm to the same flow as outside. "It was good while it lasted..."

Roan nodded, having followed Rean. "The formation has spent a lot more Divine Origin Energy Cores than we did with our cultivations. If we want to have enough of these Cores to reach the Divinity Realm, we can't keep the formation running anymore."

Celis, on the other hand, was happy to hear that. "I was always against using the cores for time acceleration. We could have just cultivated normally. But nooooo... you were worried about your girls and wanted to go back fast. Don't blame me if the remaining Divine Origin Energy Cores are not enough to reach the Divinity Realm."

They still had to cultivate the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm and then all the Space-Time Realm right after. That obviously would use even more of their cores.

Rean and Roan ignored Celis, already knowing what he thought about the expenditure. "In any case, we achieved our objective of opening Spatial Gates. Also, now that we are in the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm, our ability to control time increased once again."

Sister Orb warned them, though. [Don't get complacent. Sure, you can control Time Power a little bit better now. Still, you are not as good with it as an Initial Stage Space-Time Realm cultivator. The reason is simply that your Realm isn't supposed to have it available for you.]

"But if we use all our trump cards, we shouldn't have a problem fighting an Initial Stage Space-Time Realm enemy, no?" Rean asked back.

[That's obvious. You can definitely make up for it with your other strengths, like the Starlight Body Cultivation Technique, Sky Energy, Weapon Intent, etc. Just don't expect to be able to jump an entire realm to fight like before. Time Power makes a huge difference in battle. When you were in the Space Bending Realm, you definitely could jump a Realm to fight. But now, in the Peak Stage Elemental Space Realm, I reckon you would be similarly matched with a Middle Stage Space-Time enemy, perhaps a Late-Stage one if you push your limits.]

In the end, if the enemy could increase their speed or slow down the twins' speed instead, any other advantage the twins have would be much more impacted than it was during the previous realms. Nothing can escape time, after all.

Roan agreed with Sister Orb. "I've never let my guard down, and it won't happen now."

Rean then looked at Kentucky. "Alright, we are done with our breakthroughs. Let's go to the city."

Kentucky was waiting for those words. "Great! Let's go!"

Celis returned to his normal cultivation schedule while Roan decided to practice some combat on his own to get used to his new Realm. He just wished he had someone to test his power against. "Wait, there is one..."

Roan remembered that Werin was caught with his female humanoid friend, Pulanli. Pulanli had been cultivating in silence during these many hundred years, never to bother the twins. It was to be expected since she and Werin got a huge and very enticing deal with the Divine Origin Energy Cores. What were some hundred years compared to that? If anything, Pulanli was happy to simply wait there.



Still, Pulanli was a Space-Time Realm Late Stage cultivator! Now that Roan was in the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm, wouldn't she be perfect to test his abilities? According to Sister Orb, the limit of his combat power would be against someone like her.

Roan quickly focused on his connection with the Soul Gem Dimensional, finding Pulanli in a moment. Right after, he sent her a Divine Sense Message. 'Are you busy at the moment?'

Pulanli was taken aback, not having heard that voice for a long time already. 'Oh! So you are finally back. Could it be we arrived at the Floating Islands of Time?'

Roan shook his head. 'No. But we aren't that far anymore. Anyway, the reason I called you is that I wish to test my combat abilities, and you are just in the perfect cultivation realm for that.'

Pulanli smiled in response. 'I don't mind helping you... given the right payment, of course.'

'The payment is not to get beaten too badly,' said Roan before using the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm to teleport Pulanli to the arena. "I will simply attack, and you can decide if you want to defend or not." Roan saw absolutely no need to pay her anything else.

Pulanli shrugged her shoulders. "Is that so? And here was I intending to give proper advice while not humiliating you too much. You are only at-"

Yet, it was at that moment her body froze. "Peak Stage Elemental Space Realm?! How the hell did you get that far?"

Roan looked at Pulanli as if he was looking at an idiot. "Isn't that obvious? I was hiding my cultivation realm when we first met."

"Hmph!" Pulanli truly accepted that. After all, even with the Divine Origin Energy Cores, she believed it was impossible to improve one's cultivation that fast. Naturally, Roan had to be hiding his cultivation from the very start. "So what? Don't expect me to show mercy."

"I wouldn't want anything else," Roan answered with a cold smile.

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#### Chapter 2217: Narfura Race

Dandon City was the biggest one in the continent where Rean and Kentucky arrived. After finishing their breakthrough, they made their way there, and it was fairly easy to find as this continent had quite a lot more Transition Realm Demon Beasts than before. Void Tempering Realm ones were still quite rare, but they could still find them.

Dandon was obviously a place where they found quite a few of them. Yet, that mattered little since Kentucky and Rean's cultivation was vastly superior. By using Kentucky's bloodline again, they quickly caught the attention of the top Demon Beasts in the city, who came to receive them like Grinwe did in Yutika City.

"The Long Distance Teleport Formation?" A Demon Bird asked, a being at the Late Stage of the Void Tempering Realm.

Kentucky nodded. "We got information that you have it in this city. Don't worry about the price. We have more than enough to pay for the teleportation. We would like to teleport all the way to the Center of the Realm of Gods."

The Demon Bird knew that Rean and Kentucky were far stronger than him, so he was very polite. "We do indeed have such a Teleport Formation. However, sirs shouldn't underestimate the price. To use this teleport formation, at least Rank Seven Divine Stones are necessary."

Rean was already used to that. Back when he was in the humanoid territory, the Long-Distance Teleport Formation that brought them to the Center of the Realm of Gods had to use Rank Seven Divine Stones as well. It is only natural that this one is the same. "No problem, we have it here. How many do you need?"

The Demon Bird was surprised but quickly recovered. "Since that's the case, the teleport fee is Thirty Rank Seven Divine Stones."

Rean quickly threw a Spatial Ring to the Demon Bird, which had exactly the number required. As for how Rean got those Stone, the answer was obvious. They got a long of Space-Time Realm experts killed in the Reactor Room back in the Spaceship. They simply took away their Spatial Rings. The only sad thing

was that their Pocket Dimensional Realms were destroyed because of their owner's deaths. Otherwise, the twins would probably have a fortune now. Nonetheless, the things they found in the Spatial Rings included those Divine Stones.

Rean and Kentucky arrived at the teleport formation, which looked to not have been activated in a very long time. "This thing is in quite a bad state, no?" Rean couldn't help but ask.

The Demon Bird then explained. "It has already been 1500 or so years since it was last used. You must understand that Rank Seven Divine Stones aren't the kind of things we can find in this region of the Realm of Gods. The only times the formation is activated are when the Demon Beasts from the Center decide to come here. It is also during those times that the formation receives maintenance. I reckon their next visit should be within now and five hundred years."

Rean pondered a bit and immediately took several materials from the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. "Give me an hour or so. I will get it as good as new."

The Demon Bird obviously had nothing against it. "B-But... we can't pay for the repairs, sir."

"Don't worry, I'm doing it so that no issues happen during my own teleportation," said Rean. "By the way, where is this Teleport Formation Connected to?"

The bird quickly answered. "It is always the Narfura Race members who come here, so it should be connected to their territory."

Rean obviously remembered the Narfuras. He had met one back when he lived within the Dragon Race Territory. They were just like the Dragons and Minokawas, Divine Demon Beasts. They had kind of a humanoid appearance but were still part of the Demon Races. Their body was covered in red scales that could ignite any time they wanted, making them look like some walking flame spirit.

That level of formation was nothing in Rean's eyes anymore, so the maintenance process was done fairly quickly. It did have some peculiarities, but Rean was fast to understand them. Formations aren't all the same. Each Formations Master had their own methods, after all. Still, Rean wasn't lying. He just didn't want to have issues during the teleportation. Doing the maintenance in the formation also allowed him to confirm that the formation was truly what the Demon Bird said. With that out of the way, he and

Kentucky stepped on it. "Alright, it is fixed and should stay in good condition for the foreseeable future. You can activate it now."

The Demon Bird nodded and put the Rank Seven Divine Stones in their places. In fact, only twenty-eight were used in the end, though. Not that the Demon Bird lied about the expenditure, but that Rean improved its energy efficiency. He didn't ask for the Divine Stones back, though, much to the Demon Bird's delight.

The formation activated a moment later, connecting to the other formation all the way in the Center of the Realm of Gods.

\*Zush!\*

With a flash of silver light, Rean and Kentucky disappeared from sight.

The Narfura Demon Beast Race Territory was usually quite lively. Although they are Divine Demon Beasts, they are quite odd in the fact that they don't have much trouble with reproduction. Sure, it wasn't as easy as the humanoid races, but they far surpassed the other Divine Demon Beasts in this regard. That came with its compromises, though. Their Divine Bloodline was on the weaker side and needed quite a few of this race to work together to achieve the same result of a pure-blooded dragon or phoenix, for example.

Yet, the race territory was quite empty now. The reason, obviously, was the war to conquer the Devil's Territory in the Realm of Gods. The same could be said for all the Demon Beasts near the Center of the Realm of Gods, so there was nothing wrong here.

It was within this race that a Teleport Formation that hadn't shown any changes in over a thousand years suddenly activated...

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Chapter 2218: Quick Stay

"Hum?" A Narfura Race member noticed the change and quickly looked in that direction. Although the Race was quite empty at the moment, it still had a lot of members who weren't fit to fight or those who stayed to simply protect their land while the others were out. "This formation... where is it from?"

\*Zash!\*

A flash of silver light suddenly occurred, followed by the appearance of a Demon Bird in human form and a real human. Naturally, these two were none other than Rean and Kentucky. Both of them were using Rean's Boy Transformation Technique, so no one would be able to recognize them. Kentucky was also suppressing his Regal Bloodline to make sure no one would feel it at the moment.

The room quickly filled with a few Narfura Experts, who weren't expecting any arrival in that teleport formation. Yet, they all noticed that Rean and Kentucky were in the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm, so none of them there would be their match. Only then did another Divine Sense appear as a Space-Time Realm expert of the Narfura Race reached the location.

"Who are you? What are you doing here?" Asked that expert.

Rean smiled in response. "Hello, friend. We are sorry for using your teleport formation. Because of some unfortunate events, we got teleported all the way to the borders of the Demon Beast Territories. This Teleport Formation was the first one we found on our way back to the Center of the Realm of Gods, so we used it." That wasn't a lie.

The Narfura guy narrowed his eyes, finding those two quite suspicious. But then again, at their cultivation level, it wasn't hard to believe that they did have access to Rank Seven Divine Stones to use such a long-distance teleport formation. "You still haven't told me who you are."

Rean nodded and spoke first. "I'm Zanti, a member of the human race."

Kentucky quickly followed. "I'm a Minokawa who has been traveling with Zanti for the past few decades. You can call me Tira."

Although this Narfura Race Member was in the Space-Time Realm, he was only at the Initial Stage. He was still confident that he could deal with Rean and Kentucky, but it would cause quite some damage if they fought there before he got things resolved. His Narfura Race members were mostly at the war sites, so it would be best if he could avoid problems. "Do you know the current state of affairs in the Realm of Gods?"

Rean quickly nodded. "We heard about it, although we weren't here when it started. From what I discovered, it seems like our Realm of Gods experts are trying to reconquer the Devil Territories that were once ruled by the Essence Races."

It was then that Rean got a question. "By the way, sir. We noticed that the Continental Barriers disappeared. Was it due to the war as well, or was it because the barrier disappeared that the war started?"

The Narfura nodded. "You can call me Huglo. Your first assumption was the correct one. I don't know how it was done, but the experts of the three main territories of the center of the Realm of Gods joined forces and got all the Continental Barriers down. All I know is that it cost them quite a high price, and failure in retaking the Devil Territories is not an option anymore."

Indeed, something that could deactivate the Continental Barrier ought to be extremely expensive. "In that case, we better join them. Oh, right! Do you have a Teleport Formation that can take us to the Dragon Race Territory?"

"The Dragon Race?" Huglo asked, puzzled. "What do you want to do there?"

"We have some acquaintances there we wish to meet," said Rean... or Zanti.

However, Huglo immediately shook his head. "That is out of the question. The Dragon Race is considered a forbidden territory, and no entrance is permitted without authorization."

Rean and Kentucky weren't surprised by that. They already noticed with their Divine Senses one of Rean's Communication System Towers inside the Race. He could also see one of his communication badges in the hands of Huglo, who probably used it to alert other experts of their arrival. In any case, the Dragon Race Territory was where the Core of his Communication System was located. Since they were at war, all paths leading to it were most definitely heavily guarded to prevent anyone from taking it down.

Rean wondered if it would be a good idea to use his communication badge to contact Qia and the others in the Dragon Race. However, he wasn't sure if some kind of surveillance was added to the communication system, which would obviously reveal his return. "Is that so? Oh well, it is not like I must

go there anyway. Huglo, we wish to leave your race territory. Do we need to do something? After all, we arrived here uninvited."

Normally, Huglo and his Race would detain these two strangers since they were not supposed to be there. However, the situation is as this. His Race Territory didn't really have any meaningful use for anyone trying to disturb the war efforts, so it didn't make sense to attack or cause them trouble either. In that case, he would rather just get rid of this problem as soon as possible. "You there," he suddenly called the guy responsible for watching the Teleport Formations.

"Yes?" Naturally, the guy responded.

"Send them to the Minokawa Race Territory," Huglo commanded. He then looked at Kentucky, who already said he was a Minokawa. "That should be fine, yes?"

Rean and Kentucky were obviously satisfied with that. "Thanks. That's perfect. By the way, friend. What if we want to join the war efforts? What would we need to do? We have been away for quite a while, and we are out of the information chain."

Huglo nodded. "Once you arrive there, ask your Race to be added to the communication system. Then you can take one of the teleport formations used for this campaign and join them later."

"Very well," Rean and Kentucky nodded. They then paid out of their own pocket for the utilization of the other teleport formation, quickly disappearing a few minutes later.

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Chapter 2219: Checking Information

Rean and Kentucky weren't sent straight into the Minokawa's home, though. Instead, they were teleported somewhere near the Floating Islands of Time as the Minokawas didn't accept any formations inside near their nests.

Coming out of the Formation, they were quickly greeted by a Demon Beast taking care of the business there. It wasn't a Minokawa, though. Instead, it was a normal Demon Beast who simply got paid to be there. "I wasn't expecting anyone from the Narfura Race to come here. Do you have any deals with the Minokawas?"

Rean quickly shook his head. "Not really. Our destination just so happens to be near the Floating Islands of Time, so we took this Teleport Formation. We will be leaving straight away."

Sure enough, the Minokawa Race Territory was the Minokawa Race Territory. Everyone there was quite lax, not caring about things that much. As long as it didn't involve getting where the Minokawas' Nests were located, everything else didn't really matter. "Is that so? Well, you are free to go wherever you want. I'm not keeping you company then." The Demon Beast left just as fast as it arrived, pretending to not even having seen Rean and Kentucky.

Kentucky then looked at Rean. "There is most likely a tower of the communication system here too. Why don't you contact Qia before we leave?"

Rean shook his head. "I thought about it when we arrived at the Narfura Race. However, I can't guarantee there is no surveillance in my system now."

Yet, Kentucky didn't seem that worried. "So what if there is? Did we come back to the Center of the Realm of Gods to stay hidden? I might as well tell you this. We will not be able to reach Qia and Calina's group without anyone noticing. Your Divine Sense Bending Skill won't be strong enough to keep the Divinity Realm Divine Senses away. I can guarantee that they definitely have at least two of three watching them all the time."

"This..." Rean had to admit Kentucky was right.

\*Zush!\*

It was then that Roan appeared outside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. "I'm not the type who likes to announce my presence. If I can do things without catching anyone's attention, I'll do so. However, our objective had always been to reach Calina and Qia's group as soon as possible. Now that we are in the range of the communication system, you can at least confirm whether they are fine or not. If the communication badge gets used to find our location, so be it."

Rean was a little surprised at Roan's words, as he usually would avoid such actions. Obviously, he wanted to know if his wife was fine... and his son too... probably... "Very well, let me give it a try."



Rean's communication badge was a little special. As the creator of the Communication System, it obviously had a few perks that others didn't. One of them was the manipulation of all information relayed by it. "As long as the system core hadn't been completely changed, I should be able to hide the location of this badge in case someone is watching."

Sure enough, the Minokawa Race's Territory was also connected to the communication system. As soon as Rean took his badge out, it connected to the nearest tower. Rean didn't call Qia or Calina straight away, though. Instead, he used his badge to access the system itself. He wanted to see what changes had been done there to see if he needed to change something before calling the girls.

"Oh!" Looking at the coding of the communication system, Rean quickly noticed the changes that Qia and havek worked on. "This was quite some improvement. They even created new communication badges that can recycle the signal from the towers to send new information back from much greater distances. This was truly ingenious. I will have to get one of those new badges myself."

Rean then went through all the information related to the war itself, getting a full picture of the situation in the Realm of Gods at the moment. "Hehe, you guys will like to hear this. It seems like the Angels had taken control over the Temporal Path, as we already know. However, around twenty years ago, the angels suddenly retreated to the Heavens. From what the Realm of Gods could find out, it seems like some kind of huge revolution took place there."

Roan and Kentucky obviously knew why. "Seems like Spiegel and Waremis already spread the liquid to get rid of the Soul Worms."

Rean nodded. "We already expected that to happen. The good thing about it is that the Realm of Gods took the opportunity to raid the Temporal Path Entrance. Now, they changed that place into an impregnable fortress. Any Devil that comes from the Temporal Path from now on will be basically handing him or herself to their deaths. However, the Devils also retook the Temporal Path Entrance back in the Underworld."

Roan understood what it meant. "Simply put, the Heavens, Realm of Gods, and Underworld all control their own entrances. None of them have the monopoly anymore."

"Exactly," Rean confirmed. "The Devils are still plenty in numbers, though. They retreated further into their territories in the Realm of Gods and are holding the front lines as best as they can, which is quite surprising since you would expect a lot of them to simply desert. They are Devils, after all."

Roan found it strange, though. "With no more Temporal Path to bring more Devils, how come the Devils are still resisting? If it was me, I would gather the Divinity Realm experts of the Realm of Gods and storm our way into their ranks. I'm sure we have several times more Divinity Realm level experts on our side than the Devils here in the Realm of Gods."

Rean understood that, but the reason for it wasn't available in the system. "I can't tell you why. It's not here."

Rean then proceeded to tell the other pieces of news he got access to before finally settling down. "Alright, this is all we know at the moment."

"Good," Roan was satisfied to have a pretty big picture of the war. "Now, call the girls."

Rean nodded. "Alright."

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Chapter 2220: You Know Why

Yet, before that, Rean couldn't help but take another good look at Roan. "Say... how come you look so beaten?"

Indeed, Roan looked quite poor at the moment, with his clothes ragged everywhere. Rean thought at first it was due to some training, but Roan usually never ends like that during such practices.

"Life and Death combat," Roan answered.

Rean wasn't paying attention to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, so he didn't see what Roan was talking about. "Life and Death?" he pondered a bit and could only think about one person. "Only Pulanli have a cultivation capable of giving you any trouble in the Dimensional Realm. Could it be she decided to rebel after all these years?"

Roan shook his head. "I asked her to fight me. Obviously, it had to be a real fight, so I went all out, which forced her to go all out as well."

Rean quickly sent his consciousness into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm to take a look at Pulanli. She seemed to be quite angry, but she didn't look as bad as Roan. "So... simply put, you got the worst of the exchange."

Roan didn't deny that. "Indeed. She is almost an entire realm above, so even going all out still puts me at a disadvantage. Perhaps only by burning my Nascent Soul would I match or defeat her. Nonetheless, it was a very good experience."

Rean shrugged his shoulder in response. "Well... if you are saying..."

Right after, he finally used his communication badge to call Qia. If she was still using the same identification number inside the system, she sure would pick up the call.

Back in the Dragon Race Territory, Qia and Calina were talking inside the sect. The Soul Flames from Rean and Roan had suddenly sparked up to life a few hours ago, showing that they were now very close to their location. "Why are they taking so long to arrive?!" Qia couldn't help but complain.

Calina shook her head. "Do you want them to simply come to the Dragon Race and say hello? The experts Placake left behind would definitely capture them and never let them go anywhere ever again."

"Sigh..." Qia knew Calina was right. "Still, we have been waiting for so long..."

It was then that Qia's Communication Badge was activated. She wasn't much surprised, though. As the one in command of the communication system, the formations masters would send her messages all the time. It would be a miracle if she got to spend an entire hour without a single call. The only moments of silence she had were during the times she herself set to be left alone, but it wasn't the case at the moment. "What? I told you guys that the crafting process will have those kinds of issues with the new badge. There is no need to tell me about every change."

On the other side, Rean smiled while saying, "Is that so? Sorry for bothering you, then. I'm not gonna call anymore."

"WAIT!" How could she not recognize the person who sent the message? She quickly looked at the ID number from the call, and sure enough, that was Rean's number. "Rean!"

"What?!" Calina's interest was immediately picked. "He is calling?! Where is Roan?!"

Rean laughed in response. "Hahaha! That's me, indeed. Fortunately, Roan and I made our way back to the Realm of Gods. It's just that we got teleported to the middle of nowhere, so it took some time to make our way back to the Center of the Realm of Gods."

Qia's eyes got watery as she spoke. "Why did you take so long? Do you know how worried I was during all this time?"

Calina was feeling quite jealous since she couldn't hear what they were saying since the badges used Divine Sense. "I want to talk too! Tell Roan to call me!"

Qia wiped her tears and nodded. "Rean, can you ask Roan to call Calina?"

Rean asked something else in response. "I'm the only one calling because I don't know if some kind of tracking method was added to the system. Do you know if this call is secure? Otherwise, I will have to hang up."

"Oh, wait!" Qia obviously knew that such a thing did really exist. Her group and Havek's group worked on that so they could show the commanders of the war efforts the real-time positioning of every member with a communication badge.

However, Havek and Qia obviously worked on a way to block such searches if necessary, especially in their own cases. She quickly used her administrator rights, which were the highest in the system other than Havek's, to remove Rean's badge number. Of course, she knew Roan's number, too, so she did the same to him. "Alright, it is done now. The other formations masters in the Dragon Race will not be able to locate you through your devices."

Rean nodded as he looked at Roan, "You can call Calina now."

A moment later, Calina's badge also activated, obviously with Roan's messages behind it.

They then talked for quite a while, although the twins still preferred not to say anything that other parties shouldn't hear. As much as Qia believes that her admin rights were perfect, it was better not to risk it. "And that was how we ended in the Realm of Gods, although we were truly sent to the middle of nowhere."

Qia was really shocked by everything. She wanted to ask about the Fragments of the Universe Foundation, but she obviously understood Rean didn't want such a name to be said through the communication system, so she and Calina refrained from mentioning them. "I can't believe you went to the Heavens and Underworld. You even left the Three Higher Realms at some point. Just how can you attract so much trouble like this?"

Rean obviously knew why. It was called the 'Soul Gem System.' This thing had the ability to actively mess Destiny around the twins, and they had to be living with it up to this point. "You know why, so I won't mention it to not dump my own mood."

Qia sighed in response. "Yes, I do..."