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Chapter 2241: Too Complicated

[Exactly. If you want this formation to stop, you have to do that after you get far away from this Island. The best-case scenario is to be out of the Central Area altogether.]

Naturally, Rean understood what the issue was. 'I can set up a formation that will destroy the runes of this one after a certain time. However, we would need to leave this place, and the Archangel would definitely come inside and stop it. We only have a few minutes, according to Jeskli, so I can't set up anything complicated.'

[That's not all,] Sister Orb continued. [Don't forget we NEED the Fragment if we want to join both sides of the Universe. Now that the Archangel has come inside this place, can you guarantee he hasn't spread the method to do it to someone else? Even if we somehow succeed in getting rid of the Archangel and leave this place, there is no way to be certain no one else will come later. We are talking about a Fragment of the Universe Foundation. All races will ignore all rules and come after this Fragment without thinking twice, even if we tell them the Fragment's removal will destroy the Floating Islands of Time.]

Roan narrowed his eyes. 'We are doomed if we do nothing, and we are doomed if we do anything. Whatever choice we make, the end result is that the Fragment will be taken away soon or later. The Floating Islands of Time is done for.'

'You can't say that,' Rean disagreed. 'It might be possible to defend the Fragment.'

'Naive!' Roan immediately retorted. 'You have to recognize when you are out of options. No, it is not like we have no options. Instead, we have a very obvious one. We should take the Fragment straight away and get as far as possible from this place.'

'What about the Minokawas?' Rean immediately asked back.

Roan shook his head. 'They will have to rely on themselves and flee from this place. Fortunately, they are very far from the central area, so they should, in theory, have enough time to get away as the Spatial Rift increases in size.'

[I'm not really happy about it, but I have to agree with Roan. If the Fragment's removal is a foregone conclusion, then we might as well be the ones to do it. Just throw me at the Sphere of Time and Space. We already know it has no power against me. I will absorb the Fragment, and we will leave immediately.]

Rean found it strange. 'Weren't you the one who said that we would die in the Spatial Rift if we took the Fragment away? How come you saying we can take it now?'

[Simple, we will have to gamble,] Sister Orb answered.

Roan understood where Sister Orb was coming from. 'You want us to use the Circuitry Teleport Formation even though the Space Laws will be in the middle of chaos. Simply put, we have no idea where we would be thrown on this side of the Universe. Even the Mortal Realm is a possibility.'

[Exactly. However, we would be able to take the Fragment away with us. You should immediately contact Jeskli and tell him to relinquish the battle against the Archangel and flee. If he goes all out, he can get through the barrier that trapped us inside this place.]

'What about Kentucky?' Rean asked once again. 'He is still outside waiting for us.'

[Obviously, only Jeskli can take him and Lily away in time. Do you think Jeskli would give up the Regal Minokawa? Also, it is good if Jeskli saves Kentucky once the Fragment is removed from this place.]

Roan knew why. 'With our connection with Kentucky, we can at least tell in which direction the Realm of Gods is located. As long as we are inside the same Universe, that is.'

'All of this is way too risky!' Rean truly didn't like that option. 'First of all, we are considering the Circuitry Formation will work for us. It couldn't be that you forgot, right? It is only a chance! If we try to use the Circuitry Teleport Formation within a messed space environment, chances are we will fall into a Spatial Storm and be shredded to pieces. The thing about ending somewhere random in the Universe is only if we are lucky enough!'

[Then what do you want to do? We might as well just go back to Jeskli and tell the Archangel we are leaving. I doubt Jeskli will accept it, though. In that case, we can only try to get as far away as possible on our own, going through the Spatial Rifts that even Jeskli had a hard time defending in this central area.]

[I'll be honest. Since Jeskli definitely will not accept to flee, we will have to flee on our own. That means we will need to risk our luck within the Central Area and most likely die to those invisible Spatial Rifts. And that is not considering the Archangel's existence at all. Since chances of dying are high, we might as well risk our deaths in the Circuitry Teleport Formation after obtaining the Fragment.]

Roan closed his eyes for a moment. 'We can most likely die if we try to leave the Fragment behind. We can most likely die if we take the Fragment with us. Rean, stop complaining and let's just do it. You should have understood by now that things don't always go the way we want. That's how the cultivation world works. I'm going back into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm with Luan. You contact Jeskli with your communication badge once you are ready.'

Rean gritted his teeth and was just about to accept the offer when suddenly, an idea appeared in his mind. 'We still have a few minutes, you said, right?' He then began to walk in the direction of the formation. 'There is one thing I haven't tried yet. Since there are memories from the Archangel in this thing, I might as well look into it and see if I can use anything there to our favor.'

Roan narrowed his eyes. 'Fine. Share your mind with me so that I can help with the burden. But you only have until the battle between Jeskli and the Archangel ends.' Roan would be lying if he said he wasn't curious about the Archangel. That's why he accepted Rean's idea. Not to mention Roan also didn't like the almost certain death option.

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Chapter 2242: Explode

Once again, Rean approached the border of the Formation and touched one of its runes that was connected to the Sphere. Immediately, a flow of memories began to stream into his mind. The problem was that there were too many of them, and they were all broken into pieces.

Argh!

That wasn't all. The memories also put a great burden on Rean's mind, making it very hard to piece them together. This time, however, Rean used his connection with Roan and also Sister Orb to help deal with

the load. As mentioned before, the twins could share their memories, but they could also prevent it from happening if they wished. Usually, they never allowed the other to watch as they simply didn't like each other. Above all, they weren't exactly a big fan of Sister Orb seeing them either, so they kept them closed for her as well.

[So many things...] Even Sister Orb, with the help of the system, was having some difficulty putting things together.

Roan narrowed his eyes as he could feel the same burden to his soul as Rean was feeling. Nonetheless, he used his Sky Energy to strengthen his mind and keep his thoughts clean. 'Don't mess this up. Make sure you separate these memories from your own so that you won't have some identity conflict later.'

'I know that,' Rean immediately answered while resisting the pain. 'If I see that my own memories are getting messed up, I will immediately stop. Fortunately, when it comes to the strength of the soul, I'm even better than you with my Light Element, so you should be the one to be careful about it.'

'It's easier for the Underworld to become a land of living beings than me losing my mind before you,' Roan answered straight away.

[You two stop bickering and help piece the memories together. So far, we are only getting a lot of jumbled-up shit. Since I have the highest mental capacity with the system's help, I'll lead the connections. You two just follow my lead. However, be ready to teleport away. If things go south, just throw me at the Fragment so that I can use the others to absorb it, and then can we try our escape.]

Rean and Roan nodded and used Sister Orb's ability to begin to make sense of everything that was entering their minds. Of course, they weren't idiots. Although the Fragment somehow received the past events of the Archangel's life, they knew it wouldn't be his entire life. Just how old that guy was? It would be ridiculous. All Rean and Roan wanted to get something worth using against the Archangel that could stop the Formation and the battle.

Minutes passed as Luan watched the outside. He could see that Roan was still working on the memories and began to get nervous. "Father, the ghostly powers of the Wraith are almost gone. I think it won't take long for the creatures to get come after us again."

Roan shifted a little of his attention to ask. "How's Jeskli and the Archangel's battle?"

Luan focused all his energy on his eyes as he looked at the explosions of Divine Origin Energy in the distance. "It is hard to make anything out of their fight. However, I can tell that the overall Divine Origin Energy they are deploying is falling fast. Both of them will run out of energy soon. Of course, one of them might just be pretending to get weaker, or perhaps both are doing it."

Roan nodded. "Let me know as soon as the ghostly power is gone. We will enter the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm as soon as it is gone."

"Alright," Luan accepted the order and kept his focus on everything.

Meanwhile, Jeskli and the Archangel were looking quite tired.

'Divine Yin Yang Claws!'

Jeskli came from above, rotating his body as Light and Dark Elements filled his claws. The Yin and Yang Energies filled each of them, causing the Space around them to fracture.

The Archangel wasn't any slower. His wings burst with Light Element and Yang Energy, which quickly fused with his two spears. Time and Space mixed in their tips as the Archangel counter-attacked.

'Heaven Piercer!'

Bam!

Bzzzzzzzzzz!

The Elements, Space, Divine Origin Energy, and Time clashed against each other. None of the two held back at all, creating several spatial rifts as Space and Time went into disarray. For them, at the Archangel and Divinity Realm levels, the Spatial Rifts weren't much of a concern. They were dangerous, but they would need to be a lot bigger and more powerful to affect the two.

Nonetheless, they were quickly running out of Divine Origin Energy. If things continued like this, even those Spatial Rifts would begin to get dangerous. Without the energy to defend themselves, the Spatial Rifts could definitely tear the two apart.

Crack, crack, crack...

Boom!

Suddenly, three of Jeskli's claws broke, causing the accumulated energy to explode and once again force the two apart. Jeskli landed several hundred meters away, gasping nonstop.

One of the Archangel's Spears also had its tip cracked. It didn't completely break, but it definitely wasn't far away from it. The Archangel couldn't help but feel some pain in his heart. Only he knows how much effort he put into acquiring those two spears.

However, he quickly put those thoughts behind him as he glanced into the distance. He was the only one capable of using Divine Sense in this place since he was the owner of the formations. That said, he obviously saw when Rean entered the Cubic Light Barrier. It left him baffled to see someone who wasn't an angel get inside that place, but there was nothing he could do.

Yet, even after several minutes, nothing happened. He knew that he left no other protection in the Formation inside the Cubic Light Barrier. Even someone at Rean's level should be capable of destroying it if given enough time. 'I can't delay it much longer.'

The Archangel then looked at the Spear that had its tip almost broken and made a decision. His wings flashed with Light Element, and he shot himself against Jeskli once again.

Jeskli wouldn't just look at the incoming enemy, so he also attacked. He was a Minokawa, famous for their body defenses. If anything, he welcomed melee combat.

Yet, just as the two were about to reach each other, the Archangel threw the Spear that had its tip cracked.

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Chapter 2243: Long Time No See

"Not good!" Jeskli's blood ran cold as he understood what the Archangel wanted to do. He wondered if the Archangel was crazy as he knew he wasn't the only one who would be affected by it. Yet, he didn't have time to think about it. He immediately gave up the attack and used all his energy for defense.

'Dark and Light Divine Armor!'

Jeskli's feathers and scales hardened like never before, creating a living fortress out of his body. Time and Space froze for a moment as the Spear, which was a weapon at the Legendary Level, suddenly inflated. Cracks appeared all over it, starting from the crack on the tip. Finally, not being able to hold the energy inside it anymore, all the power inside burst out.

BOOM!

The Spear exploded right after, creating a blast of Light Element and Divine Origin Energy that far surpassed any attack used during their combat. Jeskli, naturally, was within the range of the explosion, so he was sent flying like a meteor into the distance.

Arrrrghhh!

Jeskli was truly caught with his guard down this time. He was definitely proud of his Minokawa Bloodline and the defense it carried. Yet, even it could not stop the explosion from breaking a few of his bones. Many of his Feather Blades were pulverized while countless of his scales cracked. His blood flowed like rivers from those cracks, showing the seriousness of the injuries.

Yet, the Archangel wasn't any better. To lure Jeskli into the explosion range, he obviously had to be somewhat close to it as well. Of course, his reaction was a lot faster than Jeskli's since he knew what he was doing, but his lower defense compared to Jeskli's still caused his body to be severely affected just as much.

Two of his wings were just destroyed there and then, which was the price he paid to defend himself from the explosion, other than several other injuries inside his body. Many of his white feathers were lost on the other wings as well. His hair was messy and dirty, something you would almost never see in an angel, let alone an Archangel. White golden blood flowed from his orifices on his face as a determined expression appeared there.

The Archangel was already expecting that. As much as it hurt his heart to sacrifice one of his spears, he had to do it. However, he knew that wouldn't kill Jeskli. Not to mention that losing one of his spears would definitely affect his combat power. He only did what he did because he wanted a chance to move away from the combat, and that's exactly what he got.

Without thinking twice, the Archangel shot in the direction of the top of the mountain. His objective was simple. Get inside the Cubic Light Barrier and kill Rean before he succeeds in destroying the Formation.

Jeskli couldn't do anything about it, so he immediately used the communication badge. 'Careful! He is coming for you! I'm right behind, but I will be a little bit too late to stop him. If you can, run now!' Naturally, he did his best to recover from the explosion and followed right behind. Still, we can't forget one can't use their Divine Energy to fly in this place. Jeskli could only fly because he was a bird, so he was simply using his wings. Yet, it was a lot slower when one didn't have the support of Divine Energy Flight.

Luan obviously was one of those holding a communication badge, so he quickly shouted to Roan on his side. "Father, the Archangel is coming!"

Roan opened his eyes and touched Luan's shoulder in a split second. With a flash of silver light, both men disappeared from sight. Naturally, they went straight into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Of course, the entrance of the Dimensional Realm was left there, so the Archangel could attack it. Nonetheless, Roan wasn't worried. He knew the Archangel was more worried about what was happening in the barrier, so he would just ignore it. As for Rean... he was in doubt about what was going to happen after what they had just found.

Sure enough, the Archangel didn't even pay attention to where the entrance of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm was left. He could attack and potentially destroy it with the difference in cultivation. Yet, it would take too long, and Jeskli would probably catch up to him during that time. Instead, he flashed into the Cubic Light Barrier straight away.

As soon as he appeared on the other side, he saw Rean standing there with a bitter smile on his face. Rean was looking directly at him as if he had been waiting for a while.

Well, the Archangel didn't care. What mattered was that Rean hadn't destroyed the Formation yet. He pushed his Spear forward, aiming to destroy Rean in a single blow. He could deal with Jeskli outside after that. Besides, with their difference in cultivation, there was no way Rean would be able to resist his attack.

However, Rean didn't try to run or defend to start with. Instead, he simply spoke a few words. "My name is Rean Larks. However, in my previous life, my name was Rean Faran, a metallurgist on a planet called Earth on the other half of this Universe."

The Archangel's face immediately changed into an expression of shock and disbelief. His Archangel's Spear suddenly stopped right in front of Rean's face. The Space, Time, Light Element and Divine Origin Energy instantly disappeared, making the Archangel throw up blood. He had attacked with all his might, so to stop his Spear at such short notice caused his Divine Origin Energy to go chaotic in his body.

Yet, he looked like he couldn't feel anything. Such was his surprise after hearing Rean's words. "No... It can't be..."

Seeing the shock on the Archangel's face, Rean confirmed his suspicions after he found some peculiar information about the Archangel's past. "Hello, Romario Faran. Or should I say... Long time no see, Dad?"

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Chapter 2244: Why?

Turns out Waremis and Spiegel were right. This Archangel truly came from the other half of the Universe. The only weird thing was that the times didn't match. Waremis told during the Archangels meeting that this no-name Archangel arrived millions of years ago. Rean and Roan knew that since Waremis also explained everything to them back in the Spaceship. Yet, Rean's father shouldn't have more than a few hundred years of age instead, even if he somehow was alive.

To that thought, Rean and Roan had to consider whether a huge amount of time had passed after they fell into the Reincarnation Path together and were brought by the system to the other side. After all,

there was a time when they lost their consciousness while the transfer to the cultivation side of the Universe happened.

Regardless of whether there was a time displacement or not, the fact was that the one in front of Rean was definitely Romario Faran. That much was certain.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The Cubic Light Barrier suddenly began to tremble nonstop, obviously being attacked from the outside. Yet, that barrier was made to be able to resist even Divinity Realm Experts, so it would take a long time to crumble.

Rean knew that the one attacking it was most likely Jeskli, so he used his communication badge to talk to him. 'No need to worry, senior Jeskli. I'm fine. Wait outside and give me a few minutes while I try to resolve things in here.'

Jeskli was taken aback. He couldn't see what was happening, so he had his doubts. First of all, it wasn't like he totally trusted the twins' group. But then again, he was quite weak and destroying the Light Barrier would make him even weaker. 'Fine. But if there is no answer in ten minutes, I'll do everything I can to destroy this thing regardless of what you say. The whole Floating Islands of Time security depends on it.'

Rean didn't mind. 'Alright. Thank you, senior Jeskli.'

That communication only lasted a second before Rean turned his attention back to the shocked Archangel. "For you to have stopped your attack like this, it seems like I'm right. Well then, Dad. How about you start explaining what are you doing here on this side of the Universe? Don't worry. The Minokawa outside will wait."

Romario quickly regained his calm and straightened his body. "Are you really Rean? If you are lying to me-"

Rean cut his words straight away. "Back then, you always said I was a strange child. Because I never showed any emotions. You and Mom even brought me to several doctors and shrinks, trying to figure

out what was wrong. Well, the good news is, I have finally gained the capability of having normal emotions, so I'm fine now."

Whether Romario wanted to deny it or not, he knew there was no way someone from this side of the Universe knew about those pieces of information. After all, he was nothing but a mortal on the other side. How could someone possibly stop to pay attention to the life of a simple mortal in an entire half of a universe?

Understanding that Rean wasn't lying, Romario had to use some effort to not cry right there and then. "It's really you... but... how?"

Rean shook his head. "That's my question. My dad wasn't an Archangel, or at least I thought he wasn't. How come you suddenly became one of the strongest experts in the cultivation world as an Archangel? And from what I heard, you came from the other side of the Universe, where cultivation didn't exist to start with."

Romario shook his head. "Even you don't believe I was really just a human back there, do you?"

Rean bitterly smiled. "Indeed. Unless you went through the same events as me, you couldn't possibly be just a human, even back at that time."

"Same events?" Romario got confused. "What kind of event could possibly have happened for you to end on this side of the Universe. Even for me, it was a gargantuan effort to come to this side. If not because of that-" Romario stopped his words there.

"Because of what?" Rean insisted, though.

For a moment, there was silence in the surroundings. It was obvious that neither side wanted to talk about what they had to do to get to this side of the Universe. Finally, looking at the formation behind Rean, Romario began to speak again. "Rean, I will just ask you to get out of the way and don't touch the formation."

Rean looked back before shaking his head. "I can't let you do that. If you take this Fragment of the Universe Foundation, the entire Floating Islands of Time will be swallowed by a Spatial Rift that even

Divinity Realm Experts will be powerless about." Rean then glanced at Romario. "Dad, something tells me you already knew that."

Romario nodded. "That is a little price to be paid if it means I can get the Fragment."

"All the Minokawas and other Demon Beasts that live here will be wiped out if you do that," Rean couldn't help but get a little angry.

Romario looked at Rean's expression before continuing. "Sigh... So what do you expect me to do? Go out and tell the Minokawas that their land will be destroyed? Do you think they will simply allow it to happen? Even worse, do you think they will even believe me? Chances are I will be attacked since I'm someone from Heavens. They would think I would be the reason for that calamity, and they would be right about it."

Rean didn't quite like that explanation. "Then don't do it. Why do you need this Fragment anyway? Are you one of those idiots who think the Fragment is connected to the secret of surpassing the Divinity Realm Cultivation?"

Romario immediately nodded. "Yes, I do. And I need to surpass the Divinity Realm, or the Archangel Level, in my case."

Rean was taken aback. "Why?"

Romario looked high up and said. "Because that's the only way to prevent us from being enslaved."

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Chapter 2245: Revelations

The twins' group weren't idiots. After seeing the technology available in the Spaceship before Tanxan left with it, anyone could tell that the powers outside their Universe were countless times stronger than the powers in their own Universe. "Are you talking about the risks that other Universes can pose to our Lisan Universe? Like the Ligan Universe?"

Romario looked at Rean with an expression of shock once again. "You know about it? Even the Archangels and the other Divinity Realm and Elder Devils didn't know what our Universe's name was." he then had an idea. "Wait! Are you involved with the other Universes? Was that why you were able to cross from the other side of the Universe to this one?"

Rean was taken aback. "What?! Of course not! First of all, the other Unvierses can't even come to our own Universe anymore because of the events with the Extinction Sphere."

Romario narrowed his eyes. "And how did you find out about that?"

"The Ruins of the Stars," Rean immediately answered back.

"This..." Indeed, if there was one place to learn more about other Universes, it had to be the Ruins of the Stars. "I see..."

Rean was the one curious now. "As for you, I'm sure you were not able to enter that Spaceship. And don't tell me you didn't know it was a spaceship since you came from Earth as well. Anyway, since Archangels couldn't enter the Spaceship, how did you find out about our Universe's name? Are you sure you weren't the one involved with other Universes and used them to get to this side?"

"Bullshit! I would never ally with those fuckers! They wanted to take the Chaos Origin Source away from us. How could I condemn our Universe to its destruction?" Romario immediately denied it as well.

"Sigh..." Rean closed his eyes for a moment before pointing at the formation behind him. "Can you at least pause this formation for a moment? Senior Jeskli outside is a friend of mine, so we can at least try to talk things through. You are no weaker than him, so it isn't like you will be fooled and killed. After so much preparation, I'm sure you can do at least that. Besides, something tells me that you don't really want to kill anyone here."

Romario narrowed his eyes for a moment. Yet, seeing his son's determined expression, he nodded in the end. He quickly took out a seal from his Pocket Dimensional Realm and sent his Divine Sense inside. In the next moment, the absorption of energy of the formation reduced in speed, matching the fragment's natural output. That way, it reached a balance between the formation and the fragment that could be maintained. "Fine. We can talk. However, I must have this fragment at all costs."

[Rean, we also need this fragment.] Sister Orb warned Rean from inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

'I know, but let's talk things through first. I want to prevent the destruction of the Floating Islands of Time or at least prevent anyone's death due to it,' Rean answered.

Before going out, Rean still wanted to know more about Romario's circumstances. He still had a few minutes before the end of Jeskli's time. "So, Dad, even if you are not colluding with the Universes outside, you definitely got something from them. We already know about the Soul Worms you used to more or less enslave the entire Angel Realm."

Romario pondered a bit and confirmed Rean's words. "Yes. I did find something that allowed me to come to this side. It was also due to that thing that I was able to cultivate all the way to the Archangel Level." Of course, Romario wouldn't be the only one answering questions. "Now is your time. How did you get to this side? You said you had nothing to do with the other Universes."

"I don't," Rean nodded. "But just like you, the reason I got to this side can't be talked about." Even though that was his father, too many secrets were involved.

"Then I guess we got to an impasse. Neither you nor I can talk about our methods, so we should just leave it as is," Romario concluded.

Suddenly, Sister Orb's voice echoed in Rean's mind once again. [Alright, I pieced together a few more of the memories that seem related to your father's circumstances with Roan's help.] Sure enough, there were too many memories. It wasn't like only finding Romario's name was everything they got.

It was then that Rean murmured. "The Emergency Escape Ship of the Ruins of the Stars..."

Romario's eyes opened wide when he heard Rean's words. "How...?"

Rean then pointed at the formation behind him. "You probably didn't notice since it was your own past. The fragment seems to have absorbed many of your past events. When I got here, my mind was flooded with all these pieces of memories, or, to be more specific, pieces of past events. I've been piecing them

together. That's how I found out you were my father. Now I put together a few more pieces and finally understood where you got the information about the other Universes."

"Errr... let me see. The Soul Worms were brought to this Universe in the Ruins of the Stars in case there was a need for a quick subjugation. Yet, there had never been a need for their use. Nonetheless, when the Emergency Escape Ship left, they also brought the Soul Worms with them. Not only that but this Escape Ship was also filled with resources."

Rean continued as the events filled his mind. "Yet, the Emergency Escape Ship got into some trouble and fell on a desolate planet. The other Emergency Escape Pods were also lost, so no one knows if anyone survived or where in the Universe they ended up. No, that doesn't make sense. These are your..."

Suddenly, Rean felt like he was struck by lightning. "Y-You!" He looked at Romario with incredulity... "You were the reason the Ruins of the Stars collapsed. You sabotaged everything. You... You are not someone from this Universe!"

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Chapter 2246: Lack of Answers

Romario narrowed his eyes as he looked at the formation behind Rean. He didn't expect that his past would be absorbed by the Fragment. However, it made sense he did spend several years building the formation. That also explains how he got inside the Central Area of the Floating Islands of Time. He came from an even more advanced origin, so using the communication system's towers to guide himself wasn't anything that hard.

"Sigh... I would say even more. This Universe had no intelligent life when we arrived to take its Chaos Source. The origin of the intelligent races, including humans, was due to those who escaped the Spaceship. However, it has been so long in the past that none of the races remember it anymore. Naturally, the Angel Races are also included. I'm much older than you can think."

Rean couldn't help but ask. "Why? Why would you sabotage the Spaceship you came with?"

"I couldn't watch it," Romario answered. "That Spaceship had already robbed so many Universes of their Chaos Origin Sources. Although this one had no Intelligent Life, it still had other species. It was starting to develop. However, the sabotage didn't start here. I've been working on the Spaceship for thousands of years. It took me this long to set up all the measures to sabotage a ship of that size."

"It just so happened that when we were in this Universe, my plan was finally concluded," Romario explained. "You have no idea just how expensive and difficult it is to build a ship like that, a ship capable of moving a Chaos Origin Source. Not to mention time. Even with all the technology my Universe had in its hands, building a ship like that takes millions of years. Sabotaging it was bound to save many other Universes in the future, so I did it."

Rean was about to continue asking when suddenly, Jeskli's voice echoed in his mind from the communication badge. 'Are you done yet? If not, I'm going in!'

Rean bitterly smiled before looking at his father. "Can we go out and talk about it? Senior Jeskli is about to attack the Light Barrier. However, if you are with me, we can avoid this meaningless fight."

Romario shook his head. "We can't avoid it. I must have the Fragment to set my plans in motion. Only this one has the necessary Spatial and Time Powers required. It far surpasses the other Fragments."

Romario then warned Rean. "Go and leave this place. I will wait a few days until you clean up the Floating Islands of Time of all Minokawas and other races."

Rean couldn't let that happen. "No! If that's the case, I'll let Senior Jeskli attack as he wishes."

Zush!

Romario then pointed his Spear at Rean as a determined expression appeared on his face. "Rean, you are my child, so I'm giving you a chance. Leave now, and don't meddle with this Fragment anymore. Even if you are my flesh and blood, or not quite, since it is obvious you reincarnated in a new body, I will not hold back and eliminate you."

Roan's voice also echoed in Rean's mind as he looked at Romario's face. 'He is not lying. His determination tells me he will definitely kill you if you get in the way.'

Rean shook his head. "So that's it? You are going to send me away and won't explain anything? What happened to mother? Was she also from another Universe? How come you tried to take control of the Angel Race? What do you plan to do with this Fragment? Was it because your Soul Worms were dealt with? There are too many things I want to know!"

Romario faintly smiled before his Spatial Powers enveloped Rean. Rean couldn't do anything since the difference in cultivation was too big. Before he had the chance to say anything, Romario threw him out of the Cubic Light Barrier. At the same time, he sent Rean a Divine Sense Message. 'Stop meddling. Leave it to your father. I will fix everything.'

Zush!

Rean then stabled outside, being forced to use his powers to stop his body. He looked behind, and a dark expression appeared on his face as he cursed out loud. "Fuck you! Do you think I will just let you destroy this place? Also, you better explain everything!"

Immediately, Rean rushed back into the Cubic Light Barrier. However...

BANG!

His body hit the barrier and didn't go through like before. Instead, it even bounced back due to the speed Rean was moving, making him feel a little dizzy for a split second after the hit. "What?!"

How could Romario make the same mistake? During the time he spoke to Rean, he also used his abilities to slightly change the Cubic Light Barrier. Even if Rean was a pure being of light like the Angels, he still couldn't enter it. "Don't fuck with me! Open this shit right now!"

Naturally, Jeskli was there as well. "Wait, wait, wait! Rean, what happened?"

Rean's eyes lit up as he looked back at Jeskli. "Senior Jeskli, forget what I said. I failed to convince the Archangel. That guy still intends to sacrifice the Floating Islands of Time. We need to get inside!"

"What?!" Jeskli obviously wouldn't let it happen. "I shouldn't have waited like you said!"

Immediately, his power burst out as Jeskli began to barrage the Cubic Light Barrier. Rean, obviously, did the same thing. He might not be as strong as Jeskli, but he wouldn't just look at it.

Boom, boom, boom, boom...

From inside the Cubic Light Barrier, Romario ignored the sounds of explosions coming from outside. Instead, he seemed calm while he looked at the Sphere of Golden and Silver Lights. "If he just knew what kind of danger we were at the moment... No, I can't let this burden fall upon him. Although I don't know how it happened, it is already a miracle he was able to reincarnate on this side with his memories intact."

Death... and me

Chapter 2247: Take Down

Jeskli and Rean attacked the barrier nonstop. Rean even called Roan and Celis out to help. Yet, their combined power seemed to be lacking. They couldn't even scratch the surface. "Fuck!"

Jeskli then stopped his attacks, knowing that he was just wasting his energy. "What the hell happened inside?! How come you are alive?"

Rean also stopped, knowing that his father had given them a few days to evacuate the Floating Islands of Time. "I found out the Archangel was someone I knew from the past. That's why I thought I could convince him to stop this madness with a talk. That's also the reason the Archangel didn't kill me."

"And who is the Archangel?" Jeskli continued his questions.

"The name is Romario Faran," Rean decided to explain. "From what I found, he came from outside the Universe. To be more specific, he arrived at this Universe with the Ruins of Stars. He was one of its crew members. Believe it or not, he was also the one who sabotaged the Ruins of the Stars."

"What?!" Jeskli was obviously shocked to hear all of that. "How did you find out about it? Also, how do you know someone like that? Did you come from outside the Universe as well?"

Rean looked at Roan, who simply nodded. 'It's not like it is a secret anyway. A lot of people in the Realm of Gods already know we are reincarnations. Just don't mention anything about our own fragments, the unification plan, and the Soul Gem System.'

Rean then took a deep breath and used his Divine Sense to tell everything to Jeskli so they wouldn't waste time talking.

Jeskli, obviously, had an expression of disbelief. "Reincarnation? You were a reincarnation, and that Archangel was your father in your previous life?"

Rean nodded. "Unfortunately, it seems like even my status as his son was not enough to stop Romario from continuing with his plan. Don't misunderstand me, though. When I was alive in my previous life, I had absolutely no idea my father was an Archangel. I was nothing but a mortal back then, you know? Anyway, what matters at the moment is that he insists on continuing with his plan."

Jeskli had his doubts about Rean's story, but he didn't insist. "Alright, it makes sense why he would spare your life. However, it doesn't change the situation we are in at the moment. If we don't stop him, my Islands are done for."

Rean nodded. "He said that because of me, he decided to give us a few days to evacuate the Floating Islands of Time. If we don't find a way in, we will really have to retreat and bring the Minokawas away."

Dum!

Suddenly, a sound coming from far away was heard. When everyone looked in that direction, they saw two big White and Black Birds on the ground. That wasn't all. The formation trapping them on this mountain also disappeared, allowing them to go out any time they wanted. All the formations in that place were gone, leaving only the Cubic Light Barrier at the very top.

The two birds were obviously Kentucky and Lily-Yu, who had been waiting outside. "Eh?! What happened?!"

Kentucky then looked at Rean and Roan further up the mountain. "Oh! Rean, Roan! You guys finally decided to show your faces. I was starting to get worried."

Lily-Yu snorted in response. "Worried? Your ass! You had literally fallen asleep while you were waiting!"

Kentucky looked away, pretending to now know anything. "I don't know what you are talking about. Look at how relieved my face is now that I'm seeing everyone."

Roan narrowed his eyes. "The only thing I can see on your face is how much it can annoy me."

Kentucky quickly flew up the mountain now that no restrictions of flight were present, landing on everyone's side. Lili-Yu, obviously, went there as well. "So... since the formations are all gone, I believe you succeeded, right? I can feel that the messy space has stopped getting worse. Can we leave now?"

pah!

Jeskli immediately hit Kentucky's back head. "Leave your ass! If we leave now, the Floating Islands of Time are doomed!"

Kentucky felt wronged. "It was just a question. You haven't told me anything, so why can't I be optimistic?"

Lili-Yu was a lot more serious. "So, Senior Jeskli-Go, what can we do?"

Jeskli shook his head and looked at Rean. Rean understood it and used his Divine Sense to once again explain to Kentucky and Lily-Yu the situation they were in.

"What?! He was your father?!" Kentucky was obviously surprised. "Aren't your fathers way too overpowered?"

"Fathers?" Jeskli narrowed his eyes.

"Ahem!" Rean quickly cut Kentucky's words there. "Anyway, we are without options at the moment. We can't get through the Cubic Light Barrier to stop Romario from reactivating his formation."

Kentucky looked at Rean and Roan as if they were idiots. 'Why would you have a problem with it? Sister Orb only needs three days to take control of the formation, doesn't she? Since Rean's father gave you even more days than that, can't you simply wait?'

[Finally, someone remembered I still existed...]

Rean truly felt like an idiot, as he also remembered when Roan told Sister Orb to continue to try to hack into the formation. 'Ahem... we were too worried. Good job, Sister Orb!'

Roan just looked away, feeling like something was wrong with him for not remembering something he had asked himself.

[Hmph! Now you remember to thank me.] Well, she didn't really care that much. [Anyway, in fact, I won't need three days to hack into this formation anymore.]

Rean and Roan's interest was immediately picked. 'Oh! How come?'

[That's because I had to deal with all the formations at once. However, the majority of them were deactivated. Now I can focus on this Cubic Light Barrier alone. However, you will have to think about what you will do once I open it.]

The twins nodded, knowing that it was the most important part.

"Senior Jeskli," Rean turned to the Minokawa, "I think I can take this formation down."

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Chapter 2248: Not an Option

Jeskli was taken aback. He couldn't even make the Cubic Light Barrier tremble. How was Rean going to take it down? "Are you sure? Is it even possible?"

Rean nodded. "Yes." He then approached the formation and took several items out, placing them near the Light Cubic Barrier. Well, truth be told, that was just a pretense while Sister Orb did the real work.

"Since he gave us a few days, that will be enough. Senior Jeskli, get ready. I think I can take it down in at most a day."

Jeskli didn't care how Rean did it as long as he did. "If you say so, I'm going to recover."

Roan immediately touched Jeskli before using Rean's healing skill.

'Life Style, Instant Recovery!'

Jeskli's injuries began to close at a fast speed, much to Jeskli's surprise. It wasn't as fast as it would be in the twins since the difference in cultivation was quite big. Nonetheless, Roan could definitely fully heal Jeskli in just a few minutes. "Just focus on recovering your Divine Origin Energy. Your injuries, feather blades, and scales, I will fix myself."

Jeskli nodded and completely gave up treating his injuries. Instead, his whole focus went into converging Divine Energy into Divine Origin Energy.

At the same time, Rean explained a few things to him. "Senior Jeskli, you will see a formation inside the Light Cubic Barrier that is stealing the Golden and Silver Power of Time and Space from its source. I believe this source to be one of the Fragments of the Universe Foundation. After all, even an Archangel had to go and use this roundabout method to get access to it."

"A fragment, uh?" Sure enough, Jeskli knew that it was a possibility. "I've only seen one of those a long, long time ago. But everyone always thought the Islands' Environment might be due to one of them. I guess your words confirm it."

Ran agreed with him. "Indeed. Anyway, what you need to pay attention to is that this formation has already taken a lot of the Sphere's Power. It will still take many days for it to completely open the way for the Archangel to take the Fragment, though. Nonetheless, the formation has already absorbed way too much of its power. If you destroy the formation, we are definitely doomed."

"Also, it should be pretty clear that the reason we said the Floating Islands of Time might disappear is that it is connected to the Fragment. If the Fragment is taken away, this territory will lose its support

with the changed space and time. The result will be a ridiculously gigantic Spatial Rift that will swallow the entire Floating Islands of Time... or so I believe."

Jeskli took a deep breath. By now, he didn't doubt that anymore. "So I have to stop the Archangel without damaging the formation and before he can take the Fragment away."

"That's correct. As for how you will do it, we don't know. We are just too much weaker than an Archangel, after all. There is little we can do with our power," Rean explained.

Jeskli shrugged his shoulders. "There isn't much I can do it. All I can try is to fight the Archangel and get rid of him." Jeskli then glanced at Roan on his side. "What about you? Aren't you here for the Fragment as well?"

Roan didn't try to deny it. "We are. However, if it means the destruction of the Floating Islands of Time, we will not take it away. Instead, we will find some other way to make up for the Fragments Removal without killing everyone."

"Hahahaha!" Jeskli laughed in response. "Do you think you can find some replacement for the power of a Fragment of the Universe Foundation? It is ridiculous!"

Roan nodded. "I agree. That's why it isn't guaranteed. We will see what we can do first. If it is not possible, we won't remove the Fragment. It's that simple."

"And you think I will trust you?" Jeskli asked back.

Kentucky quickly patted Jeskli. "Even if you don't believe them, you can believe me. I've been living with them since I was born, so I can guarantee. They will never do something that could truly put all the Minokawas lives at risk unless there is absolutely no other choice."

Jeskli narrowed his eyes. "You forgot one thing. Why exactly should I believe you too? It's not like we have known each other for that long."

"This..." Kentucky didn't know what to say.

Surprisingly, though, Lily-Yu covered for him. "It should be fine, senior Jeskli. I think we can trust the Regal Minokawa."

Kentucky looked at her in shock. "Are you truly fine with that?"

Lily nodded. "Simply put, you are too stupid to think about something like that."

A few veins popped on Kentucky's head. "I have no need for such trust."

Roan thought differently, though. "But we do, so just accept the reality."

Poor Kentucky felt like crying already. "Fuck you all! I'm not gonna help anymore. Do whatever you want!" He then went to a corner and sat down, ignoring everyone.

Jeskli obviously had his doubts still. Nonetheless, it is true that the Islands would have been destroyed had the twins not come here and warned him. He didn't even know an Archangel had got inside, after all. "It seems I don't have much of a choice. However, how do you expect to stop that formation? I know absolutely nothing about them. If you hadn't told me that I can't destroy it, that would have been the very first thing I would have done."

'Sister Orb, can you take control over that formation?' Rean asked Sister Orb straight away.

[That formation is above the Divine Level. No doubt it is a Legendary Level Formation. Not to mention it was made by someone from outside this Universe, so there are many points I don't understand about it. Your father was part of the crew that stole Chaos Origin Sources from other Universes, so that formation is the culmination of experts that worked with that kind of job. It is not impossible, but it is not something I can do with just a day. We are talking about several weeks or even more here.]

Rean narrowed his eyes. That obviously wasn't an option.

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Chapter 2249: So Am I

It was then that Rean got an idea that could fulfill all their requirements. 'Right! Why didn't I think about it?! The answer was right on my face this entire time, and I didn't see it. It's perfect!'

[What are you talking about?] Sister Orb was confused. Not only her but Kentucky and Roan, who heard his thoughts as well.

'The problem about taking the Fragment away is because the Space and Time of the Floating Islands of Time are intrinsically connected to the Space and Time Powers of the Fragment after all these years, right?' Rean asked back.

[Indeed. If you take the Fragment away, the Islands will lose the support of the Fragment's power,] Sister Orb confirmed Rean's words.

Rean smiled and continued. 'Simply put, the Floating Islands of Time aren't connected to the Fragment itself. Instead, they are connected to its power! Now then, where do you think I would find equivalent Space and Time Powers to make up for the Fragment's one?'

Immediately, everyone understood. 'You intend to use the Space and Time Power your Father's Formation absorbed to replace the Fragment?!' Kentucky asked with his eyes open wide.

Rean nodded. 'That's exactly what I intend to do. We can get the Fragment and at the same time impede the destruction of the Floating Islands of Time.' He continued. 'Not only that, it is even possible to disconnect the Floating Islands of Time's existential need for the Fragment's power, allowing it to exist even after the power runs out.'

Roan pondered a bit and understood Rean's thoughts. 'You are going to slowly decrease the output of Time and Space Powers from the formation. That way, the Floating Islands of Time will also slowly fuse back to the Realm of Gods' Space and Time Laws.'

Rean was happy that someone understood the plan. 'Roan is correct. I believe the reason the Spatial Rift would swallow the Floating Islands of Time was that the Islands' connection with the Fragment would be cut way too abruptly. If it is made gradually, the Floating Islands of Time, who were already part of the Realm of Gods to start with, will naturally return to its laws' side.'

[Hum... It should be feasible. However, the Floating Islands of Time will definitely lose its characteristics of a messy Space and Time Environment in the end.]

Rean knew that. 'That can't be helped. In the end, it will simply return to be a bunch of Floating Islands without any power. Or perhaps the Islands will land on the ground in case they are floating due to the messy Space. Nonetheless, it is a solution that will not kill anyone. If you have a better idea, I'm all ears.'

Sister Orb obviously didn't have one. [I was just saying. In any case, if we can take the Fragment away, that is more than enough for me.]

Roan and Kentucky also had no complaints. That was already an outcome far better than they expected at first.

Jeskli obviously couldn't hear any of their conversations, so he began to lose patience. "So, do you have a solution or not?"

Rean's attention returned to Jeskli. "Yes, I do. However, for that to work, there is a condition. Senior Jeskli, you will have to win. As long as the Archangel is here, there is simply nothing we can do in the end. But if the Archangel is gone, I can most likely prevent anything bad from happening in the Floating Islands of Time, even if the Fragment is taken away."

Jeskli pondered a bit and nodded. "Then let's go with your plan. Since Roan helped me recover from my injuries, I should be able to focus solely on replenishing my Divine Origin Energy. A day will be far from enough, but that Archangel won't be any better."

Roan immediately remembered that Rean's Father was a member of the Ruins of the Stars Spaceship. 'Rean, wouldn't your father have those Divine Origin Energy Cores or something like that in his possession? After all, we were able to confirm that the Spaceship he fled in carried a lot of resources as well.'

'This...' Rean wasn't certain. 'That will depend on whether he still has any of that left or not. But if he does...'

They understood the issue. If his father had the Divine Origin Energy Cores or other similar resources from the Spaceship, he definitely would recover all his Divine Origin Energy much faster than Jeskli. When the Cubic Light Formation was opened again, the one who would be at a disadvantage would be Jeskli instead.

Rean and Roan looked at each other for a moment and nodded. Right after, Roan came in front of Jeskli and took out a hundred Divine Origin Energy Cores from the Soul Gem Spatial Realm, much to Celis' displeasure. Well, Roan just ignored the old tree. "Use these and make a full recovery."

Jeskli looked at that and was shocked to see the contents. "This... Pure Divine Origin Energy! Where did you get something like this? Do you have any idea how much these guys would be worth?"

Roan nodded. "We do. That's why we didn't want to take it out. Instead, we wanted to use it in our cultivation. How do you think Kentucky's cultivation has increased so much until now? We got these guys back in the Ruins of Stars."

"I see..." Jeskli understood what Roan meant. He had to stay quiet about the Cores since they were also being used to increase their Regal Minokawa's power. One must remember that Jeskli considers the Regal Minokawa as the future of his Minokawa Race, just like Regal Azure Dragon is to the Dragon Race. "Very well, I won't ask anything else."

He quickly took those Divine Origin Energy Cores and began to absorb their clean energy instead. That way, he was certain he would make a full recovery way before Rean managed to open the Cubic Light Barrier.

Just like that, around a day went by. Finally, Rean looked at Jeskli. "Senior Jeskli, I'm ready."

Jeskli got up and nodded. "So am I."

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Chapter 2250: Using the Formations

Romario wasn't paying attention to anything outside. He was confident that his Cubic Light Barrier couldn't be broken anytime soon. That said, he spent the rest of the day recovering from his injuries after the battle against Jeskli. The twins were right. He still had enough resources to make a full

recovery. It's just that he didn't have any Divine Origin Energy Cores like they thought. One must not forget that he was also one of the Archangels in the Heavens, so he did have access to a lot of high-level Divine Stones. They were enough to achieve the same result in the end.

At the moment, he was checking his formation that was absorbing the Universe Foundation Fragment's power. Rean had been inside the barrier for some time, so he wanted to make sure that nothing was wrong with it.

Yet, to his shock, the Cubic Light Barrier suddenly changed. In front of his eyes, the barrier dissipated in a flash, being completely deactivated. "What?!"

Yet, he didn't have time to think about it. That's because a giant Black and White Bird came crashing down on him as soon as that happened.

'Kawa Divine Thrust!'

Yes, Jeskli didn't hold back at all, even though Romario was right beside the formation that absorbed the Golden and Silver Power of Time and Space. Rean and Roan told Jeskli that if the formation was broken, they would probably all die due to how much energy it had already absorbed.

However, it was also Roan who told Jeskli to strike without holding back. Why was that? It was very simple.

Romario noticed how the formation near him would be destroyed and immediately gave up defending the attack there. He quickly took out his spear and once again launched himself against Jeskli. As much as the twins' group might not want to destroy the formation, Romario didn't want it even more! If it got destroyed, he might die there, and it was pretty certain that others would come later now that a method to enter the Central Area was found. So, even if he survived, he believed he wouldn't have time to set up another formation before more Minokawas and other experts arrived. By then, acquiring the Fragment would be impossible.

'Holy Punishment!'

Boom!

Jeskli and Romario met halfway as the power of their attacks generated several spatial rifts and broken space. Nonetheless, it was just far enough to not affect the absorbing formation itself. Romario used his attack in a way that would force him and Jeskli further away from the formation, although he had to come out worse.

Jeskli didn't mind at all. Things played out just like the Roan mentioned. Romario would definitely protect the formation with his life. How could he not use it to his advantage? 'Hehe!'

Meanwhile, the twins' group retreated far away. The process to change the formation would take at least a few days, maybe weeks, with Rean working nonstop. Naturally, that couldn't be initiated now. Instead, they landed near the formations that were previously activated. With them off, Rean quickly made easy work of them, modifying it for his own purpose. 'Dad, beloved Dad, you shouldn't have let me free outside. Hahaha!'

Rean finished his changes and quickly jumped on Kentucky's back. "To the next one!"

Kentucky flew once again while staying as far as possible from the battle zone.

Rean stopped by each of the trapping and slaughtering formations in that area, making modifications at lightning speed. He didn't hold on to the materials, pulling everything from inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

Jeskli and Romario's battle got more and more intense, not leaving them any opening to care about anything else. Finally, Jeskli received a message from Rean. 'Alright, I'm ready here. Just lure him.'

Jeskli's eyes lit up, and he began to slowly move the battlefield away. He made it in a way that seemed to be natural. Finally, they arrived near the set of formations Rean had worked on.

When Romario saw that, his eyes lit up as he took out a seal from his Pocket Dimensional Realm. Right after, he connected to the slaughtering formation under them and activated it. Sure enough, the formation came to life and began to attack Jeskli from all sides.

"Fuck!" Jeskli cursed and tried to run away from the formation. However, the other trapping formations nearby closed his escape route. He could break out of them by using sheer power if he focused everything on leaving that area.

However, how could Romario let that chance escape? If he could get rid of Jeskli right there, no one would be able to stop him until he took the Fragment. Whatever happens after that doesn't matter. Romario dove into the Slaughtering and Trapping Formations, quickly striking Jeskli from behind to stop him from escaping.

Unfortunately... things didn't go as he planned.

Zush, zush, zush!

All the attacks that were coming in Jeskli's direction suddenly turned, aiming at Romario instead. "What?!"

Romario immediately changed his contingency and defended himself from the attacks. At the same time, he tried to use his seal to fix the formation. Too bad it didn't work. "What is happening here?!" Without another choice, he turned around and tried to flee from there.

However, not only were his own trapping formations also holding him back, but how could Jeskli allow him to try? "Hahaha! Why leaving so early? Didn't you come here to play with me? Let's play more!"

'Kawa Blade Domain!'

Jeskli's domain got even more ferocious as countless energy Blade Feathers struck Romario from all sides. At the same time, the Slaughtering Formations increased the pressure, making it impossible for Romario to defend against everything.

Outside the formation, the twins' group watched from afar. Rean held a different seal in his hand with a playful smile on his face. "Hehehe! Don't worry, dad. I'll make sure to be gentle."

Romario knew that his formations were modified somehow. But he refused to believe that so many of them could be altered that fast. In the end, his assumption was the cause of his downfall.

Romario brought one treasure after another from his Pocket Dimensional Realm, trying to revert the tides. Yet, Jeskli was also a Divinity Realm Expert. He might not have all of the Angel Race Resources, but he did have his tricks. Besides, this is the Floating Islands of Time, so his race had the advantage in this place. Last but not least, Romario destroyed one of his two spears early, so his own combat power wasn't as good as it could be.

In the end, he simply delayed the inevitable until Jeskli finally landed a decisive strike!