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Chapter 2261: Ancestor

It wasn't only one but several cultivators. They were mostly at the Void Tempering Realm, with the strongest one at the Late Stage. Right at the front, Viviane led the group to where Rean and Kentucky were staying.

Their group then came down from the skies, landing on the same hill as Rean and Kentucky. "Senior Yean, Senior Tuck, we met again," she said with a smile.

"Hahaha!" Rean laughed in response. "Indeed. It seems like you truly can't let it go, can you? I told you many times. There is no need to thank me. Still, you just couldn't help yourself, right? So, who is your father? I'll say hello."

Kentucky, who had returned to his human form, also smiled. "Oh, by the way, we found this hill a very good location for our people. Since you are here, I might ask as well. There is no issue in bringing them out here, right?"

Viviane nodded. "Of course! There is absolutely no problem in bringing them out here. They can live in this place as long as you wish. As long as they are truly just mortals and low-level cultivators, that is. You know, can't have strong experts suddenly appearing in our backyard."

Rean and Kentucky continued to smile. "Then that's good."

However, Viviane continued. "Also, sorry, but my father didn't come. He did allow me to bring these members, though. I hope you don't mind."

"I don't mind at all," said Rean as he walked in Viviane's direction. How could he not notice after so many years of experience traveling with Roan? It was clear that Viviane had some ulterior motives. "So, who should I talk to?"

A man came from behind Viviane before putting himself between Rean and her. "I thank you for helping Lady Viviane to get back to our clan. As a token of our appreciation, we will not take your lives and even

allow your people to live in this region, as you requested. Unfortunately, there is something you have that we need."

He continued. "Don't get me wrong. I don't like what I'm doing, but I have to follow orders. Would you mind passing all your Rank Seven Divine Stones to us? Don't say you don't have more. Someone with a small amount of this kind of High-Level Divine Stones would never pay for a Long-Distance Teleport with them. Also, we would like to have Lady Viviane's items back."

Surprisingly, Rean had an expression of astonishment on his face. It was as if he didn't expect it at all. Well, he already expected Viviane to try something. That wasn't the reason why he felt surprised. What surprised him was the person who talked in Viviane's instead. "Y-You! It's you!"

The man looked at Rean and found it weird. He didn't feel that Rean was afraid. But at the same time, it was obvious he was shocked. "What about me? Will you give the Divine Stones away or not?"

However, in the next moment, Roan appeared outside, coming straight from the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

That put everyone on their guard as they couldn't feel from where Roan came from. Of course, the man in front of Viviane already had a guess. "So you had friends in your Dimensional Realm. That makes sense since you had to bring those people you talked about somewhere."

Roan was still using another appearance, so the man didn't notice. Instead, Roan released his Divine Origin Energy, crashing it against everyone's minds.

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Viviane and all the other Void Tempering Realm experts fell one after another, not being able to resist Roan's pressure. The only one left awake was the man who was initially there to protect Viviane. The man looked around, shocked by the scene. If he didn't understand that Roan's cultivation was many times higher than his own by now, he would be an idiot.

Yet, the shock on his face disappeared a moment later as an expression of acceptance took its place. "So this is it, uh? I guess that is to be expected. Following such orders would one day cause me to poke someone I shouldn't, even though I'm against it. Go ahead, do whatever you want to me. I'm prepared."

Yet, Roan shook his head. "Don't worry, I just put them to sleep. I couldn't really cause my master so much trouble, now could I?"

"Your master?" The man looked puzzled. He hasn't taken a single disciple ever since he arrived in the Realm of Gods. So why would the man in front call him master?

Rean and Roan's appearance then began to change, returning to their normal faces. As cultivators, they had huge lifespans. That meant their faces were still practically the same as they were back on the Sunkan Planet before it was destroyed. "So you are still alive, Old Worm."

Old Worm, the alchemist of the Dalamu Sect. He was also the one who took Roan as a disciple due to Roan's talent for concoction. The two of them were very similar in behavior, too. They rarely talked unless necessary, so they weren't exactly that close. Nonetheless, they were Master and Disciple. The only Master Roan had ever got since he was born on this side of the Universe.

However, Old Worm wasn't really just an Alchemist of the Dalamu Sect. In fact, he was the Ancestor of the Sasamil Family, the one who fought the Lakures for their planet, Jakiro Sasamil. He and another four experts at the Transition Realm conquered the planet after sealing the Lakures away. Rean and Roan were born on that planet thousands of years later.

Of course, Rean and Roan had absolutely no idea that Old Worm was a Transition Realm Expert back in Sunkan Planet. They were already extremely shocked that the real Old Worm was here now and a Void Tempering Realm expert at that. They even wondered if Old Worm was another one of those reincarnations they found in the past. However, they knew it couldn't be the case. He looked exactly the same as in the past, while the others were reborn from different families and carried completely different features from their previous lives. Hell, some reincarnated in completely different races, like Havek. It didn't make sense. But then again, how was he still alive?

Old Worm, naturally, was just as shocked as the twins. "Rean, Roan!"

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Chapter 2262: Serious Talk

"How can that be? I've seen how the Vruve Organization Destroyed our Planet. I barely had time to save Mia. How can you guys be alive? I saw everyone that survived the explosion as well, and you were not there." Old Worm found it hard to believe Rean and Roan were really in front of him.

"The same goes for us, Old Worm," said Roan. "You were just an alchemist in the Dalamu Sect. There is no way someone at that level could have survived the explosion of the planet. Even more impressive is the fact you are already in the Void Tempering Realm Late Stage."

Old Worm shook his head. "Back then, I was hiding my cultivation. In fact, I wasn't even part of the Dalamu Sect, although I had lived there for a few hundred years. I was a Peak Stage Transition Realm expert at that time already."

Roan nodded. "I guessed as much. There would be no other explanation for your survival if not that. In that case, it makes sense that you reached the Late Stage of the Void Tempering Realm after all these years. So... would you mind explaining how you ended here? If you were not really a member of the Dalamu Sect back then, who were you?"

Old Worm narrowed his eyes. "And what about you? I'm sure you were not within the groups that escaped the planet at the last moment. How did you survive?"

Rean and Kentucky didn't say anything. It was Roan's decision to speak or not.

Roan pondered for a moment and finally started. "We were teleported away from the planet before it was destroyed. After that, we arrived at a Planet ruled by a race called Zasfin. After many ups and downs, we found a formation capable of teleporting us to the Realm of Gods. Naturally, we used it. That's why we are here."

"You teleported to another world? Sunkan Planet didn't have any teleport formations capable of teleporting someone out of the planet. How did you do that?" Old Worm asked, confused.

Yet, Roan shook his head. "It is better to say that you didn't know the planet had such a thing, not that it didn't." Since the Soul Gem System was there, then the planet had it. Roan didn't lie but didn't tell the whole truth either.

Old Worm could tell that Roan was omitting some information. Nonetheless, everyone had their secrets, and it wasn't his place to reveal them. Besides, it was pretty obvious just how much stronger Roan had become after these hundreds of years. "I see... Then, let me ask you a serious question. At least this much, I wish you not to lie to me. Did you have anything to do with the destruction of the planet?"

As mentioned back then, Old Worm learned that the Sasamil Empire would go through a calamity in the future. It was then divined that the salvation of the Sasamil Empire could be found somewhere around the territory of the Dalamu Sect. It's just that no one knew how or who would make that possible. That's why Old Worm moved into the Dalamu Sect and lived there. Only Mia, who was the Dalamu Sect Master, and Zuan, the only Saint Realm cultivator of the sect, knew about Old Worm's real identity.

When Rean and Roan appeared, Old Worm didn't pay much attention. But as they progressed through the ranks, he began to wonder whether Rean and Roan would be the reason for that. The twins were just too strange. Rean was capable of creating a communication system that caused an uproar worldwide. While Roan was a strategist that far surpassed any of his own Sasamil Empire Generals. Let alone their ridiculously high talent and odd elemental affinities.

However, the planet ended up being destroyed in the end. It was then that Old Worm understood that his Sasamil Empire Calamity wasn't just his Sasamil Empire but the entire world. His Sasamil Empire just happened to be part of it.

With the planet's explosion, he believed Rean and Roan died with it. Since that was the case, it was obvious that Rean and Roan weren't the keys to saving his empire or the planet... or so he thought. However, lo and behold, here are Rean and Roan right in front of him.

Not only that, they said they had a way to teleport out of the planet before it was destroyed, something that none of the Transition Realm Experts of the planet could do. In that case, couldn't it be that Rean and Roan were really the keys to save everyone? Or, to be more specific, couldn't they be the reason?

Old Worm couldn't help but think that if Rean and Roan were not there, perhaps those experts that destroyed the planet wouldn't have even come. In the end, the twins might have really been the key. However, it wasn't that they would help save the Sasamil Empire and the planet. Instead, their death was the path necessary to avoid the calamity.

Roan closed his eyes for a moment, and before long, he nodded. "Yes. The guys who attacked the planet were trying to give us no chance to escape, so they instantly destroyed the planet." Roan didn't mince words and told the hard truth.

"I see..." Old Worm looked to the skies as he remembered everything. "Did you know about it?"

Roan shook his head this time. "No. We didn't even know that such strong experts knew about our existence. When they appeared, we were alerted in a matter of seconds. We used those same seconds to teleport away while carrying those we could. Nonetheless, the truth is that we were the reason for the planet's destruction even though it wasn't our fault."

Old Worm then went into silence. He had much to think about now that he found the reason. Yet, it wasn't like he could do much. The planet wouldn't just reappear out of nowhere even if he decided to take revenge here. Well, Old Worm was very old and knew what the thirst for revenge could cause since he was the one who locked the Lakures underground. "Sigh..."

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Chapter 2263: What Do You Need?

Roan began to speak. "We only found you here because when we met that woman in the Demon Beast Territory, we noticed a familiar aura coming from her. We couldn't figure out who it was, which was obvious. It had been a long time. Only now that we found you here were we able to confirm that you were the owner of the aura."

Seeing Old Worm's silence, Roan changed back to his question. "So, what about you? If you don't want to talk, I won't force you. Rean and I will simply leave this place, and we will never see each other again. I hope we won't end our relationship like that, but I will understand. I can confirm that the reason the planet got destroyed is still out there, looking for us. So perhaps it is indeed better if we don't meet anymore."

Old Worm opened his eyes again and looked at Roan. For now, he decided to put those thoughts behind him and tell his own tale. "My real name is Jakiro Sasamil. I'm the ancestor of the Sasamil Empire... not that this title has any meaning anymore. I'm also one of the responsible for sealing the Lakure Race away."

Old Worm then began to explain everything that happened to him. "And that's how I ended up meeting you guys in the Dalamu Sect."

"What about after that? How did you survive?" Roan asked.

Old Worm sighed as he continued. "After the explosion, Me and the other Transition Realm experts, including the Lakure Race Ancestor, were caught in space by this so-called Vruve Organization. The same ones that seemed to be after you, from what you said. In fact, we almost died that day once again."

"There were two experts, and they seemed to not want to leave behind any witnesses. However, just as we were about to be killed, Lord Eagon appeared and shielded us," he recounted.

"Lord Eagon?" Rean, Roan, and Kentucky were puzzled.

Old Worm understood that the twins probably didn't know the system back in the Mortal Realm, so he continued from there. "Each region of the Mortal Realm has its Sector Lord. The region we were in was Lord Eagon's Sector." He then pointed at the girl behind him. "Lord Eagon is also this girl's father. As I'm now a direct subordinate of Lord Eagon, it is understandable that a little of my aura got attached to her since we did meet many times during the years."

"Anyway, the Sector Lord exists so that no one will try to cause havoc in the Mortal Realm. The Jikli Clan is responsible for protecting some of those Sectors; thus, they often have to go down to the Mortal Realm. During that time, it was Lord Eagon's term of watching that Sector, which led him to investigate the sudden disappearance of a cultivator's planet."

"Naturally, he arrived just in time to save our lives. He had also informed other Sector Lords to come and check things with him. Seeing that so many Sector Lords appeared, the members of the Vruve Organization understood they couldn't hide what happened and simply left. Well, I don't think anything would happen to them even if others found out anyway."

"With the event over, Lord Eagon went back to his position to finish his term, which had a span of 10 years each time. After that, he went back to the Realm of Gods. I, obviously, decided to follow him. However, you probably already know that descending into the Mortal Realm requires a big price to be paid. And for those who do that, they will find it quite difficult to go back as well."

"That meant bringing me with him would cost more to Lord Eagon. So, in exchange for bringing me with him, I had to sign a contract where I would work for the Jikli Clan for the next ten thousand years. Even though it was a long time, it also meant I would be able to attempt to enter the Void Tempering Realm, so I accepted. Otherwise, I would simply die of old age since my lifespan was nearing its end."

"Sure enough, the Divine Energy of the Realm of Gods was a huge contributor to my advancement. I finally succeeded in my breakthrough and entered the Void Tempering Realm. A Void Tempering Realm cultivator gains another 4000 years of life span on top of the 5000 total they got on their way to the Transition Realm."

"That means if I want to finish my contract of ten thousand years, I will need to enter the Space Bending Realm as well. Well, it's not like this is your problem. Now, I'm living here, in the center of the Realm of Gods. My cultivation talent is well above average, so I'm already in the Void Tempering Realm Late Stage in just a few hundred years."

"Now, after all these years, I received an order that I had to snatch a certain duo of their high-level Divine Stones. Naturally, with the contract in place, I had to follow the orders. I've done this kind of thing many times, but I still can't get used to it. In any case, that's what led us to this encounter."

Roan thought about it and nodded. "I understand. The planet was destroyed, but that also allowed you to have a chance to enter the Realm of Gods. It is good to see that our birth on the Sunkan Planet wasn't all bad news. By the way, when we teleported away, we brought Qia and Calina with us. That means your bloodline hasn't been completely severed, in case you are wondering that."

Old Worm's expression improved a little. "I see... there are still a few direct bloodline survivors of my family."

Roan didn't stop there. "That's not all. We found out that many people from Sunkan Planet ended up reincarnating in the Realm of Gods. For example, I don't know if you remember Havek. He reincarnated here. It's just that he is now part of the Spirit Races."

Old Worm was surprised. "Really? That's quite unexpected. Reincarnation with one's memories shouldn't be that easy..."

Roan agreed. "We are also puzzled as to why this is happening. But so far, it is safe to conclude that our Sunkan Planet had something special because I believe there are many more of these reincarnations everywhere. It's just that we don't know where or in which race they were reborn. Not to mention, you

need to reach a certain level of cultivation to unlock your memories. Otherwise, you will live and die without ever awakening them."

"I understand." Old Worm nodded. "Now... what exactly do you need here?"

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Chapter 2264: Old Worm

Rean shook his head. "I wasn't lying. We truly wanted to find a place where we could leave a bunch of low-level cultivators so that they could live their lives. This place here is quite good. If we can bring them out here and leave, it should be enough for them to take care of themselves and cultivate relatively in peace."

Old Worm pondered a bit. "That's going to be quite difficult, don't you think? After what just happened between you and us, do you think Lord Eagon and his daughter will simply let them stay?"

Rean nodded. "I know. However, before finding what you wanted to do with us, there was still a chance that everything was going well. Not it is pretty obvious that leaving them here will only be a calamity, especially if this spoiled girl behind you decides to take revenge. After all, you won't get a single Divine Stone from us."

"Sigh..." Old Worm nodded. "That's to be expected. Now, then, you should just go. I'll see that they will be brought back in safety."

Roan couldn't help but ask. "Won't you get punished by this Lord Eagon you talked about? You could come with us instead. We have an enormous Dimensional Realm and plenty of resources."

Old Worm narrowed his eyes. "Is this your idea of paying back for what happened in Sunkan Planet?"

"No." Roan shook his head. "It is true that we were the target, but I'm not idiot enough to say it was our fault. We did not destroy it, period. Whether you consider it to be our fault or not is not my problem, though. I'm just offering this option because you are my master. You helped me a lot, and I owe you for that, not because of the planet."

Old Worm's expression changed into a faint smile. "No wonder Mia kept saying you were similar to me. You truly carry the same type of thoughts and see everything objectively." However, he shook in the end. "Unfortunately, I have a contract to honor, and I intend to complete it instead of running away."

Roan began to think about that contract and finally asked. "Is this contract something that can bind your soul or something like that?"

"It is." Old Worm confirmed. "However, it is not the soul, but my Dantian. If the contract is broken, my Dantian will be destroyed. That means I would instantly become a mortal. Well, except for my body, that would still be just as strong. Nonetheless, I would have to start cultivation all over again."

Roan looked at Rean, who just shrugged his shoulders. "That's up to you. We definitely have more than enough space. Not to mention, you seem to trust him even though he knows we were involved with the planet's destruction."

"I do." Roan didn't hide. "I've known my master for all those years we lived in Dalamu Sect. He is not the type to blame others for something they didn't do themselves."

"You hold quite a high standard for me, don't you think?" Old Worm couldn't help but ask.

Roan nodded. "Am I wrong?"

"No." Old Worm had to admit he was a little happy, which was a huge deal for someone who could contend against Roan for the title of Ice Block. "Even though I have some resentment for the fact you were the reason for the attack, I do not blame you. However, what do you plan to do?"

Roan shrugged his shoulders. "What else? I can simply buy out your contract. Wouldn't that be very simple and failproof?"

"I guess..." Old Worm knew that as long as the holder of the contract agreed, it could be transferred. It was quite common, in fact. "However, even if you want me to come with you, I have my conditions."

"Ehhh?" Rean was taken aback. "We are pretty much buying your freedom. Why is there a condition? It is not like you need to come with us, you know?"

Roan surprisingly agreed with Rean. "He is right. I'm not buying this contract so that you will become my subordinate instead. I'm truly just buying the contract to get rid of it. Mas, you will be simply set free to do as you wish. We mentioned our Dimensional Realm, and you would be welcome to use it. Nonetheless, it is not mandatory."

Old Worm understood. "So that's how it is... Nonetheless, I still have a condition. I wasn't the only one who came to the Realm of Gods. There is another person who I wish you would buy the contract over."

"Someone else also came with you?" Rean and Roan were surprised since it was indeed very hard to bring someone else... or so Old Worm said.

Old Worm nodded. "Other than Qia and Calina that you mentioned, I also saved two other members of my Sasamil Empire. On top of that, I just so happened to be near Mia Orzute, so I got her out of the planet as well. The two members of my Sasamil Empire stayed behind in the Mortal Realm. After all, I didn't know how risky it would be here, so they stayed so that they could spread our bloodline again. However, I did bring Mia Orzute."

"You brought Sect Master?" Rean and Roan obviously remembered Mia. She was the Dalamu Sect Master back in Sunkan Planet. They had quite a few interactions with her. They weren't that close, though.

"You don't know this, but that girl was also my disciple back then," explained Old Worm as he looked at Roan. "Simply put, she is Roan's senior sister... although I don't think either you or I care for such honorifics."

"I definitely don't," said Roan with a nod. He truly couldn't care less about who came first or second.

Old Worm continued. "She is also here, and her talent is even better than mine. By now, she has already advanced into the Elemental Transformation Realm and is very close to the Transition Realm. I don't wish to leave her behind, so there is no point buying my contract if hers can't be bought as well."

Rean and Roan looked at each other and nodded. "Alright, we can see if a deal is possible."

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Chapter 2265: Attract Trouble

"Young lady, young lady, please wake up..."

Viviane slowly began to recover her consciousness as that familiar voice entered her ears. She could also feel a warmth sensation all over her body fading rapidly.

"Young lady, we need to go. Wake up."

For a moment, she struggled to understand what was happening when suddenly, she opened her eyes and quickly used her Divine Sense to ascertain the situation. "Get away from me!"

She immediately distanced herself from everyone as she looked around. Old Worm was right there while the majority of the subordinates who followed her for this assault were still unconscious. However, she could see a middle-aged man using some technique in each one of them. Not long after, the ones the middle-aged man treated awoke as well. "This... Jakiro, what is happening?"

Naturally, she recognized the man. It was Rean, or Yean, for this moment. That was the appearance he had been using so far. As for Roan, he just stayed on the side while also using a different appearance. Since he showed himself some time ago, simply disappearing now wouldn't make much of a difference.

Rean finished using his Instant Recovery Skill on another cultivator when he looked at Viviane with a smile. "Oh, you woke up faster than I thought. Are you feeling okay? My friend here gave you all quite a hit with his Divine Energy Pressure."

Viviane quickly went behind Old Worm. "Jakiro?"

Old Worm sighed before explaining. "Young Lady, you truly have no eyes for experts. Yean, Tuck, and that other man who was inside their Pocket Dimensional Realm are all in the Elemental Space Realm. Simply put, they are no weaker than your father. Can you imagine the type of trouble you put us all in?"

"What?!" Viviane was taken aback. "Impossible! How could they be in the Elemental Space Realm? I felt it! They were in the Void Tempering Realm!"

Rean shook his head. "You still need to experience more of the world. Both me and Tuck were simply suppressing our cultivations. Look at how surprised you are. It's exactly because we don't want everyone to treat us like that that we keep our cultivation suppressed wherever we go. I mean... little girl, you aren't very bright, are you?"

Viviane obviously didn't like how Rean treated her like a child. Yet, if Old Worm was right and those three are really Elemental Space Realm cultivators, then she could not disrespect them anymore. "W-What do you want?"

Rean finally healed the last person Roan took down before clapping his hands. "Don't worry. We are not the type that bullies the weak for no reason. What we want is to have a conversation with your father. I heard Lord Eagon is still at home, right? How about you guide us there?"

Viviane looked at Old Worm and used a Divine Sense message. 'What happened while I was unconscious? Why didn't they kill us? They totally had a reason. We were trying to rob them!'

Old Worm bitterly smiled. 'You were just lucky. They are ascenders, just like me. In the end, I talked things through so that they wouldn't kill us. However, that also means I'm going to follow them from now on, so they want to buy my contract.'

'Buy your contract?' Her eyes immediately lit up as she looked at Rean. "Oh, so you want this guy's contract. No problem, no problem! It will only cost you a hundred Rank Seven Divine Stones."

Suddenly, a powerful Divine Energy pressure assaulted Viviane, forcing her to kneel down. Terror filled her face as she quickly corrected herself. "Please, forgive me! No Divine Stones, no Divine Stones! I will tell my father to give him to you for free!"

The one who did that was Roan, who didn't quite like how Viviane instantly decided to treat Old Worm, his only master, as an item for sale. "Girl, you better stay quiet from now on. Otherwise, I'll make sure you won't be able to open your mouth anymore."

Clap, clap!

"Alright, that's enough, Koan. We want to do things right, so don't bully her," said Rean. He quite liked that, though. It wasn't easy to see Roan getting angry for someone else.

Viviane nodded vigorously and used her Divine Sense to talk to Old Worm. Finally, Rean told her she could talk but to refrain from doing it too much. "Well, shall we go?"

Kentucky, Roan, and Rean then used their Divine Energies to envelope Old Worm, Viviane, and the rest of their group before flashing away. This time, they didn't hold back as they flew at full speed back to the Jikli Clan. In just a few minutes, they were already right in front of the Clan.

"Okay, we are here," Rean pointed out. "However, the formations protecting this place are quite good, so I would rather not enter the Clan Buildings' area. Viviane, you go in and call your father out. I can do it myself by simply releasing my Divine Sense, but I don't want to be seen as an enemy."

Viviane sighed in relief. "Yes, senior. Sorry for causing you trouble." Without thinking twice, Viviane shot into the Clan and disappeared in the distance. Rean also released the other Void Tempering Realm subordinates and allowed them to go.

Rean's group then just sat atop a boulder and did some meaningless chatting while they waited... Well, only Kentucky and Rean did that since Roan and Old Worm continued to be the mutes they always were. Not long after, their Divine Sense Bending Skill caught the presence of another Elemental Space Realm cultivation, moving in their direction.

There wasn't only one, though. Instead, there were three of them. Rean and Roan weren't surprised. It would be weird if Viviane's father came out alone while there were three people at the same level as him waiting outside. The other two were also elders of the Clan, with one being at the Late Stage and the other at the Middle.

Eagon also noticed the twins' and Kentucky's real cultivation and couldn't help but sigh. "Just why is that girl so prone to attract trouble..."

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Chapter 2266: Tell More

As Eagon came down with the other two elders, they understood that in the overall cultivation realm, they were also behind. After all, Kentucky, Rean, and Roan were all in the Late Stage, while Eagon's side had only one at that level. Nonetheless, they were close to their clan, so their formation can still provide support even though they aren't exactly inside.

Eagon landed in front of the twins and looked at Old Worm. "Jakiro, what is your relationship with these friends?"

Old Worm didn't lie, although he also didn't tell what mattered. "They are also from the Mortal Realm, just like me."

Jakiro narrowed his eyes, understanding that Jakiro wasn't telling everything. Nonetheless, he didn't insist. After all, his side was in the wrong from the start. He then looked at Rean, Roan, and Kentucky, who obviously still had their different appearances and names. "First, let me apologize for our actions. It is true that I thought you were some easy prey. However, I was the only one who knew about this plan. The elders here with me already reprimanded me for causing such a huge trouble to our clan, so I hope you don't take it on our clan as a whole." He wasn't lying. He just wanted a reason to help his daughter, so he didn't really tell anyone about the attack on the twins.

Rean took the initiative. "I know. Jakiro here told us about the fact you wanted to help your daughter because she stole Rank Seven Divine Stones from the clan to elope with a boyfriend or something like that. I don't really care that much since you were simply a father trying to save your daughter from punishment. That's understandable. However, I truly don't approve of your methods. You are spoiling her too much. If anything, we should have just killed everyone and left, but Jakiro here is a friend. He insisted he wanted to see his contract fulfilled since you truly helped him by bringing him and Mia to the Realm of Gods. For that, we also owe you, so we are even."

Rean then pointed at Old Worm. "However, we don't plan to let you keep Jakiro doing your bidding anymore. That said, we want to buy out his contract with you. As long as it is a fair price, we will pay. It shouldn't be an issue for you. After all, a clan of this size has many other Void Tempering Realm cultivators. You can just put someone else in his role. What do you say?"

Old Worm quickly added. "Don't forget Mia."

"Oh! Right!" Rean nodded. "We want his contract and also Mia's. Well, Mia is only at the Elemental Transformation Realm, so it should be even less of an issue to you all."

The two elders near Eagon nodded, satisfied. If they could prevent getting on the bad side of three Elemental Space Realm experts by simply selling the contracts, that was more than welcome. It was like Rean said. They had plenty of people at Old Worm and Mia's levels to replace them. They quickly used their Divine Sense to talk to Eagon. 'What are you waiting for? Just ask some small price they won't mind paying and get rid of those two. Your daughter can counter her blessings that they will settle things up with just this bit.'

Eagon narrowed his eyes in response. "I can't do that."

"What?!" Let alone the twins' group, even the elders of his clan were shocked by his answer."

"Eagon, what is the meaning of this. Just bring those contracts out already!" One of the elders behind him immediately ordered. Well, authority-wise, he and Eagon were elders, so he didn't have the right to order Eagon to do anything.

"Shut up! This is my problem. I only called you here to make sure the situation wouldn't escalate into a fight," said Eagon.

"Eagon, you..." Naturally, the guy didn't like his attitude at all.

Roan stepped forward while releasing his Divine Energy pressure. "Why can't you do that? What reason is there for you to insist on keeping Jakiro by your side. He is a friend of mine, and I don't plan to simply leave without a very good reason."

Even the elder with the Late Stage Elemental Space Realm cultivation was frightened by that. Roan's pressure far surpassed anything he could do with his own cultivation. It was obvious that Roan could fight those far above his level. They are just beside the clan, so they are confident they can escape into the formation. Nonetheless, it truly wouldn't be wise to make enemies with someone like that.

Eagon obviously understood the same thing, but he kept his countenance, not showing any fear. "I can give you their contracts. In fact, I can even give the contracts away for free. However, I have a condition."

Rean sighed and patted Roan's shoulder, which stopped releasing his pressure. "A condition, uh? Very well, it would still be considered a business deal. As long as it is nothing outrageous, it shouldn't be an issue. However, you should take into consideration the price of a contract for a Late Stage Void Tempering Realm ten thousand years of service once you state your condition."

Eagon nodded and used Divine Sense to talk to the twins' group. 'It's about the Mortal Realm. I need some help with an investigation related to Jakiro himself. You are his friend, right? I'm pretty sure he will like to do it as well.'

Rean and Roan looked at Old Worm, puzzled. Yet, Old Worm was just as lost as the twins. 'Don't look at me. I have absolutely no idea what he is talking about,' he said through a Divine Sense message. 'Since when am I that important?'

Rean and Roan then looked back at Eagon. 'An investigation in the Mortal Realm regarding Jakiro...?'

Eagon nodded. 'Yes. To be more specific, it is an investigation regarding the Sunkan Planet, in which he was one of its strongest cultivators.'

That surely caught the twins' attention. 'Oh-ho... Tell us more.'

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Chapter 2267: Two Weeks

The other elders looked at each other and could tell the twins were talking to Eagon through Divine Sense. However, they didn't intervene, waiting to see what was going to come out of it.

Eagon then explained. 'After the explosion of Sunkan Planet, I went there to check and found Jakiro and the others, saving their lives against the Vruve Organization experts. You probably know that as well, right? Quite a few Sector Lords went there as well after I issued an emergency call, which forced the Vruve guys to leave.'

The twins confirmed. 'Yes, Jakiro told us about that event already.'

'Good.' Eagon continued from there. 'I talked to the other Sector Lord and explained what happened. After that, I brought everyone away soon after the Sector Lords left as well. However, the moment I arrived, I felt something strange in the location where it exploded. To not catch anyone's attention, I only returned to investigate a few days later, alone.'

'Do you know what I found when I returned there?' Eagon asked the twins and Old Worm.

Obviously, they all shook their heads. They haven't returned there after the explosion, after all.

Eagon faintly smiled as he answered through the Divine Sense. 'Nothing!'

That word only puzzled Kentucky. 'You want us to help you investigate... nothing?'

Roan and the others, on the other hand, understood what Eagon meant. 'That's not it. Sunkan Planet exploded, so the debris of its carcass should float all around and stay there for who knows how many years. Yet, he found nothing. Is that correct, Eagon?'

Eagon nodded. 'It is good to talk to smart people. That's correct. There wasn't even a single grain of sand remaining. Trust me, I looked for it. The Divine Sense of an Elemental Space Realm cultivator in the Mortal Realm is several times more powerful than in the three Higher Realms like the Realm of Gods. Nonetheless, not a single trace was left behind. Something took it all away, and I want to find what.'

Roan finally understood something that had been bothering him for a while. 'Traversing from the Mortal Realm to the Realm of Gods is very hard. Even if Jakiro offered his services to you for 10,000 years, I still think it wasn't worth the effort you had to put in to achieve that. Not to mention, you agreed to bring Mia together. Sure, her cultivation was many times smaller than Jakiro and that made things easier. But it was still an even extra effort. Now I see the reason why you brought them here.'

Eagon had a surprised expression but nodded in the end. 'Yes, that is true. I wouldn't go so far just because of a Transition Realm cultivator, let alone two. I have plenty of them here. Why would I want more? It is his connection to that planet that made me consider this option and bring him here in the end.'

Rean was still confused. 'Alright, I can understand why you brought Jakiro. However...' Rean then looked at the elders behind Eagon. 'Why do you want OUR help? You have Elemental Space Realm experts of your own clan right behind you. Why not ask for their help instead?'

Sure enough, that was the question in everyone's minds. Wouldn't it be better to keep things within his own clan and prevent the information from going out?

Eagon already expected that question, though. 'You will be a much better fit for the job. Since you are all ascenders, it is much easier to bring you all back to the Mortal Realm than it is to bring those who weren't part of it initially.'

Rean contacted Sister Orb. 'Sister Orb, is that true?'

[Yes. Do you remember how your bodies had traces of the mortal realm when you arrived? That you had to purge it before you could properly cultivate yourself? In a certain way, your bodies are more easily adaptable to the Mortal Realm's laws. So, yes, it is easier for you to go than someone like Eagon.]

Rean and Roan nodded. 'So that's how it is.'

They returned their attention to Eagon. 'We understand. Still, that doesn't explain why you would not tell your clan members about it.'

'That's my problem, not yours. Does it have any to the end of our negotiation?' Eagon refused to tell.

Rean and Roan shook their heads. 'At the moment, it doesn't matter that much indeed.'

'So, how about it? Will you accept my offer and help me?' Eagon was happy to hear that and immediately asked.

It was true that the twins were curious. After all, that was their planet. Also, they were pretty sure the Soul Gem System probably had something to do with it, something that even Sister Orb was unaware of.

Last but not least, that might provide them with some clues as to what happened to their mother, who was the only member of their family on this side of the Universe they haven't found yet.

'Very well, we have a deal. We heard from Jakiro that you probably won't be leaving in the next year. Does that mean we need to wait?' The twins asked back.

'No,' Eagon wasn't in the mood to wait. 'I can apply for the travel to be done straight away. You will come with me as external help. As one of the elders of the Jikli Clan, I have the authority to do so. That said, we will depart as soon as you can.'

Eagon also added. 'Oh, and another thing. If you want to leave your people in that land you met Jakiro, you can do so. We can't touch mortals anyway since those are the rules of our clan. You can consider it as a token of my sincerity.'

The twins shook their heads. 'No need. We have other plans for them. But we won't leave straight away either. We need two weeks since we have somewhere else to go.'

Eagon didn't mind. 'Then you can contact me on my communication badge when you are ready.' Naturally, a clan this big also got access to Rean's communication system.

Rean nodded and took Eagon's number. 'Then we will meet in two weeks.'

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Chapter 2268: Postpone Investigation

Suddenly, Rean stopped with the Divine Sense messages and began to laugh. "Hahahaha! I see, I see! That's very nice of you, friend Eagon. Alright, those are very good conditions, and we are definitely accepting it." Rean then patted Eagon's shoulder several times. "Forget about what your daughter did. She is young, so mistakes are normal. From now on, you can consider us friends of your Jikli Clan. If you need something in the future, you just let us know."

Roan also nodded, not showing a calm expression. "I could feel your sincerity. In that case, this matter is settled."

Kentucky just yawned, not feeling in the mood to do the same.

The two elders behind Eagon were taken aback. What could suddenly change Rean and Roan's minds that fast? 'Eagon, what did you offer them? You better be careful with what you can and can't use from the clan.'

Poor Eagon was quite perplexed himself. He didn't ask Rean and Roan to do that at all, so their behavior took him by surprise. Of course, he also understood that it was for his sake but mainly for their own. "Ahem... Of course, you can count on me, friends. The fact you are even willing to be friends of our clan is even better."

He also answered the elders behind. 'I told you this is my problem, didn't I? There is no need for you two to worry. I have not offered anything from the clan to them. It's something I have in my possession. As for what it is, I agreed with them to not talk about it. In any case, this resolves all our problems.'

The two elders narrowed their eyes. However, they heard how Rean and Roan even want to be on friendly terms with their clan. One must remember that even the Jikli Clan's Patriarch was also in the Elemental Space Realm Late Stage, just one stage Rean, Roan, and Kentucky. Getting on their good side was something very good for their clan, so a probable calamity immediately changed into good fortune. 'Since that's the case, we won't say anything else. Just remember that whatever happens after this will be your responsibility.'

Eagon nodded. 'As it should be.'

Rean, Roan, and Kentuck then prepared to leave. "Alright, Eagon. We will be leaving now. We will also bring Mia and Jakiro with us if you don't mind. Don't worry. You still have their contracts, so it is not like we can steal them from you. We will contact you later."

Jakiro sighed in relief. He obviously was part of that negotiation, so he knew what was decided.

Eagon obviously had no objections. "But of course! Please come to see me when you finish your business. We will talk more at that time." He then looked at Old Worm. "Jakiro, go fetch your disciple. You can go with them."

"Yes, Senior Eagon." Old Worm nodded and quickly entered the clan.

Eagon also bid farewell to the twins and entered the clan's main buildings' territory again, followed by the two other elders. Only the twins and Kentucky were left behind, waiting for Old Worm to come back.

Rean's smile disappeared. He turned his attention to Roan and Kentucky while also adding Luan and Sister Orb to the conversation inside the Dimensional Realm. 'What do you think?'

Roan closed his eyes to think a bit. 'We noticed how the conditions of our planet's destruction were weird due to the number of reincarnated people we found in the Realm of Gods. Eagon's words just confirmed that something happened after it got destroyed. Sister Orb, was it something related to the system?'

[I don't know,] Sister Orb answered. [Like I said, I don't have access to the system itself. What it decides can only be known by itself, like the rewards, abilities, and things like that. At most, I can give some help, like when we guided the system to create the time acceleration ability. However, I would say the chances are very high. After all, what could cause this kind of change if not the system itself?]

'That means we might get some reaction from the system once we go back to the place where the planet was destroyed,' Luan mentioned.

Roan nodded. 'However, we need to be careful. Eagon isn't a saint or anything like that. You can see it by how he forced Old Worm to do some shady work during his time here.'

'Do you think he knows what to expect and what he could get by investigating the place where our planet is located?' Kentucky asked Roan.

However, Roan shook his head. 'I can't guarantee, but I find it very unlikely. It is better to say that he is expecting to find some treasure or perhaps some kind of power that will help him somehow. If I were to guess, it is most likely related to his cultivation. Don't forget that we are very fortunate with everything we have at our disposal. Others have to go through painful paths and might never get to the Space-Time Realm. In the end, for cultivators like Eagon, reaching the Space-Time Realm before their lifespan is over is the ultimate goal.'

Only at the Space-Time Realm can one really call themselves immortal. Before that, lifespan was a shadow in every high-level cultivator's heart. First, get to the Space-Time Realm. Everything else, repercussions, blame, shame, or whatever, can be considered later.

Rean shrugged his shoulder and sat on the ground. 'Well, so be it. I don't think he is a threat to us. Besides, no one will be able to connect us to our real identities. After all, who would believe we went from the Space Bending Realm to the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space in such a short time? At least we are covered on that front.'

Roan agreed with Rean. 'That is correct, but don't drop your guard.'

As they waited for Old Worm to come back, Kentucky couldn't help but ask. 'Then... Does that mean we will postpone our investigation into the Continental Barriers?'

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Chapter 2269: Fluki's Father

Roan had mentioned before leaving the Floating Islands of Time that there was something he wanted to check. This something was the Continental Barriers. After it disappeared, it allowed the attack against the Devils. However, why did it disappear? From where does it come from? He thought that something as powerful as the Continental Barrier, which spans all over the Realm of Gods, might have something to do with another Fragment of the Universe Foundation.

Roan pondered a bit about it and nodded at Kentucky. 'Yes, we will delay our investigation. In any case, whether it has a Universe Foundation Fragment or not is just speculation. To be honest, even I think a fragment alone shouldn't be able to generate all the Continental Barriers of the Realm of Gods. It is just way too much of it.'

Rean then remembered something. 'Right! Luan, can you ask Fluki what happened to the Continental Barrier Spirits and Demon Beasts that lived inside it?'

Fluki, who cultivated by relying on the virtues of others, was still living in Luan's Sea of Consciousness. He was a Continental Barrier Spirit that the twins used many times to help traverse the Continental Barriers.

Luan nodded inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and used his connection to Fluki to wake him up.

Zush!

In a moment, a Spirit that seemed to be a mix of kiwi and a dolphin appeared in front of Luan. "Yawnnnnn... Well... It had been a long time since you woke me up. What is it? Do you need to get through the Continental Barrier again?" Sure enough, he had exactly the same cultivation as Luan, which showed the tight connection the two had after all this time.

Luan shook his head and used his Divine Sense to explain the whole situation.

"What?! The Continental Barrier disappeared?" Fluki was shocked to hear that. "That's..."

Seeing Fluki's expression, Rean's group understood that he seemed to know something. "What is it? Do you know why it disappeared?"

Back then, Fluki's father was the one who reached an agreement with the twins and Luan to let Fluki travel with them. In exchange, Fluki would be able to use Luan's virtues to cultivate. The twins didn't know which realm Fluki's father was, though. All they knew was that Fluki's father was in a very high realm. That said, perhaps Fluki's father truly knew a lot more about the Continental Barriers.

Fluki thought about some things his father mentioned in the past before explaining. "All I know is that the continental barrier has a source. I once asked my father if it was possible for our barrier to disappear, and he didn't answer me. He could have said no, but he didn't. So... I guess something happened to this source. As to what the source is and how you can manipulate it to stop the Continental Barrier, that I don't know."

The twins had their theory from many years ago that the Continental Barrier might be alive, but they also couldn't confirm it. Now that the Continental Barrier stopped, Roan wanted to check it. But that would mean not going back to the Mortal Realm to investigate things with Eagon. After all, there is no way to know how long such exploration might take.

"So, what about the Continental Barrier Spirits, Fluki?" Luan asked him once again. "Your father told us many of the Continental Barrier Spirits can't live outside it. Does that mean they all died?"

Fluki shook his head. "I don't know, but it is possible. Unless they reached a high level like my father, there is a good chance that it is the case. Or perhaps it is not the barrier that they can't get too far away from but the cracks from where the barrier rises. Or perhaps it is both situations. I truly can't say."

Rean nodded outside the Dimensional Realm. 'Alright. I was just curious about it, so we can't do much now. Talking about curious... Fluki, you are at the Space Bending Realm now, just like Luan. Is this cultivation realm big enough for you to live outside the Continental Barrier?'

Fluki shook his head. 'No, but I'm very close. I'm sure my body will be able to sustain itself without the Continental Barrier once I reach the Elemental Space Realm.'

Rean nodded. 'That means your father is at the very least an Elemental Space Realm Barrier Spirit since he can live outside.'

'I would say so,' Fluki agreed with Rean.

'Alright, you can go back to sleep, Fluki. We will call you once we decide to explore the Continental Barrier Cracks,' said Roan.

Fluki nodded and instantly disappeared into Luan's Sea of Consciousness.

Not long after, the twins saw two people coming from the Jikli Clan's direction. Naturally, they were Old Worm and Mia, who seemed to be curious about the situation. Yet, she couldn't identify Rean and Roan with their different appearances, not to mention Old Worm hasn't told her anything yet. He just said that he had something for her to do and that she should follow him.

Mia couldn't feel Rean, Roan, and Kentucky's cultivation, so she was very polite. "Hello, seniors. I'm Mia Orzute, Senior Jakiro's disciple."

Rean immediately lost it. "Hahahaha! This feels so weird!"

Roan didn't seem to care at all. If the age of both his lives was to be considered, it was just proper to call him Senior since he was definitely the oldest there. Rean, on the other hand, not so much... Well, he spent a few hundred years in the Dimensional Realm, but one must not forget the time displacement his group suffered when they were brought to the Realm of Gods. In the end, it was hard to say if Mia was older or Rean was. By now, they have already stopped counting how long they lived.

Mia looked confused. "Master, did I say something wrong?"

Old Worm faintly smiled, which was very rare. "You will know in due time."

Roan wasn't in the mood to continue waiting, though. "Alright, let's get out of here."

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Chapter 2270: Looking For a New Home

Old Worm told them that the Jikli Clan offered their own teleport services if they wanted to use them. However, Rean and Roan immediately refused the idea. Entering the range of the formations of the clan was still not a very good idea. Sure, Sister Orb, at her level, most likely could hack it quite fast since those were not legendary-level formations. She would probably need just a few hours. Nonetheless, that was not possible now since the system was being upgraded.

Instead, Roan brought everyone into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and left only Kentucky and Rean out for them to move on their own. Rean immediately left the territory of the Jikli Clan and used his Divine Sense Bending Skill to check if someone was watching him. After confirming the site was clear, he opened a Spatial Gate and Left with Kentucky.

The reason the twins asked for two weeks was that they didn't want to delay the promise they had with Sesame any longer, especially now that the people of the village inside had received the news. They found out they would need to go to the Mortal Realm once again, so who knows if they would have to wait another few hundred or maybe thousands of years before fulfilling that promise?

Rean went from one Spatial Gate to another Spatial Gate nonstop. No one would expect him to open a Spatial Gate at his level, so any possible search would have been completely lost by now. He did not stop until he was tens of continents of distance away.

Now, with another appearance, Rean landed straight inside a small city. Its name was Glosales. It was some kind of branch city of Munites, a much bigger city in the Continent of Wadorer. With a quick Divine Sense check, Rean found out that the strongest cultivator there was only at the Transition Realm.

Because it was just a simple city that supported Munites a few hundred kilometers away, cultivators of higher levels would rather go to Munites instead of staying here. All teleports to this region went to Munites as well, so it contributed to the lack of Void Tempering Realm and above experts in this place. Of course, one or another appeared once in a while due to its proximity to Munites City, but they simply ignored this place.

Yet, it was just perfect for Rean. He learned about these small cities a long time ago. At first, he wanted to drop the Sesame Village People near a demon beast territory, but there was no rule saying it couldn't be a city. Glosales just fulfilled both requirements. There was a Demon Beast Territory just a little over two thousand kilometers away, which was nothing for cultivators of the Divine Soul Realm and above. There were even teleport formations that could be used to arrive there straight away and were cheap.

While suppressing his cultivation to the Elemental Transformation Realm, Rean and Kentucky walked through the city with a few members of Sesame's Village. They were the Soul Transformation Realm cultivators, which were the highest level there. He also talked to them while showing the city. 'What do you think? Seems quite peaceful and close enough to the Demon Beasts Territories to go out for training.'

One of them looked at Rean with a sad expression. 'But a lot of us don't even want to go out. Look at the amount of Divine Energy here. It is nowhere near what we have inside.'

Rean shook his head. 'That's because my Dimensional Realm gathers the Divine Energy over a huge distance and compresses it inside. This is not something you will have available during your life. Also, I might as well tell you this. The reason you guys are still only at the Soul Transformation Realm is that you all lack cultivation techniques. If you had access to them, you should have been at a much higher level after these hundreds of years in my Dimensional Realm. I can guarantee that your cultivation speed will increase as soon as you put your hands on them even though the Divine Energy outside is not as abundant.'

The guy's mood immediately improved. 'Really?! Then... can't we simply take these cultivation techniques and go back to the Dimensional Realm?'

Rean looked at him with a dark expression, which made the man close his mouth instantly. Seeing that he gave up, Rean continued. 'Now, all of you. The real world is different, and Sesame wanted you to be able to live inside it. I'm giving you a huge chance by dropping you here in the center of the Realm of Gods. Take a good look around and tell me if there is some specific place you would like to live in.'

'Even though this is a small city compared to the cities in the Realm of Gods, it still has a few million people. Acquiring a state where the three thousand or so members of your village can live is a very simple matter to me. You better choose well.'

Rean, Kentucky, and the village members walked around the city all day long. Finally, they reached an agreement that a state near the border of the city walls was the best place. It was big enough to easily shelter everyone while leaving plenty of free space for possible new members in the future.

Rean reached the City Lord's Real State Office and paid a sum of 300 Rank Five Divine Stones for it. Considering the size and location, it was a fair price. The Office workers didn't see anything wrong with it at all. It was common for small clans from outside to suddenly decide to move into the cities, so Rean's group was already considered quite ordinary.

Rea and Kentucky brought everyone back to the state they acquired. There was a simple formation there to protect from intruders and Divine Senses, but that was about it. Finally, he connected to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and instantly teleported the entire population of Sesame's Village out.