

## Death 2391

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Chapter 2391: Other Approach

Kanglia's Spatial Gate didn't bring them straight to where the Fortress was located. Because of the other army located nearby, there were definitely formations in place to detect the opening of Spatial Gates. That said, she brought everyone to a place still tens of thousands of kilometers of distance from the Fortress.

Of course, none of them bothered too much about it. With their Elemental Space Realm cultivation, such a distance could be covered in a short time. Let alone a Space-Time Realm like Kanglia, who was leading the group.

"I've been waiting for you," suddenly, a voice echoed in the surrounds.

Rean and the others immediately prepared for battle, not expecting someone to know they would appear in that place. However, Kanglia quickly raised her hand to stop everyone. "Don't worry, he is an ally."

Right after, space shifted somewhere far away, just outside of everyone's Natural Spatial Perception range. A black man with red eyes then approached, holding a cold expression. Rean could clearly see the red fog of Killing Intent surrounding him, although it wasn't directed at any of them. 'Evil Cultivator...' he thought.

Just like any normal cultivator, there were obviously evil ones, too. Those who used the lives of others, killed, robbed, and all that kind of stuff to grow stronger. Well, in Roan's opinion, these kinds of cultivators are a lot better to deal with. At least they didn't try to hide their nature, only caring about killing or being killed. It is way better than the usual facade that the 'good' cultivators usually put on their faces.

With his Divine Sense Bending Skill, Rean immediately identified the newcomer's cultivation, too. 'Peak Space-Time Realm. Sure enough, the higher-ups are putting a lot of thought into this rescuing plan. They even sent a guy just a hair away from becoming a Divinity Realm expert.'

Kanglia took a deep breath and then introduced the guy. "This is Klinbei, a wandering cultivator. He doesn't really have an attachment to any of the big sects or anything like that. Naturally, he also came here for the same reason: the Merit Points reward in this mission."

"Hmph!" Klinbei snorted. "Do not put me in the same league as greenhorns like you all. I'm here because I was offered way more than just that. Now, just make sure to work for my sake while I hold down any interference. If any of you gets in the way, I'll kill you myself after the mission."

Kanglia sighed, not surprised by those words. She simply used her Divine Sense to talk to the rest. 'Ignore him. He might look unreliable as an ally, but I can guarantee he is worth the price the higher-ups are paying. Just don't make him angry. He wasn't lying in his previous comments. If you truly cause something that affects the mission, he will kill you. He is stronger than me, so there is nothing I can do. Besides, the higher-ups would turn a blind eye since an expert of his level is way more useful than any of you.'

Everyone nodded, taking the warnings to heart.

Kanglia then turned her attention back to Klinbei. "They will not get in your way. However, I'm still the leader of this group. We will follow the plans set up in advance. Are you fine with it?"

Klinbei nodded with much care. "So be it." Right after, a dead body appeared in mid-air. It was a Devil who didn't seem to have had a good time. "I got this guy near the Fortress and used a soul search. Even though he was part of the scouts of the army nearby, he didn't know there were devils living in that Fortress. At first, it truly does seem no one was told about the things happening in Lodigan Fortress."

Kanglia bitterly smiled. "Aren't you afraid that getting rid of this guy will raise all the alarms in the fortress and the experts protecting it?"

"There is no need to worry," said Klingei. "With the size of the armies, it would be difficult to keep track of everything. One or other devil fleeing or dying is also common within their races. Just this one will not cause any trouble, and that's considering they have noticed his absence by now or not." Klingei seemed to have gone around with similar missions before, so Kanglia didn't complain.

Klangia then told the plan, which was quite simple. "Alright, let's go to the Fortress. Since we don't know where the target is, there isn't much of a point to follow a plan. The moment we get close enough, the

devils protecting it will notice our presence with their Natural Spatial Perception. We will try to get as close as possible without being noticed, but the moment we do, we will all attack and invade the Fortress."

Rean couldn't help but ask. "How did you find out about this Fortress and the target inside? If it was a spy, couldn't you simply try to get in contact with him to see where the target is being held? That would make our plan attack a lot more likely to succeed."

Kanglia shook her head. "Unfortunately, we can't do that. All I know is that we don't have anyone in the Fortress we can rely on. Don't forget, the other side is all Devils. It is not as easy as you think to put a spy inside since it would need another Devil to betray their side. That is hard to get."

Kentucky then glanced at Rean, already guessing what he wanted to do. 'Are we going for it?'

Rean looked back at him and thought about the 2000 Merit Points in play. Or better, 4000, counting Kentucky. 'Definitely. Let them do the hard part. We will guarantee the target's survival first.'

Rean then looked at Kanglia before saying. "Senior Kanglia, Kenny and I will approach the Fortress from another side. You don't mind that, right?"

Kanglia knew about Rean and Kentucky's abilities, so she just nodded. "No problem. I will also have the others approach from different positions to prevent the target from being taken away. Just keep an eye on your communication badges. The orders will come through it."

"Very well," Rean smiled and left with Kentucky... and Essefy.

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Chapter 2392: Time to Act

Rean and Kentucky looked at Essefy, confused. "Why did you come with us?"

"I think it is better if I follow you instead. You have proven to be much stronger than the others, after all," Essefy explained.

However, that was a problem for Rean and Kentucky. "Hum... that's complicated, as your presence won't help us very much."

Yet, Kentucky had an idea. "How about using him, Rean?"

"Using him?" Rean was confused for a second but immediately understood right after. "Oh! That might really work." He then looked back at Essefy. "Would you like to become hostage?"

Essefy had a bad feeling after hearing that question.

A few days later...

Lidigan Fortress was on the top of a hill, giving it a vantage point to the surroundings. From outside, it looked to be almost deserted, with just one or another Devil here and there. However, inside, there were quite a few experts, all staying in this place for the same purpose.

Inside a room of this fortress, a Space-Time Realm Devil was sitting near a humanoid figure who seemed to be sleeping. He was Fulilou, the one in charge of this fortress. He ignored the figure and just played with a few jade slips in his hands while cultivating. Suddenly, another devil entered the room with an alarmed expression. "Sir, we sighted a scout of the humanoid race nearby."

The devil immediately got up. "Are you sure? Where did he come from?"

"We don't know," the devil answered. "We sent a few of our members after him. We should receive some news soon."

A few minutes later, another devil came inside to report. "Sir Fulilou, we caught him! We are bringing him over right now."

Fulilou was a little surprised. Scouts were usually very good at running away. "That was quite fast."

"That's because we forced that scout to run in the direction of the army in the Juedibos Region after he noticed we found him. He ended up bumping into some of the Juedibos army scouts and had nowhere to run," the devil explained.

Fulilou was satisfied. He knew that the army in Juedibos was positioned nearby, not really for the war, but because of this fortress. If necessary, he could call for help from that army at any time. "Very good. Bring that scout to me. We need to find out if he knows anything about this place."

A few minutes later, two devils, wearing the Juedibos Army clothes, entered the room with confused expressions. They weren't aware that there were devils positioned in this fortress. However, after being shown Fulilou's token, they had to follow Fulilou's subordinates' orders and bring the scout to him. "Sir Fulilou... We thought you were in Fasrasma Continent at the moment..."

Fulilou didn't explain anything since his deployment to this place was a secret. Still, he was quite surprised by those two scouts of the Juedibos Army. They were a lot stronger than what you would usually have for scouts. However, that didn't matter now. "Just shut up and bring the scout you captured. Also, you better not say anything you saw in this fortress later, or you won't be able to blame anyone if you lose your lives."

The two devils immediately nodded, feeling the pressure released by Fulilou when he threatened them. "Yes, sir. We saw nothing."

Right after, a humanoid figure similar to a child was brought inside the room. He was pretty badly beaten, and his cultivation was sealed by a layer of devilish energy. Obviously, that was the work of the devils that captured him. Seeing that child, Fulilou narrowed his eyes. "Peak Elemental Space Race... There is no way the humanoid races would use such a high-level expert as a simple scout. This is not good. This place's secret has probably been found already."

Fulilou's subordinates were taken aback. "Then we must leave for the next location immediately, senior."

"We can't risk losing the target," another one also pressed.

Fulilou narrowed his eyes before ordering. "Call Dogan and Zufato. They are cultivating in their rooms. Tell them that we probably have company, and we are immediately moving to the next safe location."

"Yes!" The subordinates nodded and left straight away, leaving just a few other devils behind.

The two devils from the Juedibos Region army seemed to be as lost as before. "Sir... are we still needed for anything? If not, we would like to return to the Juedibos Army."

Fulilou snorted in response. Devils never liked to get into dangerous situations where they had no benefits. Almost none of them had any sense of duty. He could tell that these two thought they were in the wrong place and wrong time and wanted to leave immediately. However, how could he let them leave now that things turned out like this? Especially with their strength. "I will talk to Kukiro myself later, so you two will follow our group for now. Don't even think about running away, or I will end your lives myself."

The two devils trembled a little and immediately nodded, feeling helpless to be thrown into this situation.

Fulilou nodded and also added. "However, you did help with this guy's capture, so I will let Kukiro know about it and tell him to reward you handsomely after our business is over."

The two devil's eyes lit up, and they bowed to Fulilou. "Thank you, sir."

Just as Fulilou was about to pass a few more orders to the rest of the devils in the fortress and start the child's interrogation, his eyes suddenly changed. "Shit! They really came!"

He wasn't the only one to notice it. The two devils, called Dogan and Zufato, had changes in expression as they noticed black spots entering their Natural Spatial Perception, just like Folilou did. "Enemy attack!"

The ones who entered their Spatial Senses were obviously Kanglia, Klingei, and the other cultivators. By now, the attack of Hrumes' army had already started, so Kanglia knew it was time to act.

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Chapter 2393: It's Really Them

Dogan appeared in the same room as Folilou in a flash, having found the same thing. "They know we have that person here. We need to take him away immediately. Zufato is already outside, so you should go and help him."

Folilou nodded. "I know. I'm going now. I can only feel two Space-Time Realm cultivators, so Zufato and I are enough." Right after, Folilou spread his Divine Sense and warned all the devils in the fortress. 'All of you, come out and fight the cultivators. They only brought a few Elemental Space Realm experts and two Space-Time Ones. There is no need to kill; just defeating them is enough.'

Right after, Folilou looked at Dogan and another five devils there were inside the room. Within those devils, two were the scouts of the Juedibos Army. "You all will help Dogan protect that humanoid over there. Follow his instructions. Even if you have to die, you must not let that person fall into the hands of the cultivators."

He continued. "Dogan, they already scrambled the space laws in the surroundings, so teleporting away is out of the question. Use the secret passage and get away from here. I'll buy you enough time."

Dogan already expected that. "Leave it with me."

Folilou then disappeared from the room, quickly appearing outside. His eyes then fell on Kinglei in the distance, who had just killed two devils who were unlucky enough to be close to him when he was advancing.

Kinglei obviously noticed Folilou and showed a wicked smile. "Hehe! Finally, some fun!" Immediately, he shot in Folilou's direction, disregarding everything.

Folilou wasn't afraid at all. He was also in the Space-Time Realm Peak Stage. Not only that but the environment here was filled with Devilish Energy and had a high concentration of Dark Element. This was inside the Devils' Territory still, after all. That was definitely a huge advantage for him. "Hmph! Courting death!"

The clash between the two started in a blink of an eye. Spatial Powers burst all around, and laws clashed against each other. At their level, no one around the battlefield could intervene except for Kanglia and Dogan. However, these two were already fighting each other as well.

The other cultivators took the chance to charge to the fortress, knowing that Kinglei and Kanglia were just buying time for them to rescue the target inside the fortress. "Let's go!"

Folilou glanced at those Elemental Space Realm cultivators charging at the fortress but just coldly smiled. He then returned his attention to Kinglei.

Sure enough, as soon as the cultivators were about to enter the fortress, tens of Devils, many of them being at the Elemental Space Realm, appeared from inside. They had been hiding all this time, so they wanted nothing more than to come out and take some action.

In a moment, the charge of the cultivators was stopped. If anything, they were the ones being suppressed at the moment.

Kanglia saw that and gritted her teeth while using her Divine Sense to speak to everyone. 'Fuck! The intel didn't say anything about so many devils in the fortress! This is nothing like we expected.'

Kinglei, who was having several clashes against Folilou, immediately ordered. 'I don't care if you guys die. Enter the fucking fortress and find the target! If any of you retreat, I'll be the one to kill you later!'

It wasn't exactly an impossible request. There were many devils, with quite a few in the Elemental Space Realm, but those who could rival the cultivators were almost the same number. It's just that the rest of the devils could harass from afar, making the situation quite complicated. If they ignored everything and forced their way in, they might indeed find the target.

However, Kanglia immediately cut Kinglei there. 'Are you crazy?! Didn't you feel it with your Natural Spatial Perception as well? Even now, his presence appears inside my perception. There is another Space-Time Realm Devil inside. If they enter, they will only send themselves to their deaths. Even if they manage to somehow reach the target, they will never be able to bring the target out!'

Kinglei's expression turned even colder. 'This is all your fault! You should have sent more experts for this mission!'

'We couldn't! We were being watched closely,' Kanglia explained. 'If we sent too many of us away, the devils would get suspicious. Besides, we truly didn't expect this many of them here.'



Suddenly, Kinglei noticed that other Space-Time Realm devil inside the fortress moving further and further underground. In the end, the encirclement they were doing in the fortress wasn't proving very useful. 'Fuck! They are using a hidden passage under the fortress. He is escaping!'

Kinglei then released a lot of his Divine Energy and forced Folilou back for a moment. Right after, he raised his hand, and a spear appeared on it. Finally, he thrust it downward with all his strength, creating a huge piercing wave of red energy that went in the direction of the last Space-Time Realm Devil in the fortress.

"Ha! Aren't you a little too conceited?" How could Folilou not understand what Kinglei was doing? He wanted to force Dogan out of the passage with that attack.

\*Zash!\*

\*Boom!\*

Folilou used his own weapon, covered with all his power, striking Kinglei's attack before it could reach the fortress. Right after, he charged at Kinglei again. "With me here, you can forget about ever getting close to that fortress."

Kinglei got even madder as blood covered his eyes. "You asked for it!" He couldn't just ignore a devil at the same level as himself, especially in this environment. He had to fight back in the end.

The battle continued and got more and more disadvantageous to the cultivators. Not only that, Kanglia began to get nervous. Quite some time passed, and it wouldn't take long for reinforcements to arrive. Sure, Hrumes' army helped shift most of the forces of the Juedibos army nearby.

Finally, Kinglei and Kanglia's natural Spatial Perception lost track of Dogan, who got too far away. From now on, it would be impossible to locate the target.

"Retreat!" Knowing that staying here would only lead their group to their graves, Kanglia gave the retreating order. The mission was a failure.

The devils obviously took the chance to try to bring as many cultivators down as they could, but Kinglei and Kanglia helped with the retreat, forcing their Space-Time battles to locations in between the fleeing cultivators and the devils.

In the end, three of the Elemental Space Realm cultivators died while none of the Devils that really mattered perished. Not to mention that they lost the target, too.

A few hours later, their group returned to their previously agreed gathering point. Everyone had terrible expressions and had many injuries. However, none of them cared about it. What they cared about the most was the fact that during the attack, a certain trio never appeared!

"Where is Kenny, Goku, and Essefy?!" Kinglei spoke in rage! "I want to know where they are right now!"

Everyone was angry, thinking that those three abandoned the mission as well. Kinglei, especially, was ready to kill everyone. If not for Kanglia there, he would have killed even his allies by now. He, too, wanted to know where the other three went as their absence definitely contributed to the failure.

"Calm down," Kanglia said. "We don't know what happened to them. Perhaps they were ambushed before they reached the fortress."

"Forget it," a cultivator called Bacia shook his head. "They know they deserted during the mission. There is no way they will ever come back here."

Everyone's mood got even worse. Yet, they knew Bacia was right. If it was them, they wouldn't return to this place either.

However...

"Hum?"

Kanglia looked in a certain direction as three figures appeared in her Divine Sense Range. Not only that, but they just so happened to be the trio they all wanted to kill right now. "It's... It's really them..."

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Chapter 2394: Failure?

Rean, Kentucky, and Essefy landed near the group without a single scratch on their bodies. Obviously, they didn't enter any fight at all... or so they thought, at least.

Kinglei's killing intent immediately surrounded Rean's group before he pulled his spear from his Pocket Dimensional Realm. "Good! Good! At least you saved me the trouble of hunting you down later. Don't think you are going to escape this place. I'll make sure to play with your bodies and souls to my heart's content before eliminating you."

All the other cultivators and demon beasts didn't seem to care at all. If anything, they were also angry after seeing Rean's group completely fine. That only reinforced their thought that Rean, Kentucky, and Essefy deserted from the mission.

Rean, who could see the killing intent, looked at Kinglei with a confused expression. "Did something happen, senior Kinglei? You seem quite angry with us for some reason. Is it the injuries on your body? If that's the case, there is no need to worry. I'm very good with healing skills."

Seeing Rean's complete lack of respect only fuelled Kinglei's anger even more. "Courting Death!" Immediately, he charged at Rean and the others, ready to take their lives. Yet...

\*Clang!\*

Kanglia appeared in between them, stopping Kinglei's attack at the last moment. Of course, she was only in the Middle Stage of the Space-Time Realm. She wasn't Kinglei's match. Because of that, she was forced several meters back even though she used all her strength to stop Kinglei just now.

Kinglei's dark expression turned in Kanglia's direction. "Are you looking to die, too? I can fulfill your wish."

Kanglia straight up again and shook her head. "That's not it. If they deserted the mission, this outcome is just right for them. However, I've seen their abilities before, so I don't think they did it on purpose. I wish to at least hear their reason. After that, you can kill them as you see fit."

She then pointed at Rean and the others. "Or could it be you aren't at least curious about why they returned here? Would you have come back to this gathering point if you were they? Especially since you know you would be here?"

Kinglei narrowed his eyes and looked at Rean and the others, who didn't seem very concerned about him. Finally, he calmed down a little and put his spear away. "Fine. However, it is better to be an extremely amazing reason."

Kanglia nodded before turning in Rean's direction. "Goku, Kenny, Essefy... You didn't appear during the attack on the fortress. Truth be told, with the number of Devils there, I don't think it would have made much of a difference. However, it did end up making our mission a lot more difficult. Perhaps a chance to rescue the target would have appeared, too. Instead, a few of us even died there while you three seemed to be completely fine."

Kanglia continued. "The way things stand, all the blame for the mission failure will be placed on you. There is nothing I can do for you unless you give me a reason for your disappearance. Care to explain where you went during that time and what were you doing?"

"Failure?" The confusion on Rean, Essefy, and Kentucky's faces became even more apparent. "What are you talking about? Wasn't the mission a huge success?"

"S-Success?" Let alone Kanglia. Everyone else was dumbfounded by their words.

Right after, Kinglei got even angrier. "I see, I see... You seem to enjoy making fun of me. You can leave your lives here." Immediately, he pulled his spear out again and immediately moved to attack.

However, before he could even move, Rean weaved his hand, and two figures appeared in front of everyone. One was alive and had its head covered by a black cloth. The other was a devil, but this devil was dead.

"What is this?" Even Kinglei had to stop in his tracks. Not that he cared about the two figures, but because he could still feel the lingering energy of the devil's body.

Initial Stage Space-Time Realm!

Kanglia seemed to have understood and immediately looked at Rean, Kentucky, and Essefy in shock. "Could these two be...?"

Rean nodded. "Yes. This devil was the one who tried to flee while you all were fighting. As for this person with the face covered... this is our target. Well, I haven't removed the black cloth from his head, nor have I broken the seal in his cultivation. That said, I still don't know who he is. In any case, the mission was a success. Not only did we all manage to rescue the target, we even managed to kill a Space-Time Realm Devil."

Rean smiled after that. "This is all thanks to everyone's efforts. Without our coordinated attack, rescuing the target and getting this bonus would have been really difficult. Especially you, senior Kinglei! You held out the other Peak Stage Space-Time Realm Devil. That was of paramount importance! Now, we all have 2000 Merit Points to receive and perhaps even a bonus for the devil's death. Hahaha!"

Everyone was speechless. How, just how, did they do it? Rean, Kentucky, and Essefy haven't appeared during the attack at all. Thanks to their effort? How come they didn't know it?

Kinglei saw himself forced to put his spear away once again, although the anger on his face completely disappeared. He came here for the merit points, simple as that. If they truly managed to rescue the target, then he couldn't care less how it was done as long as it didn't cause him any losses. As for the cultivators who died, why would an evil cultivator like him care?

Finally, Kinglei took a deep breath and approached. "Normally, I would say you were spilling bullshit. However, I still remember the energy of the devil that escaped inside the fortress through some hidden passage, so I know this is the real devil. Still, you were quite bold to use me like that."

Kanglai also approached and couldn't help but ask. "But... how did you do it?"

Indeed. That was the question in everyone's minds.

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Chapter 2395: Who Is This Guy?

Rean then smiled at Kinglei. "We were indeed a little bold, but that was for the sake of completing the mission. Sure, senior wouldn't mind that, right? After all, there were 2000 Merit Points in play there. You said it yourself. You wouldn't forgive anyone if they held you back, and this result should be the exact opposite of it."

Rean could still see the killing intent around Kinglei. It's just that it wasn't directed at them anymore. It was just the normal killing intent he had seen the first time he saw the guy. Most likely, it had something to do with his cultivation technique.

Kinglei narrowed his eyes for a moment before a smile appeared on his face. Finally, he couldn't hold back anymore. "Hahahaha! Good! Good! Yes, I couldn't care less about how you did it! The mission was a success, and the reward was all that mattered to me."

Kinglei then turned in Kanglia's direction. "I'll leave the rest up to you. As for everything else, I wasn't paid to care about it. Do as you see fit. Just make sure to tell those old geezers to deposit my Merit Points in my badge. Otherwise, they know what to expect."

He didn't wait for Kanglia to answer at all. Kinglei immediately opened a spatial gate and disappeared inside. Where he went, no one knows.

Kanglia sighed in relief, seeing that the time bomb finally left. She then turned in Rean, Kentucky, and Essefy's direction. "Yes, considering you rescued the target, then the mission was indeed a huge success. Especially since we only lost three members of our group. Initially, I was expecting at least ten deaths in exchange for a successful rescue. After all, we would need to rush the mission before reinforcements appeared."

"Still," Kanglia wasn't satisfied, "You haven't answered my question yet. How did you do it? I couldn't perceive your presence at all."

Yet, Rean just shook his head. "That I will have to keep a secret. That involves a few skills that I would rather keep hidden in my sleeve."

Kentucky and Essefy also nodded, seeming not willing to talk either.

"Sigh..." Kanglia couldn't force them. "Whatever. You did a great job, and that's all that matters." She then looked at the other cultivators, like Bacia, for example. "Some of you might hold some grudge that they used us, but the result was definitely better than expected. I hope you will let it go, considering we will all get paid."

Bacia immediately nodded. "Absolutely. I was just angry because they didn't appear during the attack. If I knew they were doing such a thing, I wouldn't have minded. 2000 points! That's all that matters. Well, at least for me, it is."

The others also nodded, having completely forgotten the previous issue. First of all, were things really as easy as they seemed on the surface? Rean, Kentucky, and Essefy even managed to kill a Space-Time Realm devil. Perhaps they were in an even greater danger than anyone else during the attack.

Rean then thought back at what had happened.

It goes without saying that the child who was captured near the fortress was none other than Essefy. As for the two devils who captured the child... they were Rean and Kentucky!

Initially, their plan was to use Rean's Body Transformation Technique to disguise themselves as Devils. However, there was a problem. How would they explain why they appeared in the fortress that no one was supposed to know was occupied?

That's when Essefy came into play. They 'helped' capture Essefy and had the devils in the fortress itself bring them in 'against' their will. There, they met Folilou and even Dogan.

They were sure the devils wouldn't kill Essefy straight away. After all, they needed to know how the humanoid races found out about the fortress, and interrogating Essefy would be the fastest way. However, before they could start, the humanoids started their attack.

Rean and Kentucky even pretended to not want to make part of anything, asking to leave. Yet, they knew the devils wouldn't let them go that easily. The sudden attack of the humanoid races became an even better reason to force Rean and Kentucky to stay and help the other devils.

While Folilou and Zufato, as well as the various other devils, fought the cultivators and demon beasts outside, Godan was encharged with taking the hostage away. To make sure he would have support, he also brought Rean, Kentucky, together with the other three Elemental Space Realm Devils in the hostage's room.

For Rean and Kentucky, it was simply perfect! Why, you may ask? That's because they also had Natural Spatial Perceptions. Everyone above the Void Tempering Realm had it. Rean and Kentucky could feel the presence of the other Space-Time Realm Devils outside the fortress, fighting. If they acted right there, it would definitely catch the attention of those devils, and they would immediately come back to help Dogan.

Dogan then brought them to a hidden passage and guided everyone deep underground. Finally, after they got far enough, they exited both the Divine Sense and Natural Perception Range of the cultivators and devils alike.

They then exited somewhere else, far away from the battlefield. Dogan relaxed, dropping his guard and looking at Essefy, who Rean and Kentucky brought with them. "Now, let's find out how you got the information about our location."

Yet, just as he put his hand on Essefy's head, preparing to use a Soul Searching Technique...

\*Swish!\*

A black blade appeared in his chest, having pierced his heart! Dogan then looked back at Rean, whose body began to change back into his fake humanoid appearance. "Y-You..."

Too bad, though. It was too late. Rean's Light Element rampaged inside Dogan's body, not giving him even a second to react before he was killed.

As for the other three Devils in the Elemental Space Realm? Rean and Kentucky alone were already as strong as Middle-Stage Space-Time Realm experts. How could these devils be of any threat to them? The only one who could possibly have a chance to escape was Dogan, but he was killed before he could do anything.



Essefy even got himself free, unsealing his own cultivation and helping with the elimination of the remaining devils. Obviously, he had never been really injured, nor was his cultivation really sealed. It was all a pretense.

Finally, the only one who remained was the face-covered hostage that Rean's group didn't know who it was. Not that they cared anyway. Rean simply sent him and the devils' bodies into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and left with his group. Perhaps even now, Folilou still doesn't know that Dogan is dead.

Back at the gathering point, Kentucky finally couldn't hold his curiosity anymore. "So... senior Kanglia, just who is this guy?"

Kanglia was also curious. After all, even she didn't know the identity of the hostage. "Well, I guess we will find out now."

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Chapter 2396: More Work

Kanglia put her hand on the black cloth, which seemed to have a few inscriptions that made the user completely oblivious to anything happening outside. It blocked Divine Sense and even scrambled with the Natural Spatial Perception.

After using a little of her Divine Energy, the inscriptions were easily removed, allowing the black cloth to come out. Kanglai could have removed the seal on the guy's cultivation first. However, the man might try something desperate straight away before even ascertaining the condition around him. It was better to let him know about everything first.

\*Fluf...\*

Everyone looked at the man, confused by his looks. The only thing everyone there could confirm was that neither of them had ever seen that guy before.

The man opened his eyes, feeling the light hurting them after being in the darkness for so long. After a few moments, he finally began to get used to it and was able to see the people around him. "You... are not the Devils..."

Kanglia also didn't know who the guy was, but it didn't matter at the moment. "Indeed. We were tasked with rescuing you from the Devils. You were being held in the Lodigan Fortress, and we just arrived from there."

The man sighed, feeling like he aged thousands of years. "So, in the end, it was a failure, uh?"

No one understood what he was talking about, nor did it seem he wanted to explain. "Thank you for your help. Do you have a communication badge I can use? Put me in contact with Flinyu."

Flinyu was an elder of the Himaria Sect, one of the big powers of the Humanoid Races. He was also one of the few Divinity Realm Peak Stage Cultivators of the Realm of Gods. Back during the competition to see who was going to acquire the free continent in the center of the Realm of Gods, Flinyu was one of the cultivators responsible for overseeing the contest.

"Senior Flinyu?" Naturally, Kanglia and the other cultivators around all knew who he was. Not only that, but he was one of the cultivators who arranged for this attack on the fortress. "If you don't mind me asking you, who are you? Of course, you don't need to answer if you don't want to. It's just that it would make things easier if I knew your name."

The man pondered a bit before saying, "Just tell Flinyu that the Vruves already found the truth. Once he hears it, he will know who wants to talk to him."

The moment the word Vruve appeared, everyone's eyes turned dark. They were all at least in the Elemental Space Realm in this group, so they did have enough influence to know about the Vruve Organization. The Organization that even though it didn't possess a realm of its own, it wasn't any weaker than the other three higher realms.

Rean and Roan, obviously, were even more interested. Roan was watching from inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Of course, neither Rean nor Kentucky said anything.

"Also, release the seal in my cultivation," the man asked.

However, Kanglia shook her head. "Let me confirm with senior Flinyu first. Since the Vruve name appeared, I can't take any risks with you. I hope you understand."

The man nodded, seeming not concerned.

Kanglai then pulled her communication badge out and called a number. It's just that it wasn't Flinyu. Even though she was a Space-Time Realm Middle Stage, she didn't have access to all the contacts of the top experts of the Realm of Gods, which was understandable.

First, she had to pass by Fosleve, the Sect Master of the Rambram Sect. Since she was part of this sect, Fosleve also knew about this rescue plan. Hearing the information from Kanglia, Fosleve didn't seem surprised and simply connected Kanglia straight to Flinyu.

Normally, no one else other than the owner could use a communication badge. However, the communication badges have come a long way since they were created. With enough Divine Energy, it could even create a normal call that worked through voice instead of Divine Sense.

That said, it didn't take long before a crispy voice echoed from Kanglia's badge. "It's Flinyu. Nolui, is it you?"

Obviously, that was the name of the hostage. "Indeed, it's me. If you are in doubt, I might as well talk about your little adventure in Xandou Kingdom all those years ago."

"WAIT! There is no need! It's definitely, definitely you!" Everyone was taken aback by Flinyu's reaction. What could have happened in this so-called Xandou Kingdom to make him that distressed. Yet, none of them would dare ask and would have to carry that question to their graves.

Nolui faintly smiled and nodded. "Then that's good. Now, have these guys release the seal in my cultivation."

"Kanglia, is it?" Flinyu didn't waste time. "You can remove his seal. I'll take all responsibility for whatever happens after it."

Kanglia didn't need to hear twice. She pressed her hand against Nolui's Dantian, using her Spatial Powers and Divine Energy to destroy the seal from the outside.

Then, a burst of Divine Energy came from Nolui's body as his cultivation finally began to circulate once again. "Phew... Even though it hasn't been even a week, it truly feels terrible to not be able to use one's cultivation."

Flinyu wasn't interested in that, though. "Alright, you got yourself free. Kanglia, give this guy a free communication badge and pass the number to me. I'll have it unlocked in the communication system server."

Kanglia nodded and gave a badge to Nolui. He quickly used a drop of his blood and got it bound to himself. A minute later, the badge activated on its own, showing that it was now allowed to use its normal functions.

Flinyu then turned off his call with Kanglia and called Nolui directly. Naturally, the two used Divine Sense to talk through the badges, so the rest of the people there couldn't hear the conversation anymore.

A few minutes later, Nolui put his badge away, having finished his talk to Flinyu. "Sorry, everyone. It seems like you will have to work a little more"

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Chapter 2397: Another Path...

Everyone looked at each other, confused. "What do you mean?"

Rean and Roan, on the other hand, could already guess the reason for this sudden change. 'Destiny Attraction...' The system's beloved ability to throw the twins into weird events wherever they went. Obviously, they thought it to be one more of those.

'Well, we want to know what he has to do with the Vruves, after all,' Roan commented, and Rean nodded. They were already used to this kind of thing.

Kanglai then raised her hand. "Sorry, friend Nolui. But we have our own tasks to carry out after this. The attack on the Krohasan Region is still ongoing, so we need to go back to give support. Now that you are safe, we will have to leave."

However, it was exactly at this moment that Kanglia received a call from the Rambram Sect. She quickly answered, and her expression couldn't help but show helplessness. "So you already arranged everything..."

Nolui nodded. "Yes. Flinyu made an agreement with your Sect Master. However..." Nolui then looked around. "Where is the guy called Kinglei? He was supposed to be with your group and also take part in this next job."

"He left," Kanglia answered. "As soon as it was confirmed that you were safe, he didn't want to have anything to do with us anymore. Don't ask me where he went because I don't know. And I highly doubt he would answer a call from me."

"Let me give it a try..." Nolui once again contacted Flinyu back and made a few arrangements. A few moments later, he turned to everyone. "Alright, come with me."

The cultivators were still curious. Even now, they didn't know what they had got themselves into. Above all, they still remember when Nolui talked about the Vruves.

"Sorry, but I have no intention of going," suddenly one of them spoke. "I knew someone who was involved with the Vruves in the past. He disappeared without a trace before his Soul Flame snuffed out. Everyone at our level or above knows that nothing good comes from involving themselves with the Vruves."

He was quickly followed by another cultivator, Bacia. "He is right. I'm sorry, senior Kanglia. But if I have to face punishment for refusing this new mission, I will gladly accept it. I'm not going either."

Kanglia wasn't to retort, but even she couldn't come up with a good reason to convince the others to go. Threat to kill them for disobeying orders? They don't want to go because they thought it to be a certain death, so what was the point?

Nolui didn't seem surprised with that. "10000 Merit Points."

"WHAT?!" Instantly, everyone's expression changed. That was a ridiculously huge number. Missions like this rescue don't appear every time. Usually, it would take several years to amass 2000 Merit Points, let alone 10000. Rean's group was an exception only because of their special abilities and the fact they were much stronger than their cultivation level showed.

Nonetheless, even Rean and Kentucky were taken aback. "Nolui, right? Do you even have the authority to offer 10000 Merit Points?" Well, Rean and Kentucky would follow Nolui regardless of having points or not. Still, why not confirm it as well?

Even Bacia, one of the cultivators who voiced his refusal, seemed to be struggling. In the end, he asked with a doubtful tone. "Goku is right. Do you have that authority?" 10000 would be enough for him to buy everything he was aiming for. So, even if he gets involved with the Vruves, if he survives, he can just hide himself for a long time until everyone forgets about him.

However, everyone's question didn't need an answer from Nolui. That's because their communication badges were activated, having received a new message. When they all looked inside, they were shocked.

They had just received the 2000 Merit Points from the rescue mission. On top of that... another 5000 Merit Points appeared out of nowhere!

Seeing everyone's expressions, Nolui laughed. "Hahaha! Seems like it was faster than I thought. I got you half of the payment in advance. Of course, you won't be able to spend it here. Only after the mission is over. If you decide to leave now, these 5000 points will be taken back, but you won't receive any repercussions. However, I hope these 5000 points serve as proof that I'm not joking. Go on this mission with me, and if you return alive, you will be 10000 Merit Points richer."

Rean and Kentucky instantly flew to Nolui's side. "You can count on us, Nolui." Well, they would do that with or without points anyway. Yet, this situation played in their favor as it looked like they were the most determined ones.

Nolui nodded, satisfied. "Good! Anyone else? I can guarantee you there will be no other chance to get this many Merit Points in the future. In fact, this might be the easiest Merit Points you ever got. That's

because it is still not guaranteed that the mission will involve any risks. Of course, whether you believe it or not is up to you."

Kanglia sighed and then stepped forward, too. "I'm going. With these 10000 points, I can retire from this war earlier and get the item I was aiming for."

Slowly, more cultivators moved to Nolui's side, accepting their fates. Big risks are followed by big rewards. That was the law of the universe.

In the end, only two cultivators were too afraid to participate, so they bid farewell to everyone and left. Nolui used his communication badge to warn the higher-ups about these two as well, having their points taken away.

He then looked at the remaining cultivators and demon beasts. "Good. I can also tell you that Kinglei will join us later, so it should put you guys more at ease."

Everyone bitterly smiled. Was Kinglei's presence really something that could put anyone at ease? Not that complained, of course.

"Seven Elemental Space Realm experts, all in the Peak Stage. Kanglia and I are both in the Space-Time Realm, although I'm in the Late Stage while she is in the Middle," said Nolui. "There is also Kinglei, so it should be enough."

Finally, he looked in a certain direction. "As for our mission... it is to investigate a new Pseudo-Temporal Path that doesn't seem to connect to any of the Three Higher Realms nor the Mortal Realm."

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Chapter 2398: Nolui's Importance

Some of the cultivators got puzzled. "Pseudo-Temporal Path? What is that?"

Rean's group obviously knows about it. After all, they used one in the past to go from the Underworld to the Heavens. Different from the Main Temporal Path, which has been there for countless years, the Pseudo-Temporal Path only stays open for a short time. Usually, they disappear within 200 to 300 years.

They are also hard to find since they can appear anywhere in any of the three Higher Realms. Some even connect to the Mortal Realm below. Considering the size of each of the Realms, finding them is harder than finding a specific grain of sand on a beach.

But then again, due to the sheer number of living beings in all these realms, eventually, someone stumbles on these temporary paths. However, not everyone can go through them. They are extremely unstable, which puts a limit on the cultivation one can go through them.

The cultivation limit is also random, depending on the Pseudo-Temporal Path itself and how long it has been open. The closer the Path is to close, the more unstable it becomes. Naturally, the cultivation level it can hold also gets lower. It's basically because it can't hold the existence of someone too powerful, as such an existence affects the laws of space around it.

That was the explanation Nolui gave everyone, which was the same one Rean's group knew about.

Nolui then continued. "Those are the rules... or so they should have been. However, we found a new Pseudo-Temporal Path that doesn't connect to any of the Three Higher Realms or the Mortal Realm. Such a thing shouldn't have happened, but it did."

Nolui then looked at his communication badge, checking where he was at the moment. Right after, he opened a Spatial Gate. "Alright, all of you, come inside. We need to get moving. You can ask me more questions on the way."

Everyone entered, and Nolui closed the passage behind. On the way, Rean was the first one to voice his doubts. "So, Nolui, where does this Pseudo-Temporal Path connect?"

Nolui shook his head, though. "That's the issue, we don't know. It has never happened before... Well, at least we don't have any records of such a thing. The three higher realms are just too big, so it might have happened somewhere in the past, but we never found it."

Kanglia was next. "What does the Vruves have to do with it? As you know, we would rather not get involved with them."



"That's exactly the reason why we are putting so much importance into this path," Nalui explained. "It was because the Vruves sniffed out the discovery of this new Path and are trying to enter that we are interested. We want to know what could possibly make the Vruves move out."

Bacia found it strange. "But... why would you need people like us to go check this thing? I mean... wouldn't it be better to call a few Divinity Realm Experts to check? Sure something involving Vruves would catch the Divinity Realm experts' attention. Senior Flinyu and Fosleve seem to be within them."

"Not only that," a guy Kasmesford spoke. "The Vruves could also send their own Divinity Realm experts, so our presence in such a place is basically suicide."

Of course, considering they are going through this mission, there must be a reason behind it. They simply waited for Nalui to explain those obvious doubts.

"You are all wrong. First, the Vruves can't send any Divinity Realm Experts to the Realm of Gods. There is a reason for that," Noluio began.

Rean immediately nodded. He had heard about it back when the war just started. "That one, I know. Before the war started, the Realm of Gods was closed. Divinity Realm experts are capable of forcing their way into other Realms without the need for the Temporal Path. Unfortunately, the experts of our Realm of Gods were afraid of the Elder Devils coming to help the Devils during the war, so the first thing they did was close the Realm. I don't know how they did it, but I'm sure no Divinity Realm Experts, Elder Devils, or Archangels can enter the Realm of Gods at the moment without using the Main Temporal Path."

Nalui was surprised that Rean knew such information. Usually, only the Divinity Realm experts would be aware of such things. "Indeed, you are right. Because of this, the Vruves definitely can't send any Divinity Realm experts."

He then looked at Kamesford. "As for our own Divinity Realm Experts, you should be well aware of why they can't come at the moment."

"The war?" Kamesford asked back. "But can't we separate at least one Divinity Realm expert?"

Rean was the one to answer. "The Vruves know about the Pseudo-Temporal Path, so they definitely want to come and use it. That said, any space Divinity Realm expert is most likely..."

Nolui nodded. "You are quite smart, Goku. Indeed, all the Divinity Realm Experts we have to spare are stationed at the Temporal Path Entrance. Even though we have many formations in place, when the Vruves are involved, you can't be too careful."

"Besides, even if Divinity Realm experts and similar appeared at this new Pseudo-Temporal Path, all they could do was look and protect the entrance. The Path can't hold existences at their level, after all."

Nolui's eyes then narrowed. "That said, the Vruves can only count on one thing: Space-Time Realm and bellow experts that they already had stationed in the Realm Of Gods."

Essefy raised his hand. "I believe that's the part where you will explain about your capture by the Devils, right?"

Nolui scratched the back of his head. "Well, that's correct too. You see... I'm basically the only one who knows where this Path is located, so the Vruves allied with the Devils to get me captured. However, the Devils don't know about this Path. They just accepted the job as there was probably a high payment for it."

Immediately everyone understood why this Nolui was so important to everyone.

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Chapter 2399: Zrufalin

"Then why not send a lot of Space-Time Experts and similar with you instead of us?" Bacia asked.

Rean sighed, though. "Let me guess... Not everyone in the Humanoid, Demon Beasts, and Spirit Races knows about it. Am I right?"

Nolui could only confirm Rean's words. "Yes. It's nothing that surprising, is it? We are allied to take down the Devils, but that doesn't mean we are friends. Just what kind of treasure is behind this new Pseudo-

Temporal Path that made the Vruves move out? Flinyu and Fosleve are keeping the secret, so they only sent me at first. Now that you got somehow involved, they also included you in this."

"Alright, it is all coming together now," Kentucky finally spoke. "However, you haven't told us how the Vruves found out about it. If even most of our experts in the Realm of Gods don't know, how did they sniff it out?"

"That's where my knowledge ends," Nolui shrugged his shoulders. "If I had the answer to your question, we could avoid so many more troubles related to the Vruves. They found out about it somehow, but I have absolutely no idea how they did it."

"Fine," Kentucky continued. "But how did you find out that the Vruves know about this path?"

"Because I was found by them when I was journeying there a second time," Nolui explained. "I might be wrong, but from the looks of it, they only know a partial location of the Path's entrance. After all, Pseudo-Temporal Paths are hard to find. The fact that I also appeared in that place where no one was supposed to be also hinted to them that I knew something."

"Having been found, I immediately ran away and only escaped after using many life-saving treasures," Nolui remembered. "But who would have thought that as soon as I got out of their range, they would contact the Devils and have their experts mobilized to capture me? I was already weak after such a long pursuit, so the appearance of the Devils sealed my destiny."

"Naturally, the Devils wouldn't give me up for free, so they hid me while they negotiated with the Vruves. I'm pretty sure that they are asking for help about the war against them here in the Realm of Gods in exchange for me," Nolui finally concluded. "Well, they don't have that card anymore. Hahaha!"

They also asked how Flinyu found Nolui's location after being captured, but Nolui refused to answer that question. There seemed to be some secret behind it. They also asked a lot more questions about the Vruves and what to expect when they arrived. Unfortunately, Nolui could only escape after finding the Vruves, so he knew little about their forces.

All he knew was that there shouldn't be many of them as experts at the Space-Time Realm and below aren't exactly plentiful. They were spies in the Realm of Gods, and the Vruves had to watch the other

two Realms, too. That's why Nolui was confident they could put at least some resistance during this investigation with this group in case they were found by the Vruves.

Nolui's group continued to enter his Spatial Gates for a while, traveling for five days nonstop. During this time, everyone also recovered from their injuries from the attack on the fortress. Well, the serious ones were mostly due to Rean and Kentucky's assistance.

With a Late Space-Time Realm cultivator using Spatial Gates, the travel was many times faster than what it would have been if Rean was the one using them. By now, they were already far away from the Tormalek Continent, having reached another Continent much further into the Devils' Territory: Paradito Continent.

This continent was still well within the Devils' Graps, and little changed even after the war started. The harvesting of living souls continued as always. It's just that the number of Devils taking care of such things reduced a lot, with most of them being sent to the war.

Nonetheless, this continent was so far away that it could be said to be one of the last continents that would be conquered. Defense wasn't very high, nor did it have a need to since it wouldn't make sense to start an attack in this place.

An army of the Realm of Gods would have to completely disconnect itself from the rest of the Realm of Gods forces if they wanted to attack this continent at the moment. That would be the same as suicide. Best case scenario, the war would take at least another hundred years to reach this place, so the Devils were little concerned about it.

\*Zush!\*

Somewhere in the Zrufalin Region of the Paradito Continent, a Spatial Gate opened without attracting any attention. From inside, a group of nine people and demon beasts came out. The leader quickly spread his Divine Sense, trying to see if there was any danger around. After finding nothing, he sighed in relief. "Seems like we are in the clear." Naturally, this group was Nolui and everyone else.

"From here on out, we are going to fly. If we find any member of the Vruve Organization or Devils, we will act accordingly," he continued. "However, we will do our best to stay hidden. If everything goes well, we might reach the Pseudo-Temporal Path without being discovered."

Everyone nodded and quickly followed Nalui, who flew very close to the ground. Nalui also took out a circular golden treasure that shined with specs of white light while he guided everyone. "This thing can prevent Divine Senses from seeing us as long as the owner of the Divine Sense isn't too close. I ask you all to refrain from using your Divine Senses so that the other side can't find us either. I only used it when we arrived since I didn't know if there was a trap waiting for us. Now, there is no need anymore."

No one complained as they also didn't want to fight anyone.

Little did they know, though. The moment Nalui appeared in the Zrufalin Region, a certain pair of eyes opened and looked in his direction from a huge distance away.

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Chapter 2400: Found you

The group moved relatively fast, although they did their best to cause the least amount of disturbance. They passed by several devils and even near one of the nearby living soul farms. Rean had to admit he had the urge to go there and see if he could help those locked inside. However, reason told him he shouldn't make any harsh move at the moment.

They continued like that for over half a day until finally, they arrived at a grassland with just a few small hills. Green could be seen everywhere as this place seemed to not be affected too much by the Devilish Energy of the Devils.

Nalui stopped for a moment after getting to that place, seeming to be checking something. "Let's wait here."

"Why?" Kanglai asked back straight away.

Nalui smiled. "Did you forget? We have one last friend to join our group."

Only then did everyone remember that Kinglei was coming as well. From the looks of it, this place would be their meeting point. There, they stayed for a few more hours, which was strange. Back when Kinglei left, he hadn't done so for long. He was supposed to have caught up to them by now if the location given to him was right.

Suddenly, a black spot appeared near them, which startled the cultivators for a moment. However, they understood that it must be Kinglei and that he was using some technique to hide himself, too. Not too long after, he entered Nalui's Treasure Range that protected against Divine Senses.

"So... you were that idiot who was captured, uh?" Kinglei, as always, didn't seem to care about respect at all.

Nalui didn't seem to care either, keeping a smile on his face. "That's me indeed. Have you already been briefed about the contents of this mission?"

Kinglei nodded. "Yes. The old geezers even paid me in advance, so I had to come. I have a reputation to maintain, after all. As long as I receive a payment to my satisfaction, I will do anything."

"Good!" Nalui was happy with that. "We aren't very far from the entrance, and we don't know where it will bring us, so you better be ready."

As long as it was within this Universe, Kinglei was confident he could return to the Realm of Gods, so he didn't care too much about where he would end up. Besides, he had got involved with the Vruves in the past and was one of the few cultivators who didn't care about them.

Kinglei then spoke. "Alright, let's not waste each other's time. Just bring us to wherever this path is located."

"Sure thing. We are close already anyway." Nalui nodded.

It was then that another voice echoed. "Oh! Are we close? That's good to know."

Everyone's expression immediately changed as they looked in the direction of the voice. There, a Spatial Gate suddenly opened, revealing an old man wearing a silver robe. Behind him, several more experts came out, all wearing similar clothes.

Nolui knew who that man was. He just happened to be one of the experts that pursued him back when he tried to escape. "Careful! That's Grovan from the Vruve Organization!"

Kinglei looked at the guy, and the confidence on his face disappeared. He was proud of his combat power, but he could tell that the old man wasn't any worse than himself. "Hehe! Seems like we already got some company."

Grovan ignored Kinglei, though. His eyes were completely fixed on Nolui. "What about you just surrender and save everyone's time. Don't worry. We can let you live by the end. It's just that we will get rid of the rest here and-"

Yet, before he could finish his words, his eyes showed some surprise as his body quickly vanished from the spot. A fraction of a second later, a spear energy came out of space, piercing through the spot Grovan had just left.

Space broke apart, and spatial rifts appeared for a moment, showing the power of that spear energy. If just the spear energy was that strong, how much stronger was the spear itself?

Grovan's confidence also disappeared from his face as he looked back at Kinglei. He was close enough to tell that Kinglei was in the same realm as himself, Peak Space-Time. Yet, he didn't expect Kinglei to be able to display such strength with a single attack, and that was obviously just a provocation. "Boy, taking into consideration your strength, I'll let it slide and allow you to leave. This is the first and last warning, fuck off."

Kinglei snorted in response. When Grovan ignored his existence, it obviously made Kinglei a little dissatisfied. Besides, he already got the payment, so he couldn't retreat now. "Old geezer, do you have what it takes to demand such a thing? Let's find it out."

Since the battle was unavoidable, Kinglei didn't waste time and went straight for the strongest enemy, Grovan.

Kanglia looked at that and was quite surprised. The power Kinglei showed just now was definitely higher than the one he showed in the fortress. 'This fucker was holding back during the mission...'

Yet, she didn't have time to think too much about it. Grovan wasn't the only enemy there. He had brought quite a few experts as well, and Space-Time Realm ones were definitely part of it.

Nolui, on the other hand, was already fighting another member of the Vruve Organization.

\*Bang, bang, bang!\*

"Dengais, right? Since you found me, I might as well pay back the injuries you caused me during our first encounter." Back when he was running, Dengais ambushed him once, making Nolui almost lose his life. Fortunately, the Vruves wanted him alive, so Dengais held back. It was only thanks to that that he escaped.

"Hmph! Just because you brought a few ants, you think you have the power to contend against the Vruve Organization?" Dengais asked. "You must be quite blind. Your side has three Space-Time Realm experts while ours... has five!"

\*Arrrrrghhhh!!!\*

Yet, Dengais' expression immediately changed as he looked in a certain direction. There, he saw a cultivator holding a black sword... and that black sword was pierced through the heart of one of the Space-Time Realm experts he had just mentioned!