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Chapter 2451: Actual Age

Sometime later, Kentucky returned to the room. "Hey, Rean. We were right! There were a lot of Divine Origin Cores in this facility. Your father truly brought a fortune with him when he left the Ruins of the Stars."

Rean was obviously happy to hear that. "Really? Was it even more than what we got in the Ruins of the Stars?"

Celis arrived right after, having heard what Rean said. "Not quite. After all, the size of this place and the Ruins of the Stars is just too different. Your father probably didn't need so many of these cores, or perhaps he didn't pull them all out of his Dimensional Realm. Nonetheless, we got 50% or so extra Divine Origin Cores. We can even use some to accelerate the time inside the SOul Gem Dimensional Realm if necessary."

Rean nodded. "If necessary indeed. For now, just go back and continue cultivating."

"There is no need to ask twice, Hahaha!" Celis quickly took Kentucky's Cores and disappeared from the room, going back to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. He was obviously in a very good mood.

Kentucky then came to see Juliana. "Hi, lady Juliana. Do you still remember me?"

"Ken...tucky, right?" Juliana asked back, still not used to this feathered young man. "Rean, why would you name him Kentucky?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders. "Ask Roan, not me."

"I don't mind," Kentucky said. "The Kentucky fried chicken thing is something from this planet of yours only. It holds no such meaning in the Realm of Gods or any other planet. In those places, this is just my name and nothing else." Sure enough, Kentucky already found out why Roan put such a name on him. He is here on Earth, after all.

Juliana got even more curious. "So... when I'm going to see this Death Spirit friend of yours?"

"Friend? What friend?" Rean immediately denied it. "However, I can ask that nuisance to come out. Just one second."

'Hum?' Roan, inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, heard Rean's request. 'Why the hell would I have to go see your mother. I have nothing to do with her. Just deal with it yourself.'

Rean insisted. 'That's not all. I'm also about to open the other two Cryo Pods to see who is inside. I'll need you here with me in case something goes wrong. I asked the system about the identities of those two, but the system seems to have no idea, saying that the database is corrupted.'

Roan narrowed his eyes. He didn't want to stop his activities, but he had to admit Rean had a point.

Zush!

In the next second, Roan appeared outside. Seeing him, Juliana immediately saw the similarities. "So you were truly born as twins, uh? You are identical if not for your hair colors."

Roan looked at Juliana and gave a light nod. "Not by choice, of course."

Juliana quickly grabbed one of Roan's hands and spoke. "Thank you for guiding this idiot son of mine. He might be unreliable, but I'm sure he can be of some use in the future."

Roan's eyes changed a bit before he glanced at Rean. "She isn't all that bad. As expected of your mother, she recognizes your capabilities perfectly. "

"Fuck you!" Rean immediately answered back.

Roan ignored Rean and looked at the cryo pods on the back. "So, are you going to open them or not?"

"Tch..." Rean clicked his tongue and moved to the first one. The terminal immediately showed some holographic information, which Rean quickly worked on. Finally, he finished his commands and selected to open the cryo pod.

Several sounds occurred inside. In fact, this pod took way more time to open than his mother's. Most likely, it was due to how much time had passed since the living being inside was last awakened.

Around an hour later, the lid of the pod began to open as the cold fog came from the aperture. Inside, the form of a... thing... began to appear.

"Hum... It doesn't look very much like Tanxan..." Kentucky commented.

Roan nodded. "It isn't humanoid either, though."

"It's so cute..." Juliana couldn't help but comment.

Inside, something that looked like a small furred ball could be seen. Yet, its fur shined with different colors. It was truly a rainbow ball creature. It slowly opened its eyes, still feeling somewhat clumsy after sleeping for so long.

Griiii!

Grii, griii, griiiiiii!

It didn't talk, only emitted this weird sound. Suddenly, it jumped from inside the pod and landed on the ground. It didn't stop, continuing to jump right and left. Soon, their group understood that this thing could only move through the method, bouncing its body all over.

Juliana then caught the furred ball, gently patting its head. Rean had already confirmed with his Divine Sense that it didn't have any harmful features, so he didn't stop it. The ball also had no cultivation whatsoever.

The furred ball seemed pretty comfortable and especially excited. It let Juliana pet it and seemed to want even more.

Griiii...

"What kind of creature is this? Rean, your mother wants one!" Juliana was absolutely in love with the furred ball. Well, Rean recognized that most women would probably love it as well.

Rean scratched the back of his head. "Is this truly a pet?"

Roan seemed annoyed, though. "What a waste of time. Ignore that shit. Open the next pod."

Rean nodded. He wanted to check the content inside the pods, but the pods blocked all Divine Senses, so he didn't know what to expect. Still, he didn't think he would find a pet inside the second one. Now, only the third pod remained.

Rean followed the same procedures as his mother played with the weird and furred rainbow ball. Another hour went by, and the past pod opened. This time, however, anyone could recognize the creature inside.

"Definitely humanoid, at least..." Roan commented.

"A woman, too." Kentucky agreed.

"More like a kid, no?" Rean completed. There was a girl inside, but she didn't seem to be more than 14 or 15 years old. Judging that she didn't have any cultivation either, that was most likely her actual age.

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Chapter 2452: Romario Zingan

The young girl finally opened her eyes, feeling even more headache at first than Juliana did due to how long she spent inside. "My head... System, report the situation."

-The subject's ID has been confirmed: KT00432897, also known as Tamires Zinfan, has been in cryostasis for an extended period of time. The system can't determine the time spent in cryostasis as the database has been damaged.-

Rean heard that and commented. "The system wasn't able to tell who was in the pod before. However, after the lid opened, it seemed like it could finally identify the person. She should have an ID card with her somewhere in her body." Rean used an ID card to deactivate the system's defense, after all. Before he used it, the system of this facility had no idea who he was either.

The girl, Tamires, heard Rean's voice and looked in his direction. "Who... are you? No, first of all, why did you put me in cryostasis?"

Rean and the others looked at each other before returning their attention to Tamires. "We didn't put you there. It was us that took you out instead."

Rean then looked at his mother. "Mom, do you recognize her?"

Juliana shook her head while holding the furred ball. "Never seen in my life."

Griiii!

Suddenly, the rainbow colored furred ball jumped from Juliana's arms, landing right on the lap of Tamires.

Grrrii, griiiii, griiiiiiii!

"Gigi! You little rascal, why are you here?" Tamires finally broke into a smile, quickly petting the excited ball of rainbow fur.

Of course, her attention quickly returned to the situation at hand. "Forget it. System, report the events prior to my cryostasis. This should give me some answers."

-Error. The database is compromised. Any information prior to a hundred and thirty-two thousand, seven hundred and forty-five years ago has been lost.-

"Hundred thousand years?" Tamires was confused. "What is a year? System, switch to the official time scale of Ligan Universe's army."

-Request accepted. The system has no information prior to 533129 clicks ago.-

"What?!" Tamires quickly jumped out of her cryo pod. "Impossible! There is no way I've been sleeping this long! Call Professor Livuble, ID WE75554031. Make it an emergency."

-Error. This facility is not equipped with a multiverse communication system, and the database also doesn't have information on anyone by the name and ID provided.-

Rean then raised his hand. "Little girl, just a quick question. Were you perhaps in the spaceship from Ligan Universe that came to extract the Chaos Source?"

Tamires looked at Rean, having some doubts. "You still haven't told me who you are. Do you expect me to start talking with just anyone? As far as I know, you might be an enemy."

"Oh, sorry," Rean didn't mind before smiling. "System, please report my ID to this little lady. You can also mention my authority rank."

-Request accepted. Subject Rean Larks, ID 340184527812, Authority Rank: A12.-

"A12?!" Tamires was taken aback and quickly apologized. "I'm sorry, sir. I was disrespectful. I'll make sure to cooperate and answer any questions sir may have."

Rean almost laughed out loud. She definitely didn't know that he wasn't even a crew member of the spaceship just a while ago. The only reason he had such a high ranking was because Tanxan gave it to him. "It's fine, it's fine. So, little girl, can you answer my previous question?"

Tamires didn't seem very happy to be called a little girl every time, but she didn't dare to speak back. "Yes, I was on that ship."

Rean nodded. "What is the last thing you remember before being put into cryostasis?"

Tamires pondered a bit, still feeling some headache from the awakening. Finally, she answered. "I was in my room, filing a report of my activities that day, when suddenly, everything went black... No, wait... I seem to recall my father came into the room as well to check on me... It's just that I wasn't paying much attention to him with the work I was doing..."

Rean looked at his mother, who obviously had the same idea as him. "Rean, could she be..."

Rean nodded. "Perhaps..." He then looked back at Tamires. "Little lady, what was your father's name?"

"Romario Zingan," Tamires answered without thinking much.

To make sure, Rean used his Divine Energy to project two images on the air. One image was of his father during his time on Earth. The other was the image of his father as an Archangel. "Does he look like any of these two people?"

Tamires nodded. "Yes, the High Light Being Race man is definitely my father. As for the other, I've never seen him before... although he does seem a little similar somehow."

Juliana's expression turned as dark as it could be. "So... that man had another woman, uh?"

Rean bitterly smiled. "Aham... Mom, don't forget. This is probably a kid from countless years ago. It... doesn't mean much, you know? Perhaps this girl's mother had already passed away, too."

"Hmph!" Juliana wasn't very convinced by Rean's words, but she decided to leave it aside for now. The main culprit, Romario, wasn't here at the moment after all.

"Sir," Tamires called their attention. "Where is my father? Did he do something wrong? I'm sure there must be a mistake. My father is definitely a loyal subject of the Lingan Army."

Rean sighed in response. "Well, first, you must understand the situation you are in. You see... errr... 533129 clicks... That's probably not even a thousandth of the time you have been sleeping in cryostasis."

Tamires' face paled when she heard that. "This... Hehe... hehehe... Sir must be joking, right? Dad, come out! This is not funny!"

Yet, there was no response, only the weird expression on Rean and everyone else's faces. "No, this is a lie! It's impossible for me to have slept for this long!"

Rean patted her shoulder. "Well, don't worry. I'll try to explain everything the best I can. However, the question about the time... that much is not a lie."

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Not able to receive the news, Tamires fainted right there and then...

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Chapter 2453: After All These Years

Rean grabbed the girl and looked at his mother. "Ahem... what's the chances of her father coincidentally having dad's name?"

Juliana approached the girl and smiled. "Don't worry, son. There are plenty of single mothers out there who got by just well with their children. I'm strong, so I'll make sure to be just as strong... after I finish slaughtering your father."

Rean felt a chill on his back, feeling somewhat sorry for Romario, wherever he was...

Juliana then took her attention away from her memories of Romario and looked at Tamires. "So... I guess this makes her your half-sister?"

"That's kinda hard to say, no?" Rean couldn't help but ask. "At the moment, I don't even have your or Dad's DNA. So, strictly speaking, we aren't really related."

Pah!

Ouch!

Juliana slapped Rean's back head. "Stop spitting bullshit. Do I look like I care about something like bloodline? You are my son; that's all that matters."

Rean rubbed the back of his head. "Sorry... I misspoke. Yes, this would make this girl my half-sister... somehow."

Roan quickly lost his interest, though. "Seems like she knew nothing, and I didn't identify any lies coming from her, so I'm out." Without waiting for an answer, he returned to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

Around an hour later, Rean and Juliana were the only ones remaining with Tamiris, having brought Tamires to a room where she could sleep. As they talked, Tamires finally began to recover her conscience, although she still seemed affected. "This... since you two are here, it means I wasn't dreaming, was I?"

Rean nodded. "That's pretty much it. Seems like Romario put you to sleep and kept you like that all this time."

Tamires sighed before asking. "Can you tell me what happened? Why did he do it?"

Rean shook his head. "The story is very, very long. By the way, I'm technically your half-brother, and this by my side is my mother."

Tamires was taken aback once again as she looked at Juliana. "That... after Mom's death, Father never felt any interest in finding another partner. Still, if the time I was sleeping was really that long, who could tell what happened during it?"

Juliana's expression was a little better now. "So Romario didn't betray your mother with me, uh? Well, at least this much wasn't that bad."

Mom scratched the back of his head, looking at Tamires' sad expression. "Mom... that's the same as saying that it was a good thing that Tamires' mother was dead."

"Ah!" Juliana immediately noticed her mistake. "Child, I'm truly sorry. That's not what I meant... yet that did indeed look like that. Definitely my mistake."

Tamires quickly shook her head. "I know, don't worry, madam." She then looked at Rean. "Can you explain to me what you know? What happened to the spaceship and everything else."

Rean didn't mind and began to tell all the stories he told his mother. Of course, he kept things like the Soul Gem System and other more sensitive parts out. He also only told Tamires about the things related to Romario and the Ruins of the Stars. If it wasn't related to them, he didn't mention it, as it wouldn't make much of a difference for Tamires. "And finally... we found you in cryostasis in this facility. It's as I said, there is no need for you to treat me like some higher-up in your Lingan Universe's army since I'm not really part of it. I just gained this ID because of the help my group gave Tanxan."

Tamires was surprised several times during the tales, but when she heard that it was Romario who orchestrated the sabotage of the Ruins of the Stars, she didn't look so shocked. "I see... so he finally couldn't hold back anymore, uh?"

"What do you mean?" Juliana and Rean asked at the same time.

Tamires then laid down on the bed as she continued. "My father truly never liked the idea of robbing other universes of their Chaos Sources. I could always tell that whenever it happened, he felt very conflicted. That's most likely because of my mother."

"Your mother?" Those words caught Rean and Juliana's attention.

"Yes," Tamires continued. "You see, my mother was someone from a Universe that had its Chaos Source robbed. Not only that, but it was my father who led the extraction of that Chaos Source during that

time. Usually, you would think that such an action would lead both my father and mother to be mortal enemies. Yet, due to some circumstances, they ended up falling for each other. It was basically my mother who put the idea of stopping the Chaos Source robbing in Dad's head."

"Yet, she wasn't even supposed to be living with my Dad in the spaceship, so her views about our Ligan Universe's actions were quickly suppressed. At some point, she ended up dying while trying to stop another Universe that was having its Chaos Source robbed. As you know, a Universe without its Chaos Source will simply disappear, dying completely. That would also bring all races inside with it."

Tamires sighed. "Father was never the same when he found out of mother's death. He was even investigated since he was the one who took Mother under his wing. Naturally, he saw himself forced to deny everything, saying that he also didn't agree with her views. That was also for my sake. Nonetheless, the suspicion took him out of the chain of command even if he didn't get involved with Mother's actions when she died."

"I think... that was when he finally decided he had to do something. I don't know if it was just because of Mom's death or if it was also because he was demoted. Nonetheless, I could always tell he didn't like the times we removed Chaos Sources. Yet, even when I asked, he said he was fine and that it was his job. Well, he obviously wasn't fine..."

The rest of the story they already knew. Romario put Tamires to sleep before starting his plan. Now, here they are after all these years.

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Chapter 2454: Stop Talking

"Hey, Rean..." Juliana looked at Tamires' appearance. "She doesn't look a lot like an angel..."

Rean nodded. "That's true. Tamires, from what I can see in my Divine Sense, you seem to be just a human... or almost it, at least. Yet, you had no doubt that the Archangel I showed you was your father, either. How come?"

Tamires understood their thought. "Oh, that's not correct. I'm a hybrid of human and angel. However, because there is absolutely no Divine Energy around, my wings stay hidden. They only react when my dantian has Divine Energy. I know that since I've made the test before back at Ligan Universe."

Rean obviously got curious and took a few Rank Four Divine Stones from the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. "Oh! No wonder you look like to have no cultivation whatsoever. Your dantian is simply empty. Here, take these stones and absorb some Divine Energy. It should make you feel better." Rean only gave her enough Divine Stones to show her abilities, but that would be far from enough to cause any trouble.

Tamires didn't waste time and took the Divine Stones, absorbing them all without reservation. While doing that, her Dantian came back to life once again, giving Rean the chance to see her cultivation level. "Saint Realm, uh?" That also explained why she didn't appear in his Natural Spatial Perception since only those at the Void Tempering Realm and Above usually have spatial powers.

Tamires nodded as she continued to absorb more Divine Energy. "Yes, I'm doing pretty well for my age. Dad refused to let me use any alchemy pills to go straight to the Void Tempering Realm, so don't look down on my level."

Rean agreed with her. "That's for sure. As expected of a Universe that can travel to others, they have many talents like you. Saint Realm, at your age, is very good indeed."

Juliana was completely lost, though. "Whether it is good at her age or not, I don't know. However, she hasn't told us how old she is. You told me you can't believe the cultivators' appearance because of cultivation itself too. So, how old are you? Are you really 14 or 15 years old?"

Tamires nodded. "Almost... I turned sixteen a week ago... Well, not a week ago, but you understand..."

Rean smiled. "Don't worry, I knew that already. With no cultivation, it isn't too hard for me to verify your bone age, even if your appearance can't be trusted. Well, I still missed it by a year, though."

Tamires spread her Divine Sense and noticed that she couldn't see Rean's cultivation. It was as if he wasn't even there. 'Sure enough, his cultivation realm is much higher than mine,' she thought to herself. One must not forget that up to this point, she only heard Rean's side of the story. It would be weird if she trusted Rean's group that easily. She didn't have Roan's experience to be able to tell what's a lie and what's truth.

Suddenly, Light Element began to accumulate on Timares' back as his shoulder blades felt hot. She seemed to already expect that to happen and simply let it go, raising her shirt. From behind, a pair of white and brown wings appeared, spreading a moment later.

Juliana immediately covered Rean's face, much to his surprise. "Mom, what are you doing?"

Juliana obviously complained. "Idiot! She wasn't even using a bra!"

Rean sighed. "Wasn't she naked as well when the Cryostasis pod opened? Besides, I told you already. I'm over a thousand years old. Things like a naked body simply hold no meaning for me anymore. In fact, you would find plenty of humanoid races and even humans who don't care about clothes. You must understand that this is basically Earth's culture. It is different outside."

Tamires agreed with Rean. "He is correct, madam. At least from where we came from, we only wear clothes out of convenience. I can't really understand what's embarrassing about showing one's body to another. If anything, showing that one is healthy is a good thing." Tamires then stuffed her chest. "There is absolutely no shame in being able to show your reproductive organs as they are responsible for the continuation of your race. You should be proud of them!"

Rean then took his mother's hand out of his eyes, continuing. "Mom, if you were able to use Divine Sense, you would understand why cultivators don't care about it."

"I don't want to understand anything like that!" Juliana didn't like it, though.

Rean laughed while completely ignoring Tamires's naked upper body as he joked with Juliana. "Mom, every time I spread my Divine Sense, do you have any idea how many penises, breasts, and vaginas appear in my mind? Clothes are simply meaningless against Spiritual and Divine Senses. For example, just now, in the city above us, there is a total of 5612 people having sex. I'm already numb to such things."

Pah! Juliana slapped Rean's back head. "Stop looking at other people's private moments!"

Rean shrugged his shoulder as he smiled at Tamires. Obviously, she also understood his side and put the shirt back on while making two holes for her wings to pass through. "Is this enough?"

Rean nodded. "Yes. Sorry for that. My mom has just found out about the world of cultivators, so she will take some time to get used to all the penises and vaginas she will see in the future."

"I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY PENISES AND VAGINAS!" Juliana was feeling like crying already. Perhaps becoming a cultivator was a terrible, terrible idea. "Sigh... the extended life span and younger look attracted my attention in this cultivation thing, but now I don't think I would want it anymore. Well, my body didn't evolve to cultivate anyway."

Rean shook his head. "Now that I think about it, Roan's master said he developed a few methods for those on this side to cultivate. I'll ask him before I return to the Realm of Gods later. Don't worry, mom. Other than the penises and vaginas, there are a lot more things you will like about having a Divine Sense."

"Can you just stop talking about penises and vaginas, please?" Juliana begged the two, causing Rean and Tamires to laugh even more.

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Chapter 2455: Tamires Wants to Leave

Rean and Tamires finished laughing a moment later. Finally, Rean asked something that was making him curious. "Is the brown colors of your wings because of your human blood?" He had never seen a hybrid of angels and humans, so he didn't know.

Tamires nodded. "That's basically it. I've seen other hybrids of Light Beings... you call them angels, right? Anyway, I've seen hybrids of angels and humans before back in Ligan. They also had darker-colored feathers, just like me. The angel bloodline is much stronger, so most of our characteristics still follow the angel race. Yet, although our affinity with Light Element is there, it is not as good as real pure-blooded angels like Dad."

Rean was satisfied with the answer. "That seems problematic."

"You have no idea!" As if stepping on a landmine, Rean's words triggered several not very good memories from Tamires. "The pure-blooded angels are very prideful, not accepting anyone with mixed bloodlines. Trust me, you definitely don't want to pay a visit to an angel counterpart if you are a hybrid. They will treat you as if you don't even exist."

"Seems like racism isn't something you find on Earth alone," Juliana couldn't help but comment.

"Well, you have no need to care about such things anymore," Rean added. "Instead, I have another question for you."

This time, Rean's expression turned serious as he asked. "What do you plan to do from now on? Just so that you know, you are definitely not our prisoner or anything like that. If you want to stand up and leave this Facility right now, you can do it. No one will stop you."

"Then..." Tamires thought for a moment and asked. "Can you bring me to the city above and just leave me there somewhere? Also, there should be quite a few Divine Origin Energy cores in this Facility, considering the working robots around. Give me some of them, too, so that I can survive on my own."

Tamires couldn't consume Divine Origin Energy due to her cultivation. However, she was someone from Lingan, so she knew how to use those cores to extract the lowest Divine Energy for consumption.

Rean didn't mind and immediately passed Tamires a hundred of those cores, much to Celis's anger. Rean simply ignored Celis' complaint coming from the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and concluded the action. "Considering your cultivation, these guys should be enough for many, many years."

Tamires nodded. She knew how to use them. "Thank you. I don't want to sound rude, but would you mind delivering me to the city right now? I will think about something myself."

"Mom, I'll be right back," Rean didn't complain and immediately grabbed Tamires with his Divine Energy.

With his level, a few seconds was more than enough for him to move with her all the way to the city. After landing on a more discrete corner, Rean put Tamires down. "Well, take these with you. There are a few clothes similar to what people use on this planet. That will help you attract less attention. Also, do you have a way to hide your wings? The living beings on this planet pose absolutely no threat with your cultivation, but I think it should be better not to catch their attention."

Tamires nodded with a smile. "I do. That's an advantage real angels don't have. They can't hide their wings, but we hybrids can. Well, at least hybrids of humans and angels, that is." Without wasting time, Tamires's wings began to shrink until they were barely visible at all. They were still there, but a shirt was

more than enough to cover them. Tamires quickly took out one of the shirts Rean gave her and put it on herself. "That's basically it."

Rean nodded, not minding it. "Well then, Tamires. It was good to meet my half-sister. Here, take this as well." Rean then passed her two long-distance thoughts transmission talismans. "This talisman will allow you to contact a Death Spirit called Kafan. If you need something one day, just use it. He will help you. The other talisman will be enough to contact me as long as I'm still on this side of the Universe. Me and the others will now return to the other side of the Universe. Of course, if you wish, I can bring you there too."

Tamires shook her head. "No need. I have my own plans."

"Very well," Rean smiled and turned around. In the next moment, he used his spatial power and disappeared, returning to the Facility where his mother was waiting. Kentucky was still exploring it, too, so it wasn't like he could simply leave straight away.

Seeing Rean coming back, Juliana couldn't help but ask. "is it really okay to leave that girl on her own? She might have this 'power' of cultivation you mentioned. However, she is still 16. That's not an age you should leave a girl on her own."

Rean laughed in response. "Leave her? Don't worry, we will not leave her. She will come with us."

Juliana was puzzled. "But... didn't you just send her out?"

Rean nodded. "I did. She wasn't a prisoner after all."

"Then..." Juliana felt Rean's confident smile to be quite strange.

Rean just shook his head, though. "You will see soon enough. Besides, I might be wrong."

Rean then began to walk around the Facility with his mother and have some conversations with her while he recorded many different circuitry formation runes. For Rean, this place was a treasure trove, so he made sure Sister Orb recorded everything in the Circuitry Formation Repository for his study later.

A day quickly passed before Kentucky finally returned to see Rean and Juliana. "Meh, it's getting boring. Rean, can we go back already?"

Rean pondered a bit and looked at the long-distance thoughts transmission talisman in his Spatial Ring. "Could it be I was wrong?"

Yet, he barely had time to doubt himself before the talisman activated. "Oh, there it is!"

Sure enough, the one on the other side was none other than Tamires.

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Chapter 2456: Bring Me To Her

The message inside was pretty simple. 'I've changed my mind. Can you bring me with you to the other side?'

Rean then looked at his mother and Kentucky. "I'll be right back."

He disappeared from the room, going back to the city where he left Tamires. With his Divine Sense, he quickly found her, appearing by her side a few seconds later. "Took you longer than I thought to be honest."

Tamires bitterly smiled. "You knew I was going to call you back?"

Rean nodded. "I wasn't sure, though. That's why I also left a Long-Distance Thoughts Transmission Talisman that could get you in contact with Kafan. Still, I felt like you were just testing me, so I had to prove I truly had no ill intentions. Simply put, I let you go and do whatever you wanted."

Tamires sighed in response. "Yes, that was just a test. You said I wasn't a prisoner, but how could I be certain of that without trying? That's why I said I would go ahead on my own. Still, after an entire day, you didn't come back, so I got nervous that you might have already departed to go to the other side of the Universe."

"Not yet," Rean shook his head. "There were many circuitry formations runes in the facility down there, so I was studying and copying them all. You called me while I was going through this process. That's why I'm still around. Anyway, I'm about done already and was preparing to leave. Do you really want to come with me?"

"You have an idea of where my father might be located, right?" Tamires asked back. "I think my best chance of meeting him is to stick with you for the moment. I can even help with other jobs during it if you wish."

Rean didn't mind. "I would bring you with me even if you didn't pay anything. But now that you said that, do you know anything about the circuitry formation runes of your Lingan Universe? That would be of great help."

Tamires had no knowledge of that, though. "Sorry, but as you know, I'm quite young. I was in the spaceship mainly because Dad was there as well. I helped with some of the research, but they had nothing to do with Circuitry Formation Runes. The only reason I know how to use these Divine Origin Energy Cores is because I often used them during my time helping in the research."

Rean just smiled. "It's fine if you know nothing. Anyway, I'll send you inside my Dimensional Realm. I have a lot of people from my home planet on the other side of the Universe living there, too. Most of them are cultivators. Also, you would be among the top strong ones at sixteen years of age. Hahaha!"

Tamires accepted the arrangement. "Sure thing. I can even share some of my cultivation methods from Lingan Universe. Usually, sharing such information would be against the rules... Well, I don't think there is anyone in this Universe anymore capable of punishing me for such a thing."

Rean then took out his ID card. "I have an A12 level of authority. If permission to share the information is what you need, I believe this should be enough. I hereby allow you to share any information about cultivation training you have with my people."

"Hahaha!" Tamires couldn't help but laugh. "Indeed... Hahaha! With your A12 level of authority, you definitely have the right to allow me to do such things. Great, now I'm not even breaking any rules anymore. That's good enough for me."

Rean nodded. "No problem. By the way, what was your research about?"

"The manipulation of elements under the influence of an active Chaos Source," Tamires answered.

"Well, I knew very little about it since I was just an assistant. I was given some easier tasks that didn't truly touch any of the main fields of the research, so I don't think my knowledge about it can help you at all."

Rean agreed with her. "Indeed. Especially because no one can get to the Chaos Source at the moment. Anyway, I'll send you into my Dimensional Realm."

Rean then used his connection with the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and sent Tamires inside. There was no risk since everything that happened there was under Sister Orb's watch. If anything, there wasn't any other better place in the Universe where Rean could keep watch of that girl.

A moment later, Rean returned to the facility underground to meet with his mother and Kentucky.

"Tamires decided to follow us back to the other side to see if she could find Dad. Anyway, I'm also done with the circuitry formation runes of this place. Do any of you want to do anything here?"

Only then did Rean remember. "Ah! That's right! Mom, I haven't asked you if you wanted to come with me or if you wanted to stay on Earth. Truth be told, I don't know what to expect in the future. If you want to stay, it isn't hard for me to arrange a safe place where no one will bother you."

Juliana immediately refused. "No can do. I still have to give your father a piece of my mind. Otherwise, I'll end up dying in regret. By the way, you might as well bring some of thee cryo-whatever and put me to sleep again. From what you told me, such a search might take hundreds or even thousands of years. I'm well over fifty, so I obviously won't live that long."

"I can help you cultivate, though. As I said before, Kafan told me he had some methods he researched for beings like you who grew and evolved in a universe without cultivation energies," Rean answered. "I don't think he will mind sharing it with Roan and me."

Juliana pondered a bit and nodded. "Well... I definitely would love to have a higher lifespan. But you better bring the cryo thing in case it doesn't work."

"Very well," Rean nodded and moved all ten Cryostasis pods into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. "Now then, I believe it is time for you to meet my mother from the other side of the Universe. How about that?"

Juliana smiled. "Sure, bring me to her."

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Chapter 2457: An Offer

Rean brought Juliana to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, where Hamarlia was staying. Naturally, Turen's avatar was there as well. It seemed that even though he was on the other side of the Universe with his real body, their connection still existed.

Hamarlia was cultivating with Turen when Rean called her out. Seeing him accompanied by an old woman obviously made her curious. "Rean, you are here. Who is this friend of yours?"

Rean scratched the back of his head. "Ahem... This is my mother."

Hamarlia's expression changed when she heard that. "You mean... your mother from before your reincarnation?" Hamarlia knew that they had come to the other side of the Universe since there wasn't really a need for Rean to hide it from her. It's just that she didn't expect Rean's other mother to be alive in a Universe where cultivation didn't exist.

Juliana also looked at Hamarlia and couldn't help but sigh. "No doubt, she must be your mother. You two have some similar traces. That man on her side is even more like you, too."

Rean nodded. "It feels quite weird to have mothers in front of me. Oh well, I'll just follow the flow." Rean then looked at Hamarlia. "Mom, my Mom will follow us too. She wants to find my Archangel Dad. Would you mind if she stayed with you guys?"

Hamarlia immediately accepted. "But of course! Come, Juliana. As mothers of the same idiot of a son, we definitely have a lot to talk about!"

Juliana's eyes lit up. "Well, aren't you understanding? Sure thing! I have many tales to tell you about the time Rean didn't have emotions. You can't believe all the bullshit he got himself into because of that."

Completely ignoring Rean's existence, the two women headed into the house. Turen remained outside, seeing the not-too-well expression on Rean's face. "Well.. you know... It's just some talk about the past. Don't mind it too much."

In the end, Rean just bitterly smiled before turning around. "Well, I guess this is something all parents love to do with their kids. Anyway, Dad, I need you to not tell them about-"

"I know," Turen cut Rean's words. "You still haven't told either of them about your own daughter. I know you want to give a surprise to them, so I won't speak. Roan also didn't mention anything... although he might be just a little too embarrassed about his lazy son. Hahaha!" Turen's expression then turned serious. "Anyway, don't make them wait too long."

Rean nodded. "I'll find a way to return to the Dragon Race when possible. Well then, I'm going back. I want to return to the other side."

"Yes." Turen also began to make his way to the house. "If you need something, let me know."

Rean then exited the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. He already could feel Essefy's presence outside the planet, waiting for him with Anfrou. "Kentucky, you are done as well, right?"

Kentucky quickly nodded. "Yes. Other than that robot with a fragment of a black hole, there is nothing else here. Well, except for the other fragment of a Black Hole that powers this place, but that one the system said is safe."

"We can't take either of them, so let's just leave those things behind. Now, there is one last thing remaining," said Rean.

Kentucky left the underground building with Rean. After that, Kentucky left the planet to meet with Essefy and Anfrou. "Rean will probably need a few more days. Essefy, wanna go around with me? You probably found some fun things during this day away, didn't you?"

Essefy nodded, not minding the wait. "Sure! Let's go!" Essefy quickly opened a Spatial Gate, and he disappeared with Kentucky. As for Anfrou, he just sighed and pretended nothing was happening. A few days for someone at his level was just a blink of an eye, not worth mentioning at all.

Back to Rean, he stayed on the surface of the planet. Right after, he spread his Divine Sense, covering it all. Rean kept his Divine Sense spread like that for quite a few days, paying attention to tens of thousands of individuals who had no idea a being with his power was observing them. He knew what kind of job they were all specialized for, but he needed more than that.

Rean checked whether they had families or attachments they couldn't leave behind. Checked their character, as he had no intention of selecting someone of ill-nature. He even used his soul power to induce them all to show a little more of their real minds, making those who knew these people feel like Rean's targets were somehow different.

After a few days of tests, Rean finally let out a sigh of relief, and a smile sprouted on his face. "These 1000 will do."

Immediately, Rean teleported outside the planet. A second later, a thousand people of different genders, ethnicities and colors felt like their bodies were dragged away by an unknown force. Rean paid absolutely no attention to such differences, only minding who they really were and their knowledge.

Before they knew it, they were all standing far away from Earth, looking at the blue planet below them.

"Ahhh!" A woman in a lab coat who seemed to be around her late thirties immediately screamed, feeling like she was in a dream.

Similar reactions followed, and the people around simply couldn't tell what was happening. Some of them knew a few of the faces as they were all from similar fields. Nonetheless, the shock on everyone's faces didn't disappear.

Suddenly, Rean floated in the middle of all these people, using his Divine Energy to keep them alive in out space and turning them all in his direction. Most were in fear of the situation, but some weird ones had other thoughts. Nonetheless, they all went silent after confirming they couldn't talk to each other.

Rean then smiled at everyone. "Hello, everyone. My name is Rean Larks. And... I've brought you all into space to make an offer."

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Chapter 2458: Little Tour

Rean began to talk. "Please remain silent until I finish speaking. I promise I will answer all your questions once I'm done talking about why I brought you all here. I know that many questions will come to your mind during my explanation, but just keep those questions in your mind for later."

"Alright, first, let me tell you that the Universe you live in isn't its complete form. Due to a calamity that happened countless years ago, our Universe was split in half. At the moment you live in the side that lost most of its power, while the other side enjoys its full potential."

"A good example of the things you are losing is exactly what I'm doing right now. Because of special types of energy, people like me are capable of increasing our power and lifespan. Just think about it, like the novels you read down on Earth. For you all, that's what you would call superpowers... although there are some rules that you will understand later."

Rean continued. "The point is, I was once a human living on Earth, and due to some circumstances, I reincarnated on the other side of the Universe with my memories intact. Because this side of the Universe doesn't have those special types of energies, the living beings on this planet evolved in other ways, creating wonderful things with just their intelligence. That's what we all call technology."

"Believe it or not, with my pretty much inexistent knowledge about technology, I was able to create a revolution on the other side. Those special types of energy made most of those on the other side never discover the wonders of technology. My achievements were all because of my previous life on Earth."

"However," Rean shook his head, "I'm just way too limited. Compared to you all, who are truly experts in your areas, I'm not even worth mentioning. I was just a simple metallurgist in my previous life. That's why, now that I have managed to come back to this side of the Universe, I decided to bring real experts in several fields of technology, biology, physics, etc, with me to the other side."

"The advantages are plenty. First of all, you might truly have the chance to live for thousands of years instead of the average 70-90 years of common humans. You will be able to work with something you could

never put your hands on while on the other side. There are truly fantasy-like materials that you could only dream of."

Rean then smiled. "Of course, I want to make sure you understand that none of you are my prisoners or anything like that. I'm truly just making you an offer that you can either accept or refuse. Were you to refuse, I'll simply leave you on Earth and we will never see each other ever again in our lives."

Rean then looked in the direction of the sun and used his Spatial Powers to bring everyone alone. "To show you a little more of what you might be able to achieve in the future, how about we pay a visit to the sun?" Before anyone could answer, they all teleported away. To cover the distance between Earth and the sun on this weak side of the Universe, Rean didn't need more than a few seconds.

While covering everyone with his Divine Energy, he protected them from heat, radiation, extreme illumination, gravity, etc. All of that while giving them the opportunity to almost touch the surface of the sun. "Quite nice, right? At my current level, such a thing is kids' play. Of course, none of you will have the same powers as me in the short term. You would truly start as a mortal like you are right now. To reach this kind of level would probably take tens of thousands of years, and very few can do that. Nonetheless, you have a chance."

Everyone was shocked out of their minds. Yet, Rean's surprises didn't stop. "Alright, the sun is just that, the sun. How about we pay a visit to Pluto? It will only take a few seconds to get there."

This time, Rean opened a Spatial Gate since it would be faster. As weak as the spatial laws of this side might be, there is still a limit to how far Rean can teleport with a thousand people. Everyone saw how they passed through this wormhole fantasy-like tunnel, arriving right in front of Pluto. Humanity had launched a few satellites during the previous hundreds of years that now orbited this quasi-planet as well as the other planets of their solar system, and Rean brought everyone very close to one of those.

"Oh! Do you even have satellites on Pluto now? Crazy! Back when I died on Earth, we barely had managed to get a satellite to pass by this place, let alone have a few of them around it. Right! I believe you all would want to know if this is an illusion or not. I'm sure some of these satellites also have some kind of photograph capability, no? How about we stand in front of a few of them and let them capture our faces? You can check it yourself back on Earth later. I wonder just how much of a ruckus it will cause to the scientists back on Earth. Hahaha!"

And so Rean did. He found those who had the lenses and spent some time in front of every single one while talking more about the other side of the Universe. Some people still tried to talk and ask

questions, but Rean made sure none of their voices could leave their bodies, so it was useless. He truly had no intention of letting anyone talk until he finished.

Rean didn't leave the solar system, though. Earth still didn't have the capability to travel through space, so even if he brought them away, they wouldn't be able to recognize anything. Finally, Rean returned with everyone to space outside the blue planet. "Well, that's pretty much everything I have to say. As I said, I will answer all your questions. Go ahead and talk; I can hear each of you and answer your questions all at the same time."

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Chapter 2459: Yes or No

It goes without saying that Rean was bombarded with an infinite number of questions. Nonetheless, with his powerful Soul and Divine Sense, he was able to hear and think about each one of them before answering the questions individually. He didn't know the answer to many of the questions, though, as they often touched the deeper part of the fields those people worked with.

After a few hours, Rean was still answering questions but decided it was about enough. "Alright, let's stop it here." Immediately, no one could talk anymore. "This should be more than enough of an introduction to what I'm offering you. I'm now going to send you back to your own homes, workplaces, or wherever you were when I grabbed you all. I will contact you all again in 72 hours."

Rean then prepared to send everyone back while he continued to talk. "At that time, you will hear one question, and one question only! Do you want to come to the other side of the Universe with me? There are only two words I want to hear from you: Yes or No! I will completely ignore any other words you try to tell me by then."

Rean then warned everyone. "Remember, even though the marvels of the other side of the Universe are enticing, the other side is also dangerous! I'm going to do my best to help you settle and start your cultivation path in exchange for your knowledge. But even I can't guarantee I will always be able to keep you safe. I talked plenty during these last hours about what you can expect, so it is not like you are making a decision uninformed."

"Think carefully! Once you leave, I'm pretty sure you will never get the chance to return to Earth ever again! If you manage to, that will be through your own achievements, and that will still be thousands of years in the future. Of course, if you decide to stay, I completely respect that," Rean concluded. "Now then, I'll talk to you in 72 hours."

Zush, zush, zush, zush...

All one thousand people were then teleported straight back to Earth, leaving only Rean alone in space. Not for long, though. Anfrou came to see him a few seconds later. "So that's why Kentucky said you would take a few days. You are taking the experts of the planet with you."

Rean smiled. "What? Could it be it is against the rules?"

"Nope," Anfrou shrugged his shoulders. "This isn't the only planet that managed to develop technology, after all. Even our Universal Transition Organization uses a lot of it, so we definitely don't lack these few living beings. Still, I believe this is going to be a huge boom to the other side of the Universe as most powers there are still clinging on the past countless years of teachings."

"Oh! You know about that?" Rean looked at Anfrou.

"Uncle Kafan told me that," Anfrou explained. "Every time he had to use that method of celestial laws communication, he took the opportunity to ask how things were going on the other side. Of course, his information is usually quite delayed and only comes once every few thousands of years."

"That's to be expected," Rean nodded. "I had a great opportunity as an Earthling, and I want to give this opportunity to a few more. This is not only me acquiring their knowledge but also my own way of sharing the spoils."

Rean then looked back at Earth. He selected people who wouldn't have much emotional attachment to Earth, but that didn't mean they would simply give it up. Most of them, with their knowledge, had well-established lives, with quite a few being truly rich. Once they leave, they would start from zero again, so perhaps it wasn't worth the risk in their eyes.

Rean then looked back at Anfrou. "You seem quite relaxed considering what Roan did to you a few days ago."

Anfrou felt a chill on his back when he heard that name. "I still haven't changed my mind. The Death Spirits should be thankful they even exist since the other outcome was to become Death Energy or a

Soul Devil. However..." Anfrou thought about how strong Roan was. "I will admit that perhaps... I underestimated the potential of a Death Spirit Copy."

Rean smiled in response. "That's already a start."

Time passed quickly, and almost three days later, a Spatial Gate appeared near Anfrou and Rean. From inside, Kentucky and Assefy came out and seemed to be in quite a good mood. "Hahaha! Did you see it? Your grandfather Kentucky can truly eat a sun!"

Essefy nodded. "That's impressive. I didn't think you would be able to hold down all that power, even if it was one of the smallest suns out there."

Rean then remembered the legends that Minokawas should be able to swallow the sun. It wasn't hard to believe, though. Kentucky is capable of eating high-level metals that could cause anyone else to explode if they tried the same thing. A sun on this side of the Universe is nowhere near as powerful as a sun on the other side since it completely lacks the power of cultivation energies.

"You didn't eat a sun that other living beings used to stay alive, right?" Rean asked with a serious expression. If the sun disappeared for Earth, one can only imagine the calamity it would be. Well, Earth would still be better off since humanity would have the knowledge to at least survive. One must remember that more than 99% of the lives in the Universe are not intelligent, so they would mostly go extinct without their suns.

"Of course not!" Kentucky immediately shook his head. "First of all, the sun I took was alone. There were no planets around it. I would never want to be the reason for some race extinction."

"Then that's good..." Rean then looked at Kentucky with his Divine Sense. "It doesn't seem like swallowing that sun gave you any extra power, though."

Kentucky nodded. "In the end, the suns on this side are just not as good as the rare metals of the other side. They only have a lot of energy, but the energy they have is not the type I can use, so it was more a fun moment than an attempt to get stronger. I wanted to see if, as a Minokawa, I could truly eat a sun."

Rean nodded. "Well, perhaps you should give it a try on the other side later. Just be careful since the cultivation energies made the suns of the other side, even the smallest ones, hundreds of times more powerful than the biggest suns on this side."

"Will do, don't worry," Kentucky nodded.

Finally, Rean returned his attention back to Earth and smiled. The 72 hours were over. Immediately, his Divine Sense spread and reached the one thousand people he talked to before. 'Now then, do you want to come with me to the other side of the Universe? Yes or No! That's all I want to hear.'

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Chapter 2460: The Repercussion

Since Rean had specially selected a thousand people who seemed to have little to no attachment to this world, the final answer was pretty obvious. Of the one thousand, over nine hundred of them already had their answer even before a single minute had passed upon their return to Earth. The next 72 hours were basically used to settle their personal issues.

Well, many things happened during those 72 hours. First, Rean never really tried to hide since he showed himself and the people floating around Pluto on purpose. That said, once those people who appeared in the images returned to Earth, most of them were taken into custody by their governments. After all, what they had seen and experienced was literally 'out of this world.'

They all explained everything Rean himself told them, hiding nothing. They also told the authorities how Rean would enter contact with them 72 hours later to ask again if they wanted to come or not. Considering how many of these people were recorded through security cameras the moment they disappeared from their workplaces and reappeared out of nowhere, the authorities could only believe it.

Rean even saw how thousands of satellites around Earth seemed to shift many times, changing orbit as if looking for something naturally; the Earth people were trying to find him. Well, with his power, if he didn't want to be found by the people on Earth, he wouldn't be found.

In the last few hours, a few governments even completely locked down these people, trying to see if they could talk to Rean the moment he tried to take them away. Since these people would have to give

a Yes or No answer, some were even put to sleep so that they couldn't answer, increasing the chance that Rean would have to make an appearance himself.

How could any of the governments let such a chance go? After hearing Rean's name, they even went through the records of every human they knew of to have ever been called Rean Larks. And since Rean mentioned he reincarnated on the other side, the main focus was on the dead Reans.

Rean found it quite funny as some of such government officers even went to his old city, trying to find any clue of his existence there. But then again, just how many Rean Larks existed in the world since everything began to be recorded digitally? The number was just ridiculous since the authorities didn't have a time frame for Rean's last life.

Rean ignored all that and called everyone directly through their souls. It mattered not whether they were locked, free, sleeping, or whatever. As long as they did have an answer, he would know.

That wasn't all. Over nine hundred already knew they wanted to come with Rean the moment they returned to Earth for those 72 hours of wait. But after the rest were targeted by the governments of their countries, that number increased even more by the end of the deadline.

Rean smiled, having heard all the answers he wanted. In the end, a total of 983 people chose to leave, with only seventeen unable to give up the lives they already had on Earth. The huge acceptance number was mainly because of one reason: increased lifespan. They were all geniuses with vast knowledge that they would hate to simply bring with them to the grave. If there was truly a chance of living much longer, they all wanted it.

Zush, zush, zush, zush, zush...

Regardless of whether they were sleeping, locked, or allowed to roam free, Rean was able to teleport them all out of the planet instantly. The countless eyes looking at each of these individuals couldn't help but feel even more shocked. One thing was to hear the testimony and the recordings of cameras. Another one was to see it with their own eyes.

There was simply nothing any of them could do. All the people selected by Rean truly just vanished in thin air. Countless orders were given to start a worldwide search, but it would all be for nothing.

However, Rean didn't just want to leave without doing anything. If everything worked in the end and Rean and Roan managed to reunite both sides of the Universe, Planet Earth would eventually receive cultivation energies.

That said, he had prepared many files regarding the other side of the Universe and its characteristics. The moment he took all the people he selected away was also the moment that these files were spread to all corners of the world. There was even a video that was shared on the internet, quickly becoming viral. It became the most watched recording in history as, for some reason, the governments simply couldn't manage to wipe it out of the internet.

Of course, the reason they couldn't do it was that the video wasn't on any of the servers in the world. Instead, it was in the facility of the Ligan Universe deep underground. As for taking it out of the air, that was also impossible since even the highly advanced technology from Earth was nothing but kid's play in front of the Ligan Universe System operating underground. Earth would have to advance in its technological achievements for a few tens of thousands of years before it could detect the system hiding in the planet.

"Hahaha!" Rean laughed as he shared everything that was happening on Earth with the people he selected. "Look how much of a ruckus I caused. Well, it was necessary. At least Earth will be ready for the cultivation energies if it ever gets here."

Rean then looked at the people who chose to come, having already used his instant recovery to wake the sleeping ones. "Well then, you all made a good choice. Sure, there is danger. But the benefits far surpass what you could ever hope for with Earth's money and authority. Now then, last chance, just to be sure. Are you ready to leave?"

There was just one single answer. "Yes!"