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Chapter 2471: Nope!

As the days passed outside, weeks went by in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Finally, Rean came out of it, heading straight for the treading center. There, he met with the same worker as before. "Hey there. Sorry for the delay. I was busy working on a few things," Rean said. "My Serene Gold Filaments should be here already, right?"

The worker quickly nodded. "Yes, sir. Please give me your badge so I can take your Merit Points," the worker answered. The process was quite fast as the filaments had already been separated for Rean. A few minutes later, the worker came back from the storage with a spatial ring. "Here. Please check if there are 1700 grams inside."

Rean smiled and quickly sent his Divine Sense inside. A smile soon appeared on his face as he confirmed the precise amount of filaments. "Great job!" Rean then threw another Spatial Ring to the worker and left.

The worker was taken aback for a moment and looked inside. There were quite a few hundred Rank Three Divine Stones inside. "Holy shit!" For Rean, at his level, such Divine Stones couldn't even be considered pocket change anymore. But for someone at the level of that worker, this was a fortune.

Rean returned to the hotel and, consequently, to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Thanks to the extra Gold Filaments, Rean was able to test a few things he wasn't before. He lost at least 200 grams of it, but the results he got were definitely worth it. "Now then... it should be about time."

Rean then teleported to where Sister Orb was. Roan just so happened to be waiting there as well. "Why wait until now to buy the upgrades?" Roan asked, puzzled.

"I wasn't fully adapted to the current level of forging and used to the equipment in the Blacksmith Workshop, so buying the next levels would have thrown me off my game," Rean explained.

"But you did forge our new weapons, didn't you?" Roan found it weird.

"I did," Rean answered. "However, our armors are far beyond the level of difficulty that our weapons were. I thought I was ready, but only after trying to upgrade the armor with the extra Serene Gold Filament, I noticed the last few flaws in my technique. That's why I needed a few extra weeks to get it right. This should also help in the elimination of the Extinction Sphere Energy from the Fragment later on, so it was worth the wait."

Roan nodded. "Then that's fine. Anyway, let's get over with it."

Immediately, Rean and Roan touched the Control Orb and sent their Divine Senses inside. Soon, the full list of upgrades available appeared in their minds.

Their eyes first stopped on the Blacksmith Workshop.

[Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop Upgrade Level 5 - 100000 Destiny Points]

"Sister Orb, how many Destiny Points do we have at the moment?" Roan asked.

[1533215 Destiny Points.] Sister Orb answered straight away.

Rean and Roan wanted to keep Destiny Points to buy the Yin Yang Cultivation Unbalance Domain. Unfortunately, that thing costs five million Destiny Points. Who knows how long it would take to accumulate that many points now that only quests could provide Destiny Points?

Rean didn't waste more time. "Alright, let's start with it."

[Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop Upgrade Level 5 - 100000 Destiny Points]

[Confirm Purchase?]

"Yes!"

[Destiny Points: 1533215]

[Upgrade Commenced.]

Immediately, the Blacksmith Workshop in the distance is covered in silver light from Spatial Laws. Until now, the Workshop had kept the same size it had at level one, only adding more equipment inside as it was first created quite empty. Rean added many tools other than the ones acquired through the system, so it did get a little tight over the years.

However, the size of the silver light quickly expanded as the spatial laws mixed with other laws from the system's planet, creating a completely new workshop. The twins watched the show for over three hours until finally, the silver light disappeared, showing the new facility.

"That's quite a change..." Rean looked at the Workshop, now five times bigger than it was before. He also noticed countless tiny circuitry formation runes, and with his knowledge, he could tell which type they were. "Spatial Runes?" He murmured, which left him a little puzzled.

He didn't waste time and checked the system again as it always showed what each level provided once it was bought.

[Level 05 Blacksmith Workshop: This level makes it possible to move the entire Workshop outside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm while still keeping the system's features available. Warning: If the user moves too far away from the Workshop while it is outside, the Workshop will lose its effects.]

"It is like our System Sect that can be teleported in and out of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm," Roan commented. "It's just that we left the System Sect back in the Dragon Race Territory a long time ago."

Rean was quite excited, though. "Can't you see? This ability resolved the main issue regarding refining the Universe Foundation Fragment. I couldn't bring the Fragment inside since the Extinction Sphere's Energy would damage the Soul Gem System. Now that I can bring it out instead, this problem is solved."

Roan narrowed his eyes. "But do you have what is needed to refine a Universe Foundation Fragment? You told me that you wanted to upgrade the Workshop exactly because you wanted to see if the system could provide some ability to make such refinement possible. The upgrade is complete, but the Workshop itself didn't gain any new ability or equipment."

"Well... that's true." Rean had to admit Roan was right. "Guess I will need to upgrade it again. Let's check the next level."

[Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop Upgrade Level 06 - 500000 Destiny Points]

Rean sighed in relief. "Fortunately, we have enough Destiny Points. Perhaps there will be enough for the next level, too."

Rean then asked. "Sister Orb, would it be possible to tell what level 06 do?"

[Nope!] Sister Orb answered. [Same rule as ever. The abilities gained are only displayed after the upgrade is complete.]

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Chapter 2472: Follow Roan's Plan

Roan didn't really mind at that moment. "This is something we need regardless of the effect. Let's just buy it and hope it will be of some use to you during the refinement of the Fragment. By the way, now that you can bring the Workshop out, would you be able to refine the Fragment?"

Rean pondered for a moment and narrowed his eyes. "Hard to say. No doubt the Soul Gem Workshop Equipment that I already have would help. But if I can refine Fragment or not is something I will only know after trying. One thing is sure, though. If I couldn't use the Workshop, then I definitely wouldn't try."

Rean and Roan then sent their Divine Senses into the Soul Gem Orb and accessed the option.

[Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop Upgrade Level 06 - 500000 Destiny Points]

[Confirm Purchase?]

"Yes!"

[Destiny Points: 1433215]

[Upgrade commenced.]

Once again, the Soul Gem Workshop was covered in the silver light of Spatial Laws. However, the Workshop itself didn't change in size or time. Instead, the changes were happening inside. New equipment soon takes shape, being made out of Circuitry Formation Runes and Earth's Technology.

Around an hour later, the Silver Light Disappeared as the Upgrade ended.

"Hum... let's check it now."

[Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop Level 06]

[Several Equipment added]

Rean immediately got puzzled. "Several Equipment?"

Roan was already walking in the direction of the Blacksmith Workshop. "Stop wasting time, and let's check what you got. It will be faster than guessing."

Rean quickly caught up and entered the workshop. Because it was five times bigger than before, it had a lot of empty space. However, now that level six was acquired, all the empty space disappeared, replaced by several types of metal processing and refining.

"Oh!" Rean's eyes lit up. "These are filtration units!"

"And these are Electrolysis Refining Equipment. Uh? Does it use Divine Energy? I wonder how different it is!"

"Hey, look! Demineralizers and Drying Units! It all works with Divine Energy!"

"There are even Ashes Crushing Mills!"

"Lathe Machine! Drilling Machine! Grinding! Shaper! Broaching! Hobbing! Everything is here!"

Rean went right and left, looking at everything. He recognized most of the equipment, although it was obvious they could do much more than Earth's counterparts. All of them used Divine Energy and could even manipulate the elements to get better results.

"I have to test them! I have to test them all!" Rean said, excited.

Roan, obviously, didn't share the same excitement as Rean. "All I want to know is whether you can use these to eliminate the Extinction Sphere's Energy from the Universe Foundation Fragment in Huban's hand."

Only then did Rean wake up from his dream. "Oh, right! Well, I can't give you a guarantee. However, with all these things here, I can try to use other metals to make some kind of absorber to remove the Extinction Sphere's Energy. And this is just one of the ideas I have in mind. Refining should also be possible, although I'm not certain about how to go with it right now. I will need to use all these machines in conjunction with the ones I already have to give it a try."

Sister Orb suddenly asked. [We have the Universe Foundation Fragment in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Why don't you simply use them to test your theories? Although the Fragment we have is a fusion of various Fragments, and they don't have the Extinction Sphere's Energy, it is still a real fragment. You might try to absorb some of the other energies they release.]

Rean looked at Sister Orb and immediately nodded. "That's a great idea!"

"Your head!" Roan complained. "What if you damage our Fragment? We will be screwed!"

Rean shook his head, though. "Don't worry. I obviously won't try anything that could risk our big Fragment. First of all, I won't even touch it before I completely understand how the new Soul Gem Workshop's Equipment, which is obviously different from the ones from Earth, works."

Rean continued. "However, there are truly way too many additions to the Blacksmith Workshop. It will take me months, if not years, until I can make real good use of them all."

"Are you sure there will be no risks to our fragment?" Roan asked with narrowed eyes.

Rean shook his head. "Obviously, I can't guarantee. However, using them for tests will make it a lot more likely to get Huban's Fragment properly dealt with. The benefits far surpass the risks. I would say that not using our Big Fragment to test and then trying to eliminate the Extinction Sphere's Energy would be more likely to cause irreparable damage."

In the end, Roan could only accept it. "Fine. However, you better truly master all this shit before you touch the Fragment we have. You said several years, didn't you? Then let's make it ten years! For the next ten years, you will do nothing but get used to your new Blacksmith Workshop."

"Ten years?" Rean pondered about it. "I don't think I will need that long. But... I get what you are concerned about. Very well, let me spend a decade on these things. I will need a lot of ores and other materials to test them all, though."

Roan nodded. "We have more than enough Divine Stones to buy what you need. Also, it will be better if you do your training outside."

"Uh?" Rean got confused. "Why would you want me to do it outside?"

"Obvious," Roan continued. "Because if you spend ten years outside, we will spend at least a hundred inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. It is a good opportunity to cultivate, which we haven't done for quite a while already. And that's if we only keep the speed at ten times. We can definitely afford much more than that and have Divine Origin Energy Cores to spare."

Rean had to admit it was a good idea. "That should coincide with Luan's mission as well... Alright, we will follow your plan."

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Chapter 2473: Not bad at all

Talking about Luan reminded Rean of something. "Oh, right! Are we able to enter the Space-Time Realm without those pills of yours?"

Back then, Roan said he was going to concoct pills that would far boost their comprehension of laws. Roan's one was the Darkness Mind Pill, which needed Juniry Flower. Luan was sent to the Spirit Race Territory to look exactly for that.

Rean's Pill was the Light Clearance Pill, which needed Snow Cidreira Herb. As for where to find this herb, that was only possible in the Heavens.

Last but not least, there was the Pill for Celis: the Earth Life Pill. This one needed a Wood Element Material with a hint of Wood Laws. They had no idea where to find something like that, so they posted a request on the Online Market for it.

Kentucky wasn't a problem since he has Light and Darkness Affinity. Simply put, Rean and Roan's pills would be just as useful for him.

Sister Orb then answered Rean's question. [Of course, you can! Why wouldn't you be able to enter the Space-Time Realm? It's just that once you get there, you will need to comprehend your laws on your own. Roan's Pills are only there to help you do it many times faster. It's not like you can't do it on your own. Otherwise, what would have happened to those who haven't developed pills similar to Roan's?]

Roan agreed. "That's correct. Now that I think about it, have you checked the Online Market? Perhaps, someone posted something related to Celis's Wood Element Material with Wood Laws."

"We can go outside and connect to the communication system to check," said Rean.

"We can do that later," Roan wasn't in a hurry, though.

Rean then thought about something. "Roan, now that I upgraded my Blacksmith Workshop, don't you want to upgrade your Alchemy Workshop as well? The amount of Destiny Points should be the same, so we have enough to bring it to Level 06. As you can see, Level 06 truly gave a huge boost to the Blacksmith Workshop."

However, Roan immediately refused the idea. "There is no need. At the moment, all the Pills I wish to concoct I already can with the equipment I have in my hands."

"But what if the new levels increase the power of the pills?" Rean asked back. "Wouldn't it help us in the long run instead?"

Roan already thought about that possibility. "It might happen, it might not. However, I truly would rather save these points to see if we can get the Yin Yang Cultivation Unbalance Domain. In future battles, it will be a huge help."

The system's domain was able to decrease the strength of an enemy by half a realm. However, every second it worked, it spent 1000 Destiny Points. That wasn't the main issue, either. Instead, to even buy this upgrade, the cost was five million Destiny Points! After buying the two upgrades of the Blacksmith Workshop, they now have only 933215 remaining. There was a huge road ahead to accumulate the rest.

"Five million Destiny Points, uh?" Rean wondered if it was worth the wait. "Well, you are the alchemist here. If that's what you want, I have nothing to say."

Yet, before they could put that matter to rest, Celis immediately complained. "Wait, is that it?"

Rean looked in the direction of the gigantic tree in the distance. "You were hearing our conversation?"

"Obviously!" Celis answered. "There is no one at the Void Tempering Realm and above in this Dimensional Realm that hasn't noticed the sudden change in Spatial Laws during your Blacksmith Workshop Upgrade."

Celis continued. "I wasn't planning to say anything. However, Roan, the System's Yin and Yang Unbalance Domain might be good. Yet, that is not our real strength. You are throwing away the chance

to cultivate much faster, which will turn into our own strength to be used at any time we want. I thought you always prioritized our individual strength above everything else, no?"

Rean and Sister Orb looked at Roan. Sure enough, Celis's words had some effect, judging by his expression. Rean then struck the iron while it was hot. "You do know Celis is right. So what if we can't buy the domain? As far as we know, we might never get the chance to accumulate the five million Destiny Points to buy it. But what about the Alchemy Workshop Upgrade? At least this one is a guaranteed upgrade with the points we have now."

Roan continued to think about the pros and cons of the idea. Rean and Roan didn't want to upgrade their workshops before because they didn't feel it was necessary. But now that they saw what Rean's Level 06 Workshop could do, he had to admit upgrading it might be the best course of action. At the very least, it was indeed guaranteed to have some kind of results.

"Sigh... fine. Let's buy the fifth level first."

"That's more like it," Celis answered. After all, anything that could help him cultivate faster was a top priority to this cultivation maniac.

Rean smiled and nodded. Both Rean and Roan then touched the Control Orb and went to the Alchemy Workshop Option.

[Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop Upgrade Level 5 - 100000 Destiny Points]

[Confirm Purchase?]

"Yes!"

[Destiny Points: 933215]

[Upgrade Commenced.]

Sure enough, both workshops worked in similar forms by the system. Roan's Alchemy Workshop increased around five times in size, now being covered in countless Spatial Circuitry Formation Runes. Roan's Alchemy Workshop could also be moved outside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm if he wished to.

After seeing that, Rean and Roan could imagine the effects of the next level.

[Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop Upgrade Level 6 - 500000 Destiny Points]

[Confirm Purchase?]

"Yes!"

[Destiny Points: 833215]

[Upgrade Commenced.]

When it was over, Rean and Roan went inside to take a look. Many different types of equipment now covered the huge workshop, all related to the manipulation of medicines and pills. The workshop was so Circuitry Formation and Technologically advanced that the space inside was air-sealed. The workshop even had some kind of auto-cleaning ability through the Circuitry Formation Runes that didn't leave a single spec of dust around, perfect for the type of job that would be accomplished there.

Roan couldn't help but faintly smile. "Not bad... Not bad at all."

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Chapter 2474: Flower

Rean couldn't understand most of the uses of that equipment, so he didn't stay in there for long. "Oh well, you stay here and do what you have to do. I'm going out to check the online market."

Roan nodded as he began to verify the instructions for the many different types of equipment. Just like Rean, he would need a very long time to get used to all of that. 'Hum... now that I think about it, Rean

got quite a few specialists in the medicinal area from Earth. It might be worth a try to drag them all here and work together. It's just that I will have to teach them about alchemy from scratch. But then again, I have plenty of herbs to use in the garden I left Celis to take care of.'

As Roan planned his next steps, Rean left the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and checked the online market. He had left a very huge reward for any kind of Wood Element Material with a hint of Wood Laws. If Rean could acquire one directly, Rean would pay in full. If all he got was information, he would still pay a sizeable sum.

However, even though he had been up all this time, there was absolutely no news about it. No one left any message in the Online Market, regardless of whether they had the material or just information about something similar to it. Only then did Rean remember something. 'Right! I'm such an idiot! One has to be at least in the Space-Time Realm to be able to feel the laws. That's why there is almost no information. Even if someone below the Space-Time Realm got their hands in a Wood Laws Material, they probably wouldn't even know it!'

Rean was right. Countless cultivators, demon beasts, and spirits had seen his request. Many, many of them had high-level Wood Element materials, let alone information about such items. However, the fact that Rean asked the material to have a hint of Wood Laws left them all sighing in regret in front of that great payment. More than 99% of the experts who saw it didn't even know what Rean was talking about.

It was then that Rean thought about Flinyu and Folesve. 'Perhaps...'

Without thinking twice, Rean took out his communication badge and sent a message to Flinyu and Folesve. He got their numbers after he passed them Kafan's Jade Slip. He described what he needed and just left it like that. He could call them directly, but he wasn't in a hurry and didn't want to bother Peak Stage Divinity Realm experts if possible.

Rean didn't ask them to give him the material, though. All he asked was for a list of Wood Element materials that contained Wood Laws in them. He would then look for such materials for Celis later. That was, it wouldn't look like he was abusing his right to ask for help from these two experts.

Surprisingly, Rean received a message less than a minute later. Rean truly made the right decision. Because Rean didn't ask the materials directly and requested information about them, Flinyu didn't mind it too much and simply passed the three names he knew.

'Hum... Lahamina Earth Tree Core: Lahamina Earth Trees can be found in Lahamina Continent, a continent at the skirts of the Realm of Gods. However, most Lahamina Trees don't have cores. If they do, it is because they became a Demon Plant, just like Celis. Besides, even if I find one with a Core, it is still not guaranteed it will have a hint of Wood Laws inside. Well, I don't really want to go out and kill a sentient being for no reason...'

'The second one is called... called what? Ni... Ni... Nihihihihihhi Mountain Grass? What the hell is this name? Errrr... They can be found in the mountain range that goes by the same amazing name. This Mountain Range is located in the Pragic Continent, one of the Central Continents of the Realm of Gods. However, this grass is highly coveted for alchemy. Any one of these that appears on the market is quickly sold out. Not only that, only those who had surpassed more than ten thousand years of age have a small chance of having a hint of wood laws.'

Rean couldn't help but sigh. 'There is no way I'm going to find one with wood laws. From the description given by senior Flinyu, these grasses rarely have a chance of surpassing even a hundred years of age before being collected. The mountain range is full of cultivators who look for this grass to make some quick gains. The only way seems to buy some young grasses, which is already hard, and then plant the grass and wait for it to reach the necessary age. And even that is most likely to not work since there is only a chance of the grass gaining some wood laws. Well, Roan can't simply wait for ten thousand years either.'

Rean continued. 'Let's see... Hum? Aberrant Devil Flower. This flower is quite common and usually destroyed anywhere it appears. That's because it contains a strong poison that not only can kill the users but also causes disaster to the land it grows, capable of even affecting the natural environment over several hundreds of kilometers. If left alone, its effect will keep spreading, and it will soon multiply, easily destroying the plant life over tens of thousands of kilometers.'

'It is mostly prominent in the Demon Beast Territory, near a continent called Floral Demon Land. There are even squads of Demon Beasts led by the top Demon Beasts of that continent that travel around looking for this flower so that they can destroy it as fast as possible.'

Rean understood. 'It is pretty obvious this flower absorbs the life energy of all other plants in its surroundings. It kind of reminds me of Celis, who is a World Swallowing Cedar. The difference is that Celis absorbs cultivation energies, while this flower absorbs plant life energy. Let's see... Any Aberrant Devil Flower that has absorbed the life of plants over ten thousand kilometers has a high chance of acquiring a hint of wood laws. It's just that it also has its extremely lethal poison, so one tries to use it. If they do, they must be careful.'

Rean smiled in response. 'Poison? I doubt Roan would care about such a thing at all. Well then, the Floral Demon Land it is.'

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Chapter 2475: Time to Practice

Ten thousand kilometers might look like a lot, but in the context of the Realm of Gods, that couldn't even be considered a spec of sand on the beaches of the whole world. Rean thought it would be a lot easier to simply go there through the teleport formations and look for this flower on his own...

Roan, however, was against the idea. 'If you keep traveling around, how will you master the new equipment in your Blacksmith Workshop? The sooner we can get Huban's fragment, the better.'

'Is that so?' Rean wondered. 'Then all I can do is leave a message on the Online Market for others to look for it for you. Unless, of course, you decide to go there yourself.'

Roan also rejected that idea. 'I decided to get the specialists in medicinal applications you brought from Earth and teach them alchemy. That should give me a higher chance of concocting the pills for us after entering the Space-Time Realm. Just post the request on the Online Market. If there is no answer by the time we finish getting used to the new equipment, we can consider going there ourselves.'

'Very well,' Rean nodded and immediately accessed the Online Market with his communication badge. He changed his previous request. Now, he was looking for Aberrant Devil Flowers, the ones that have absorbed more than ten thousand kilometers of plant life.

That wasn't all. Rean also knew the other two Wood Law Materials Flinyu mentioned. Since it was simply an Online Market Request, he might as well put both items there. Who knows? Perhaps someone did have the items Roan needed for Celis's pills.

Soon, the requests for the Aberrant Devil Flowers, Nihihihihihhi Mountain Grass, and Lahamina Earth Tree Core appeared on the Online Market. All of them had specific criteria that had to be fulfilled before being presented. That way, Rean prevented experts with useless items from coming to him.

Rean then went around the market in the city and the Online Market as well. Both Rean and Roan had many materials they wanted for their next training, so they accumulated everything first. Around a week later, Rean finally went to the Teleport Formations of the city, leaving after paying the fee.

Back in the territory of the humanoid races, there was a city called Dlanfis. It was located on the Umotis Continent, which was quite far away from the Center of the Realm of Gods and the war.

Suddenly, one of the Long-Distance Teleport Formations in the city activated, flashing with silver light for a moment. When the light disappeared, a middle-aged man with a tired look stepped out. He was received by the workers there, who noticed his cultivation was quite high. However, he simply pushed them aside and left the city. He didn't want to deal with anyone at that moment.

He traveled a few thousand kilometers at high speeds until finally, he stopped. After checking the surroundings with his Divine Sense, he opened a Spatial Gate and left once again. It wouldn't be before he got close to the Continental Barrier that he finally stopped. Of course, there were no more continental barriers since it had been deactivated.

The middle-aged man's appearance then changed. Sure enough, that was none other than Rean, who simply didn't want to be followed. He selected this specific location because it was at the very edge of where his communication badge worked. That way, he would have privacy for the next years while he and Roan worked and cultivated. At the same time, he would know if someone decides to take his offer in the Online Market.

Rean then selected a piece of open land where no one lived and began to work on a concealing formation. It was decided that both Rean and Roan would work on their Blacksmith and Alchemy Workshops outside while Celis and Kentucky cultivated inside at an accelerated time.

Rean worked on that concealing formation for an entire day, making sure it had a high enough level to not be detected by anyone below the Space-Bending Realm. Since he was quite far from the Center of the Realm of Gods, experts at that level were rare, so it should be safe enough.

Suddenly, the Divine Energy of the Environment shifted in the formation's direction, causing it to activate. In the next moment, an area of just 20 kilometers was covered by the formation. There was no

need for the area to be big, and twenty kilometers was quite an exaggeration already for what Rean and Roan needed.

After the land was covered by the formation, it didn't change at all. However, anything put inside definitely wouldn't be seen from the outside.

"Phew... it is finally ready," Rean commented with a satisfied expression.

Zush!

Roan appeared on his side like a ghost, looking at the surroundings. "Quite a plain field but with a good concentration of Divine Energy. This should suffice."

The twins then separated, going each to one side inside the formation. A moment later...

Boom!

Two enormous buildings appeared, landing on the ground with a loud sound. Yet nothing happened to the buildings. The Spatial Laws of the Circuitry Formation Runes made sure that the impact was not felt by any of the equipment inside the buildings or even the structures themselves. The Soul Gem Blacksmith and Alchemy Workshop have now made their first appearance outside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

Zush, zush, zush, zush...

Following that, a few tens of people also appeared inside. They were either related to Roan's Alchemy or Rean's Blacksmith workshops. In those two groups, some were the specialists from Earth, while others were Alchemists, Formations Masters, or Blacksmiths from the old Dalamu and the other older sects from Sunkan. Rean decided to use Roan's idea and initiate these people in the way of blacksmiths and formations with the help of the new equipment. The Circuitry Formation Repository wasn't outside, though. But that one was not necessary to be there.

"Well then, time to practice."

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Chapter 2476: Good News

Inside that formation range, Rean could control the flow of Divine Energy, so it wasn't a risk for the people in his Blacksmith Workshop or Roan's Alchemy Workshop. In any case, that help wouldn't be necessary for long. Everyone is born at the Foundation Establishment Realm in the Realm of Gods, so those below, even with just a little bit of Divine Energy, really cultivated very fast until they reached that level.

In just a bit over two months, every single human from planet Earth had already reached the Foundation Establishment Realm. Of course, those who stayed inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm were cultivating even faster. After all, the speed of time in there was at least twentyfold higher.

Kentucky, who was inside, was feeling extremely bitter. Because Rean and Roan had to spend time outside practicing, it was up to him and Celis to cultivate for the four of them. Last time, Kentucky spent most of his time outside, recruiting Demon Beasts. Now, he could only brace himself for the many and many years of cultivation in the Dimensional Realm.

Celis, on the other hand, couldn't be happier. Kentucky was in his nest, which was part of Celis. For him, Kentucky being there was the best thing during cultivation. With Divine Origin Energy cores to spare, Celis was feeling the luckiest tree ever.

Just like that, time passed in a flash. Soon, over five years had gone in the outside world. As for the Dimensional Realm, a hundred years was what everyone experienced. Some people died, others reached new realms, increasing their life spans.

Because the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm was basically the same as a real planet, there wasn't really a need to leave the Dimensional Realm. If One wanted to experience hardships, they just had to leave the System Sect city inside. The whole planet was now brimming with Demon Beasts after so many years of reproduction.

Even the humans were spreading quickly. The initial city where everyone lived before wasn't the only settlement inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm anymore. A few other settlements, much smaller, began to appear far away from it, near other Demon Beast Territories. The Dimensional Realm was truly becoming a separate world on its own.

Rean would often come into the Dimensional Realm to check up on his parents, especially his mother. After all, she was a normal human who he took her. Fortunately, with Turen's supervision, Juliana easily surpassed the realms and was able to reach the Middle Stage of the Core Formation Realm. She looked a lot younger now since the addition of life force from the new realm was much higher than her initial amount.

That wasn't all. The Soul Gem Dimensional Realm was also becoming a Circuitry Technological beacon as time passed. Rean even made sure that the Formations Masters inside the Dimensional Realm had access to the communication system outside. Rean, Haveck, and Qia set up a secret line between the three of them, which helped all three parties to share knowledge and develop together.

That was a necessary step that couldn't be avoided. If Rean kept the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm development separated from the Demon Beast and Humanoid Race Territories' own developments, they would definitely grow in distinct directions. That meant compatibility between systems and equipment would grow further apart. That was not good since Rean's plan was to get the Realm of Gods fully connected. This secret line between the three main contributors ensured that all their systems remained compatible with each other.

Rean just felt a little overwhelmed by that. Before, everyone believed he was the genius behind the communication system. Even though he said many times it was a copy from his previous life, he was the one who brought it to the cultivation side of the Universe. However, now that the specialists from Earth, people who truly knew their job, were in contact with Qia and Haveck's group, they understood just how ridiculously basic Rean's knowledge really was. Rean could only have a bitter smile, once again saying that he had warned everyone. He only knew about metals, and anything else from Earth was basically common knowledge.

On Roan's side, the specialists in medicine were now fully familiarized with the equipment in the Alchemy Workshop. Roan, as the leader of that team, was even more satisfied. They were all geniuses or at least people who put huge efforts into their studies to get where they were back on Earth. They learned faster than pretty much anyone Roan could accept as a disciple on this side of the Universe.

Last but not least, the twins' group cultivation was advancing at a steady pace. Sure, Kentucky and Celis were cultivating in a twenty times faster environment. However, they were cultivating for the four of them. It was a huge difference if it was actually all four cultivating at the same time in there. Nonetheless, Sister Orb predicted that they would definitely accumulate enough Divine Origin Energy by the time Rean and Roan finished their practice outside and could enter the Space-Time Realm.

However, a month after these five years, Roan's communication badge received a message. Looking inside, Roan's eyes lit up. "He finally found it!"

Roan then immediately contacted Rean. "I'm going out. I should be back in a day or so."

"Hum?" Rean was surprised to hear that. Usually, anything regarding travels was up to Rean or Kentucky. "Did something happen?"

Roan nodded. "Luan found the Juniry Flower and is coming back. However, he ended up spending most of the Divine Stones we gave him and will find it hard to pay to teleport all the way here."

"I see." Rean was happy to hear that. He then turned around and warned all the people in the Blacksmith Workshop. "I'm sending you all into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. There are a few things I have to do outside, and I'm not leaving you here."

Roan looked at him, puzzled. "Do you need something from outside, too?"

Rean nodded. "I was going to return to the humanoid race territory at the center of the Realm of Gods. Someone finally answered my Online Market message and is willing to sell Wood Laws material. Surprisingly, it wasn't the Aberrant Devil Flower, which I believed to be the easiest to acquire. Instead, this person has a Lahamine Earth Tree Core, and it is a Tree Core of a Peak Elemental Space Realm Lahamine Tree."

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Chapter 2477: Different Direction

Roan was surprised to hear that. "And why are you only going out to take it now? You should have left as soon as you heard this guy had it! Since this Tree Core was from such a high-level Demon Plant, it truly has a very good chance of having a hint of Wood Laws inside."

"I wanted to," Rean said. "However, this is a Space-Time Expert taking part in the hunting of that so-called Soul Devil. He wasn't at the Center of the Realm of Gods to start with, nor could he come back anytime soon. I received his message only a few days ago that he should be passing through Ransvite City. Whether you were leaving or not, I would still leave in the next three days. Luan's sudden message only helped with it."

"Since that's the case, let's leave straight away," Roan quickly decided. "I'm not going to Ransvite, though. I'm going to the center of the Realm of Gods, but I'll head in the direction of the Spirit Races instead. He is waiting for me in Yunrel City, one of the continents bordering the Humanoid Races' Territory."

Rean didn't mind. Around an hour later, the Alchemist and Blacksmith Workshops were sent back into the Soul Gem Dimensional together with everyone. Only then did Rean and Roan leave that place, returning to the city they initially arrived while using a different appearance. Rean left behind the formation, as he intended to return to this place once their deals were done.

After paying the fees, Rean and Roan went back to the Center of the Realm of Gods. In the next Teleport Formation, Roan headed in the direction of the Spirits, while Rean went straight to the Ransvite.

However, when Rean arrived in Ransvite, he contacted the guy and found out he was still on his way and that he wouldn't arrive in the next two days at least. Because of that, Rean had an idea. It would be meaningless if only Roan and Celis's Pills were ready for consumption. Because their cultivations are linked, even if they understood the laws well enough to progress through the Space-Time Realm, they wouldn't be able to. After all, Rean wouldn't have reached that level of comprehension yet.

From Ransvite City, Rean decided to pay a visit to Flinyu, who was still in the same city as five years ago. The war hasn't progressed one bit until now as the Soul Devil continued to flee everywhere. But then again, the Devils also didn't counterattack as they didn't have the strength to do so. Instead, it looked more like they wanted to drag this war forever.

Rean knew why they were doing it, though. Everyone who knew about Hyeoumu's existence understood that too. The Continental Barriers are nothing but the release of extra energy from Hyeoumu. He did it to regulate his own body. He was paid to stop this discharge of energy, but he couldn't continue holding it forever. Sooner or later, he would start to discharge his energy, and the Continental Barriers would reappear.

Once that happened, moving the armies around would be extremely complicated. Not to mention that it would create countless openings for the Devils on the other side of each Continental Barrier to mess things up. As long as the Devils waited for the Continental Barriers to reappear, they wouldn't be forced back anymore. Sure, they couldn't retake the Temporal Path, but they wouldn't be wiped out from the Realm of Gods either. Besides, the seal of the Realm of Gods that prevented Divinity Realm experts of the Underworld from entering through other means also couldn't be held forever.

Rean couldn't help but sigh. 'Well, at the very least, a lot of the territory from the Devils was retaken, which means countless living beings won't have their souls extracted for the sake of the Devils' cultivation.'

Once Rean arrived at the main building, he used his communication badge to tell Flinyu he was there. Flinyu allowed him to enter a few minutes later.

Inside the man's office, Rean could tell that Flinyu looked quite tired. It wasn't physical tiredness, though. Instead, it was a mental one. No doubt, he had to deal with countless things during the past five years while his army couldn't move. "Hello, senior Flinyu, sorry for interrupting your work."

Flinyu just waved his hand impatiently. "There is no need for formalities. I have things to do, so make it short."

Rean nodded. "I need to pay a visit to Heavens. Would you be able to arrange a safe passage through the Temporal Path for me? Not now, though. I'll be going five years from now."

Flinyu narrowed his eyes. "We have just recovered the Temporal Path, but it was only our own entrance. The Heavens and Underworld Entrances are in the hands of the Angels and Devils, respectively. I can get you to traverse the Temporal Path and go to the Heavens. However, once you arrive at their entrance, you will have to deal with the angels yourself. Let me tell you in advance that the Angels seem to be very uneasy at the moment. That is because of some weird events in their Angel Realm from some years ago."

As expected, the Realm of Gods seems to have at least found out what happened in the Heavens. It's just that they didn't know Rean and Roan were the main cause of that. "It's fine, senior. I only need to be granted the passage without risks. As for the Heavens, we have our own contacts there."

Flinyu was sure that the entrance of the Angel Realm side was heavily guarded, so he wondered what kind of contact Rean had that could allow him to step into the Angel Realm without concerns. Of course, he didn't ask it. "Very well."

Right after, he passed Rean a blue token. "You can use this token when you get to the Temporal Path Entrance. As long as you show it, no one will stop you from going through."

Rean smiled as he looked at the token. 'Senior Kafan truly helped us a lot with his message. To think it would be this easy to get a free passage.' Rean then thanked Flinyu and left. He still had to complete his deal in Ransvite City.

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Chapter 2478: Price

Things went according to Rean and the seller's plans. They were supposed to meet in Ransvite City, inside a room in a forgotten house on the outskirts of the city. The reason was that no one other than Rean knew that the guy had that Core. Because of that, the seller asked Rean to keep it a secret and met him in that place.

Entering the house, an old man with several tattoos over his body was already waiting for him on the corner. He looked at Rean and bowed. "Thank you for coming. As I mentioned, this deal has to be kept a secret, so I hope you don't mind the simplicity of the place."

Rean shook his head. "That's not an issue at all. All that matters is whether you have the Core or not. However, I also don't want problems on my side, so I need to know why this deal has to be kept a secret. Otherwise, it might not be worth the trouble."

The man nodded, already expecting Rean's doubts. "The Lahamina Earth Tree Core I obtained was during an ambush against the Soul Devil in a faraway continent. The Lahamina Earth Tree Demon Plant was participating in this attack, trying to hold down the Soul Devil until the Divinity Realm Experts arrived. Only they could really kill it, after all."

"However, the Soul Devil was already much stronger than us, so it ended up killing its way out of our siege. The Lahamina Earth Tree was one of the victims. I always keep an eye on the Online Market since I travel a lot and usually gather quite a few weird things that I end up selling. This time, I just happened to be close to the Demon Plant when it died, so I immediately took its Core without anyone noticing," he explained.

Rean pondered a bit. "I don't see how it is a problem. The Tree is already dead, so why would anymore care about its Core being taken away?"

The man bitterly smiled in response. "Seems like you don't know all the Divinity Realm experts of the Realm of Gods. One of them just so happens to be a Lahamina Earth Tree at the Middle Stage of the Divinity Realm. As for the Core I obtained, it seems to be extremely important to this Demon Tree as it sends many of its subordinates to investigate and try to recover the Core. Obviously, they didn't find anything and might be thinking the Core was destroyed."

The man then warned Rean. "Remember, if we complete this deal, you will be my accomplice. You must not let anyone know a Lahamina Earth Tree Core appeared."

Hearing the man's explanation, Rean contacted Celis inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. 'Celis, why do you think this Divinity Realm Lahamina Earth Tree wants this core so badly?'

'That's to be expected,' Celis quickly answered. 'Demon Plants can benefit a lot from a Core of a Demon Plant from the same species. They can absorb that Core into their own and enhance their own natural abilities. As you probably can imagine, my World Swallow Cedar race is obviously one of such races.'

'However,' Celis continued, 'Demon Plants are extremely rare compared to other races to start with. Let alone Divine Demon Plants like me. We are at least as rare as Kentucky's Minokawa Race. No, considering my abilities, my race is definitely much, much rarer. Because of that, the Demon Plants understand from a young age that they must not prey on each other. That would only bring a calamity to their own race.'

'Because of that, most Demon Plants help the Demon Plants from their own species. But at the same time, they have a kind of pact of mutual help. It is quite common in the world of Demon Plants, to be honest. If one of them dies, their Demon Core has to be absorbed by their own race members. It would be better if the Demon Plant was still alive, but if it is not, at least its death can help the race in question.'

Celis sighed. 'This Core you are trying to buy is from a Peak Stage Elemental Space Realm Demon Tree. Even for a Divinity Realm Lahamina Earth Tree, it is invaluable. Whether this Divinity Realm Tree will use the Core on itself or some member of its clan, I don't know. Still, I can guarantee that it is worth more than any quantity of Divine Stones in its eyes. A quick warning, Rean. The guy said that perhaps the Lahamina Earth Trees thought the Core was destroyed by the Soul Devil. However, I highly doubt that. If you that this Core, you must be sure no information regarding it will leak out. They are definitely still looking for it.'

Rean pondered whether it was worth the risk or not. As he mentioned, he wouldn't go out to kill a Lahamina Earth Tree for just because he needed the Core. However, this Tree was already dead, so using the Core wasn't a problem. But then again, he felt that the right thing to do was to get the Core and give it back to the Lahamina Earth Tree Race. The problem was that he also needed this Core badly.

Celis could tell what Rean was thinking and then added. 'This Core can help their race, but at the same time, this Core can help us save an entire Universe. What's the point of helping their race for a short moment compared to not letting them all die when the Universe goes boom?'

Rean had to admit Celis was right. Of course, he also knew that Celis was also trying to help himself since he just wanted to cultivate faster. It's just that both opinions matched the situation.

Finally, Rean smiled at the guy and nodded. This Core was invaluable to the Lahamina Earth Tree Race, but if the guy tried to sell it to them, they would definitely kill him instead for stealing it, so he could only sell it to someone else. "Very well. To make sure no one thinks I got this Core, I will keep my Online Market Offer. So, how much are you selling this for?"

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Chapter 2479: Surprise

The man sighed in relief. "How about 300 Rank Eight Divine Stones?"

Rean narrowed his eyes. He did have the Divine Stones from the Spatial Rings back in the Ruins of the Stars. Still, Rank Eight ones were very rare. 300 of them was more than half of everything in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Of course, that didn't count the Divine Origin Energy Cores, but those Cores couldn't be shown outside. "That price is a little too high... I'll give you 100."

The man immediately shook his head. "Do you have any idea how much this Core is worth in the eyes of another Lahamina Earth Tree?"

Rean nodded. "Yes. They are worth enough to kill whoever stole it other than their own race members."

The man immediately shut up. Indeed, the fact this was a hot potato hasn't changed. "250!"

Rean shrugged his shoulders. "This is a waste of time. We will keep going back and forth until we reach a mid-term. Since that's the case, let's get over with it. 175 Rank Eight Divine Stones, and we will never see each other again." Rean still hasn't forgotten that although such a high-level Core probably has a hint of Wood Laws inside, it might also not have it. He couldn't spend too much in case he needed to buy the other items.

The man sighed and nodded in the end. Whether he wanted it or not, at least 175 Rank Eight Divine Stones would help him a lot more than this Core. "Deal."

Rean quickly threw a Spatial Ring to the man with exactly the number of Divine Stones. He wasn't afraid of the man stealing his Divine Stones at all. The man checked the content inside and nodded. Following that, he also threw a Spatial Ring to Rean. "Be careful before removing the Core form inside. Considering how important it is, it might have some kind of tracker or whatever in it. I wouldn't bring it out unless I was in my own Pocket Dimensional Realm."

Rean nodded and checked the ring. He confirmed with Celis that it was the real deal and clapped his hands. "From now on, we don't know each other. This deal never happened. Is that fine with you?"

"I couldn't wish for more," the man nodded and left the house without thinking twice. Soon, he disappeared from Rean's Divine Sense, having opened a Spatial Gate somewhere else.

Rean then sent the Spatial Ring into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and removed the Core... or so he tried. Unfortunately, Roan was too far away at the moment, so he couldn't access the SOul Gem Dimensional Realm now. Fortunately, he could still talk to Sister Orb in this situation. "Sister Orb, check if there is a tracker or anything inside. From what Celis said, I highly doubt it doesn't have some tricks."

[Yeap, it does.] Sister Orb answered. In the next moment, a green rune floated out of the Core. Too bad Rean and Roan were too far away. [You should leave this city as soon as possible, Rean. From what I can see, just being inside a Spatial Ring wasn't enough to hide its tracks. All it did was to make its connection with whatever was tracking it more blurry. Nonetheless, the Lahamina Earth Trees should be quite close. He probably knew about it, which explains why this deal had to be done so fast.]

Rean shrugged his shoulders. "Yes, and I can already feel it. Ransvite doesn't have many experts. However, while I was negotiating with the guy, another ten Elemental Space Realm Experts arrived together. Fortunately, I had my Divine Sense Bending activated, so they haven't seen me yet."

Rean left the house and flew in another direction, using his Divine Sense Bending to detect where those experts were coming from. He then smiled and added his Light Bending Skill to the mix, making himself invisible. The only thing Rean couldn't hide from was the Natural Spatial Perceptions. But the perception ranges are nowhere as large as Divine Sense. Rean used the Divine Sense Bending Skill to stay far from the perceptions as he could tell where the Divine Senses were coming from.

Once Rean got far enough, he opened a Spatial Gate himself and disappeared. He completely gave up the idea of using Ransvite City Long-Distance Teleport Formations.

[So, will you destroy the rune? The most I could do was to bring it out. Without Roan here, the amount of power I can use outside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm is very limited. I can't destroy it on my own. You also can't enter the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm while Roan isn't nearby.] Sister Orb asked as Rean passed through the Spatial Tunnel.

"I don't see any use for it, so I'll just destroy it," Rean answered.

With a wave of Rean's Sky Energy, the Green Rune broke apart, disappearing into green specs of light. "We better find Roan soon so that he can transform this thing into the pill."

Rean continued to use his Spatial Gates for five days in a row. Only when he was already on another continent did he finally look for a city with a Long Distance Teleport Formation. Obviously, a new and completely different appearance was being used again.

As Rean got close to a city called Tyriwei, Roan contacted Rean through the communication system. 'Luan is with me already. I'm going back to the Humanoid Races Territory.'

"Okay," Rean nodded. "There is no need for us to meet on the way. Just take the fastest route back to our training ground. My concealing formation is still there, after all. You can concoct your pills while we finish the last five years of tests. Then we can decide if we are going to see Huban first or go to the Heavens."

'Seems like you got the Core,' Roan said.

Rean then explained the deal and the issues with the Core. "That's how it happened."

'Whatever,' Roan didn't seem to care. As long as the Core was obtained, that was all he needed. 'I'll meet you there then.'

Rean checked his Jade Slip with the map of the Center of the Realm of Gods and smiled. He should be able to see the city in a few minutes. However, it was at that moment the environment around him turned red. It wasn't that the world changed colors. Instead, it was a type of Red that only Rean and Roan could see. 'Killing Intent!'

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Chapter 2480: Aren't You Smart?

Without wasting time, Rean instantly opened a Spatial Gate and threw himself inside. As soon as the Spatial Gate disappeared, a powerful Divine Sense came crashing down in the area Rean had been just a second ago. However, the Spatial Gate was already gone, so the Divine Sense's owner could only curse nonstop.

Far away from that place, another Spatial Gate appeared, and Rean stepped out. However, he didn't stop there and immediately opened another Spatial Gate, teleporting to another region again. He did that another five times until he finally got some confidence that he was far enough.

"What the hell was that?" Rean couldn't help but complain. "There was nothing in my Divine Sense Bending Skill, nor did I notice anyone with my Natural Spatial Perception. Yet, that Killing Intent locked on me as if it knew exactly where I was."

[I'm checking your body here from top to bottom, but I can't see any traces of trackers or anything like that.] Sister Orb felt helpless, too.

Rean then used the communication system to contact Roan a moment later, who immediately replied. 'Sister Orb detection isn't flawless. We failed to notice the angel's tracker back then, and only after Sister Orb was made aware of the technique was she able to detect and get rid of it ahead of time. It might be something similar.'

Rean narrowed his eyes. "The only person I met was the guy I made a deal for the Lehamina Earth Tree Core. Do you think he put the tracker on me?"

'It might be,' Roan nodded. 'Sister Orb, what about the tracker you found inside the Core?'

[Rean told me to destroy it, so I did it. The Core is now just that, a core. Of course, I can't discard the possibility of something still existing inside that I can't detect. The only thing I'm certain is that as long as it is inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, it can't be detected,] she explained.

"This was too weird..." Rean remembered the Killing Intent. "Who would come after me without using Divine Sense? The only thing I noticed was the Killing Intent. It was thanks to that that I knew it was an enemy I couldn't fight against. Probably, it was someone in the Divinity Realm."

'That only leaves that Lahamina Earth Tree in the Divinity Realm the guy talked about,' Roan concluded. 'Other than that, no one should be after you since no one even knows where we are.'

"That explains why I wasn't able to detect the guy before his Killing Intent reached me," Rean said. Natural Spatial Perceptions have different ranges. The higher your cultivation realm, the further it can reach. Since it was probably a Divinity Realm expert who came after Rean, it made sense this expert detected Rean first while Rean couldn't do the same. "The only question is why this guy didn't use Divine Sense. If he did, I would have noticed him way earlier with my Divine Sense Bending Skill."

Roan shook his head. 'That's exactly the point. Do you remember how the experts of the Lahamina Trees appeared in Ransvite? They knew the Core was there, but they couldn't find the culprit. The guy who came after you a moment ago probably considered you might have a way of detecting Divine Senses. I'm sure I would have done exactly what he did, not use Divine Sense.'

Rean sighed. "So? What should we do now?"

'First, you need to keep moving. Since they were waiting near the city, they should be able to look where you are at this moment, too,' Roan suggested. 'However, there seems to be some delay in their detection method. Otherwise, I can't see why the guy would wait until you arrived near the city to make his appearance.'

"A delayed method, uh?" Rean pondered a bit. "Could it be karma?"

'Perhaps,' Roan didn't deny the idea. 'There is also Divination. Although this is even rarer, it would also explain the delay. The Lahamina Earth Trees, if it is truly them, must have a very strong connection with the previous owner of this Core.'

Rean sighed as he looked at the Spatial Ring with the Core inside. "If this thing is this problematic, I might as well throw it away. To be honest, it is a lot more likely that I was found because of this Core than a tracker on myself."

Of course, Rean understood the issue. "I just don't know when I will find another Wood Laws material for you again, Roan."

Roan, on the other hand, was a lot more determined. 'Just throw it away. Between having a Divinity Realm on our tail and spending more time to find other materials, I definitely will choose the latter.'

Rean nodded and didn't hesitate anymore. If that guy appeared again, he definitely would take that long to move like the last time. Rean also couldn't access the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, so escaping with the Circuitry Teleport Formation was out of the question.

Following that decision, Rean opened another Spatial Gate. However, this time, he didn't enter. Instead, he simply threw the Core inside. He had no idea where the Core would end up, but that wasn't his problem anymore. Right after, he opened a Spatial Gate once again and entered, moving in the direction of another city with a Long-Distance Teleport Formation.

Rean and Roan's swift decision turned out to be the correct one. The Core of the Lahamina Earth Tree ended up falling several continents of distance since no one was controlling the Spatial Gate. A Stage Five Demon Beast ended up swallowing it, not knowing the calamity it would bring to it.

It only took a day for the same powerful Divine Sense to cover the entire area, including that Demon Beast. Right after, that Demon Beast was forcefully teleported high in the skies as its body was shredded apart. Finally, the Core appeared and was grabbed by a Tree-like humanoid figure with a dark expression.

"Hmph! Aren't you smart?" The guy murmured as a trace of a Soul came out of the Core. The Rune Rean destroyed was indeed used to track the Core, but that wasn't the only method left behind. The humanoid figure then put the Core away and opened a Spatial Gate, leaving the area completely.

