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Chapter 271: Following the Plan

"That was the correct decision, kid. I can tell you why Valeu sent people to take it back from you. The Imperial Aquamarine is the symbol of the Imperial Family. Only those of high status like the princess can carry it around. Other than them, only powerful cultivators with close ties to the Imperial Family have the privilege of having one as well. If you had insisted on bringing it back, you would only become a target for everyone else. In your case, this Aquamarine is more like a curse than a gift."

Roan nodded.

"I see... No wonder he wanted it back to the point of sending people to kill us. Those guys really gave us a hard time."

The elder nodded.

"Indeed. Anyway, since we are already on this topic, did you see the Imperial Family Members?"

Roan looked at Rean and Malaka, who shook their heads.

"We didn't. We only found out that it was Valeu who sent the assassins because we forced the answer out of those guys."

The elder narrowed his eyes. At the moment, Roan's group was basically the only clue.

Suddenly, Weren lifted his hand.

"Pardon me, elder. I didn't know anything about this Aquamarine since their group and ours went on separate ways after entering the Profound Abyss. However, if you are looking for information about the Imperial Family Members, Tuve and I did see something on our way to the Decaying Caves."

The elder's attention immediately shifted.

"Hum? You guys are from the same sect but went separate ways?"

Weren nodded.

"Yes. Our cultivation difference is quite big, as you can see. We simply didn't want to waste our time protecting them. Well, a lot of the participants of the same sect also did it, so it shouldn't be anything uncommon, no?"

The elder had to admit that Weren was right. It was not just because they were from the same sect that they would go in together. Weren's words seemed a lot more convincing since the difference in cultivation between Rean and Weren's groups was evident for everyone to see.

Reliance looked at all of that with a frown. None of them had told him anything about all these problems, so he didn't know what was happening.

The elder interrogating their group nodded in the end.

"Whatever. Whether you went together or not matters little to me. Speak, what did you see?"

Weren and Tuve looked at each other, seemed to be a little afraid to speak about it.

"Don't worry. The rules of Profound Abyss are stringent. Even if you were the ones who killed them yourselves, our Imperial Family wouldn't do anything to you. That would only mean that Calina's group was too weak, that's all. All we want to know is what happened to them since we still need to report it back in the Empire's Capital."

Weren and Tuve nodded but still decided to use a Spiritual Sense message. Well, that was all part of the play.

'A few hours before we arrived at the Decaying Caves, we heard the sounds of battle. Well, as you can imagine, we only approached to see if we could fish in troubled waters. It was there that we saw the princess... I think? It wasn't that easy to see with all the Decaying Fog. Well, the blond hair was relatively easy to notice, though.'

Tuve continued.

'She had three other cultivators on her side, helping to protect her. However, she really had a lot of enemies at that time. The weird thing was that they were all wearing black clothes without any sect or organization's emblems. They were also using some technique that made it impossible to see their faces even with Spiritual Sense.'

'We immediately noticed that we barged into some shit and didn't even look behind before dashing away. After all, their number was enough to even include us in the big platter. I'm sure that they saw us since we felt their Spiritual Senses. However, perhaps because we were not their primary target, they didn't follow and left us alone. That was the only time we saw them or the princess team. After that, we didn't bump with them anymore. We also don't know what the results of that battle were, nor did we care at that moment.'

As soon as the elder heard the message, his face went dark. That's because he already had an idea about who those people were and why they were attacking the princess. After all, he was also part of the Imperial Family's force. He knew what was happening behind the scenes. Still, he had to confirm one more thing.

The elder then took a jade slip out of his pocket and passed it to Weren and Tuve.

'I want the two of you to point the location where you saw that happening.'

Weren and Tuve nodded and immediately marked the location. How could Roan not have thought about that possibility? When he explained his plan to Weren and Tuve, he also told them where they should point at if they were questioned. With Calina in his group, it was easy to know what route her group took.

That's what the elder wanted to confirm. He simply matched the time of Weren and Tuve's travel with the route that he knew Calina's group would use. If they really saw her here, they would point to the

right location, which proved that they were probably telling the truth. The Profound Abyss underworld was enormous. The chances of them randomly pointing at the specific location was just way too small.

Seeing how fast they marked to location gave Weren and Tuve's words even more credibility.

The elder immediately narrowed his eyes after looking at it. Sure enough, both the average travel time and the location matched what Calina's group should have followed. The elder's face sunk. Blond hair, location, time, black clothes, facial hiding technique... He knew very well what that meant.

'Those damned Shadow Reapers! Have those Anti-Chrole princes and princesses already gone this far to get rid of any Chrole Bloodlines?'

The elder sighed before looking at Weren and Tuve. By now, he already threw Rean, Roan, and Malaka to the back of his mind.

"Weren and Tuve, right? Thanks for the information. I will ask you two to stay here for a moment while I call Elder Calan over. Oh, by the way, my name is Dale."

"Who's Elder Calan?"

Dale then explained.

"He is the elder who brought Calina to this place and is in charge of protecting her during the travel."

Weren and Tuve nodded while still showing a somewhat nervous expression.

Dale immediately left right after, which finally gave Reliance the chance to speak.

"What the hell is happening here? Since when did you get an Imperial Aquamarine?"

Malaka, who seemed sad for losing her Pendant, then said.

"That was a gift Calina gave to me. She's my friend."

"How did you become friends with a princess of the Empire to start with?"

Rean then gave Elder Reliance an account of what happened during the Gathering.

"Such a thing happened?!"

He then looked at Malaka without knowing what to say.

"I don't know if I should call you lucky or cursed. You just so happen to become friends with a princess of the Empire, which is definitely a lucky thing. But then something happens to the princess just after she gave you that Pendant, which is ominous as hell. Not to mention that her guardian sent people to try and kill you."

Reliance then looked at Weren and Tuve.

"Then we have the two of you, who just so happen to have bumped on their group during such a shit time. You were even more cursed than Malaka herself. I'll hear your explanations later. I just hope they won't pin anything on us."

Roan shook his head in response.

"Their rules say that no one has to take any responsibility for what happens in the Abyss, right? We should be fine."

Reliance shook his head.

"That's what they say on the surface. If no one had seen anything, then that's okay. However, both of your groups were just lucky enough to get some interaction with them. It's to the point that it is even

hard to accept. Still, for some reason, that Elder Dale seemed to have believed you straight away. Just what is happening here?"

A few moments later, Dale came back with that so-called Elder Calan. Together with him, there were also a few subordinates.

"Was it the two of you who saw what happened?"

Weren and Tuve nodded, still keeping the play. Soon, they repeated everything once more.

"I see..."

Calan and Dale looked at each other. It seemed that they reached the same conclusion.

"Alright, take this."

Calan then threw a bag at Weren and Tuve. Inside, there were no more, no less than a thousand Rank Three Spirit Stones! Weren and Tuve were finally really taken aback for real.

"This..."

Calan raised his hand.

"Keep it. All I want from you is to not open your mouths. This event has a much deeper meaning than you think, so stay shut from now on, understood?"

Weren and Tuve nodded, excited. They would get 500 Rank Three Spirit Stones each! How could they not stay silent?

"We will definitely do it, Elder Calan."

Calan nodded as he looked at Reliance.

"A foreigner, uh? Maril Region, right?"

Reliance nodded, not bothering to try to hide at all.

"People like you are quite rare around here. Anyway, that's all for now. Thank you for your cooperation."

Reliance nodded.

"No problem. We will now take our leave, then."

Calan and Dale nodded, not trying to stop them. After they left, Dale turned to Calan.

"Well, you were the one responsible for Calina, so you will do the report. I'll take my leave since I still have other things to take care of before we depart."

Calan sighed as he nodded.

"Yes. I'll be sure to report everything correctly."

With that, Dale also left, leaving Calan and his subordinates behind. It was then that one of those subordinates sent him a Spiritual Sense message.

'Master, is it really okay to let that group go?'

Calan nodded.

'Yes. Our plan was to have Valeu kill Calina and the other two. However, it seems like we were not the only ones after Calina's life. It shows that many people in the Imperial Family also don't want the Chrole Bloodline to stay there. Having those guys as witnesses will, in fact, help our side. We can totally pin all the blame on the Shadow Reapers, and it won't even need to be a lie. That's just perfect. Valeu's death was a little price to pay for it.'

The subordinate nodded and didn't say anything else.

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Chapter 272: Back to the Sect

Little did Calan know, he was playing on Roan's hands like a marionette.

Rean's group then went outside the settlement. There, Reliance whistled once again, which immediately called the Sky Eagle in the distance.

Creee!

The Sky Eagle quickly arrived, landing right beside Reliance and the others.

Before they left, Roan received one last visit. Who else could it be if not Luina? Seeing Roan, she decided to talk with Spiritual Sense messages.

'What happened there in the gathering? Why did the Imperial Family experts call you over?'

Roan shook his head in response.

'They told us to keep our mouths shut, so I can't talk about it.'

Luina was a little disappointed but did not insist.

'By the way, where is that other girl?'

Roan glanced at Luina for a moment before answering.

'She left on her own after joining her group. I don't know where she went after that. I doubt we will see each other again anyway.'

Well, he only talked that much because he didn't want to increase suspicions. Otherwise, he probably would have driven Luina away already.

Luina smiled after hearing that.

'I see! Well, that's too bad. Anyway, do you plan on going out on a mission anytime soon? We could join forces again, you know? Look at me, I'm already in the Core Formation Realm Initial Stage!'

Unfortunately for him, Roan couldn't care less about that.

'Not interested.'

Still, Luina didn't seem perturbed. She did spend enough time with Roan to understand his personality.

'Come on! You know I'm the Lagan Sect Master's Daughter, right? I can definitely get a few good missions for us.'

Roan couldn't help but ask as his eyes narrowed.

'Your sect shouldn't like similar level cultivators going out on missions with you, no? You said it yourself, you are at the Core Formation Realm already. Wouldn't it be better to simply gather some people in the same realm? Why are you so interested in me?'

'Eh?'

Luina's face got a little red. One must remember that Rean and Roan might be eleven years old but looked much older. They joined Dalamu Sect when they were ten but told everyone else that they were thirteen already. No one doubted that after looking at them either. Now that more than one year has passed, they did look to be fourteen indeed. And Luina believed that as well.

Also, Luina already showed some interest after their mission a year prior. With Roan's physical change, she felt like it was already worth a try. The only problem was his ice-cold demeanor that was really hard to crack. Nonetheless, that might be precisely the thing that she felt attracted to.

'Errr... That's because I know that you are much better than them, especially when it comes to using one's head...'

She dropped her head as it got redder.

'Is it bad?'

Roan's eyes finally relaxed a bit. Indeed, he knew his own abilities very well. He was far from being a narcissist, but he was sure that he far surpassed those at his level, not just because of the Soul Gem System. He thought that Luina's vision of him was just right and proper. For a mission partner, he would indeed be a much better choice.

'At least she understands this much.'

He thought to himself, not noticing poor Luina's real intentions at all. Still, what if she 'understood?' He felt it to be a bother nonetheless.

'I appreciate your vote of confidence. However, it's better if-'

Suddenly, Rean put his arm around Roan's shoulders before cutting right in the middle of the conversation.

'Sure, we would love to go on a mission with you again!'

Roan's mouth twitched. What is this idiot thinking?!

Luina had no idea how Rean knew about her and Roan's Spiritual Sense conversation. Still, she ignored that fact and nodded with a happy face.

'Great! I'll let you know when something good appears. Wait for my contact.'

Right after, she dashed away as fast as the wind.

Roan, however, didn't seem the least bit happy with it.

'What the hell are you doing? Why would you promise such a thing? We have nothing to gain by involving ourselves with her! Worst of all, others might find out where we had gone through her, you know? Did you forget that the Umbral Sect still wants our heads?'

Rean shook his head in response, saying.

'Don't worry, we are just making some friends. There is nothing wrong with getting a better relationship with the daughter of one of the five sects' Sect Master. I'm thinking about your futu- ahem, our future.'

Roan felt like kicking this guy right here and then. For some reason, he didn't believe a single word from Rean's mouth.

Reliance saw that Roan finished his conversation and then spoke.

"Alright, get on Fanfan's back. We need to go."

However, Malaka decided to use Kentucky instead.

"Kentucky got a lot more powerful. He can definitely fly with me for much longer!"

Chick!

Kentucky also showed a confident expression as Malaka mounted on his back.

Rean and Reliance could only laugh at that scene, though.

"Alright. Long-distance flights are also useful for Kentucky to get used to the skies. We will do the same thing as before. You keep flying with Kentucky. Once he gets tired, make him land on Fanfan's back to rest."

Malaka nodded and immediately took flight with Kentucky as Rean's group followed right behind with the Sky Eagle.

However, Rean noticed something different.

"I feel like Kentucky's wingspan increased quite a bit, don't you think, Elder Reliance?"

Reliance nodded, not surprised at all.

"It's like I said. Kentucky has reached the Peak Stage Two level while in the Profound Abyss. As a demon beast, the higher his cultivation, the bigger he becomes. You didn't notice it before, probably because of the Decaying Fog and that Kentucky didn't fly around. Only after reaching Stage Seven will they be able to control their body's size to a certain extent."

Rean's interest was immediately piqued.

"They can change sizes? That's impressive!"

Reliance just laughed, saying.

"Well, we are talking about Demon beasts with a power equivalent to Saint Realm cultivators. How many do you think there are? It's still something from far in the future."

Rean agreed with Reliance and returned his attention to the path ahead.

They kept flying for a day when suddenly, Reliance murmured something on Zunzun's ear. Soon after, the Fire Tanager took off, flying in a different direction.

Rean and Roan were the only ones who noticed that, though.

'Seems like the Imperial Family's interrogation caught a few people's attention. Oh well, with this guy having three Stage Six Demon Beasts, we should be fine.'

Soon after, they closed their eyes once more and ignored everything else.

Rean and Roan were right. Although no one from the Imperial Family followed or asked anyone to do anything to them, there were still a few curious ones. They were planning to intercept Reliance's group and ask what it was about. After all, they felt like they were being left behind.

Unfortunately for them, Zunzun, Lanlan, and Jinjin didn't give them the chance to even appear near Reliance's group. Around an hour later, Zunzun came back. In its beak, one could see three pouches that were even bigger than the Tanager itself. Of course, with its Stage Six level, carrying a few things like that was anything but complicated. It's just that it looked quite weird due to the size difference.

Zunzun then dropped the pouches in front of Reliance before landing on his head before using Reliance's hair as a nest. Reliance didn't seem to care anyway.

'Good job, Zunzun. Did you kill anyone?'

Zunzun immediately shook her head.

'Nope. We let them go as Master said.'

Reliance nodded, satisfied.

'That's good. We don't know which powers they are from, so it is better not to force their hands. It should also scare the nearby other powers. Our travel should be safe from now on.'

Reliance was right. Three Stage Six Demon beasts wasn't something that anyone could take care of. The majority only sent their own Nascent Soul Realm elders to bring their disciples, so they weren't the demon beasts' match. Even if there was a Soul Transformation Realm between them, it wouldn't be worth fight three Stage Six Demon Beasts at once. That was basically Reliance giving them a warning to not bother his team.

'Now then, let's take a look at our rewards.'

Reliance then spent his time looking through the items in the bags. Every now and then, he would throw something to the Fire Tanager, who would fly out in the distance and come back later. Rean knew what he was doing. He was simply sharing the spoils with his three demon beasts. Simple as that.

Kentucky's increase in power also showed itself in his endurance. When he arrived at the gathering, he could only fly for 200 kilometers at most before stopping to rest. Now, he was able to fly for over 400 before doing the same thing again. That was a huge improvement considering that only two weeks passed inside the Profound Abyss. Perhaps, Kentucky was the one who harvested the most benefits in this adventure.

Just like before, their group took another two weeks to go back to the Dalamu Sect. During this time, Calina stayed in the Soul Gem Realm without being able to come out. By now, Rean's Light Element had already dissipated, making her size and appearance go back to normal. Her white-snow hair had turned blond once again while her silver-white eyes returned to the previous blue color.

However, Calina was already feeling quite helpless. She never thought that an Orb could talk so much. It reached the point where she had to implore Sister Orb to give her a break. She also felt incredibly bored. She couldn't go anywhere near the workshop, electrical formations repository, bathhouse, or the twins' possessions. In the end, she could only train by herself in that place.

Still, she noticed something incredible about that place. Her ability to manipulate the Yin Energy in her body increased several times. It made her training a lot easier to the point where it even felt good. That was to be expected. After all, the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm has a perfect balance of Yin and Yang Energies. It was even able to create a mutation on Kentucky while he was an egg.

'I wonder if they would let me train here a few more times in the future.'

Back outside, Rean's group went up to the mountain to talk with Mia and report the travel results.

"Well, that's basically everything that happened."

Mia nodded, satisfied. Leaving the thing about the Imperial Family aside, the fact that all five of them could use the Vermilion Pools was great news.

"Alright, you guys can go back now and rest. I'll let you be duty-free for the next two weeks. As for the thing about the Imperial Family, I'll think about it later."

Weren, Tuve, Malaka, Rean, and Roan then bowed to Mia and left. Right after everyone disappeared, her eyes narrowed. Something told her that things were not that simple.

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Chapter 273: Consequences of the Communication System

That same day, Mia called Droman over. Droman had gone to the capital before to present the Electrical Communication System to the Imperial Family. After thinking about what Tuve and Weren said, she thought it would be good to confirm the situation there.

"Sorry for the delay, Sect Master. I was in a nearby city working on the Router Formations."

Mia nodded, not minding it much.

"Rean and Roan had just come back."

Droman's interest was immediately piqued. He had been using the Router Formation during this time that Rean was out. They were working as planned, but there were several things that he noticed that can be improved. He was just waiting for Rean to come back so that he could go over the ideas with him.

"That's good! Did they enter the Vermilion Pools?"

Mia smiled after hearing the question.

"Yes, all five of them and even that bird was able to use it. In the end, Rean's Light Element was also able to get rid of the Decaying Fog. I felt like the Anti-Decaying Energy Pills I had prepared for them was quite useless because of that."

Suddenly, someone knocked on the door.

"Come in."

Right after, Rean and Roan entered the room. Before they left the build earlier that day, Mia sent them a Spiritual Sense message, asking them to see her later when Droman arrived.

"Good. You are here. Droman had gone to the capital recently to meet the Imperial Family. That princess had given a Pendant to Malaka, so I thought that you might be able to talk about something."

Rean and Roan didn't mind, but they still decided to ask.

"In that case, isn't it better to call Malaka, Weren, and Tuve as well?"

Mia shook her head in response.

"There is no need. Malaka isn't the type who likes to scheme around... yet."

"As for Weren and Tuve, different from your group who really interacted with that princess, they only got to bump into that event. They probably don't know much more than that."

Mia then glanced deeply at Roan before continuing.

"Of course, that is considering what Weren and Tuve told me was what really happened and not what 'someone' asked them to say."

Roan narrowed his eyes.

'This woman is really sharp.'

Mia didn't try to pursue the matter, though. She then looked at Droman and told him everything that Rean and Weren said before.

"And that's what happened. You had been to the capital before to show the Communication System. Did you notice anything different happening there?"

Droman narrowed his eyes as he looked at Rean and Roan. How could he not understand what Mia meant with that 'someone' asking Weren and Tuve to say something else? Still, since Mia herself let it go, he wouldn't press the issue either. Droman then pondered a bit about his travel to the capital and began to speak.

"Although the Imperial Family and the nine clans are trying to keep it outside people's line of sight, I did find a few things indeed. However, all I know is that it seemed to be at most a few changes in the powers around there. What happened in the Profound Abyss might really be related to it."

Rean and Roan weren't surprised. That was already part of what Calina told them. The Princes and Princesses were fighting to see who will ascend the throne. Obviously, shifts of power would be common events.

Droman continued.

"Of course, I did not try to pry any further. Our sect is small and located in the corner of the Empire. So I did not dare look into it too deep. As soon as all the arrangements about the communication system were over, I left straight away."

Mia nodded.

"Are you sure nothing else caught your attention? Any small detail might help."

Droman pondered a bit when suddenly, something came into his mind.

"I don't know if this counts as suspicious. But once I finished explaining how the electrical communication system worked, the Imperial Family people seemed to get a lot more excited than I thought they would. I mean, a lot for real! At that time, I didn't mind it too much, thinking that they simply liked the new system a lot."

For Mia and Droman, that information didn't seem to have much use. But for Rean and Roan, that was like a bomb dropped on their heads.

'Shit!'

Rean looked at Roan and asked through the Soul Connection.

'Are you thinking about the same thing as me?'

Roan nodded.

'Yes. The most powerful weapon in war, communication! I can already see those Princes and Princesses opening all doors to have the communication system implemented as soon as possible.'

Rean agreed with Roan.

'Exactly! Now that I think about it, I believe we would have bumped into some of the Soul Gem System's hidden quests regardless. The only difference is that it probably would have nothing to do with Calina if we had taken that path.'

Although there was no guarantee, Roan also thought that the chances of Rean's communication system activating a 'Chrole War-Related' hidden quest was indeed very high. Otherwise, it wouldn't have opened one with Calina.

'Chances are that the hidden quest would be very different as well if we haven't saved Calina. Who knows? The quest that we would activate might have been something like 'Help the Empire win the war with the communication system,' or something like that. Your communication system might, in fact, have accelerated the process by several times.'

Rean sighed and nodded his head.

'If we didn't need to stop the war, we probably would get many Destiny Points from the communication system during the war. Well, I still prefer to not have a war, though.'

Roan didn't care about it and gave up thinking about what 'could' have happened. They already got a quest to help Calina become the empress, after all.

'No, wait. The quest never said that a war can not happen. Its only objective was to put Calina on the throne. That was all. This war brewing behind the scenes might still occur even if we succeed.'

Rean was taken aback for a second. Indeed. Although the quest description seemed to point to a peaceful resolution, the objective really had nothing saying about no wars.

'Do you think I should stop the development of the Router Formation? This will give us more time before the emperor is forced to make a decision.'

Roan shook his head in response.

'It's too late. Even if there was no router formation, the Empire would still work with the most common communication type. That alone is already a huge advantage. In fact, you should try to implement this much more complicated Router Formation into the projects of the Empire regardless. After all, it will take a lot longer to build a system with the Router Formations than it would without it, right?'

Rean immediately nodded.

'That's true. In that case, I will continue to develop this idea.'

As always, their soul link communication just took a few seconds, so Mia and Droman didn't notice anything wrong.

Mia then looked at Rean and especially Roan.

"Do you have anything to add?"

Roan pondered a bit before saying.

"Sect Master should be prepared for a few sudden changes in the future. The fact that the people who received Rean's communication looked so excited doesn't feel like a good thing."

"Why?"

Roan then asked a question that anyone with a little knowledge about history on earth would be able to answer.

"Sect Master, what do you think is the greatest advantage in a large scale battle?"

Mia pondered a bit, but just as she was about to answer, Droman intervene.

"Communication. Although the Electrical Communication System is not ready yet, we still have communication talismans. Of course, they are a lot more expensive and are single-time use things. Nonetheless, they are of imperative importance during those times. Our Dalamu Sect had gone to war in the past, so we know very well how important communication is."

Mia agreed with Droman. If he hadn't said that, she would definitely do so.

Roan nodded.

"I hope I'm wrong, but these pieces of information about the princess being attacked and the situation in the capital seems ominous. Especially after Droman noticed how excited they are with the Electrical Communication System. If Droman and Sect Master can understand this principle, then let alone the Imperial Family and its subordinate powers."

Of course. Roan knew very well that a war was coming. That was a fact after what the Soul Gem System and Calina said. However, it would be weird if Roan affirmed it straight at Droman and Mia's face. That being said, he had to pretend that he was only putting a hypothesis on the table, not a fact.

Mia couldn't help but comment after hearing all of that.

"A war, the communication system, the skirmishes in the capital, an attack against a princess that had nothing to do with the Profound Abyss event itself. I don't like it. I don't like it at all."

Rean added.

"Well, this is all a theory Roan came up with. Who knows, it might not happen at all."

Rean wasn't lying. There was really a good chance that such a thing would not happen if they are successful in putting Calina on the throne.

Mia nodded once again.

"Alright, I just wanted to get a picture of the situation anyway. It's still too early to decide anything. You guys can go back and do whatever you were doing before. I'll let you know if something really appears."

Rean, Roan, and Droman nodded. Right after, they bowed to Mia before leaving the building.

A few moments later, a person covered in black clothes appeared in her room.

"Send a few people to monitor the situation in the capital. Let me know if any big change happens as soon as possible. Nothing should happen anytime soon, but better be safe than sorry."

"Yes, Sect Master."

Soon after, that person disappeared.

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Chapter 274: Majorias City Once Again

After leaving the building, Rean and Roan continued their discussion.

'Sect Master seemed to be pretty sure that Weren and Tuve didn't really see anything.'

Roan nodded.

'Yes. However, Mia still believes that the princess was attacked nonetheless. In the end, it's just a difference in how it was done, so she didn't insist on the topic. She might even think that the ones who did it were us. Regardless, Profound Abyss rules stated that even the Imperial Family wouldn't have any protection, so it doesn't matter.'

At some point, while descending the mountain, Rean received a message from Droman.

'I need you to come with me to check a few things with the Router Formations. They are already working, but there are a few problems to check and improvements I want to try out.'

Rean then went to the Formations Hall, where Droman was already waiting.

"Are you ready to go? We need to look at the formations in other cities. Don't worry, we should be back soon enough as long as you come flying with me."

Rean pondered a bit before asking.

"Roan and I got a lot to digest after this last trial. I would like to stay in the Sect for the next two weeks. I hope Elder Droman doesn't mind it."

Droman shook his head in response.

"It's okay. It was too harsh to ask you this just after you come back from that place. Still, you can at least help me with the things that can be done here in the Formations Hall, right?"

Rean smiled as he nodded.

"Of course. That's why we kept one of the Router Formations built in here. You can tell me what you found wrong and your ideas about what you want to improve. I believe you had time to do a lot of those tests while I was out."

Droman sighed in relief.

"That's good then. I don't want to delay things for too long since many cities are already added to the network. The Mission Hall and other buildings already started to make use of it as well. Things are starting to pick up speed."

Rean and Droman then went ahead to work on the Router Formation. Of course, Droman didn't neglect Rean's training, so he also took the time to teach him about other Formations.

There was a reason why Rean asked for two free weeks before going out of the Sect. That's because it has already been over a year since he and Roan had entered and joined the Sect. That also meant that the next Sect Entrance Exam was about to start in a week or so. It was a very convenient moment since they needed an excuse to get Calina inside.

Roan also returned to check the things with Old Worm.

"Finished?"

Roan nodded.

"I'm pretty free now."

Old Worm then took a few notes out and passed them to Roan.

"Here are a few things I thought up of while you were out. They are all related to your use of Dark Energy during alchemy. Make sure to take a look and see what is practical for you."

Roan wasn't surprised by that. Old Worm seemed to be someone who lived and breathed alchemy. He was always reading those kinds of books and had been interested in the usage of Dark and Light Elements so far. Since Roan still had nine days until the start of the Exam, he might as well take a look into it.

The days passed in a flash. Soon a week went by.

During this time, a few things happened. The first thing was that Rean and Droman finished what they called version 1.1 of the Router Formation, which Droman immediately went out to test. The second thing was that the twins' cultivation finally finished stabilizing. With that, they could cultivate once again.

Still, Sister Orb warned them that their foundation was a little shaken because of the fast progress between the Late and Peak Stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. Because of that, they should refrain from using Spirit Stones for the next two months at least. They had to give it time to 'heal.'

Another thing was that they finished processing the medicinal properties of the Vermilion Pool. With that, their meridians also stabilized, which allowed them to see how much better they got. The same could be said for Malaka, Calina, and Kentucky.

[The results are not bad. It is the same as if you had upgraded your Spiritual Energy Absorption in the Soul Gem System Reward by one level.]

Rean couldn't help but ask.

'That means we got 5% or so of improvement. Still, considering how famous those Vermilion Pools were, this was quite a small improvement, in my opinion. Besides, shouldn't I have got a higher effect from the pool since I stayed in there for longer?'

Roan agreed with Rean.

'I also expected something better. After all, those who enter the pool are known to have a big chance of entering the Nascent Soul Realm in the future.'

[First. You find it strange that Rean's improvement was similar to Roan's even though he stayed longer inside the pool, right? However, there is nothing odd about it. Rean's body was already extremely compatible with Yang Energy, which was abundant in the Vermilion Pool. Naturally, improving even more wouldn't be easy. To use a metaphor, think about an experienced fighter and someone who had never fought before. Once they start training combat, which one of them will have the most significant improvements during the same time?]

Rean and Roan understood what Sister Orb meant.

'I see... that's why Roan was capable of improving the same 5% while he stayed less than half of the time inside.'

[Exactly.]

[Next, let's talk about why the Vermilion Pool is famous. You guys are not wrong. The problem is, this small improvement was only for the two of you. The others did really get a much higher benefit from it. Calina, for example, got a whole 20% or so of improvement in her Spiritual Energy absorption. Malaka's improvement was probably even greater.]

Rean and Roan were taken aback. Isn't that a considerable difference between them?

[Before you ask, the reason for that is because both your bodies have been nourished by the Soul Gem System ever since you were born. You always had the purest Yin and Yang Energies in your bodies. Not to mention that you cultivate by exchanging Elements with each other, so you get nourished by the other part. Simply put, there wasn't much there to be improved to start with.]

[Did you forget? Your Foundation's Spiritual Pools are already significantly larger than other cultivators at your level. However, you two still can cultivate faster than them? Why is that? That's not just the Soul Gem Cultivation Manuals' effect. Your own bodies, especially the meridians, have always been much better than others. What Malaka and Calina experienced was basically a 'catch up' to your levels.]

Rean couldn't help but sigh.

'It feels like we didn't get much from this adventure and even got a huge burden instead.'

Roan agreed with him.

'Indeed. Still, no point in complaining now. Let's enter the next topic.'

With only two days remaining before the Sect Entrance Exam, there was one thing Rean and Roan had to do. They quickly arranged everything and furtively left the Sect without anyone noticing. Rean got even better with his Bending Light and Spiritual Energy abilities, so Roan didn't need to piggyback him anymore. As long as he stayed beside him, that was enough.

As for Kentucky, the Minokawa was finally starting to become more independent. With that, Rean could now leave it at the Beast Taming Faction for them to take care of. He or Roan just had to make sure to appear there once every few days so that the chick wouldn't feel restless.

With that, Rean and Roan sped to Majories City. At their cultivation level, what took them ten hours before, now only took four at most. Soon, they passed through the city gates.

"Alright, Roan. Let me just go to the Zafa Bank take my part of the payment for the Steel Weapons. After that, I need to quickly pass by the Jamariz Weaponstore to check the things. We can do what we came here for once I finish these things."

Roan didn't mind it.

"In that case, I'm going to rent a room in the hotel."

Rean then asked.

"Can you find a room available? The Sect Entrance exam starts in two days. Everything should be full now."

Roan nodded.

"Don't worry, I just need to show our Sect Emblem, and they will arrange it for us. There won't even be a need to tell who I am."

"Oh, that makes sense. Majorias City is just beside the Sect, after all. It would be weird if they didn't have a few rooms reserved for Sect Members."

With that, Rean and Roan separated to do their own things.

Rean was already used to all the process, so he didn't take too long to get his payment and pass by the Jamariz Weaponstore. Everything was working pretty much fine, so Rean quickly arrived at the Hotel that Roan found. With their Soul Link, Rean had no need to ask where Roan was going. He could always tell where he was.

However, Rean wasn't empty-handed. In his hand, he had quite a few products he had never used before.

He entered the room, just to see Roan waiting for him.

"I got what we needed. Did Sister Orb check the room already?"

[Yes. There is indeed a formation to prevent Spiritual Senses from prying inside. It is working pretty okay as well.]

Roan nodded.

"That's to be expected. Dalamu Sect is just too important for Majorias City. They definitely treat all its disciples as best as they can."

Roan then looked at Rean.

"Just to be sure, check it yourself once more."

Rean nodded.

'Life Style, Fourth Form, Hidden Radar.'

Instantly, Light Element gathered around Rean. With that, he could perceive any possible Spiritual Sense. The higher the cultivator's level, the easier it would be.

Rean smiled before turning the skill off.

"We are fine. There is no Spiritual Sense entering the room."

Roan nodded.

Vup!

Suddenly, Calina appeared inside the room out of nowhere. Rean and Roan had finally brought her out of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

"Phew... It's good to be out again. Where is this place?"

"It's a Hotel in the city beside the Dalamu Sect. The Sect Entrance Exam always starts here."

Calina nodded. She already knew that they would use the Exam to put her inside.

"Isn't it two days away from it?"

Rean nodded.

"Yep. However... we can't have you participate in it with your real face, right? It's time for an image change."

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Chapter 275: Calina Needs a New Identity

"Eh? What do you plan to do?"

Rean looked at Calina, puzzled.

"Isn't that obvious? You can't simply appear at the exam with blond hair and blue eyes, don't you think? I went to a beauty shop and bought everything. I didn't expect that women here had so many of these things. The only thing I didn't find were pads."

Calina was the one puzzled now.

"Pads? What are pads?"

Rean then explained.

"That thing you girls use during your periods. After all, you can't just let the blood flow down on your legs, right?"

Calina's face immediately went red.

"Oh, right! Since you don't use pads, what do you use exactly? I can go out and buy it for you. Or could it be that you simply use some folded cloth and wash it up later? If you use a different name for it, let me know."

Surprisingly, Roan had his own opinion.

"She's a cultivator. Couldn't she simply hold it there with Spiritual Energy until she goes to the toilet?"

Calina was getting even redder.

Rean looked at Roan and pondered a bit.

"Well, that's true. But wouldn't it be uncomfortable? Besides, you can't keep track of it during a battle, right?"

Roan narrowed his eyes. He had to admit that Rean was right.

"Now that you said that, none of the women we battled or saw battling before started to bleed between their legs during it. I doubt that they would be able to keep it in there during such savage clashes."

Rean agreed with him once more.

"Perhaps all the women try to prevent doing battle during their periods?"

Roan shook his head.

"That would be too complicated. Doesn't that mean that they would have a weak moment every time it happens? I doubt they would do so."

Calina finally couldn't hold it back anymore.

"Shut up! Shut up! Shut up! What the hell are you even talking about? Just leave the women's problems to the women, okay? Don't worry, we do have our own... 'products'... for these occasions. I have some in my bag too. Just don't talk about it anymore!"

Rean and Roan looked at each other and then back at Calina.

"Well, if you say so. Anyway, since you aren't planning to get pregnant anytime soon, there is no need to care about it now. Let's see what else I have here."

Calina felt helpless in that situation.

"Alright. I got a few things that can change your hair color. You will inevitably catch a lot of attention with your Peak Foundation Establishment Realm cultivation, after all. Blond hair is definitely out of the question."

Roan agreed with Rean.

"The ones who saw you in the Profound Abyss event also know that you have long hair, so we will have to cut it."

"Eh?! I need to cut my hair?"

Roan nodded.

Rean then asked something else.

"What about her blue eyes? It's not like we can dye that either."

Roan pondered a bit before saying.

"Different from blond hair, blue eyes are not all that uncommon. It should be fine, no? If someone really asks, she can say that it was a side effect of her cultivation manual. After all, she does have Water Element Affinity. Plenty of cultivation manuals bring some changes to the users' bodies too. Just in our Sect, I saw one purple, two yellows, and even one red pair eyes. I refuse to believe that those people were born like that."

Rean nodded. He couldn't use his Light Element change on her anymore since it would turn it into silver-white. The problem is that it could be perceived with a strong enough Spiritual Sense. Not to mention that if he wasn't close every day, it would eventually go back to the same blue color.

"What about her face?"

Roan nodded.

"Leave it to me. Even though her face won't change, once I'm finished with the rest, even her mother would have difficulty recognizing her."

Roan then looked at Calina.

"Well, let's start."

Roan took the bag from Rean and put Calina on a chair. Calina wanted to stop that, but Roan didn't let her. Unsurprisingly, Roan was really good at that. Well, the guy could use almost any weapon, so scissors wouldn't be anything hard for him. In the end, Calina got a pretty well-made short haircut. Of course, not short enough to be like a man's. Roan stopped at Calina's shoulder length. Still, compared to her old one, that was indeed a lot shorter and different.

Calina summoned a water mirror in front of her and was surprised. Roan's haircut job was excellent. It was to the point that she really liked the end product.

'Isn't he a little way too skillful at everything? Is there anything he can't do?'

Roan then took a few more products from the bag Rean brought and prepared a dark mixture. But before applying to Calina's hair, he asked Rean.

"How good is this thing? Can it hold in there for long?"

Rean shrugged his shoulder.

"Well, the lady in the beauty shop said that as long as you don't dye it with some other color, it definitely won't come out. According to her, this thing is a recipe from the alchemy guild. It doesn't really dye the hair. Instead, it permanently changes the color on the insides. Only when her hair grows again from the root will it come out as her natural blond one. That being said, she will have to dye her hair every now and then for her blond hair to not appear on the base."

Roan nodded.

"That's good enough. Since it really changes the hair color itself, it shouldn't be noticed even with Spiritual Sense."

Just like that, Calina began to be treated by Roan. In the end, she looked like a completely different girl. Even her eyebrows were changed into a dark color as well.

Finally, Roan took a better look at Calina from head to toe, which made the girl a little flustered.

"Alright. This should be enough."

Rean, who had been waiting on the side, then tossed another bag to Calina.

"You and Malaka have basically the same sizes, so I bought several clothes similar to hers. We can't let you use those special ones from the Imperial Family, after all. There are a few pants and bras there as well. Take a look inside and see which ones you want. I'll send the rest inside the Dimensional Realm."

Calina nodded and quickly left the room to try them out. She would definitely not change in front of them as Malaka did.

Rean and Roan then changed the topic as they waited. It didn't matter how embarrassed Calina might get. In their eyes, she was nothing more than a kid.

"The problem here is her Peak Foundation Establishment cultivation realm and background."

Rean nodded.

"I asked her before, and she has a blue color aptitude. It is a very good one, but not enough to bring her to this stage without a backer."

Roan pondered a bit before saying.

"The Sect Entrance Exam age limit is under 14 years old. We can have Calina tell that she is almost 14 but not there yet. The sect's test can only tell if someone is below 14, not their actual age. She has been well trained since she was a kid, just like Malaka. Her body has developed enough for others to not doubt it."

Rean agreed with him.

"That would have given her almost two extra years of cultivation in everyone's eyes. Although hard to believe, it is still possible for someone to reach this stage with a Blue Color Aptitude and this age. Malaka only got that far so soon because she has the full support of the Sect Master, after all. We just need a backer now."

Rean and Roan got stuck at that point. Jialin is just too weak compared to the countries close to the capital. It's too hard to find someone like Calina in this place.

Calina finally came out of the room, already wearing the new sets of clothes.

"I've always used the clothes given to me by the servants in the Imperial Family. Somehow, it feels quite uncomfortable."

Rean nodded.

"That's to be expected. You don't think that the clothes bought in a cheap shop would be on pair with your normal ones, right?"

Calina nodded.

"It's okay. I quite like them since I've been using the Imperial Family ones for a long time. It feels refreshing to change it a bit."

"By the way, is there anything else I need?"

Rean then sighed before saying.

"The main problem now is your background. We can't think about one good enough to explain your high cultivation."

Calina heard that and then laughed.

"Hahaha! That's not a problem at all. We just need to go to Zafa Bank, and it will be arranged."

Rean and Roan's interest was immediately piqued.

"How so?"

Calina then explained.

"Well, there are several times when the Imperial Family or its experts don't want to be identified. Because of that, we have a partnership with the Zafa Bank to help us with fake identities. They give you everything. Background, reason, etc. All I need to do is show my token of the Imperial Family."

Roan narrowed his eyes.

"Wouldn't that attract the attention of the Imperial Family in the capital? After all, you were supposed to be dead."

Calina shook her head.

"Everything has to be kept secret. Unless I cause a massive problem for the Zafa Bank itself, they will not report it back. That's part of the agreement made between the Imperial Family and them to prevent the fake identity from being found. It should be safer than any excuse you guys might come up with."

Rean and Roan looked at each other and nodded. If such identity requests are really not reported, then that is indeed their best option.

"Very well. Then, let's go there."

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Chapter 276: Joining the Sect

The process was more straightforward than Rean and Roan thought. Calina first requested a private room and then called the Zafa Bank Branch supervisor in Majorias City. As soon as she showed her token, the Supervisor understood what kind of background she had.

He wasn't afraid of the token not being genuine. Anyone caught trying to fake the Imperial Family token would not have a good ending. It was to the point that all relatives would be affected as well. The Empire put very high importance on this topic too.

After that, they just had to wait a few hours. Not long after, the Supervisor came back with a bunch of papers containing all the background that Calina could work with. Their service was so good that even if the Dalamu Sect sent someone to check, they would really find a 'family, friends, story, etc.' Well, the Imperial Family was a very lucrative partner to the Zafa Bank, so they really took it seriously.

In the end, Calina's name temporarily changed to Illia Zafin, a young girl from the Fosc Country. Her background was quite a prominent one, which explained the resources necessary for her actual cultivation. She was sent to travel through the countries on her own to experience life, just like all the young members of the 'Zafin Family' did. As one can imagine, she decided to enter the sect for the time being out of 'necessity.'

This part wasn't a lie. There was really an influential Zafin Family in the country of Fosc. And thanks to the Zafa Bank's help, now they also had registries of a black-haired blue-eyed girl called Illia in their ranks. That's just how good this service was. Not many know, but the Zafa Bank can even arrange for someone to join the Shadow Reapers as a member, if necessary.

Soon, Rean, Roan, and Calina came out of the bank.

"See? My father is a prince of the Empire, but at the same time, he works with Empire's Bureau Office. He had used this service of the Zafa Bank several times in the past to investigate frauds. All princes and princesses in the Imperial Family aren't allowed to simply live there, doing nothing. They have to work and prove that they are worthy of carrying the family's name. It would also be the same for me once I become 15 years old."

Even Roan was quite impressed by that. It was quite a complicated system for a medieval world like this one. His opinion of the Imperial Family increased a little as well. The great majority of the Royal, Imperial, or similar powers he saw in his previous life would simply use the 'blood' excuse to keep enjoying their status. Only a few between them would run the family, leaving the rest free to do whatever they wanted.

"You are not as helpless as I thought. Oh well, it is mostly thanks to the system that the Imperial Family put in place, though."

After that, Rean's group returned to their hotel again, where Calina began to memorize all the details of her 'new' identity. Rean and Roan took a look at it as well, just to be sure. They weren't afraid of anyone coming to look for them since they warned Hulian about it. It's just that they didn't tell where they were going.

For the next two days, Rean's group did not leave the hotel. They stayed there cultivating or other things. Since Calina already knew about the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, they even let her enter it again, where Roan forced his training methods on her. Fortunately for Calina, Roan didn't go all out. He wanted to leave her in top condition for the exam, just in case.

Soon, the Sect Exam entrance arrived once more. Rean and Roan left the hotel earlier to not be seen with the girl. Even when they went to the Zafa Bank, they kept Calina's head covered so that others wouldn't see her appearance. That way, no one would relate them to her once she appears.

"Do you think everything will be okay?"

Roan shrugged his shoulders.

"No idea. If worse comes to worst, we can talk directly with Mia. Let's go back to the sect. It would be weird if we suddenly decided to watch the Sect Entrance exam."

Rean nodded.

"By the way, who is overseeing the exam this time?"

"It's Zaia, the Inner Sect of the Blue Orchid."

Rean was quite surprised by that.

"Her? That's quite a coincidence. She definitely won't let a girl like Calina go and will use her first pick chance to get her."

Roan didn't mind, though.

"That doesn't matter. Do you remember Malaka's case? Zaia would still use her own methods to get Calina for herself. The fact that she is overseeing the exam just means that she won't have to pay anything for it."

Rean had to admit that Roan was right.

"Well, that's true."

Back then, everyone could have contended for Malaka. Still, Zaia got her into her Blue Orchid Faction with ease even though the other elders also wanted her.

It didn't take long for the exam to start after that. As everyone expected, just seeing Calina and her Peak Foundation Establishment Realm caught everyone's attention. After all, only those under 14 years old could participate in it. The guardians of each of the kids warned them to not get in her way at any cost. If possible, it would be better if they could ally themselves with her.

Quite a few young boys tried to talk to her, just to be ignored completely. Calina couldn't care less about all of that. In her eyes, only Rean and Roan could speak at the same level as herself in this place. Zaia also noticed Calina in the middle of the participants and was taken aback. If it depended on herself, she would have immediately brought that girl into the sect.

However, she knew better than to do so. With such a talent and cultivation, that girl would have no issues whatsoever to pass her exam. There was no need to incur others' evil thoughts by allowing her to enter through the backdoor.

No surprises appeared in the first part of the exam. Calina ended being the first place with an overwhelming advantage. Once the Affinity and Aptitude Tests began, the age test before them proved that Calina was indeed under fourteen years old, much to Zaia's delight.

Calina mentioned before that her Aptitude was at the Blue Level, which was confirmed during the test. Zaia wasn't sad by that, though. If Calina turned out to have a Red Color aptitude, the Core Elders would definitely have stepped forward to take her for themselves.

The next one was the Elemental Affinity Test. Roan warned Calina about her Cultivation Technique before that, though. It could increase her body's concentration of Yin Energy and allow its use. If she went all out in the Elemental Affinity Test, she would far surpass any of her peers. That being said, Roan told her to hold back. Calina, of course, followed Roan's orders there. Her Elemental Affinity Test lit up eight Affinity Orbs. Malaka, for example, lit seven during her time. However, Malaka was younger and had lower cultivation. Nonetheless, that was an excellent number already.

Finally, it was the practical exam that Zaia prepared for them. It was a group exam, just like Hulian did in the past. In the end, Calina carried her group members to the end. When the time came to pick up the member of each faction, no one was surprised that Zaia picked Calina straight away. Other than her, Zaia only got another three girls for her Blue Orchid Faction.

Of course, Zaia called Calina over on that same day to ask about her background, reasons to be here, etc. Calina then followed the entire script, saying that she was almost 14 years old. As part of her family's tradition, she came here to experience life and would only stay for a few years before going back. Since she had to live on her own efforts, she might as well join a local sect to acquire the resources she needed. It was then that she found out that the Dalamu Sect had its own Entrance Exam approaching. In the end, here she was.

Zaia felt somewhat sad to know that this girl would still go back to her country after some time. Nevertheless, having a strong girl like her in her Blue Orchid Faction would be a good thing to stimulate the actual members there.

She was offered to enter the Spiritual Rebirth Formation, just like Malaka. However, Calina refused, saying that she already received a similar treatment back in her home. A second time would make no difference for her. It wasn't a lie. If a faction in the Dalamu Sect could use such a thing, then the Imperial Family would surely have something like it as well. Theirs was even better, in fact.

Soon, the news about a super talented foreigner joining the Blue Orchid Faction spread. That same day, Rean and Roan went to see Malaka and made sure she wouldn't spill the beans. She could continue to be friends with Calina, but she had to call her Illia while in the sect, be careful of not showing that they knew each other already, and things like that. After some time, they could go back to normal except for

Calina's real name. It would basically look like Calina and Malaka met for the first time again in the sect and turned friends after some time.

With that, everything was settled down. Finally, Rean and Roan could pay attention to their own things once again.

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Chapter 277: Time for Upgrades

While Calina went through the steps to set foot in the Blue Orchid District, Rean and Roan had once again returned to their rooms. They had been holding back until now, but they could finally enter the next step on their schedule.

Soon, the twins disappeared from the rooms, entering the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

[So, are you finally ready to select something?]

Rean and Roan nodded.

What else could it be if not the free upgrade they got after successfully resisting the Universal Restraint?

[Let me warn you first. You can't wait to use the free upgrade. As soon as the system rewards open, it will only accept the free upgrade, not Destiny Points. Only after you buy something with the free upgrade will you be able to use Destiny Points again.]

Rean and Roan didn't find it strange.

"See? I knew it wouldn't be that good. The upgrades' price will keep rising. How could the system allow us to use it for the really expensive ones?"

Roan agreed with him.

"That's okay—better this than nothing."

Rean then turned in Sister Orb's direction before asking.

"Sister Orb, can you calculate the number of Destiny Points we made during the time we were out?"

[Sure, give me a se-]

[Hey! Are you insinuating that I forgot to do that?]

"You didn't?"

[...]

[I'll be done with it in no time.]

A few seconds later, Sister Orb's voice echoed in their minds again.

[Alright, the Destiny Points from the communication system is picking up speed. The Empire's Capital probably began to build it around their territory on a big scale. There is also Droman and the Router Formation that he is testing now. All of those changes together gave you two another 748 Destiny Points in just a month and a half. As for the steelworks, it has finally reached a cap. You got only 17 points from it, and it's not going to generate anything anymore. In total, you got 765 Points.]

[You already had 1502 Destiny Points before. However, the system used 1000 to resist the Universal Restraint, so you were left with 502. In the end, you now have 1265 Destiny Points available for use.]

Rean's eyes lit up.

"That was excellent! It was a lot more Destiny points in a smaller period than before. It seems like the communication system was really the best option for Destiny Points at that time. I have a few other

ideas about getting more Destiny Points, but I will not go for it now. I don't want to risk activating another hidden quest while we are dealing with this one."

Roan nodded.

"That's a good choice. It seems like the flow of Destiny Points from the communication system will continue to increase too. Not to mention that I can't feel the cap of this side approaching either. Let's leave it at that."

After saying that, Rean and Roan touched Sister Orb before sending their Spiritual Energy and Sense inside. Obviously, they were opening the reward system.

[Tiger Bones - 500 Destiny Points] Bought

[Spiritual Sense Absorption Upgrade Level 2 - 1000 Destiny Points]

[Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade Level 2 - 800 Destiny Points]

[Yin Yang Bathhouse - Reward from Destiny Strugglers Title]

[Soul Connection Range Upgrade level 2 – 1500 Destiny Points] (300km)

[Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop - 400 Destiny Points] (New)

[Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop Upgrade Level 2- 1000 Destiny Points] (New)

[Soul Gem Electrical Formations Repository Upgrade Level 2 - 1000 Destiny Points] (New)

Rean was straight to the point.

"To be honest, I think we should simply buy what will save us the biggest number of Destiny Points. The Soul Connection Range Upgrade is our best choice for the Free Upgrade."

Roan thought the same thing.

"We already have Destiny Points to buy other things. Let's go ahead with your idea."

[Soul Connection Range Upgrade level 2 – 1500 Destiny Points] (300km)

[Hosts' Destiny Points: 1265]

[Note: Selecting this upgrade will instead use your Free Upgrade point.]

[Confirm Purchase?]

"Yes."

[Purchase Confirmed.]

[Soul Connection Upgrade Level 2 Started.]

The Soul Connection between Rean and Roan always happened through the Soul Gem Orb. That being said, the Soul Gem Orb began to shine with White and Black Light as soon as they confirmed the upgrade. At the same time, Rean and Roan felt the Black and White threads connecting them to the Soul Gem Orb. They could tell that their connection with the Soul Gem Orb had become a lot clearer and stronger.

Fortunately, the Soul Connection did not give them any pain. The Soul Gem Orb continued to shine for another ten minutes or so before finally stopping. Now the twins could go as far as 300 kilometers away from each other without breaking the link while allowing them to use the Soul Gem System perks.

[Alright, you two. The upgrade is complete. Do you want to upgrade anything else?]

"Of course! Since we have enough Destiny Points, we might as well go for it."

[No problem. Which one will it be?]

There was one upgrade that had left Rean and Roan curious for quite some time already. The Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade Level 2! They had asked Sister Orb what it was in the past, but she said she couldn't tell them since she wanted it to be a surprise. Since then, it had been stuck there.

"Should we go for it? There are quite a few practical things like the Spiritual Energy Absorption Upgrade Level 2 or the Repository and Workshops."

Roan pondered a bit and nodded in the end.

"I think we should. We are already getting quite a few Destiny Points anyway, so we should just go for it. Sister Orb seemed quite excited when she talked about the 'surprise' that it would bring as well."

With that said, Rean and Roan finally decided to upgrade the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

[Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade Level 2 - 800 Destiny Points]

[Hosts' Destiny Points: 1265]

[Confirm Purchase?]

"Yes."

[Purchase Confirmed. Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade Level 2 Started.]

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Chapter 278: New Dimensional Realm Ability

Suddenly, the world around Rean and Roan blurred. Rean and Roan could tell that something was happening, but they couldn't really tell what.

"Sister Orb, is everything okay?"

[Don't worry, the System is just making the changes. Wait a bit.]

Rean and Roan nodded as they waited for whatever was happening to be over.

Even though Sister Orb told them to wait a bit, the fact was that the transformation took over four hours to be over! They tried to go out during that time, but it seemed like they got stuck inside the Dimensional Realm during that time as well. Finally, when they started to think that something might have gone wrong, the world around them began to return to normal.

The blurred images in front of them disappeared as the new Dimensional Realm showed its true face. Immediately, the twins noticed the first and most significant change to it. The Dimensional Realm had a range limit. Beyond that point, there seemed to be a dark wall. Even if they tried to press forward, they simply couldn't move ahead anymore.

However, that Dark Wall now changed. Instead, a few ripples of Silver Light could be seen appearing and disappearing. That wasn't all. The Dimensional Realm's size itself increased as well. Before, it was around 50 or so meters in radius. With the Alchemy Workshop, Bathhouse, and the Electrical Formations Repository, it was feeling a little cramped already. But now, it doubled in size.

The buildings had always been close to the 'dark wall,' and it was not different now. That meant that the buildings were moved together with the expansion of the Dimensional Realm.

Lastly and the most eye-catching, a formation appeared right at the center of the Dimensional Realm. Rean looked at that and could see that the Electrical Circuitry introduced in the Repository was also used to build it. It was the first time Rean saw a Circuitry Formation in real life. However, it was just way too complicated for him to understand. There were hundreds of runes and paths that he couldn't make heads and tails of.

"Sister Orb, is this a new feature of the Dimensional Realm?"

[Exactly! How is it, do you like it?]

Rean and Roan looked at it, not knowing what it was for.

"Can you at least explain to us what this Circuitry Formation can do?"

[Oh, right! This is the Formation responsible for saving return points.]

"Return... points?"

[Yes. You will love it! The Dimensional Realm can now mark places where you can use to teleport back. For example, suppose you mark your rooms as a return point. In that case, you can go out, enter the Dimensional Realm, and then use this Formation to teleport right back into your rooms! Amazing, right?]

Rean and Roan's eyes immediately lit up!

"Indeed. Such a thing would be extremely convenient. It's not like the other teleport formations that are static. We can bring our Dimensional Realm anywhere we want. Not to mention that we would leave no traces behind."

"By the way, do we need to charge it with Spirit Stones?"

[You need to. After all, it's a Circuitry Formation. Not only does it use Spiritual Energy, but it also uses Electricity. Of course, as a Circuitry Formation of the Soul Gem System, it is not as expensive as common teleport formations. That's why it can teleport you from much further away with a smaller cost.]

Rean nodded but also thought about something else.

"I understand. However, in our Dalamu Sect, most of the teleport formations used can't teleport someone more than 50km away. The only Long-Distance Teleport Formation available can reach 1000 kilometers at most and is fucking expensive. Believe it or not, you need Rank Four Spirit Stones for that! As far as I know, it wouldn't be used unless extremely necessary. Even if the Soul Gem Circuitry Teleport Formation uses less Spiritual Energy, it is bound to be expensive just for Roan and me, no?"

[Seems like you aren't studying formations for nothing. Perhaps, you can become the most brilliant student Harvard has ever seen. Hahaha!]

"Shut up! Don't bring bad memories to the surface. Just answer my question."

[You are right, it is costly. The Circuitry Teleport Formation only operates with Rank Three Spirit Stones or higher.]

"Rank Three or higher? How is it cheaper than the standard teleport formations then? Those teleport formations that send others a few tens of kilometers away can even be charged with Rank One Spirit Stones, you know?"

[I'm not lying. It is a lot cheaper. What you are forgetting here is that you are not teleporting within the same Dimension. It's different from the teleport formations outside. Once you enter the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm, you enter a different dimension for real. You should be happy that it can at least follow you around and charges nothing for you to enter it.]

[Anyway. What I mean is that teleporting you two between dimensions is what makes the teleport cost this much. If you used standard formations, let alone Rank Three Spirit Stones, perhaps even Rank Four wouldn't be enough.]

Rean nodded.

"I see. Then I guess it is already good enough. By the way, that's not the only limit, right? How far can we teleport, and how much would it cost?"

[Correct. You need a hundred Rank Three Spirit Stones every one hundred kilometers. Also, the limit is limited by the Soul Connection Level.]

"You mean the Soul Connection Upgrades? Does it mean that we can teleport back to the saved point as long as we are within 300 kilometers?"

[Yep. As long as you use 300 Rank Three Spirit Stones, you can teleport back to the saved point from 300 kilometers away.]

[Oh, one more thing! The limit for Rank Three Spirit Stones is a thousand kilometers. Once your soul connection surpasses this limit, and you decide to teleport back from further away, you will need Rank Four Spirit Stones.]

Rean and Roan nodded. Their Soul Connection Upgrade was only 300 kilometers anyway. There is no point in thinking about over a thousand kilometers now.

"Anyway, although we can't use it all the time, this is indeed a great feature. Is there a limit to how many saved points we can have?"

[There is. Your Soul Connection is at level 2 now, so you can have 2 saved points. At level 3, you can have 3. I think you understand how it goes.]

"Yes. What about changing a saved point?"

[Once you reach the limit of saved points, you can add a new one. However, the Circuitry Teleport Formation will not be able to hold the coordinates of the oldest saved point anymore. Simply put, get rid of one to get a new one.]

Rean and Roan didn't mind that. All they knew was that this feature was really convenient and life-saving. They might save a point outside dangerous places and then use it to go back. The Profound Abyss was an excellent example of it. Of course, the Profound Abyss extended for much further than just 300km, but it would still be very useful nonetheless, depending on the circumstances.

"Alright, should we save one point in our rooms straight away?"

Roan nodded.

"Indeed."

The twins then exited the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and immediately contacted the Soul Gem System.

[Saving a Coordinate will cost 100 Destiny Points.]

[Confirm Purchase?]

Rean and Roan's mouth twitched.

"Well... fuck!"

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Chapter 279: Savage Roan

'Sister Orb, why didn't you tell us about the price for the save points?'

[Teehee!]

A vein popped out of the twins' head, but they took a deep breath. They needed to wait for a day where they could be stronger than the orb. Only then could they teach it a lesson.

"Whatever. Having one coordinate saved in the Sect is definitely a must. Let's do it."

[Purchase Confirmed.]

[Saving Coordinates.]

Out of nowhere, something that looked like a green cube appeared in mid-air. As Rean looked at it, he could see the several tiny runes and the circuitry engraved on it. Without a doubt, it was a very advanced Circuitry Formation.

The Formation then began to interact with the space around it. Right after, the cube began to descend slowly. However, it did not touch the ground. Instead, it looked as if it was entering an invisible portal. The space around it rippled as if a stone was thrown into a calm lake. Finally, it completely disappeared from Rean and Roan's visions. There was simply nothing else in there anymore.

[Coordinates Saved.]

"Good. Now we have a way to come back if necessary. Too bad it can only reach 300 kilometers."

"It's okay. We might as well save Destiny Points to buy the next level of Soul Connection."

'By the way, is the next level already available, Sister Orb?'

[Yes. As soon as you bought the last one, the new one took its place.]

[Soul Connection Range Upgrade level 3 – 5000 Destiny Points] (3000km) (New)

Rean and Roan almost fainted.

"5000 Destiny Points! Holy shit!"

"However, it will also increase the range to 3000 kilometers. I guess it makes sense that it became this expensive."

"Still... Just how long will it take to accumulate 5000? Should we really wait that long and buy nothing else?"

Rean's words made sense. Considering how fast they were getting Destiny Points, it would probably take at least half a year before they had enough.

"Leave it. Besides, we don't have Rank Four Spirit Stones to use the Formation beyond 1000 kilometers anyway. Let's focus on the other attributes for the moment."

Rean agreed with him.

"Our next priorities should be the Spiritual Energy Absorption Level 2, the Alchemy Workshop, and the Electrical Formations Repository. Even putting all their next level upgrades together, they aren't as expensive as the Soul Connection."

Having reached that decision, Rean and Roan finally got over with the upgrades from the System Rewards.

"Roan, Elder Droman asked me to go out with him for a few days to check the Router Formations at work. I have no choice but to go since I need to see them. Are you tagging along so that we can keep cultivating, or will you stay behind?"

Roan pondered a bit before saying.

"I'll stay behind. Next weekend will be the first time I will enter the Blue Orchid District since the Profound Abyss. It's part of the agreement with the girls there to help them with their doubts about the Death Style. I will also take the chance to test Calina out. Besides, we can't use Spirit Stones to cultivate yet since our foundations have been shaken. We might as well keep cultivating slowly with natural energy while you are out."

Rean nodded, not minding that much.

"Alright. I'm going back to the Formations Hall. Oh, right! Keep an eye on Kentucky while I'm out. Don't turn him into fried chicken, please."

Roan snorted in response.

"Can't guarantee anything."

Sure enough, Droman returned to the Sect after three days. On the fourth, he and Rean left the Sect with several elders of the Formations Hall. Everyone knew that Droman took Rean as 'disciple,' so none of them found it weird at all.

As for Roan, he stayed in the Sect doing several things. He fought his way up in the Inner Sect, reaching as far as the 412th position. However, his progress became a lot harder from there onward. There were only Middle Stage or higher Core Formation Realms in there. Not to mention that those at the middle stage were geniuses above the average level. There was one Late Stage guy called Sulino, who Roan was not able to defeat in the end.

Although it was difficult, Roan was still delighted with that. The outer sect disciples simply couldn't pose a challenge for him anymore. Finding those experts in the Inner Sect was really a treasure in his eyes.

He also continued to practice Alchemy under Old Worm's tutelage. He was making his way to becoming an Earth High-Level Alchemist. Rean was already an Earth High-Level Blacksmith, so he couldn't possibly be worse.

Finally, the day to train the girls in the Blue Orchid District arrived once more.

Roan then went on the stage where he usually bullie- ahem... trained the girls and looked at the small crowd. Julio and Lenna were there. Last but not least, Roan found Calina almost instantly. From the looks of it, she had been keeping her appearance as mentioned.

He didn't see Malaka there, but he knew it wasn't because she avoided him. Instead, Sect Master Mia was most likely taking care of her as always. Roan knew that Mia was an excellent Master since he saw Malaka's improvement during the Profound Abyss, so he wasn't concerned.

Everyone was feeling nervous, even Amanda herself. Back then, Roan was behind her in cultivation by three stages. However, he had already caught up to her while Amanda still hasn't advanced into the

Core Formation Realm. Even Malaka was quickly approaching. How could she not feel pressured? Not to mention 'Illia,' who also had a Peak Foundation Establishment cultivation and was a lot younger.

Roan didn't pay attention to the girls and Julio for long, though. Instead, he lifted a bunch of papers in his hands while showing a cold smile. Seeing that, everyone around felt a chill on their backs.

"Now then. Here are the papers I got which are related to the missions you took while I was out. I believe none of you have forgotten my words, right?"

All the girls nodded their heads vigorously, Julio and Lenna even more so. Roan had told them that he would check how they performed after he returned. Those who did not reach his expectations... well... they could only hope that it wasn't the case.

"Before that, I can see four new faces in the crowd. Are these the new members that joined the Sect after the Entrance Exam?"

One of the new girls nodded as she stepped forward. Still, she couldn't understand why everyone was feeling so afraid of Roan. As far as she saw during the past few days, the girls here never act like that in front of the other disciples outside. There were plenty of them who were even in the Core Formation Realm, but her sisters still behaved as if there was nothing to be impressed about.

It was bizarre. Even a few of her sisters literally began to tremble once Roan started to look into the papers. There were quite a few sisters here with the same cultivation as him, so why all the hustle? For some reason, none of her sisters wanted to talk about it, nor did they warn about this 'training' day.

"I'm Fanalia Luan. Peak Energy Gathering Realm. Brother Roan, how come you can enter the Blue Orchid District, but the elders don't stop you? Shouldn't it be the elders who are going to train us instead?"

Roan nodded, not finding it at all strange that the new girl had her doubts.

"Simply put, your elders' training methods suck! That's why I'm here."

Elder Zuna's mouth twitched. She had long since found out about this gathering. Still, Zaia Shinsuo, the Inner Sect Elder leader of the Blue Orchid Faction, told her and the other elders to not stop it. In the end, they had to admit that Roan was just too good with weapons and detecting flaws, let alone as a teacher, so they accepted it in the end. Especially since it looked like no one outside the Blue Orchid District knew about it. Neither Rean nor Roan had ever gone around telling others about it. Or, to be more specific, it seemed like they didn't give a damn!

She found out that Roan began to do those training sessions every week as part of a trade between him and Amanda. Since it was a fair deal for both sides, she more or less accepted it.

Still, Roan's mouth was just too sharp. He never held back. She wanted nothing more than to go up on stage to teach the kid a lesson, but she knew better than to act on that impulse. First, even if Zuna wins, just how much older was she? Second... Roan was fucking strong. Elder Zune was the outer sect elder of the Blue Orchid District with the highest cultivation, Peak of the Core Formation Realm. Yet, she wasn't absolutely sure if she could take him on.

Fanalia was also shocked that Roan said it right in front of the other elders. Still, even though they showed dark expressions, none of them said anything. Well, it was confirmed that Roan's mouth was like that, but his methods were the real deal. Their disciples really improved a lot every time he came by. They had to keep telling it themselves, or else they would all attack him together.

"Now, get back. Let's start this shit."

"Let me see here..."

"Juliana Agars."

One of the Sisters on Falania's side suddenly trembled more than the others.

"Y-yes!"

Roan looked through the report of her last mission and nodded his head in the end.

"Your results were not too shabby. For you, it will be the regular beatin- ahem... training. Come up!"

All the girls and Julio felt like crying.

'He was about to say beating, right? Right?!'

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Chapter 280: First Time Lessons

Bang!

Suddenly, Julio was sent flying back like a cannonball.

In the exchange just now, Julio thought he had blocked Roan's skills perfectly. He even prepared a follow up since Roan's sword was locked with his spear. But he didn't expect Roan's body to rotate all of a sudden and use his leg to send him flying!

"You fixed the spin of your hands while brandishing the spear. That was very good. Still, you kept paying attention to my weapon alone. Did you forget that I have a body? Use everything available to you, don't forget it."

Cough... cough...

Julio then vomited some blood as he got up. Nevertheless, he was happy. For Roan to praise how he used the spear correctly was quite a big deal. After all, Roan rarely ever let out a compliment.

"Thanks. I'll think more about it."

Most of the girls looked at Julio with some envy in their eyes. Especially Lenna, who was always together with him.

"Hmph! I will definitely get him to recognize me next time."

Julio shrugged his shoulders.

"So what? I got it now. Hahaha!"

Lenna was also not in great shape either, showing that she also had her 'special time' in the arena with Roan.

Roan ignored their conversation and looked at the small crowd of girls. It was then that his eyes paused on Calina.

"You are the new girl everyone was talking about, right? Come up already."

Calina nodded as she took a deep breath. She was trying to act as if she didn't care about the training. However, after seeing how Roan didn't hold back at all, it was quite hard to keep her composure.

"I'm Illia. I just joined the Blue Orchid Faction."

Roan shook his head in response.

"I don't care. Come at me already with everything you got."

Calina couldn't help but get angry.

'When will this idiot start to treat me like a princess? No, he wants me to be the empress, couldn't he be more gentle then?'

Unfortunately for her, that was just wishful thinking.

Calina then concentrated on the spar as Water Element gathered around her. It was a lot stronger this time since she recovered the Yin Energy she lost against Valeu. The temperature dropped as she initiated her attack.

'Southern Ice Wave!'

A wave of Water Element that froze the air came from Calina, covering Roan's surroundings. That was one of the applications of Yin Energy and Water Element, attacks of the Ice attribute.

Roan wasn't using his White Star. Instead, he kept the same wooden sword as always. Because of that, he had no support from the Light Element since Rean was also not around. Still, Roan had no need to suppress his cultivation since Calina was in the same realm as him.

'Death Style, First Movement Form, Shadow Steps!'

Roan then became a shadowy blur as he sped up to Calina. Shadow Steps was a skill that Roan came up with during the Profound Abyss. To be more specific, he learned the principles behind it during a fight against one of the Decaying Demon Beasts.

The Decaying Demon Beast was called a Shadow Kurian. It was a type that looked like a humanoid but walked with four limbs. Most of its body was made of Decaying Energy. The impressive thing about it was how it could merge with the Decaying Fog in the surroundings, making it almost indistinguishable.

Roan became quite interested in that ability, so he and Rean didn't defeat it straight away. Instead, Roan had Rean work with him to lock the Decaying Demon Beast down. It forced the Demon Beast to use that ability several times in a row during the battle.

Finally, Roan noticed that it wasn't really merging with the Decaying Fog, but the Decaying Energy in the fog instead. Decaying Energy had a small concentration of Yin Energy in it, which Roan used to analyze the beasts' movement. Finally, he came up with the idea of using his own Dark Element to fuse with the shadows around. It was easier said than done, though. Only recently was he finally able to use it, and this was his first time trying it in battle.

Roan's Spiritual Energy covered his body to fend off the freezing energy as he appeared in front of Calina like a ghost.

'Death Style, Third Form, Three Claws of the Dragon.'

Of course, Calina was still a princess who received top-notch training.

As soon as the three swords appeared, a sphere of water appeared around her body.

'Water Prison!'

'Reverse!'

The Water Sphere then instantly expanded, forcing Roan to recall his attack. Right after, several spikes came from above, aiming where he was exactly.

'Glacial Icicles!'

Roan looked at that and gave a slight nod.

'Now that she has recovered all of her Yin Energy, her attacks became a lot better. Changing her attacks into solid ice also increased the attack power. However...'

'Death Style, First Energy Form, Shadow Bind!'

All of a sudden, several shadow-like vines materialized in mid-air and locked the Glacial Icicles. It was really hard to believe that. After all, Calina had summoned over 10 Glacial Icicles at once. Of course, Roan was able to bind all of them just as they were about to reach him. Just how crazy was Roan's control over his own element to do such a precise movement? Not to mention that he was doing it while her Southern Ice Wave was active!

"If they were Water Icicles, I wouldn't be able to bind them."

Calina looked at Roan with a surprised expression. Unsurprisingly, she quickly recovered and continued.

"I'm not done yet."

Water Element began to converge as she prepared her next attack. As long as she could keep Roan far away and her Southern Ice Wave active, Roan would eventually run out of energy. However...

"No. It's already over."

Roan's voice sounded just beside her ear, which sent a chill all over her body. Calina tried to cast another Water Prison around herself, but it was too late.

Bang!

With a kick, Roan sent Calina flying out of the arena. Calina didn't understand what happened. Roan was several meters in front of her, holding the Glacial Icicles with his Shadow Bind. But suddenly, he was behind her. How did that happen?

"The Water Prison in reverse was a good choice. You really forced me to retract my attack. However, you grew complacent, certain that I had fallen into your scheme. Because of that, you didn't even notice when I used my technique to fuse with the shadows and left that clone behind. Your Spiritual Sense was focused entirely on that, leaving an opening on your back."

"Your mistake was not only that, but the fact that you didn't have a countermeasure in case you were ambushed is also a problem. Can you guarantee that you are fighting a single enemy? You fight using Spiritual Energy Skills, no weapons included. Naturally, you have nothing to help you defend against a sudden close-range attack. You are also losing a good opportunity since you could use it as bait to get rid of the enemy."

Roan then went back to his position before saying.

"Come up again. Your techniques are a lot more varied, so I need some time to devise something for you. Especially since you are not a weapon user."

Calina gritted her teeth and got up again. This time, she would not commit the same mistake. Yet...

Bang!

She was sent flying out of the arena even faster than before.

"Are you taking me for an idiot? To think you would try to use the same Water Prison trick in front of me. Ridiculous!"

This time, when Calina used the Water Prison and Reverse, Roan used his Shadow Bind to lock himself in place. Calina didn't think that Roan would take the Water Prison's Shock head-on, so she was taken by surprise once again. That was more than enough for Roan to send her flying once more.

'What kind of monster is he? He only needs to see it once and can already make my strategy useless.'

Still, Calina had a lot of pride as the princess of the empire. She once again ignored the pain and went up the arena.

Bang!

"Again!"

Bang!

"Again!"

Boom!

"Again!"

Even the girls and Julio outside were already feeling pity for her. For some reason, Roan seemed to be paying a lot more attention to this new girl. Well, most of them thought that it was because of her cultivation and talent, which were obviously the best between them all. Even Amanda lost to Calina when they sparred for the first time.

It wasn't before Calina was sent flying seven times that she finally couldn't stand up anymore. Roan really didn't care about genders. He always kicked at the best possible point that would assure his victory. That meant that even Calina's chests had a foot mark on it. Well, they weren't that developed due to her age anyway.

"That's enough."

Calina was the last girl in the group today, so Roan came down from the arena right after. He then went to a corner where there was a table and began to write something on a paper. A few minutes later, he gave it to Calina.

"I'm very sensitive to Yin Energy, so I can tell that you also rely a lot on it. I marked here the mistakes I noticed you doing while controlling the Water Element and Yin Energy. Also, the problems in the path of meridians that you used. Pay close attention to it during this week. I left a few things that I think might be of good use during your Yin Energy and Water Element cultivation. Try to follow this training schedule and tell me next week if it worked."

It's not that Roan didn't want to devise training for Calina before. However, she had told him that she needed time to recover her entire Yin Energy. Only then would she be able to show her real potential. Roan was waiting to see her fighting with her full potential. He had to admit, the training she received before from the Imperial Family was quite good.

After that, Roan turned around and left. But not before leaving a warning through Spiritual Sense Message.

'This is just the start. If you really want to become a candidate for the throne, things will only get harder. You better train since your life truly depends on it.'

He would not hold back. He could not hold back. He will make Rean, Malaka, and Calina's life as hard as possible to squeeze out all of their potentials. But it was then that he thought.

'Now that I think about it, I don't remember the last time Nightingale complained about training. Oh well, that's even better.'