

Death 31

Chapter 31 - Yin Yang Soul Gem

That night, Rean and Roan returned to their room after dinner. After that, they quickly took out their Spirit Stones and looked at each other.

Roan then decided to talk first.

"The 104th meridian might be weird. No one knows about it. Also, our meridians are in opposite directions as well. My own is on my right shoulder blade."

Rean nodded.

"As for mine, it is in the left shoulder blade. Let's try to open it without using Spirit Stones first."

Roan pondered a bit and nodded.

"Let me try it first. If something happens, call Alanda over."

Rean didn't mind and let Roan do as he pleased. Since he wanted to take the risk first, then so be it. Besides, it doesn't change the fact that it is just an extra meridian. There shouldn't be anything wrong with it.

Roan then gathered spirit energy from heaven and earth and directed it to the 104th meridian. However, nothing happened. The meridian didn't even budge, let alone start to open. Roan tried several more times to no avail. He reached the point to accumulate as much Spiritual Energy as possible and strike the meridian's entrance. Still, the results were the same.

"That's no good, it doesn't open at all!"

Rean then attempted to open his own. Just like Roan, he tried it several times, but they all ended in failure. In the end, he could only give up as well.

After some time, Rean looked at the Spirit Stones on the ground and asked.

"Could it be that we don't have enough Spiritual Energy? What if we use the Spirit Stones to give us a boost?"

Roan immediately shook his head.

"It would be okay if the meridian was opening, and we didn't have enough energy. But that was not the case. The entrance simply didn't move at all. This is not a problem with not having enough Spiritual Energy, but something else."

Rean pondered a bit and then said.

"We know that this last meridian has something to do with the White and Black Orb connecting our Souls through those White and Black Threads. We just need to understand what we are lacking to force them open."

Roan nodded and pondered about this issue as well.

Suddenly, he had an idea.

"When you look at this orb, what do you think?"

Rean pondered a bit.

"White and Black, Light and Dark..."

It didn't take long for Rean to understand Roan's meaning.

"Balance!"

Roan nodded.

"It does make you think like that, doesn't it? It's like Yin and Yang, the perfect balance. So let's try to open both Meridians at the same time. Also, leave your thoughts open so that we can be more precise while trying it."

Rean accepted the idea.

"As much as I don't like it, I will do as you said."

Roan snorted.

"The one who doesn't like it is me, but It is still better than being stuck in the Body Transformation Realm forever."

The two of them opened their minds and let their thoughts go through. At the same time, they gathered the Spiritual Energy of Heaven and Earth before directing it to the two meridians. Sure enough, the meridians showed signs of opening for the first time. Seeing that made the twins ecstatic, but it also perturbed their balance of Spiritual Energy. Because of that, the meridian closed right after.

"Shit! Again!"

Rean and Roan then restarted the process and didn't get distracted by the changes. However, it was easier said than done. As much as they tried to keep balance, they would fail in the end. Some times Rean used too much energy. Other times, Roan was too late with the accumulation of Spiritual Energy.

Three hours later, both Rean and Roan were drenched in sweat. They couldn't help but gasp for air. Still, they understood that it had nothing to do with the other. It was simply too hard to keep such a balance. Besides, the two of them missed the point several times, so it would be meaningless to start accusing.

Rean and Roan might not like each other, but they are two grown-ups, after all. They wouldn't start a fight since both of them were making mistakes.

"This is hard as hell!"

"Indeed. The only good news is that it doesn't seem like we need the Spirit Stones to open them. So we can leave the Spirit Stones for later."

"There is no other choice, we can only keep trying more and more. At first, we couldn't keep the balance for even a minute, but we can do that for at least 5 now."

"However, we only reached around 10% of the time we need from what I can feel. Is there really no other way to keep the balance?"

"Stop complaining and let's do this. It might take some time, but it is not like we are lacking it to start with. If anything, we are far ahead of any other kid of our age."

Rean smiled gloomily, but they started again.

The next morning, Rean and Roan went to class, looking like two ragged dolls. Hamarlia asked if they didn't want to stay home for the day, but they refused. They needed some time off after an entire night of tries.

Time passed, and another week went by. This night, Rean and Roan had been able to keep the balance of Spiritual Energy for over an hour already! The two meridians were already over 90% open, needing just a little to open completely.

Rean and Roan knew that they reached a critical juncture, so their concentration increased even more! They didn't dare to slack at the moment.

"Almost!"

"Almost!"

Finally, the last meridian was opened! Rean and Roan smiled brightly! An entire week of effort was paid off in the end. But just as they were about to get up, something unexpected happened.

The Spiritual Energy of the Heaven and Earth started to flow like crazy into those two specific meridians. They soon noticed that those meridians were not connected to their body, but with the White and Black threads connecting their Souls to the White and Black Orb.

However, they noticed that there wasn't enough spiritual energy. Their 104th meridians started to shake as if they were about to close again. Seeing that, Rean and Roan were frightened!

"Spirit Stones, grab your Spirit Stones!"

They reached under their beds and immediately took the Spirit Stones out. The Spiritual Energy inside the Spirit Stones started to rush into the last meridians, then into the White and Black Threads, finally reaching the White and Black Orb of Light.

It was at this moment that they heard.

[Energy Source Detected.]

[Exiting Hibernation Mode.]

[Initializing Soul Gem System...]

[Soul Gem Type Received an Unexpected Upgrade During The Last Reincarnation.]

[Analyzing New Soul Gem...]

[Soul Gem Type Not Available On Database.]

[Soul Gem Is Now Temporarily Renamed as Yin Yang Soul Gem.]

[Synchronizing Soul Gem System With Upgraded Soul Gem Type.]

[Process: 1%...]

Chapter 32 - Breakthrough

Rean and Roan looked at each other, puzzled.

"What is this thing? It sounds like a machine."

Roan shook his head.

"I've never heard about anything like that before. There was no such thing back in our Universe either. A machine that can connect Souls? Soul Gem System? I have no idea what this thing is. First of all, is it even a machine?"

[Process: 15%...]

Rean and Roan changed their focus to the White and Black Orb. Other than the two of them, no one else could see it. It was easy to see the Spiritual Energy of the Spirit Stones rushing inside. However...

"We don't have enough Spirit Stones, what should we do? If it continues like this, our meridians might close or even get damaged."

[Process: 37%...]

In just 10 minutes, more than half of their Spirit Stones already turned into dust.

"No other choice, let's rush to Alanda's house and beg. Grab the remaining Spirit Stones, and let's go. Once he sees how much Spirit Stones is rushing inside us, we might be able to convince him."

Roan had to admit that there was no other place at the moment. Sure, Juri was also an option, but it would be hard to reach his house without being stopped. Unfortunately, they don't have time to discuss it with others.

Rean and Roan rushed out of the room and went through the house's exit. Hamarlia saw the two leaving in a flash, but only shook her head before sighing.

"I wonder what kind of bet they made this time."

The people who saw Rean and Roan running were surprised by their speed. They didn't know that kids could be this fast. Even the warriors on the way gasped at that since they weren't any faster.

"Aren't those Rean and Roan? Where are they going this fast?"

"Probably to Alanda's house. After all, he is the one in charge of this year's kids. Still, was it me, or they were absorbing Spiritual Energy like there was no tomorrow?"

"You saw that too? I noticed that they were holding Spirit Stones as well. I hope they are not wasting it since Spirit Stones are hard to get."

Rean and Roan only took 5 minutes to arrive at the Tribe Vice Leader's residence. Without even asking the guard in the front, they rushed inside.

"Hey, stop there, brats!"

Too late, Rean and Roan were no slower than him!

Ren and Roan barged into Alanda's living room and found him reading a few documents on the table.

"Brats, just wait until I get you."

Alanda looked at Rean and Roan with a puzzled face. But right after, he noticed the ridiculous amount of Spiritual Energy rushing into them.

The guard arrived right after and was just about to grab them when Alanda spoke.

"Leave them be, also, go outside."

The guard didn't understand why Alanda wasn't angry but followed the orders nonetheless.

"Yes, Tribe Vice Leader."

The guard soon disappeared, leaving only Rean and Roan with Alanda.

"What is happening with you two? What is all this Spiritual Energy?"

Suddenly, Rean and Roan knelled on the ground.

"Tribe Vice Leader, please help us! We need spirit stones urgently; otherwise, our meridians might get damaged!"

"What?!"

Alanda was Taken aback. If it was anyone else, he would have kicked them out already. However, seeing the crazy amount of Spiritual Energy entering their bodies and the Spirit Stones in their hands, he found it hard to not be shocked.

"What have you done?"

Rean and Roan looked at each other and nodded.

"We opened our 104th meridian, and then this happened."

Alanda thought that he heard it wrong.

"104th? What 104th? There is no 104th meridian! Are you making fun of me?!"

Rean and Roan immediately shook their heads.

"It is true. If Tribe Vice Leader wishes, you just need to check our bodies."

Rean and Roan had no other choice other than saying that. Of course, they kept the White and Black Threads and the Yin Yang Soul Gem out of this conversation. After all, only they could see it anyway. The only thing that Alanda would be able to feel is their extra meridian.

Sure enough, Alanda touched their bodies and sent a wave of Spiritual Energy inside. After that, he used his Spiritual Sense to see the lightened meridians. As hard as it was to believe, there were really 104 meridians in the twins' bodies!

[Process: 53%...]

By now, Rean and Roan were almost without Spirit Stones.

Alanda noticed that they weren't joking. He gritted his teeth and disappeared from the living room. Just a few seconds later, he brought another hundred Spirit Stones!

But before Rean and Roan could reach it, Alanda warned.

"After this is over, you will follow me into Juri's house and explain everything, including this abnormal intelligence of yours."

Rean and Roan didn't mind. They knew that Juri and Alanda noticed that they were not ordinary a long time ago. It was just that both sides decided to play dumb until now.

"We agree."

Alanda then passed 50 Spirit Stones for each one of them.

"I hope 50 Spirit Stones are enough. Also, you better be prepared to work extra hard to pay for all of them."

Rean and Roan didn't mind. They could simply keep taking first and second place for all those class activities later. Sooner or later, they would compensate for the amount.

[Process: 71%...]

[Process: 87%...]

[Process: 100%...]

[Soul Gem System Initialized.]

[Beginning the Analysis of the hosts' bodies... completed.]

[All Meridians Currently Opened.]

[Initiating Breakthrough.]

Rean and Roan looked shocked at each other.

"Are we going to enter the Energy Gathering Realm just like that?"

But before they could react, the breakthrough started.

[Yin and Yang Dantians Construction Initialized.]

Alanda looked at Rean and Roan and saw a sight that he would never forget. The twins' meridians started to shine, and he could see all of them in their bodies without the need for Spiritual Sense. Each canal was brightly lit.

Rean's ones shined with white color while Roan's were black.

Suddenly, at the place where the Dantian was located, one White and one Black Dantian began to form. Obviously, Rean had the White Dantian while Roan had the Black one. But the issue was that even Alanda could see it happening.

As the Dantians were formed, the brightly lit meridians also started to move inside their bodies, connecting with the Dantians Perfectly. The only thing that didn't move was the entrance of the meridians, which continued the same.

That was a sight to behold!

Chapter 33 - The Truth... Partially

Usually, when a kid starts to cultivate, they would keep their Spirit Stones until they reach the peak of the Body Transformation Realm. Few of them would use Spirit Stones before that since you will need a lot of Spiritual Energy to create your first dantian. That is what is happening precisely with Rean and Roan at the moment.

Of course, there is an enormous difference. Rean and Roan were almost at the peak of the Body Transformation Realm to start with. Because of that, they did not have enough time to accumulate the Spirit Stones. Thanks to that, they were forced into this situation. The worst part is that the Soul Gem System initiated the Breakthrough on its own!

That's correct, a breakthrough is usually initiated by the cultivator. Rean and Roan were planning to first pay the Spirit Stones and then get a few more before going ahead with the Dantian Construction. With no other choice, both of them had to concentrate on the Dantian Formation Process. After all, since the system only forced its initiation, it was up to Rean and Roan to build it.

If not for the sight of the Dantians and Meridians appearing through Rean and Roan's bodies, Alanda would definitely be fuming now. It was evident that the Twins didn't have enough Spirit Stones for the Breakthrough, so they were basically forcing his hand into getting even more for them. Still, Alanda couldn't confirm if it was on purpose or not, so he greeted his teeth once more and brought out another hundred!

Rean and Roan noticed that and couldn't help but feel thankful to Alanda. They are really helpless at the moment. Everything was going in a direction that they haven't planned before.

To say that the Soul Gem System wasn't doing anything wouldn't be entirely correct either. The system was responsible for the change in Rean and Roan's Dantians.

A normal Dantian would usually be pale golden. The further you went into the Energy Gathering Realm, the stronger the golden color becomes. Only when one advances to the Foundation Establishment realm will the lack of luster disappear and the Dantian become fully golden.

Obviously, Rean and Roan's Dantians are completely different. One was Pure White, while the other was Pure Black. Alanda had never heard anything about different Dantians Colors. Of course, he had never heard anything about Black and White Aptitudes, nor a 104th meridian. The twins were simply a mystery!

[Yin and Yang Dantians Process: 35%, 53%, 74%, 91%, 100%]

[Dantians Formed Successfully.]

Finally, Rean and Roan let out a sigh of relief. But just as they were about to get up and thank Alanda, the system called them out again.

[Energy Gathering Realm Achieved.]

[Updating Reward List...]

[Update Completed.]

[Soul Gem Dimension is Now Open For The Hosts.]

Suddenly, Rean and Roan felt like some information was poured into their minds.

"Soul Gem Dimension? Is there such a thing?"

The Twins looked at each other and were shocked. Everything that happened so far went against all they knew. Still, Alanda was right in front of them, so they would need to care about it later.

"Tribe Vice Leader, thank you."

Alanda finally came back to himself.

"Alright, you two will come with me to the Tribe Leader's House."

Rean and Roan grimaced and then followed Alanda. Before getting there, Alanda didn't ask any questions. Finally, they arrived at Juri's living room. Not long after, Juri appeared on the other side and called them over.

"Come with me, this is not the place for us to talk."

After passing a few doors, they arrived at a room that looked like made of entirely of stone. The twins followed Juri and Alanda inside before the door closing behind them.

"Alright. Alanda, tell me what happened. For you to ask to bring them into my cultivation room, it must be something really important."

Alanda nodded.

"It goes like this..."

As Alanda explained what happened, the more surprised Juri's face became. In the end, Juri's surprised expression changed into one of shock! He looked at Rean and Roan as if they were some kind of monsters.

"Just what are the two of you? And don't come up with an excuse. I know very well that you are anything but Kids."

Rean and Roan pondered how they should explain this. It would be hard to believe that they came from another Universe. First of all, do Alanda and Juri even know what the Universe is? They had no idea!

"I guess I have no choice other than explaining from the start."

Rean then explained that they were indeed not Kids. Of course, Alanda and Juri already suspected it since a long time ago. It's just that they had never touched this topic.

Rean then said that they reincarnated without losing their memories, which greatly affect Alanda and Juri.

"I know about Reincarnation. There are legends saying that when a cultivator achieves a high enough realm, they will be able to brand their souls to prevent the loss of memories. Of course, I have never seen or heard about anyone who did it. Does it mean that the two of you were strong cultivators before?"

Rean and Roan immediately shook their heads.

"I don't know about Roan, but I was nothing more than an ordinary human with no cultivation what so ever."

Roan pondered a bit and added.

"My story is a lot more complicated than Rean, but I was no cultivator either. First of all, in our previous life, this thing that you call Spiritual Energy didn't even exist."

If the fact that Rean and Roan are reincarnations was shocking enough, hearing that their previous world didn't even have Spiritual Energy left Alanda and Juri dumbfounded!

Rean then continued.

"Anyway, we went through the Reincarnation Path without losing our memories. We reached this place by mere coincidence too. We didn't choose it. To be honest, I would prefer to go back to my own world straight away, and so would Roan. Unfortunately, we have no idea how to do so."

Rean and Roan left a lot of information out. They didn't say that Roan was a Death Spirit, nor did they tell about the Yin Yang Soul Gem. It didn't seem like they would know about the Universe, so they didn't comment about it either.

Juri sighed and then spoke.

"Simply put, although you have your previous life memories, none of those memories would help you in the cultivation world."

Rean pondered a bit before saying.

"I wouldn't say that they would be useless, but I really can't find a good use for them at the moment."

Roan nodded as well. His job was basically to guide the souls into the Reincarnation Path. His previous abilities were also related to this job. Because of that, his knowledge isn't all that useful either.

The twins then looked at the silent Juri and Alanda. Whatever they say will decide their future.

Chapter 34 - New Job

Clap!

With that, Juri got up and said.

"Alright. Although I can't confirm if you are telling the entire truth, I guess I can be satisfied with what I heard. Now I confirmed that you aren't really kids. At least, not in your mind. Besides, you could have told some other lie, like you came from a powerful Sect or something like that. But you didn't, you made it clear that you at least trust our Tribe that much. That is already good enough in my eyes."

Juri's expression then got severe.

"I only ask you one thing, do not betray the Tribe. We have done a lot for you, so I expect you to reciprocate."

Rean sighed in relief.

"That is, of course, not a problem. After all, this is our new home too. Mother and Father also live here, and they like this place. Compared to the majority of the other Tribes outside, our own is a paradise already. At least for ordinary people."

Roan agreed with it too.

"I can't say that I have a lot of affection for this place as Rean, but I know how to pay favors. So you can count on me as well. Just be aware that there will come a day when I will leave this place."

Juri nodded. He already knew that Rean and Roan wouldn't stay here forever. Not to mention that he already has a plan for both of them.

"Great. Now, let's talk about how you are going to pay for all the Spirit Stones you used."

Rean and Roan already had a plan to deal with it too.

"It is okay. As long as we keep taking first and second places in the classes, we will eventually compensate for what we used today."

Alanda and Juri's mouth twitched.

"Do you even know what the word shame means? Do you really expect me to keep you two competing against a bunch of Kids at the start of their cultivation path? You are two adults, not to mention that you are in the Energy Gathering Realm. No way in hell I will keep you together with them!"

Rean and Roan looked away as if it had nothing to do with them.

Juri, on the other hand, had a better idea.

"No, we should definitely keep them together."

Alanda was taken aback!

"Isn't it way too unfair to do such a thing with the other Kids?"

Juri nodded.

"Of course it is, but if we take them out of the classes and start giving other tasks, everyone will find it too suspicious. Don't forget that they already caught a lot of attention with the Elemental Affinity Test. I don't want to increase the number of eyes on them. That being said..."

Juri looked at Rean and Roan with an evil smile.

Seeing that, they felt a chill on their backs.

The next day morning, Alanda went on the stage in front of the class and brought Rean and Roan together.

"Let me introduce your two new teachers. Rean and Roan."

The Larks Twins looked at all the kids in front of them with a gloomy expression. It turned out that since they are still in their kid's body, Juri thought that it would be a lot better if they were to help Alanda to teach the children. Kids often pay a lot more attention to their peers than adults. Juri felt that it was the perfect opportunity to bring the most of this situation. Having a whole model would help others improve a lot faster.

The kids, obviously, got surprised by that.

Seeing that their attention was caught, Alanda smiled and continued.

"Rean and Roan will be responsible for teaching you how to write and read. Also, they will help you during the fight lessons, correcting the mistakes you do. You can also go to them when you have other questions when we are not in class."

Without any other choice, Rean and Roan started to help Alanda with this batch of kids. It turned out that it was harder than they thought, though. Sure, the kids would pay more attention to them, but they also didn't take Rean and Roan seriously and would often run away. Because of that, the twins had a hard time keeping the kids in check.

Alanda, of course, was enjoying their suffering.

"Hahaha! Aren't you smart? How come you can't even teach a bunch of kids? I tell you this in advance. If they make no progress until the end of the month... your debts will not reduce."

Roan couldn't help but sigh.

"Well, at least it is not like we are losing Spirit Stones either. Let's take it slowly. Sooner or later, they will understand that it is important."

Rean nodded.

"It's not like we gonna die because they can't learn anyway."

However, Alanda already expected that they would be thinking like that.

Alanda had been keeping an eye on the twins ever since the assassination event 5 years ago. So he could be said to be one of those that know them the most after their parents and the two protectors.

"Also... I will tell your mother that all Desserts shall be suspended until you have shown results. I'm sure she will agree with the words of the Tribe Vice Leader... me!"

After hearing that, a dark and white aura started to spread from Rean and Roan.

"No... dessert?"

Boom!

Two tables in front of Rean and Roan were smashed by their hands. As Energy Gathering Realm cultivators, a simple wooden table was way too weak to resist their fists. Obviously, all the kids immediately looked at them with fear in their eyes.

Rean and Roan looked at the kids and pointed to the Field.

"The fighting class is starting earlier today. Everyone will come with us, and those who delay..."

They took a piece of the broken table each and smashed it with their hands.

"Will become just like those tables."

All the Kids had terrified expressions on their faces. In the next second, they all rushed into the Field.

Rean and Roan then started to give their lessons with a lot of 'passion.' While they were at it, they were especially harsh with the kids that were messing the most during the writing and reading class. Whether it was a girl or boy, it didn't matter. They showed no mercy!

What followed was several cries from several kids who couldn't take it. However, Aland did not intervene. It is not like he is against spartan teaching methods to start with. Besides, the ones who were doing it were another two 'kids,' so it should be fine.

By the end of the class, all the kids looked at Rean and Roan as if they were demons. Several of them had red eyes from crying too much, but the demon twins didn't care at all, so they had to swallow their tears in the end.

Rean and Roan then prepared a writing and reading homework for the class.

After distributing the paper, they looked at the other kids with a cold aura and said.

"Those who don't finish this homework by tomorrow will have their fighting lesson extended by two times."

Yes, they heard it right. The fighting classes would continue. None of them would be able to escape. But those two didn't finish their homework, would have it twice as hard!

Once they heard that, fear appeared on their faces. Not a single one delayed, and they all rushed back to their homes. This class was bound to become the most diligent one that the Varen Tribe has ever seen!

Chapter 35 - Two Halves

That night, Rean and Roan finally got some time to take a look at the Soul Gem System. Or to be more exact, into the Soul Gem Dimension. Previously, the Soul Gem System sent them some information on how to enter it. They just had to focus on the Soul Gem and wish to enter at the same time. Yes, it couldn't be helped, they had to do it together as well.

Finally, the Soul Gem activated, and Rean and Roan disappeared from their room. The only thing left behind were their clothes. Sure enough, other than Rean and Roan, nothing else could come with them.

It only took a second for them to appear in the Soul Gem dimension. Obviously, they noticed the other side naked body but ignored it completely. After being forced to bath together thousands of times by their mother, they simply couldn't feel care anymore. Instead, they started to look around.

The dimension turned out to be very small, no more than a few meters from one side to another. It was also almost empty except for the ground and a Black and White Orb at the very center. Rean and Roan nodded at each other and moved closer.

But as soon as they gave the first step, the system voice appeared in their minds again.

[Hosts detected.]

[Hosts Authority Level: 01]

[Awaiting Orders.]

Rean couldn't help but comment.

"It looks like some sci-fi movie, don't you think?"

Roan nodded.

"Still, it doesn't look like a machine at all."

Rean then touched the orb, but nothing happened. He pondered a bit and then sent some Spiritual Energy inside. This time, the orb answered.

[One Host Detected.]

[Awaiting Next Host.]

Roan understood and touched the orb before sending his Spiritual Energy inside too.

[System activated.]

[Please Select An Option.]

[1- Reward List]

[2- Information]

[3- Weaponry]

[4- Missions]

Rean and Roan looked at each other and immediately selected Information.

[Please State Your Question.]

Rean took a deep breath and asked.

"What are you?"

[This is the Soul Gem System. This System is responsible for helping and guiding the hosts during their cultivation path.]

"What is your objective?"

[Connect the two halves of the Universe.]

Rean and Roan were taken aback.

"What do you mean with two halves?"

[Hosts Previous Universe is only half of its whole. The Universe that hosts are present at the moment is the other half.]

It would be one thing if Rean didn't know about it. But even Roan (Death) had never heard about it before. One must remember that Roan had lived for countless years in the previous Universe and enjoyed a high status. Still, even he didn't know that his former Universe was only half of a whole.

"Well, that is considering that what this thing is telling is the truth."

Roan then looked at the orb and asked.

"How did the Universe get split in two?"

[Users' authority level is too low, access denied.]

Rean and Roan finally understood why there was an authority level.

Rean then asked something he had been curious about all this time.

"How come you appeared inside my Soul?"

[Host was selected at random. There were no requisites for the selection.]

'That was quite plain...'

"Was it you the one responsible for my lack of emotions during my previous life?"

[Host is correct. In order to keep the Soul Gem as clean as possible before reincarnating, the Host could not be allowed to have emotions.]

Rean's eyes narrowed.

"Why?"

[Emotions would affect the Soul Gem, which could severely impact its ability to save memories.]

"Then why didn't you activate before? Do we really need to come here to do that?"

[The process was necessary. The previous Universe has lost its capability of generating Spiritual Energy, which is essential for the Soul Gem System to work.]

Roan, on the other hand, was more preoccupied with the Universe Unification thing.

"What will happen if we don't Unify the two halves?"

[The two halves are approaching the breaking point. Once the threshold is surpassed, both Universe's halves will be sucked into a singularity. Everything will be compressed into this point, a new Universe shall be born from scratch. All actual existent life will cease to exist.]

Rean and Roan were shocked to hear that.

"Doesn't that look like the Big Bang Theory of your Earth?"

Rean nodded.

"Still, is such a thing possible?"

Roan shook his head.

"I don't know, I haven't been there at the start. But I can't say that it is all a lie from everything we have seen so far."

Rean then thought about something else.

"Wait. If that is the case, why did you bring us here? Wouldn't it have been better to simply select someone in this half of the Universe?"

[Authority Level is too low, access denied.]

"It seems like there is a big secret behind this choice as well."

Roan then asked another question.

"What is the level of authority necessary to unlock those answers?"

[Authority Level is too low, access denied.]

Roan's mouth twitched.

"I can't even know how much I need? Fuck you!"

Rean pondered a bit and then suggested.

"What if we deliver this orb to some strong cultivators' Sect? They should be able to do a lot more than the two of us can. Truth be told, I don't want to get involved in this mess."

Roan couldn't help but nod as well.

[Warning! Soul Gem Removal will provoke the Hosts' deaths.]

[Warning! Soul Gem System detected that Hosts are not willing to help.]

[Soul Gem Detachment Started, Initiating search of new Hosts.]

Roan and Rean felt a chill on their backs.

"Cough, cough. I've always thought that I wanted to save the Universe. Now look at that, my chance is finally here!"

Roan nodded vigorously.

"I've always wanted to be a hero. Which hero hasn't saved one or two Universes before? You can count on me, yes, definitely!"

[Search of new Hosts canceled. Detachment Process Stopped.]

If one looked closely, they would be able to see drops of sweat falling from Rean and Roan's faces.

"Errr... so... What should we do then?"

[Hosts' power is too low. Hosts must increase their cultivation level first.]

Rean and Roan nodded.

"What level of cultivation do we need?"

[Analysing...]

[Lack of Information. The System can't determine the cultivation realm necessary.]

The twins sighed and then made a few more questions. In the end, some could be answered, others needed a higher level of authority.

"Anyway, let's take a look into the reward list."

[Access Denied, Authority Level is too low.]

They finally started to get annoyed.

"What level is necessary to open the reward list?"

[Authority Level 2 is necessary to open the first rewards.]

Rean and Roan's eyes brightened. At least they know the level to open the list this time.

"Do we need to complete a mission to increase the Authority Level?"

[Correct.]

Rean and Roan then select the Mission Option. But surprisingly, there was only a single mission available. It would be okay if it was only that, but...

[Mission 01 - Increase of Brotherly Affection]

Immediately, Rean and Roan's expressions went dark.

Chapter 36 - Sister Orb

"Is this really a mission?"

[Correct.]

"Brotherly... affection?"

[Correct.]

"Me and him?"

[Correct.]

"Now?"

[Correct.]

"For example?"

[A hug.]

Suddenly...

Boom! Pow! Bam...!

Rean and Roan started to kick the Soul Gem Orb without mercy!

"Brotherly affection, my ass!"

"Who the hell will hug that guy? I'm in this situation because of him to start with!"

[Action is Necessary.]

Boom! Pow! Bam...!

[Hosts must understand that onl-]

Boom! Pow! Bam! Crash!

[Hosts...]

Boom! Pow! Bam! Crash! Poing!

[Fuck you! You wanna fight? Then we will fight!]

Out of nowhere, the Orb took flight and began to crash against Rean and Roan! But above all, it now had a woman's voice!

"It can fly?"

Too late, though. Rean and Roan didn't have time to think about anything else.

Boom! Pow! Bam! Crash! Poing!

It didn't take long before the twins were full of round purple marks. If the Soul Gem Orb hadn't held itself back, they definitely would have a few bones broken. Even their Initial Stage of the Energy Gathering Realm was not enough to contend against it.

[Is that all? Come on! Weren't you the braves ones just a moment ago? What happened to your guts?]

[Ah!]

[Cough, cough. Hosts incapability of movement detected, standing by.]

Rean and Roan felt like crying already!

Sister! Who do you think you are trying to fool here?

While feeling pain all over their body, the twins got up once more.

Rean then looked at the Orb with some fear, but he gritted his teeth and said.

"Errr... Sister Orb. Can't you change the mission?"

[Request Denied.]

"Come on, Sister Orb. You are so magnanimous, sure you can choose something else."

Roan understood what Rean was trying to do and immediately joined him.

"Right, right! Sister Orb is so smooth, shiny, and elegant. Changing the mission to something more acceptable is definitely an easy task for someone as amazing as you."

[Request De... Analyzing Request.]

Rean and Roan's eyes instantly lit up.

"As expected of Sister Orb, such an open mind. No wonder Sister Orb is beautiful as a swan."

"How can you say that of Sister Orb? I swan can't possibly compare with Sister Orb's demeanor."

"Right, right! How could I say such a thing? System Orb is the most beautiful and noble Orb in the entire Universe."

[Mission Change Request Accepted.]

[New Mission: Kill 10 Stage One Demon Beasts.]

Rean and Roan let out a sigh of relief. Anything but a hug! They would rather die!

"Let's leave before she changes her mind."

But it was then that they remembered.

"How do we leave this place?"

[Leaving Request Denied.]

[Database is empty and needs more information.]

[Hosts must provide more information from the outside world before leaving requests can be processed.]

Roan looked bewildered at the White and Black Soul Gem Orb.

"Well, if it is just giving more information about what we saw so far, then it shouldn't be a problem."

Although Roan thought like that, Rean had an entirely different idea.

"Sister Orb... Could it be that you are feeling lonely and want someone to talk with?"

As soon as Rean asked that, the Orb trembled a little. But it soon returned to its unmovable state.

"Seems like I hit the bullseyes."

Roan couldn't help but ask through their Soul connection.

"How did you know?"

Rean only shrugged his shoulder, though.

"Quite simple. Sister Orb had been inside my soul during my entire previous life, but she had never appeared. Also, I doubt that she can't see the outside world, so what does she need to hear that she hasn't seen yet? So I thought that perhaps she was feeling lonely."

Roan understood what he meant and then started to help. They simply talked about ordinary things that happened every day. Now and then, 'Sister Orb' would make a few questions using that pretense of a machine language. Of course, Rean and Roan know that, but didn't point it out. First, they need to get on her good sides. Anything else can wait.

Finally, after an entire hour of talking, Sister Orb decided to let them go.

Rean and Roan then magically appeared in their room as if not had happened. Well, nothing as long as no one pays attention to the purple round marks that Sister Orb left on their bodies earlier.

They quickly put their clothes and went to sleep. Tomorrow was their second day as teachers, after all.

The next day morning, Rean and Roan were already back in class. However, the signs that they got a beating was still present on their bodies. When Alanda saw that, he couldn't help but laugh.

"To think that you still get beaten by your mother. Hahaha!"

The twins felt gloomy hearing that, but they couldn't simply say that a magical sentient orb, which only they can see, was responsible for it. Let alone tell that the Orb seems like to be a female... or so they think.

'Well, she didn't reject when we called her Sister Orb, so I guess it is right to assume that she is a female.'

As the kids arrived in the class, they soon noticed the awful look on Rean and Roan's faces. Immediately, they recalled the previous day's events and felt fearful. Rean and Roan are small, just like them, but they are too strong!

A few minutes later, all the kids were present. Rean and Roan then started to go kid by kid, checking their homework. Although there were loads of mistakes, there wasn't a single kid who didn't at least finish it.

"Very well, it seems like no one will receive the double beati- cough, cough, fighting lessons today."

All the kids noticed, though.

'He was definitely going to say beating!'

"Still! Except for Inna Malaka, all of you committed several mistakes, so your fighting lessons will be extended a little more to compensate for that."

Alanda could help but laugh when he saw the kids' bodies trembling after hearing that.

'Seems like Juri was right, those two can be excellent teachers.'

Chapter 37 - Roan's Experience

It has been over one month since Rean and Roan became teachers instead of students. Under their spartan methods, the kids teaching speed increased several times. Especially since Rean still remembered how the teaching methods were back on earth. Obviously, they were much better than the ones in such a sub developed world. Alanda even made sure to record it down so that they could use it with other classes in the future.

But the impressive one indeed was Inna Malaka. She already knew how to write and read by the end of the first month. Still, there were several errors here and there. But after this month with Rean and Roan, all those problems almost disappeared. Unlike the Twins with adult minds, Inna was really a genius, both in cultivation and mind.

Not only that, in just two months, she also reached the Bones Enhancement Stage of the Body Transformation Realm. Rivio, the Green Aptitude Color boy, was still halfway there. It was thanks to that that Alanda and Juri noticed the difference. If you say that blue color is 100%, a green one is 50 while

yellow is 30 with brown coming at 20. The jump in cultivation speed between Green and Blue was just terrifying.

Today, Alanda gathered all the kids again. They were going into the surrounding forests with the warriors to hunt Demon Beasts. Of course, they would basically observe while the warriors did the job. They would then help the warriors to separate the meat, remove the hide, and things like that.

But Rean and Roan had other plans. They wanted to open the Rewards List in the Soul Gem Dimension, so they had to kill 10 Stage One Demon Beasts. One must remember that when they were still in the Spirit Vision Stage of the Body Transformation Realm, they were already able to defeat them. Unfortunately, the kill was another story. Those beasts would usually flee when they noticed that they weren't a match.

To prevent any mishaps, Rean and Roan decided to work together. They might not like each other, but they aren't dumb enough to let personal emotions get in front of real benefits. Besides, after so many challenges against each other, they knew the other side as the back of their hands.

There was just one problem, they had to convince Alanda first.

"What, you want to go in a different direction of the group? Are you looking to die?"

Rean shook his head.

"We could already fight them before, now that we had our breakthrough, we are pretty sure we can kill a few on our own. Besides, it is not like you are really leaving kids to go out on their own."

Alanda immediately shook his head.

"No can do. As much as you are adults, the fact is that your bodies are at the kids' size. First of all, do you have any weapon that you can use to give a fatal blow? Without one, I can't picture the two of you being able to do that."

Roan pondered a bit and said.

"A Sword will do. I'm proficient with any kind of weapon you can imagine."

When Roan was Death, his appearance changed according to the beliefs of the natives around. Not only that, but his weapon was the same. Considering that he guided Souls in an entire universe, there were basically no weapons he had never tried before.

'Hahaha. Just how many weird and bizarre forms did I transform into in the past? Even my weapon was no exception. Finally, this grandfather's suffering will pay off!'

Alanda looked at Rean with doubt in his eyes.

"What about Rean?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders.

"I'm different from him, I didn't practice with any weapon in my past life. However, we just need one of us to do the fatal blow. If it a fight with fists, then I'm no inferior to him. Our teamwork is definitely much better than ordinary warriors as well since I know him better than anyone."

Alanda pondered a bit. He still remembers the last time they left to hunt, and the twins really defeated a few demon beasts with only fists.

'Fighting experience is necessary, and considering the level of demon beasts here, they should not be in danger.'

He looked at those two and then said.

"Very well. But Roan has to teach Rean how to use a sword. There will be a limit to what one can do with just their fists, after all. Also, you two must not go more than 5km away. Just walk with the group on the sides."

Alanda then passed the two a red bead.

"If you end in a dangerous situation, just crush this bead. As long as you do that, I will know where you are and that you need help. Also, bring Opril and Diakar with you to be safe. They know about your real power, so it won't be a problem if they follow you."

Roan nodded. He already intended to help Rean to learn how to use some weapon. Obviously, he doesn't care much about Rean. But they are connected to each other through the Soul Gem Orb, and Sister Orb made it clear that the Orb needs both of them to work. Chances are that if Rean dies, he might die too.

Rean also understood this issue, so he didn't refuse Alanda's words. It's just that he didn't want to ask it himself.

Alanda then warned the two.

"I won't be able to check on you since I need to keep an eye on the real kids. There is also the chance that some of the nearby Tribes will attack us. But this is also the reason that you should be fine. After all, they would come for the biggest group than a few stray gods. They would never consider the possibility of geniuses leaving the protection of the warriors."

Rean and Roan kept nodding at everything Alanda said.

After that, he passed the two one Sword each. It was quite a weird sight since the Sword was almost as tall as them. However, as soon as Roan took it and began to handle the Sword, it looked like the Sword came to life. Even Alanda had to admit that his swordplay is not at the same level as Roan's. The only difference is that there were no Spiritual Energy or Elemental Control involved.

Of course, there was no Spiritual Energy back in the other half of the Universe, so Roan couldn't use it to start with.

"Good. I can try it with Spiritual Energy and Darkness Element later."

Alanda got a lot more assured after seeing that.

"Alright! All the kids should have arrived at the gate already, so let's go."

Chapter 38 - The Twin's Teamwork

The group left the gate and made their way to the closest forest. Not too long after arriving in there, Rean and Roan sneaked out of the group and took a few kilometers of distance. Opril and Diakar were already there waiting for them as well.

"Hey Rean, Roan, are you two really going to fight alone?"

Roan nodded.

"Yes. Oh, right. I'll be teaching this idiot over there how to use a sword. If you want, you can do that as well. I'm pretty sure it will be of great help to you two in the future."

Opril and Diakar were taken aback. They had never seen Roan holding a sword before, so how could he know how to use one? Sure enough, they laughed after that.

"Hahaha. Sure, we will take a good look."

Not too surprisingly, they didn't believe Roan. They can't be blamed, though. After all, they still don't know that Rean and Roan aren't really kids. In their eyes, the twins are just a lot smarter than the others at the same age.

Roan didn't mind their distrust. They would be able to see it by themselves later anyway.

Alanda had given Rean and Roan a copy of the map of the surroundings. Inside, he marked what route the bigger group would be using. Rean and Roan just had to follow them on the sides.

On their way, Rean would do the exercises with the Sword that Roan demanded. Although they can share new knowledge, old ones are different. It has to be taught. Of course, even new ones would take time to learn as well. One thing is to know how to do it; other is to apply it yourself.

Fortunately, Roan just needed a single thought to convey everything he wanted to pass to Rean up to the smallest details. Around one hour later, Rean already could perform a few movements, although they looked quite clumsy.

"Rean, Roan, there is a demon beast ahead."

Opril and Diakar had been paying attention to the surroundings while Roan taught Rean. Their duty is to protect them both, after all.

Roan stopped Rean and then said.

"Alright, leave your Sword with Opril and Diakar for the moment. At your level, it will hinder you more than help. You will be responsible for holding the beast down and distract it while I'll do the final blow."

Rean nodded, and they immediately moved out. Opril and Diakar also were there but kept some distance away to not scare the beast. They knew that Rean and Roan's objective was to kill the beasts themselves. Not to mention that Alanda already told them to only intervene if things get dangerous.

"It's a two-tailed demonic ape. This demon beast is a little stronger than what I thought we would find. Still, it shouldn't be a problem now that we are in the Energy Gathering Realm."

The demonic Ape noticed Rean and Roan entering its territory and immediately attack as well. Stage One demonic beasts don't have sentience, so they only move on instinct. Seeing how small the two kids were, it didn't feel any fear.

The twins then separated and attacked the beast from two sides. Rean went ahead first and accumulated Spiritual Energy on his fist. The demonic Ape also answered with a fist of its own. It is a lot bigger than Rean, so it completely ignored Rean's punch.

Seeing that, Rean smiled. Suddenly, the Spiritual Energy accumulated on his hand started to shine. When both fists met each other, an explosion of light happened. The Ape's eyes immediately got affected, and it began to punch around recklessly. Now that Rean is in the Energy Gathering Realm, he can manipulate a little of the Light Element. Of course, it wasn't anything that impressive. At the moment, he could only play this kind of tricks and couldn't make the Light Element really hurt someone alone.

Roan's eye lit up, and Spiritual Energy also accumulated on his sword. The moment that the light burst out, he was already in the right position to attack. With his soul connection with Rean, no one could find a better timing than themselves. In a flash, a sword imbued in a dark colored spiritual energy pierced the Ape's neck.

Unfortunately, the beast's hide and muscles were really tough. It went just a few centimeters before stopping completely. Roan was already expecting it, so he stepped on the Ape's back and used it as a foothold to jump away.

However, the Darkness Element started to erode the place where the Sword hit. That was one of its traits, the capability of destroying life force. Unfortunately, Roan's control over the Darkness Element wasn't any better than Rean's Light one. So the corrosion only lasted for a second or two.

The Ape quickly turned back, its eyes finally could see again. It didn't waste time and went straight at Roan, unleashing a storm of punches. Yet, Roan was able to easily parry and block every single one of them with his Sword.

'As I thought. Using Spiritual Energy with a piece of equipment is a lot harder. I couldn't bring out even 30% of my power compared to when I only use punches and kicks. Still, the next attack should go much better than the previous one now that I know where some of the issues are located.'

Opril and Diakar couldn't help but feel impressed with Roan. His ability with the Sword obviously far surpassed their own.

Rean also didn't waste time. Since the Ape turned his attention to Roan, he used this chance to attack the beast's knee joint. This time, he accumulated a lot more Spiritual Energy on his foot before attacking.

The Ape's hide and muscles might be hard, but that kick immediately made it lose its balance and kneel down in Roan's front for a second. Roan, obviously, already knew that it was coming. So by the time the Ape knelt on the ground, a Sword was already flashing at its throat with Darkened Spiritual Energy. This time, the power of this attack definitely surpassed 50% of what it could really become.

Roan didn't try to cut the Ape's head off like the last time. He focused on the throat instead. Blood spurted out at the same time that the Darkness Element destroyed the life force inside. The Ape immediately grasped its wound, but the cut was too deep. It was definitely going to die in a few moments. It tried to flee, but Rean was ready to block its path. After struggling a little, it finally lost its consciousness and fell on the ground. It was dead.

[Stage One Demon Beasts Killed: 01]

Chapter 39 - Demon Core

Hearing Sister Orb's voice, Rean and Roan smiled. Sure enough, she was really seeing everything that happened outside.

Opril and Diakar quickly came out and looked at the dead demonic Ape's body. They still could remember how beautiful Roan's sword skills were. Not only that, but Rean and Roan could already use a little of Elemental Power, something that the two of them couldn't yet.

Diakar scratched the back of his head and then asked.

"Roan, where did you learn how to use the sword?"

Roan shrugged his shoulders, though.

"It was thanks to Tribe Vice Leader Alanda. He said that I had a lot of talent for it, so he passed me those skills."

Of course, this was a blatant lie. But it was not like Roan could go out there telling everyone he sees that he learned it in his previous life.

Opril's eyes shined.

"Would you mind teaching me as well?"

Roan nodded.

"Sure, I'm already teaching Rean anyway, so one or two more will make no difference since the exercises are the same."

Roan then looked at the Demonic Ape's corpse and said.

"But first, we need to bring it back to the main group to have the other kids and warriors take care of the meat."

Suddenly, Rean felt something weird coming from that Demon Beast's corpse.

"Roan, can you feel it?"

Roan looked at Rean, puzzled.

"Feel what?"

Rean was surprised that Roan couldn't feel the same thing as him.

"In his head, there is something inside."

Hearing that, Opril and Diakar's eyes shined.

"Are you sure? Let's open it straight away then! It is probably a demon core."

Rean and Roan looked at the two, obviously not knowing what they were talking about.

"Let's open it first, and then you will see."

Rean and Roan nodded and immediately started to open the head. Now that the Ape was dead, it couldn't use its Spiritual Energy to harden its body, so it was a lot easier to cut through than when they were battling.

Sure enough, they found a small bead inside. When Roan touched it, he finally felt the presence of that energy that Rean talked about. As for Rean, he also understood why only he could sense it before.

"Life Energy. It not only has Spiritual Energy inside, but there is a lot of Life Energy as well. I guess my Light Element affinity is very suitable for it, so I could feel the presence of the Life Energy in the Ape's dead body."

Roan nodded. That made a lot of sense and was very convenient as well.

"Opril, Diakar, is this thing worth anything?"

The protectors immediately nodded.

"Definitely. You can sell it for at least 10 Spirit Stones. Once the merchants stop by the village, the Demon Cores that the warriors find during the hunt would usually be sold to them for this price. I heard that in the city there are some cultivators who are also alchemists. It seems like they have a lot of use for them."

Rean couldn't help but remember what he knew about alchemists in his previous life.

"Is it the thing about transforming other metals into gold?"

Roan couldn't help but snort.

"Why don't you ask them if there is a philosopher's stone as well? Who knows, you might even find a cultivator called Harry Potter."

Rean ear's got red. Sure enough, Roan saw straight through him.

Opril and Diakar looked at Rean with a puzzled face, though.

"Who is Harry Potter?"

Rean immediately changed the topic.

"Cough, cough. Forget about him, it's no one important. By the way, tell me more about those alchemists."

Opril and Diakar nodded.

"Well, to answer your first question, why would an alchemist want to create gold? Although it is good for the ordinary people to use for transactions, it doesn't have much of a value for cultivators. I don't know if they can really transform other materials into gold. Still, I reckon that it would be a waste of spiritual energy. Instead, they create pills that have miraculous effects on cultivators."

"Some pill can increase the rate that you can absorb Spiritual Energy, others can help with a Breakthrough. There are also pills that can bring one from the brink of death. Anyway, several types of pills can be used for many different things."

"Well, I guess I don't have to tell you that they are also not cheap. A simple Energy Gathering Pill would cost at least 100 Spirit Stones. So our Tribe never buys them. It is too expensive."

Rean and Roan nodded. At the moment, they don't need those pills, so they are glad to get an extra 10 Spirit Stones. But it was then that they heard from Diakar.

"In fact, this demon core should be worth 20 Spirit Stones, but the Tribe gets half of them while the killer gets the other half."

Rean and Roan's mouth twitched.

"Isn't it robbery?!"

Opril shook his head.

"All the Spirit Stones that the Tribe gets is used for the Tribe. As you probably understand already, not all Demon Beasts have Demon Cores. Especially Stage Ones like this Two-Tailed Demonic Ape. The Tribe has to provide Spirit Stones for the warriors that stay in the Tribe and buy other things that we don't produce ourselves. If anything, we are lacking a lot of Spirit Stones at the moment."

The twins' anger immediately deflated like a balloon. They had to admit that it made sense. Considering the life that the ordinary people have in their Tribe, there wasn't much of a reason to complain.

"Whatever, let's bring this Demonic Ape back to the bigger group."

Opril and Diakar nodded. With the four working together, it wasn't a problem to carry the Ape's body back.

When the other warriors and the kids saw them approaching, they were taken aback. They had noticed the twins' absence after some time, but Alanda told them that they were fine. Still, no one expected that they would come back with a Two-Tailed Demonic Ape's body.

Rean and Roan ignored their eyes and went straight to Alanda to pass over the Demon Core. They had no intention of hiding it to start with. The Tribe had helped them a lot, so they would definitely reciprocate. Not to mention that they still need to pay their debts.

"Good. With this, the 10 spirit stones that I was going to charge for the Swords are paid. The other 10 spirit stones would be the Tribe's share to start with, so it doesn't count. Make sure to work hard to pay your debt."

The twins' mouth couldn't help but twitch.

"Stingy old man!"

Alanda just smiled in response.

"Thank you for the compliment."

Chapter 40 - Life Force

Rean's team once more left the leading group. But because there were another two warriors with them, no one cared too much. The other warriors simply thought that it was Opril and Diakar who really killed the Ape. No one tried to explain, so it stayed like that. If there was something to pay attention to, it is the fact that Alanda is allowing those four to move separated from the group. But since it's his orders, the warriors wouldn't complain.

Once again, Rean's group opened a few kilometers of distance from the leading group. However, the Two-Tailed Demonic Ape was the strongest Demonic Beast they found so far. The next six ones couldn't compare to it, so Rean and Roan quickly dispatched them.

The hunt would take five days this time, and so far, three had already passed. Rean and Roan killed 7 beasts so far. Because the route their group was taking stayed only at the forest's outskirts, there weren't that many beasts. Of course, that was on purpose. With the number of kids this time around, Alanda would never lead the group deeper into the forest.

Those three days made a big difference in Rean's swordsmanship. With Roan being able to teach every detail through their thoughts, it would be a wonder if Rean's progress was any slower. Opril and Diakar were also putting the effort. Still, Roan had to really explain everything with words and show with his own movement. Obviously, there is a big difference in that.

Today, Roan finally decided to let Rean use a sword against the demon beasts, so they were looking for a new one.

"Your Light Element, have you tried to use it in your own body?"

Rean shook his head.

"I just now got the control over it, so I only used the Light Element together with the Spiritual Energy to create those light tricks. I was intending to use it in my sword as you do with yours."

Roan shook his head.

"If my darkness element can erode and destroy life force, your light element is probably the opposite. If you add it to your weapon, it might be worse than not using it. Make a test for me, put your light element on the sword, and give yourself a small cut. Just something minor is enough."

Rean understood where Roan was coming from and immediately tried that. Sure enough, after cutting himself with the sword imbued in Spiritual Energy and Light Element, the life force around the cut was greatly stimulated. The cut quickly started to heal. Of course, Rean's Light Element Control is just in a primary state, so the effect soon disappeared. Just 20% or so of the small cut healed.

"Indeed. My light element is directly connected to the life force. Using it with my sword will only help the demon beasts."

Roan nodded.

"As I thought. So when you attack this time, don't use Light Element on your sword, but in your body instead. Of course, just like me, your control over the Light Element isn't anything that useful. So you probably won't be able to sustain this effect for long. Instead, do it like me. I only use my darkness element in the last second of my attack. So do the same thing with your light element."

Rean nodded and tried to use the Light Element to stimulate his body. Sure enough, he felt himself becoming a lot stronger and faster for a split of a second. However, the effect disappeared right after. Not only that, but he felt quite tired after it.

"It seems like since I'm using it in my entire body, the time I can sustain it is even smaller than you with your Sword."

Ron nodded.

"Next time, try to use it in your arms only and see how long you can sustain it."

Rean quickly made the test, and this time, he could sustain the Light Element over his arms for longer.

"I see what you mean. Although my attacks won't have an additional effect on the demon beasts, they will still be more potent than usual since my own strength improved."

Rean then went beside a tree and slashed it. With his actual power, he was able to leave behind a 15 or so centimeter long cut. But when he did that again by adding Light Element in his arm, the attack was faster and stronger, leaving an over 20 centimeters deep cut this time.

Roan nodded, satisfied.

"It can increase your combat power by around 30% for a second or two. That is an amazing difference that could turn the tables in a critical moment. Try to get better control over it as we look for the next target."

Rean agreed with Roan, and their group kept moving.

Around two hours later, they found a Horned Shadow Leopard. Once again, Rean and Roan went in two different directions and used a pincer attack. But the Leopard was fast and quickly escaped. It circled around and attacked Roan.

Unfortunately for it, Roan was having it easy parrying and blocking the attacks. Rean came from the flank and slashed the sword down. Still, the Horned Shadow Leopard had already marked their presence, so when Rean and Roan attacked at the same time, it would retreat.

"It's quite an intelligent one."

Rean nodded.

"I will use my light element to blind it for a second. Use this chance to attack its legs."

Roan agreed with Rean. His Light Trick was very convenient in situations like that.

Rean went forward while Roan circled around. The Leopard took the time that Roan was still out of range and attacked Rean as well. Once again, seeing that Roan was getting close, it decided to retreat. But it was at this moment that the Light Element burst with light, blinding the Leopard.

Without losing this chance, Rean and Roan slashed at its legs. However, just as they were about to hit, the Leopard jumped as high as it could. The strength of its four legs together made it soar! Rean and Roan's attacks missed, and the Leopard landed 20 or so meters away. However, it was at this moment that Rean, Roan, Opril, and Diakar heard a scream!

"Ahhh!"

When they looked in that direction, they noticed that another kid was there as well. Not only that, but the Shadow Leopard had also landed right beside the kid. It turned out that the Kid was Inna Malaka, who sneaked out of the big group to follow them.

"Fuck!"