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Chapter 361: Old Friends

The twins decided to go back to the sect on their own. Surprisingly, before they left, Luina appeared. Wars between countries were one of the best places for cultivators to awaken their potential. Naturally, the Lagan Sect also sent Luina to participate.

However, she was part of the Lagan Sect, after all. Even though she wanted to join the group led by the twins, she had to help her own sect first. Besides, as the sect master's daughter, she was also given a unit to command. In the end, she didn't get any chance to meet the twins, or Roan, to be more specific, during the entire duration of the war.

"Hey! I heard you two are going back now."

Rean and Roan looked in the voice's direction and saw Luina walking in their direction.

Rean smiled and immediately complimented her.

"Oh! It's been two months since we saw each other, no?"

Luina smiled back and nodded.

"Indeed. It was during the seventh gathering to discuss the plans of attack. I've been too busy with my own unit, so I couldn't come out to see you."

Luina then looked at Malaka and 'Illia.' Luina had obviously seen Illia before. However, she didn't know that Illia was, in fact, Calina. Nonetheless, she couldn't help but feel like she had seen this girl before. She thought a lot about it. Though, in the end, she simply gave up. Illia didn't look like anyone she recognized.

"Hi, Malaka, Illia, good to see you two."

Malaka didn't care about 'face' and simply hugged Luina.

"Luina, listen! Rean and Roan want to increase my training regime again. Can you do something?"

Chop!

"Ouch!"

Luina didn't join Malaka's side, saying in a stern tone.

"Stop complaining and just go do it. Do you know how famous Rean and Roan's training became during this war? Roan's methods were very harsh but effective. Rean's healing abilities could put your entire unit back in shape to battle even after the training was over. There was no lack of cultivators who wanted to join your unit."

She wasn't lying. As the Death Unit skyrocketed in the ranks after the third month, the other units sent a few people to check how they trained. It was there that they saw how the twins gave hellish training just to be fully recovered after it was done. Unlike the Death Unit, they didn't have a Light Element user to recover them, so they couldn't go as far as the twins' group did.

Malaka looked down with a gloomy expression but nodded in the end.

Luina then looked at Illia.

"Errr... Illia, right? We didn't have much of a chance to talk before."

Calina agreed with her.

"Indeed. I've just joined the Dalamu Sect recently, so it's not unusual that you don't know that much about me."

Luina nodded.

"I see... But why are you walking with Rean and Roan? Malaka is their younger sister, but what about you?"

Rean's eyes lit up before saying.

"Oh? That? It's simple. My brother here thinks very highly of Illia's commanding skills, so he had been 'closely' teaching her recently."

Malaka almost burst out in laughter after hearing that. How could she not know what Rean was trying to do?

Calina, on the other hand, thought that Rean was talking about someone else.

'Think very highly of my skills? Who? Roan? Since when?'

Luina narrowed her eyes as she waited for Roan's answer.

One must remember that 14 months had passed till the end of the war. During this time, Rean, Roan, and Malaka turned fourteen years old. However, everyone thought the twins were two years older. In Luina's eyes, it was already time for her to take action. Unfortunately, the war came. So she didn't have the chance to invite Roan to go out on a mission with her.

Roan, however, just ignored the two and asked.

"How long will you guys blabber? Can we go back already?"

Not a confirmation, and not a denial either.

"Oh! Since you're going back, let me join you. My unit has already been dispersed as well."

Rean didn't let the chance slip.

"Oh! That's great! Roan had helped you a little with your dagger skills in the past, right? We're close friends, so I'm sure he won't mind giving you some personal lessons on the way back."

Roan didn't seem to like it, so he immediately asked through their Soul Connection.

'What the hell are you trying to do? I don't want to waste my time teaching anyone else.'

Rean immediately came up with an excuse.

'Luina is the Lagan Sect Master's daughter, remember? There is no problem in trying to befriend her a little more. Besides, you would just give her a few pieces of advice on our way back. It's not like we would lose time like that. All in all, this is a good way of making more connections. We lose nothing in exchange for a few possible benefits.'

Roan narrowed his eyes. He could tell that Rean had some other hidden purpose. Still, he had to admit that Rean's reasoning wasn't wrong. In any case, Roan was the type who preferred to get as many benefits as possible.

'Fine.'

Luina's expression brightened after hearing that.

Rean then looked at Calina as her expression darkened.

'It will be fun!'

Sure enough, Rean just wanted to set the entire house on fire!

His words truly hit the right spot on Calina.

"We are going back to Dalamu, not Lagan. You should stick with your sect members, no?"

Luina looked at Calina. Immediately, she understood that 'Illia' wanted something with 'her' Roan as well.

"That's my problem. You don't need to worry about how our sect does its things."

"Hehe! So that's how much you value your fellow disciples? You've opened my eyes."

"Oh! Then how come I don't see your Death Unit coming back with you? I heard that you were also one of the commanders there."

"We already bade our farewells. Everyone knows what to do, so there's no problem."

"Is that so? Then what makes you think that I didn't do something similar? First of all, I've known my sect members for way longer than you know yours. So, shouldn't YOU spend more time with them instead?"

In the end, the two girls looked at Roan to hear his opinion, however...

"Where is everyone?"

Rean, Roan, and Malaka had suddenly disappeared without the two girls noticing. Only then did they see Roan's group running from afar. Sure enough, Roan couldn't care less about their argument. He only wanted to go back to the sect as fast as possible.

Calina and Luina looked at each other. It looked like sparks would fly out from their eyes any second now.

"Hmph!"

The two turned around and quickly departed in Roan's group direction.

Far ahead, Malaka laughed as she looked at Rean. This fourteen-year-old girl had grown up as sly as ever, so she could totally tell what Rean was trying to do. That being said, she decided to send Rean a Spiritual Sense message.

'Hahaha! It's so funny. Then again, Roan hasn't noticed a single thing.'

Rean immediately replied.

'Hahaha! Right? It's so fun! What do you think? Can you give me some help?'

Malaka's eyes shone as she immediately nodded.

'Definitely! However, I want to hear one thing first. Who are you shipping at the moment?'

Rean was taken aback.

'Shipping? Where did you hear this slang?'

This was something that Earthlings like to use when talking about possible couples. It's not something that he expected to hear in this cultivation world.

'Sister Orb told me.'

Rean couldn't help but sigh.

'Sure enough, it had to be her. Oh well, whatever. I'm not shipping any of the two. Don't forget that Calina will become the empress one day if everything works out. She will have to bear the country on her back in all possible manners. That also includes marrying the right person and giving birth to successors.'

'As for Luina, she isn't in such a powerful position as Calina, but she's still the Lagan Sect Master's daughter. I have no doubt that he already has things planned for her future. Naturally, it wouldn't work for her either. To be honest, I don't think Luina got permission to come out with us. She probably sneaked out of her unit just to come and see Roan. Only when she found out that Calina was also interested in him did her plans of coming back right after disappear.'

Rean was 100% right! It's just that no one noticed that Luina had disappeared. Well, no one except for a single person, Galios. He was the same person who had followed Luina back when Rean and Roan went out for their first Sect Mission. He was her guardian, after all. At the moment, he was also following Luina from afar with his Spiritual Sense.

'Sigh... This girl really should think more about her own position. Oh well, it won't be long before she can't do these kinds of things anymore...'

Malaka was taken aback when she heard Rean's words.

'Then... why are you doing all of that?'

Rean laughed before answering.

'The first reason is that it's really fun! The second...'

Rean looked at Calina and Luina, who didn't seem to care about anything else other than beating the other person at the moment.

'I want them to forget about all the shit the two need to think all the time. Let Luina and Calina bring out their feelings now since they probably won't have many chances of doing it in the future.'

Malaka couldn't help but feel a little sad after hearing that. Her expression then changed not long after as she looked at Rean.

'What do you need me to do?'

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Chapter 362: Which One Do You Like Most?

As Rean explained what Malaka should do, Calina and Luina caught up with them.

"Couldn't you guys have at least said that you were leaving?"

Roan glanced at the two girls and replied.

"Aren't you here? That's enough. Luina, take your daggers out and show me your movements."

Luina was taken aback.

"While we're running?"

"What else? Stop wasting time and start already."

Luina nodded and took out her two daggers. As they ran, she used a few skills, stringing them into a combo.

"How is it?"

Roan shook his head as he succinctly replied.

"Terrible!"

Calina couldn't help but giggle a little when she heard that, making Luina's expression take a turn for the worse.

"However, you at least followed the pieces of advice I gave you back then. I can see that you've improved a lot regarding silent movement and the meridians' usage to prevent your aura's leakage."

In an instant, her gloominess disappeared as a bright smile appeared on her face. Soon after, she looked at Calina with a victorious expression.

"Hmph! Anyone can do that much if they train under Roan's teachings."

Roan shook his head as he said.

"Not true, Illia. I've received quite a few teaching duties in Dalamu, so I've seen many dagger users. However, only two of them had similar talents to Luina. Whoever selected the dagger for her did an outstanding job in understanding her special traits."

Roan wasn't by any means complimenting Luina. He was simply being objective about his opinions of her abilities. However, for the two girls, that was a huge difference.

"See? Even Roan recognizes that I'm good with my daggers."

Seeing Luina's disdainful expression made Calina almost throw caution to the wind.

'How dare does she talk like this with this princess?! I want to see if you would act like this if you knew who I really was.'

Of course, Calina was still an intelligent girl, so she didn't do such a thing. Instead, she looked in Roan's direction and asked.

"Roan. What do you think about our commanding abilities? You have seen both our units during the last war, right?"

Roan nodded. He had indeed seen both of them. Well, he had literally seen all of the units. In his mind, Calina just wanted to compare her abilities with other units, which wasn't a bad thing.

"Both groups had their own traits. Luina was given a lot of agility type cultivators with a lot of Wind Affinity ones. That being said, her job was to give support to part of the Right Wing. If one of the units began to get pushed back, she would help them keep moving the line."

"That means that Luina and your jobs during the last battle were quite different. However, if you are asking about overall proficiency over your own units, then Illia was ahead."

Illia nodded, satisfied.

'Girl, you are no match for this princess.'

Luina didn't seem to care, though.

"Well, that's to be expected. After all, Illia did receive Roan's teaching during the entire war. If I were there, I would have done it much better."

Unfortunately for her, Roan shook his head once again.

"That's not quite right either. The same way you have a talent for daggers, Illia has a knack for commanding. I've trained a few guys good at leading in my own unit during the duration of this war. However, Illia was still much better than the others."

It was Calina's time to look at Luina with contempt. However, neither of them were happy. In the end, Roan didn't say which one of them was better overall.

Rean and Malaka looked at the interaction and kept laughing inwardly. Seeing the two girls competing for Roan's attention while the ice block didn't notice anything was just too fun!

It was then that an idea popped into Rean's mind.

"Oh! In that case, which one of these girls do you like the most?"

Calina and Luina's face immediately turned red. How did this conversation suddenly changed into like or dislike? However... they wanted to know!

"Isn't that obvious? I would take both."

The two girls almost tripped!

'Hey, hey, hey! How can you say you want both? Were you that perverted all along?'

Rean and Malaka, on the other hand, couldn't hold it anymore.

"Hahahaha! Both! He wants you both!"

"Hahaha! Indeed! Perhaps you should share Roan between yourselves!"

Roan looked at the two laughing idiots and narrowed his eyes.

"What's so funny about that? Having both would indeed be the best option. I could use them at the same time."

Calina and Luina almost died of embarrassment. Should they serve Roan at the same time, then? Neither girl would ever accept sharing their man. What kind of joke was that?

Roan continued, though.

"After all, their abilities complement each other. Illia could stay on the back, commanding while Luina would be on the sides giving support. The only thing missing would be a good attacker unit to make use of their abilities simultaneously."

Calina and Luina's expression froze.

'You were talking about combat all the time?!'

'How much of a stone head can this guy be?!'

Rean agreed with Roan as if nothing happened.

"Indeed. I also thought that the two were perfect together. So, why don't you get along? You might do great things together in the future!"

Only then did Calina and Luina understand. All their misunderstandings happened because of Rean, and it was obvious that he knew how Roan would react.

In a rare mutual understanding, the two girls attacked Rean at the same time.

Unfortunately...

'Life Style, First Form, Enhancement!'

Vup!

Rean began to dodge all of their skills while he followed Roan. Obviously, with his Light Element Enhancement and space to maneuver, it would be too hard for the two girls to capture him. Rean did all of that while laughing out loud. Well, Malaka did the same on the sides.

"Wrong! Why the hell did you use Glacial Icicles instead of Water Prison there? Even if he had dodged, he would fall into Luina's attack range. Luina, you too. Didn't you have your Wind Specter Movement? If you had used it through the knee meridians at that moment, you would most likely land a clean hit. What kind of shitty coordination is that? You need a lot more training."

Roan, not knowing any better, started to lecture the two girls when they began to attack Rean. The two girls felt even more helpless after that. They weren't training at all!

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Chapter 363: It's Up To You Now

At some point, Calina and Luina finally gave up and focused on their tasks. As Rean mentioned, Roan continued to give Luina a few pieces of advice here and there. Sometimes he would fight Luina to show her points he deemed to be important. Of course, he wasn't the only one. Rean also fought with her a few times. After all, he wasn't much weaker when compared to Roan.

Roan also included Malaka and Calina in these training sessions. He was going to do it anyway, so he might as well put everyone to work. However, it was the fight between Calina and Luina that was the most intense. Unfortunately for Luina, Calina was still a princess of the Empire with top cultivation techniques and skills. Because of that, she was beaten up quite badly.

'Just who is this Illia? I have close to no chance against her. If it was a real life and death battle, I would only be able to flee. Only sneak attacks have some effect on her. But even that doesn't make that much of a difference.'

Calina smiled with a confident expression as she said.

"Hahaha! Is that all you have? Weren't you so confident before? You're a disappointment!"

It was then that Rean's voice began to echo in Luina's mind.

'Three steps to the right. Then charge straight forward.'

Luina was taken aback for a second but immediately complied with those words.

'As soon as you appear in front of Illia, don't attack. She definitely has something ready for you there. Use your speed to force her to show her card. After that, use your speed again to dodge and attack her.'

Luina's three steps were perfect. She passed through Calina's attacks and appeared in front of her in a flash. Calina was surprised but did not panic. The moment Luina was about to land a hit, she activated her hidden skill. Roan had taught her very well. As a cultivator who didn't use weapons, her body's vulnerability was her greatest problem. She always had something ready for anyone who got close.

'Water Prison!'

In an instant, an enormous sphere of water appeared right where Luina was. Since she was charging directly at Calina, she would definitely fall into it. However, Luina showed a faint smile as she used her Wind Specter Steps. The straight attack only landed on an afterimage as she moved in another direction.

'What?!'

Calina was shocked that her trap didn't work. Still, she didn't give up. The time for Luina's dodge was enough for her to open distance again. But it was at this moment that a dagger came from the skies, aiming right at her blind spot.

Calina's Spiritual Sense finally noticed the dagger when it got close, quickly dodging as fast as possible. Still, it hit the side of her body, leaving a deep gash. Of course, Luina didn't really aim at a vital point like the head or the heart. This wasn't a battle to the death, but just 'training.'

"Oh! You don't seem that confident anymore, either. Little girl, this woman is much more experienced than you."

Roan glanced at Rean, who pretended to not notice it and looked away.

'What's the point of training if you tell her what to do? She needs to learn by herself.'

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he replied.

'Telling her the right thing to do will also help her with her training. This wasn't a fair training session to start with since Calina got your personal training lessons for a long time. I'm just balancing the stakes.'

Roan narrowed his eyes but didn't say anything. It's not like Luina would stay for long anyway. As long as she remembered everything he told her, she would eventually improve with time.

'By the way, is the guy still following us?'

Rean nodded.

'Yep. Not only him, but there is an extra presence as well.'

As mentioned before, Rean's Fourth Form of the Life Style can also detect any level of Spiritual Sense. Obviously, he noticed Galios coming for their group a long time ago.

'There's no doubt. One is Luina's protector, while the other one's probably Tiria or Juvian.'

Although they left on their own, the Sect knew that the Umbral Sect was still after them. Obviously, they wouldn't let the twins walk alone if they weren't sure no one followed them. This time, it was Juvian who was following the twins from afar with his Spiritual Sense together with Galios.

Galios also observed it from afar and couldn't help but be impressed.

'The twins' training methods are truly incredible. Luina can go all out without worrying about injuries. Rean can simply heal everything that isn't fatal while Roan is giving her instructions. I wish our Sect had someone like them.'

Galios then looked in another direction and smiled.

'Seems like Dalamu also understands it very well. Someone had been following the twins for a long time already but didn't do anything. Well, that's good too.'

Calina and Luina's battle continued for a long time. Every now and then, Rean stepped in to heal the two girls' injuries so that they could continue. Of course, he, Roan, and Malaka also participated after those two were done. And just like that, they continued on their way back while skills flew everywhere. The only one who didn't do anything was Kentucky. The Minokawa just kept flying above as if nothing was happening on the ground at all.

Finally, dusk approached as light dimmed.

Roan then looked at everyone before saying.

"This is enough for today. We can continue tomorrow."

Malaka and Rean's eyes met each other for a second as they reached a mutual understanding.

"That's good. There's a river close by. Let's go there and wash our bodies before we prepare something to eat, shall we?"

Roan, Calina, and Luina didn't find anything strange with those words, so they simply nodded.

"That's good. I have blood marks and dirt everywhere. I need to wash it off."

As soon as they arrived at the river, Rean then sent Malaka a Spiritual Sense Message.

Malaka nodded.

'Leave it to me.'

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Chapter 364: Convincing!

Roan approached the river and simply took his clothes off without any care before jumping inside. In an instant, Calina and Luina's faces became as red as a tomato. Can't Roan see that they had girls with them? Unfortunately, Roan didn't give a damn to those kinds of things.

Just as Calina was about to complain, Malaka also threw her clothes away before jumping inside the river completely naked, splashing water everywhere. Some of it hit Roan too.

"Stop the bullshit and wash properly!"

Soon after, he focused on washing himself. It was as if the naked Malaka and the clothed Malaka made no difference to him. Well... she really wasn't...

Rean shrugged his shoulders and did the same thing, not caring too much, leaving only Calina and Luina at a loss of what to do. Eventually, Luina came back to herself and began to shout.

"Are you all perverts?! How can you walk naked in front of the girls like that?"

Calina had to admit that this time, she agreed with Luina. She was even more helpless since she thought she had convinced Malaka to stop doing such things. However, just as she was about to complain, she received a Spiritual Sense message from Malaka.

'Calina, this is your chance!'

Calina was taken aback.

'W-What are you talking about? Just put on some clothes already!'

Malaka stood up in the water and looked directly at her.

'Are you kidding? You have a rival right beside you! Instead of asking me to put on some clothes, you should do the same thing as me, idiot!'

Calina almost vomited blood. Like hell would she do that!

'Huh?! What are you talking about?'

Malaka shook her head.

'Idiot! You're forgetting an extremely important point here. Roan. Doesn't. Give. A. Damn! He sees everyone as nothing more than bags of flesh and bones! Women? Men? He couldn't care less about any of that. You know that much at least, don't you?'

Calina nodded. Of course, she knew. Roan was completely emotionless towards both men and women. She had noticed this a long time ago.

'Still... why would I do that?'

Malaka then glanced at Luina, who looked away to not see the naked twins. Well, Luina didn't care about Rean, only Roan.

'Isn't that obvious? Luina doesn't know about that! Isn't this the perfect chance to show that you are willing to do much more for Roan than her? The best thing is that you don't need to be afraid of Roan looking at you like other men would. Remember, clothes or no clothes are all the same in his eyes. However, this isn't the case for Luina. She will have no other choice but admit that you are willing to go much farther for him.'

And with that, Calina fell into a dilemma.

From far away, Galios looked at everything as his mouth twitched.

'What are those scoundrels doing? The twins and even that girl stripped naked as if they didn't do anything out of the norm. Still, how dare they strip in front of the Sect Master's daughter?! If not that someone is also looking at the twins, I would have beaten those three to a pulp already!'

Juvian was somewhere nearby. He was watching everything as well.

'I've never thought that those three were that open. Oh well, my job is only to protect them if something happens, so who cares?'

Juvian could tell that the other protector wasn't moving either, so he didn't act.

Back at Rean's group, Calina's face turned redder and redder as she thought about Malaka's offer.

'Wh-What about Rean? He definitely isn't the same as Roan.'

Malaka shrugged her shoulders.

'Where is your sense of priority? Who cares about Rean? The one who matters here is Roan! If you can't even understand this much, then I don't know if you're truly the right one for my brother.'

Calina was taken aback by those words. However, she finally arrived at a conclusion and threw caution to the wind!

'I definitely can do much more!'

She quickly stripped all her clothes and jumped into the water with a red as tomato expression. However...

Splash!

Splash!

Instead of a single splash, there were two! Calina and Luina looked at each other and were taken aback. Both girls were completely naked right in front of Roan!

'Why the hell are you naked?!'

To explain this, we need to go back in time a little bit. When Malaka started to convince Calina about stripping, a certain white-haired boy also did the same with Luina.

'What?! Are you making fun of my face? I'm the Lagan Sect Master's daughter! How could I do something that shameless? First of all, you three should put on some clothes instead!'

Rean sighed.

'It seems like you forgot an important point. Illia doesn't know that you are the Sect Master's daughter. She only thinks of you as a member of the Lagan Sect, nothing more. Did you forget that mission we had together? You should have noticed a long time ago that Roan simply doesn't give a damn to whatever gender you might be. However, Illia doesn't know that either. This is your chance! You can prove to Illia that you are willing to go much farther for him.'

One should remember that the one who knew about Luina being the Sect Master's daughter was 'Calina' and not 'Illia.' Luina didn't know 'Illia' at all.

'H-Hmph! Who can guarantee that Roan really doesn't care about it?! Besides, there's still you here. Roan might not care, but you're definitely a pervert for coming up with such an idea.'

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he replied.

'You are interested in my brother, not me. Right now, your rival is right in front of you. I won't tell you to believe me, but I can guarantee you that Illia definitely doesn't want to give Roan to you. Besides...'

Luina's interest was piqued.

'Besides what?'

Rean looked at Roan for a moment before saying.

'Are you really okay knowing that Roan has no interest in your body? You are beautiful. Certainly, he would have a little reaction. Wouldn't that at least prove that he has some interest in you?'

Luina's mind froze for a moment as she looked at Roan. So far, the ice block seemed to not care about anything as he simply washed his body. Eventually, Luina gritted her teeth and threw caution to the wind as well.

And just like that, a naked Calina and Luina appeared in the water right in front of Roan.

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Chapter 365: Washing Together

"Ah!"

Calina and Luina pointed at each other in dismay. Why was the other girl naked too? Of course, they only needed a second to understand that Rean and Malaka plotted this situation against the two. The two girls immediately covered their breasts and genitalia with their hands as they searched for the culprits. Unfortunately for them, Rean and Malaka had disappeared as fast as the two girls jumped into the water.

Eventually, the two noticed the black-haired teenager, who was looking at them with a dark expression. He was standing in front of the girls. Sadly, the 'reaction' that Luina expected was nowhere to be seen. The black dragon was still sleeping as peacefully as ever.

"If you girls want to wash yourselves, can you not make a fuck ton of commotion?"

The two girls became even redder as they slowly hid their bodies in the water. Aren't they just two idiots? How the hell did they fell for their tricks? It was obvious that Rean and Malaka were setting the two up. And sure enough, they fell for it, hook, line, and sinker.

Back outside, Rean and Malaka watched from far away in an inconspicuous corner. The two didn't even care that they were naked as well.

"Hahaha! It worked!"

Malaka nodded.

"Hahaha! Yes! Look how red those two are! It's too funny."

Rean added.

"Not only that, but Roan is still as dense as ever! His lower body had no reaction at all after seeing the two. It was just as I expected. That only made Calina and Luina even more self-conscious of him."

Finally, Rean remembered the situation they were in and looked at Malaka.

"Did you finish washing up?"

Malaka nodded.

"I did."

Rean then took two robes from the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm and passed one of them to her. However, Malaka noticed one thing while she laughed.

"I can understand why Roan would have no reaction down there. He simply doesn't see any difference between men and women, after all. But what about you? It doesn't seem like your little boy had any reaction either after seeing Calina and Luina going completely nude."

Rean didn't seem to care as he replied.

"Hmm... It's not that I don't think Calina and Luina aren't beautiful. No doubt their bodies are very erotic in their own way. However, I can't help but see the two of them as kids. It's basically the same thing with you. In my eyes, you are just my little sister, so I don't care about whether you're naked or not."

Rean wasn't lying. First off, he was indeed much older than any of the girls present, so it wasn't wrong to say that they were just kids in his eyes. Second, it was mostly because of his previous emotionless life. That also affected how he felt towards the opposite sex.

Still, Malaka felt that it was weird, so she asked another question while she put on the new clothes.

"Kids? Luina and Calina are older than you, you know?"

Rean laughed as he put on his clothes as well.

"Maybe one day I can tell you why. For now, let's just enjoy the show."

Rean and Malaka weren't the only ones seeing it. Galios was gritting his teeth hard to stop himself from coming out. Luina was just too important to their Lagan Sect, so why the hell did she suddenly take off her clothes in front of the twins? Not only that, but she was also washing with them!

'It has to be something the twins did! It has to be! However, I didn't feel anything with my Spiritual Sense, so it wasn't a skill. Just what did they do to force Luina to take off her clothes?! Not only that, but the girl on her side also did the same thing! Just what the hell is happening here?!'

He then noticed Malaka and Rean running to another place and how Roan stayed alone with the two girls.

'Little boy, if you even try touching one strand of Luina's hair, I will definitely cut you to pieces even if it means war against Dalamu.'

Juvian was also looking at everything with his mouth open.

'Is this alright? Or could it be I've been cultivating in seclusion for so long that it has become normal to wash without caring about gender?'

Alright. The two elders were also idiots.

Calina and Luina were still hiding their bodies underwater with red faces as they watched Roan continue washing his body. Sure enough, Roan didn't even bother hiding anything from them, nor did he think about it. Still, for some reason, they couldn't take their eyes away from him.

Unfortunately for them, Roan was not the type to waste time, so he washed very quickly. But before he left the water, he looked at the two girls resting inside the water. The water in the river was quite clear, so it wasn't hard to see what was inside. That being said, Calina and Luina kept hiding their breasts and genitalia. Still, Roan's deep gaze made the two girls feel like they weren't hiding anything at all, becoming even more embarrassed. Well, when they first jumped in the water, they really weren't hiding anything, so Roan had already seen what he could see.

"How long are you two going to stay still there? Didn't you enter the water to wash up as well? Stop wasting time and start already."

Finally, he turned around and left.

As always, he reached inside his own bag but, in fact, connected to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Three pairs of clothes then came out of it, much to Luina's surprise. After all, two of those pairs of clothes were obviously made for women.

'Why would he carry female clothes in his bag?'

Juvian and Galios also had the same question in their minds.

Calina, of course, knew about the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

Roan then looked at the two girls as he put on his robes.

"Use these clothes since your clothes turned to rags during the training on the way here."

He then glanced at Luina and added.

"You are older than Illia, so your breasts have already developed a lot more than hers. I'm not sure if these clothes will fit you well, but that's all I have for now. Anyway, that's it."

Luina felt a mix of embarrassment and delight.

'He did pay attention to me, after all!'

'No, wait! That's not what I should be thinking at the moment, idiot me!'

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Chapter 366: Back to the Sect

And with that, Roan finally turned around and left. Only then did Calina and Luina get up again as they quickly rushed to the shore before grabbing the robes. The two felt like idiots as they put on their robes. Of course, they knew who the culprits were.

"I'll kill those two the next time I find them."

"What a coincidence. I had the same thought just now."

Still, Luina couldn't help but show a victorious expression.

"Well, at least Roan noticed this lady's body."

Calina snorted in response.

"The way he said that was more like he was talking about two bags of meat."

Luina didn't care as she responded.

"Two bags of meat that caught his attention. What about you? There isn't any meat there to start with."

Touche!

"H-Hmph! This is just because of our difference in age! Just you wait!"

The two girls then left the riverside and followed the direction Roan left.

From afar, Juvian and Galios sighed in relief. At least, the situation didn't develop as they thought it would. If Roan started to have 'fun' with the girls right there, wouldn't it make them two old perverts watching the young ones have fun?

'I have to tell Sect Master to keep Luina as far from Dalamu Sect as possible! No, wait! If I tell him what happened just now, he would probably come out to kill those twins. Our Lagan Sect can't afford to start another war. What to do, what to do...'

Juvian didn't think that far.

'Well... As long as they're safe, that's what matters... I guess?'

Calina and Luina arrived at the place where Malaka and Rean were waiting with Roan. The two just so happened to be preparing some food as well. Rean then looked at the two beet-red girls and said.

"Oh! You came back. Sit, sit. The food will be ready in no time."

Malaka also helped him.

"Rean's food is quite good. Senior Luina will definitely like it."

Calina and Luina's mouth twitched as they looked at the two. They were acting as if nothing had happened at all!

Of course, Rean and Malaka were still laughing like crazy in their minds. It was quite impressive how they hid it so well.

Chick!

As soon as Malaka said food, Kentucky, who had been flying in the air all this time, came down in a flash.

Chick! Chick!

Rean then took another piece of Transten Ore and threw it towards the Minokawa. Kentucky happily swallowed that before sitting down to rest. Of course, Rean didn't throw an ordinary piece of Transten Ore. He had concealed it under a layer of food. It was only 100 grams every time, so it wasn't hard to start with. Otherwise, he wouldn't show Kentucky eating a High-Level Heaven Metal that easily.

As Rean prepared the food, Calina and Luina looked at Rean and Malaka with dark expressions, waiting for a chance to deal with them. However, those two were too aware of their surroundings. They were always in a position where they could flee straight away. It only made Calina and Luina's even angrier in response.

As cultivators, their group didn't really need to sleep. Even eating could partially be avoided by consuming Spiritual Energy instead. However, Rean and Malaka still liked to eat. Well, the truth was that Roan liked it as well, so he never complained about the time wasted making food.

After some time, they finished eating and recovering their Spiritual Energy. Soon after, they resumed their travel back to Dalamu Sect. Calina and Luina tried to get back at Rean and Malaka. However, Rean was just too fast and aware of them.

However...

"Rean, help me!"

Rean looked behind and saw how Calina and Luina caught Malaka. Sure enough, she wasn't as capable as Rean, so the two eventually succeed in capturing the happy-go-lucky girl.

Rena then bowed to Malaka from afar before uttering.

"Your sacrifice shall not be in vain."

Malaka felt helpless.

"Traitor!"

Roan looked at everything with a puzzled expression.

"Calina and Luina put a lot of effort into attacking you two during the training. Did something happen?"

Rean shook his head.

"Oh, don't worry. Those two girls are feeling the effects of PMS at the moment."

Roan nodded. He at least knew what that meant.

"I see. I guess there's no helping it then."

Calina and Luina almost vomited blood.

'Who the hell is having PMS?'

Sadly, they couldn't catch Rean. In the end, they could only release their anger on the weak side of the link. Poor Malaka, she had to bear all of it alone.

Sob, sob...

"It hurts..."

Calina then looked at her.

"It was supposed to hurt, idiot. Just try something like that again to see if I won't skin you alive."

Luina nodded in agreement with Luina but didn't say anything.

The two girls felt quite relieved after that. It would only be more perfect if they had caught Rean as well. Unfortunately, that guy would definitely not drop his guard that easily.

Roan, on the other hand, simply said.

"PMS or not, I don't care. It's time for training. Let's go!"

The two girls felt helpless again but decided to ignore it. They couldn't blame Roan for not understanding anything either. In the end, they could only put their all in Rean and Roan's training menu.

The days quickly passed as their group approached Dalamu Sect. Calina and Luina had to give up catching Rean in the end. Malaka, who had been abandoned by him, also tried to help, but it didn't help either way.

Finally, they spotted a city in the distance. That was none other than Majorias City, the town closest to Dalamu.

"Phew... We're finally back."

Everyone was happy to see the sect again. Well, everyone except for Luina. She would need to go back to Lagan after this. Nonetheless, she didn't forget to point at the twins and say.

"You two still owe me a group mission together. Once I arrive back in Lagan, I'll send you the information. I don't want to hear any refusal."

Roan nodded, not minding it too much. Since he didn't refuse back at the Profound Abyss, he wouldn't do that now.

"Alright. Don't forget to review everything I told you."

Luina smiled after hearing that and nodded. Not long after, she bid farewell to Malaka and the others before leaving in a flash.

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Chapter 367: Time to Upgrade!

Rean took the chance to obtain all the Spirit Stones from the Steel Works before going back to the sect with Malaka, Calina, and Roan. There, Malaka and Calina returned to the Blue Orchid District as the twins went back to their rooms in the Inner Sect. After that, they secluded themselves and went straight into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

[You two finally came. It was quite boring to wait for that girl to leave your group.]

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he replied.

"It would be useless anyway. The sect also sent someone to watch us if we were attacked by the Umbral Sect. In the end, we couldn't enter the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm even if Luina didn't follow us."

Roan didn't care about any of that, though.

"Enough of that. Let's check the rewards. Sister Orb, how many Destiny Points do we have?"

[Well, you guys haven't touched your Destiny Points during the last 14 months. Also, you got that extra reward from the conclusion of that war since you two played huge roles there.]

Different from what happened in Qerten Country, Rean and Roan really did participate in this war directly. Their effect in Qerten might have escalated a lot, but it was only a side effect of what would happen sooner or later. However, this time, it could be said that it was because of the two that the war against Cassen was won. Obviously, they got a lot more Destiny Points.

[You two had 265 Destiny Points before the war started. The war results gave you another 2937 Destiny Points. On top of that, the accumulated points from the Communication System gave you another 4728 Points. In total, you guys have 7930 Points.]

Rean couldn't help but ask.

"Didn't the Communication System give way too little? Compared to what we did before in just three months, these fourteen months are quite lacking."

Sister Orb disagreed with Rean.

[That's not correct. The bigger the system becomes, the more common its effects become. Think about it as the new destiny of the world, having the communication system into it now. The world's destiny is adapting to your idea, that's all. However, there is good news. It doesn't seem like the Destiny Points you can get from the Communication System are reaching the limit yet.]

Rean and Roan nodded.

"So that's why. Well, this huge amount is still greatly welcome."

Soon after, the twins touched the Soul Gem Orb and sent their Spiritual Sense and Energy inside.

[Dragon Bones - 5000 Destiny Points] (New)

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

[Soul Gem Dimensional Realm Upgrade Level 3 - 8000 Destiny Points] (New)

[Yin Yang Bathhouse - Reward from Destiny Strugglers Title]

[Soul Connection Range Upgrade level 3 – 20000 Destiny Points] (10000km) (New)

[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)

"Oh! There is a new reward related to bones. Dragon Bones, huh?"

[Yes. It appeared after you got that last Authority Level Point.]

"There is also the next level of the Dimensional Realm, but it's too expensive as well. We better leave those two aside for now."

Rean agreed with Roan before they took a look at the rest. However, they didn't take long to select something since they already knew what they wanted.

"First, Spiritual Energy Absorption Upgrade level 2!"

Sister Orb's voice changed as the Soul Gem System talked in her place.

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

[Hosts' Destiny Points: 7930]

[Confirm the Purchase?]

"Yes!"

Rean and Roan quickly braced themselves as the acute pain immediately assaulted their Meridians. At least, they were ready for it this time. They resisted it as well as they could until it was finally over around an hour later.

[Tsk! The worm play didn't happen this time, so boring...]

The twins' mouths twitched. They really felt like using a hammer to smash Sister Orb. However, they knew that nothing good would come from it, so they ignored the annoying orb.

Eventually, the system announced.

[Spiritual Energy Absorption Upgrade Level 2 Completed.]

"Phew... Alright, we had 5% extra Spiritual Energy Absorption before. Now it jumped to 10%. Let's check if there's a new upgrade available. We might use it straight away if that's the case."

The twins had to admit that the thing that annoyed them the most was how long it took to cultivate now. So they had already decided to use everything on the Spiritual Energy Absorption upgrades. However...

[Spiritual Energy Absorption Upgrade Level 3 - 10000 Destiny Points]

"..."

"Ahem... Let's buy something else instead."

Without any other choice, the twins selected the next upgrades.

[Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop Upgrade Level 2 and Soul Gem Electrical Formations Repository Upgrade Level 2.]

[Total cost, 2000 Destiny Points.]

[Confirm the Purchase?]

"Yes!"

Immediately the Alchemy Workshop and the Electrical Formations' Repository began to shine. However, their outlines didn't change at all as the Spiritual Energy gathered on them. Finally, the two buildings finished upgrading.

"Well, it was a lot shinier than the last time."

"Who cares? Let's check what's inside first."

"Wait, check if the next upgrade is available for them already."

[Soul Gem Electrical Formations Repository Upgrade Level 3 - 3000 Destiny Points.]

[Soul Gem Alchemy Workshop Upgrade Level 3 - 3000 Destiny Points.]

"Oh! It was a lot cheaper than I thought. I was afraid they would jump straight to 10000 Points as well."

Roan ignored that and went straight into the Alchemist Workshop. Finally, he saw something that might be of some use for Alchemy. The system decided to give him the Cauldron this time.

"Well, it ought to be somewhat better."

[But of course! Different from any of the real world cauldrons, this one allows you to perfectly control the temperature! Many types of Spiritual Fires need to be controlled in specific ways. This Cauldron will resolve most of those problems. Of course, the Cauldron can't do anything about their purities. For that, you will need to upgrade the Workshop some more.]

"I never thought you could say something so pleasing to the ears."

[What are you talking about? I'm always pleasing!]

Roan snorted but didn't say anything. After all, the level of shamelessness the orb had was beyond comprehension.

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Chapter 368: Last Upgrades

Rean also got his upgrade in the Electrical Formations Repository. As mentioned before, most of the repository space was empty, so he could practice the formations there. In the end, it didn't receive any visible change. However, Rean was more interested in the system of the Repository.

"Last time, I only got an introduction to Circuitry Formations, but nothing about how to build them."

Rean quickly touched the orb on the wall before sending his Spiritual Sense and Energy inside again. Soon after, the same menu reappeared.

[Welcome to the Electrical Formations Repository System.]

[Please select an option.]

[01- List of articles available.]

[02- Formations Test Field (Upgrade needed).]

Rean quickly accessed the first option, and a new list appeared for him.

[01- Introduction to Circuitry Formations.]

[02- Circuitry Formations: Methods of Creating - Basics.] (New)

Rean's eyes immediately lit up.

"That's what I'm talking about! Option Number Two!"

[01- Spiritual Electric Current Usage and Control - Basic.]

[02- Spiritual Electromagnetic Waves - Basic.]

[03- The Components Necessary for Circuitry Formations - Basic.]

[04- Spiritual Circuitry - How to create or transform basic formations into Circuitry type formations (Requires the Mastery of the First Three Options).]

Rean couldn't help but become excited.

"Hahaha! So what if they're just basic types? They would be revolutionary in the cultivation world! Oh, right! Sister Orb, what does the Formations Test Field do? Does it have any special feature?"

[But of course! This is a simulation field. As long as you have the parts necessary, you can use the Test Field to put them together.]

"Uh? Wouldn't I be able to do the same in the outside world?"

Sister Orb laughed after hearing that.

[Idiot. Do you think it's that simple? The simulation field only needs an example of the material. After that, it can simulate as much as you need. Let's say you have just so much gold for a Circuitry Test. The Test Field can bring out an infinite amount of gold for you to work with. Of course, that gold doesn't really exist in reality. As I said, it's just a simulation. Still, can you imagine just how much work it would save you?]

Rean became even more excited after hearing that!

"That's great! What do I need to do to open the test field?"

[It's the next level of the Electrical Formations Repository. You still have Destiny Points available, so you might as well buy it.]

Rean pondered a bit and narrowed his eyes. Soon after, he messaged Roan and explained everything.

'So you would need to use 3000 Points to upgrade it, right?'

Rean nodded.

'Yes. I really think it is a good idea since many of our Destiny Points come from it.'

Roan began to think about the other options available, including his own Alchemy Repository. However, they already didn't have enough points for the good ones. As for his Alchemy Workshop, it's not like they use many of his Pills anyway. Sure, the Energy Gathering Pills and Cultivation Stabilizing Pills were good, but Roan won't need an upgrade to make them.

'Alright. Also, you might as well get that Blacksmith Workshop since it only costs 400 points. Our weapons depend on your Blacksmith Skills, after all.'

Rean nodded. 400 Points wasn't really that much for the two.

'Great! Let's meet outside and make the purchase.'

The two touched the Soul Gem Orb once more and accessed the Reward List.

[Soul Gem Electrical Formations Repository Upgrade Level 3 and Soul Gem Blacksmith Workshop.]

[Total Cost: 3400 Destiny Points.]

[Confirm the Purchase?]

"Yes."

As expected, Rean's Electrical Formations Repository began to shine once more. At the same time, a new building started to materialize beside the Alchemist Workshop. The twins waited outside without caring too much until the upgrades were finally concluded. As always, the system voice appeared in their minds to say that everything was over.

"Good! Let me take a look."

Roan nodded as he turned around.

"I already got my cauldron, so I'm going to Old Worm's Hut to test it out."

However, Sister Orb immediately reminded him.

[You can't! Did you forget that the tools are locked into the Workshops?]

Roan narrowed his eyes. Sister Orb did say something like that before, indeed.

"Is there no way around? This limitation is too big. Until my Alchemy Level increases to the point where Yin yang will make a huge difference, it would be much better if I can use it together with Old Worm."

[Well, you can do something like what you asked me in the past.]

Back when Rean and Roan were in the Varen Tribe, they had asked if they could bring the techniques from the Reward System to the outside world. For example, the bones improvement. Sister Orb told them that it was possible, but it would cost a lot more to share this knowledge than using themselves. Sister Orb was mentioning the same thing now.

"I see. How much would it be?"

[Let me check the System.]

[Found it. The System can allow you to bring them out, but it will cost you another 1000 Destiny Point.]

Rean couldn't help but mention.

"That was a lot cheaper than I thought. The System had asked many times more the value of the first bones upgrade in the past."

[That's because the bones upgrade would make a permanent change on the people's body. Roan's Alchemy Tools will only make it easier to concoct pills. The difference is enormous.]

Roan didn't want to waste time, so he immediately asked.

"Alright. Let's go ahead with the exchange."

Rean and Roan then touched the Soul Gem Orb.

[Tools Removal Special Option.]

[Hosts' total number of items will cost 1000 Destiny Points to be released from their locks.]

[Confirm the Purchase?]

"Yes."

The buildings behind Rean and Roan immediately began to shine once again, just like in the previous upgrades. Sometime later, they came back to normal.

[Upgrade Completed.]

"Good! It will be very convenient in the future."

Sister Orb then reminded the twins.

[If you want to release other tools in the future, it will also cost more Destiny Points. Besides, the price will increase too.]

Rean and Roan were already expecting that.

"Alright. We will see if we need it again."

Rean then asked something else.

"By the way, how many Destiny Points do we have now, Sister Orb?"

[130.]

The twins couldn't help but sigh.

"14 months of accumulation gone, just like that."

"There is no helping it. At least we got what we wanted in the end. By the way, don't you want to upgrade the Blacksmith Workshop to level 2?"

Rean shook his head.

"Let's save these points since we don't know if we need to buy more save points soon."

Roan nodded and didn't insist. After that, he teleported outside of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm before heading to Old Worm's Hut. Rean, on the other hand, went straight to the Blacksmith Workshop. He already knew what the Electrical Formation would do with this last upgrade, so he preferred to see what he got in the Blacksmith Workshop first.

However, he was quite surprised by what he saw.

"This... Isn't that a Hydraulic Forging Press?!"

[Wrong! It's a Circuitry Spiritual Hydraulic Press! The control and pressure it can achieve is not something you could ever dream of doing at your current level with hammers. As the name suggests, it uses Circuitry Formations to operate the control. Last but not least, thanks to the Spiritual Materials on

this side of the universe, the pressure exerted by it far surpasses any Hydraulic Presses back in your previous life.]

"Hahaha! That's extremely beneficial! I thought that the first levels of all buildings would be useless. To think that I would actually get a Hydraulic Press. I wonder if I should recreate our White and Dark Stars now that I have it. No doubt they will be a lot better than they are right now."

[That seems like a good idea. In any case, that's just the first tool. It doesn't mean you won't need hammers in the future either.]

Rean agreed with Sister Orb.

"Obviously! I was a metallurgist, remember? In any case, I'm looking forward to when I use it."

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Chapter 369: The Uses

Still, Rean decided that learning the Circuitry Formations would come first.

"By the way, Sister Orb. Can I make copies of the Circuitry Formation Articles and bring them outside? It would be good to have Droman's help with it."

[You can, but I wouldn't recommend that. You should think about your Destiny Points. Suppose they learn the Circuitry Formation by themselves. In that case, you will only get an indirect amount of Destiny Points for the changes it brings later. After all, the Circuitry Formations made by them were thought up by them. They wouldn't be something that you introduced to the world like the Communication System.]

[The best thing to do is to learn them first, then come up with a few ideas to use before teaching Droman and the others yourself. In that case, the system will consider that you were the main reason for everything.]

"I see... Alright then."

Without wasting time, Rean dove into the articles of the Electrical Formations Repository. However, soon after, Rean found out that each of the options available had many more sub-options inside. Just the Spiritual Electric Current Usage and Control article alone had thousands of pages! Let alone learning it, just to finish reading the articles would take several weeks!

"This is a lot more complicated than I expected."

[Of course! Did you forget how many rune arrangements can be made with the usual formations? If they already have so many things to study, how about Circuitry Formations, which is more compact and complicated.]

"Ahem... Isn't there a form of pouring all the knowledge directly inside my brain?"

[I wouldn't recommend that.]

"Why?"

[Simple. Memorizing and learning are two completely different things. Chances are that the excess information will make you pull the cart in front of the horses. Suppose you get all the information at once and start to learn it. Because you already have the rest of the advanced data, you will try to apply it even though you shouldn't. The best thing is to do it step by step.]

Rean understood what Sister Orb meant.

"Sigh... I wonder just how long it will take before I finish everything."

[Go! Harvard's best student of all time! You can do it!]

Rean's mouth twitched.

"Fuck you!"

[Hahaha!]

Back outside, Roan arrived at Old Worm's hut. Surprisingly, Old Worm was already there, waiting for him.

"Weren't you supposed to be in the Alchemist Hall Repository?"

Old Worm shook his head as he replied.

"It has been a long time since our last session. I wanted to see how much you improved on your own during this time."

Roan nodded. During wartime, he also concocted pills for the other cultivators in his group several times. Those guys used their own merit points to buy the items, so it was a great chance to train alchemy with free materials. Although Roan couldn't step into the Earth Peak-Level Alchemist Rank, his own concoction proficiency improved quite a bit.

Roan then pondered a bit if he should use the Soul Gem System Cauldron in front of Old Worm or not. However, he didn't think about it for long. He and Old Worm had spent a lot of time together, so he knew what kind of person Old Worm is. Roan was sure that Old Worm would never try to steal it or reveal the information if he asked.

"I got something interesting for you to see."

Roan had already brought the cauldron out when he left his room, so there was no need to pretend to go back to take it. Roan then brought the thing inside for Old Worm to take a look.

At first, it looked like any cauldron. However, Old Worm quickly found something different to it.

"What are those metal spikes? Also, isn't its base way too big?"

The cauldron's base was at least twice as thick when compared to a normal cauldron. It would usually make it much harder to control the fire since it would take longer to transfer the heat. The spikes were even more of a puzzle since they could also affect the usage of the cauldron.

Roan faintly smiled as he also showed something else to Old Worm. It looked like a small sphere attached to a box. Only half of the sphere appeared outside. In fact, there was only one half of a sphere. Inside the box, many components made up the heat control system of the cauldron, but that wasn't all. The box had the same number of 'spikes' as the cauldron.

Roan already received the method on how to use it from the Soul Gem System, so he quickly prepared everything. Well, all he needed to do was to put the cauldron under the fireplace and turn it on. But it was then that something happened. All the 'spikes' on the cauldron began to emit some kind of Spiritual Current that reached the 'spikes' of the small gadget.

As for the base, many runes began to shine nonstop as the fire touched it.

"This... What kind of Spiritual Cauldron is that?"

Roan then pointed at the sphere on the box.

"Send your Spiritual Energy and Sense into the Sphere. You will understand once you do that."

Old Worm wasn't an idiot. He could tell that there was some Formation inscribed on the Cauldron. It wasn't hard to guess that it had something to do with the fire either. However, as soon as he did what Roan said, a stream of information appeared in his mind. Several lines were depicting various numbers that changed constantly.

"This... temperature? It can show the temperature in the form of numbers, is it?"

Roan nodded.

"Yes."

Old Worm was really surprised by that.

"This is some excellent stuff. It's a lot easier to control the temperature with something like this."

Roan then touched the sphere as well before sending a Spiritual Sense command inside. In an instant, the continuously changing temperature numbers froze in place. Simultaneously, the runes under the base of the Cauldron shone as the fire hit it.

"What?! That's possible?!"

Roan nodded.

"This cauldron can control temperature perfectly. As long as there is enough heat, you can select any number to stop."

Old Worm couldn't help but ask straight away.

"Where can I buy one?"

A burst of rare laughter came out of Roan's mouth. It wasn't easy to make someone like Old Worm act like this.

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Chapter 370: Good News

"There isn't any copy of this available. At least, not that I know of."

Old Worm's excited expression quickly returned to its usual emotionless state.

"I guess that's to be expected. Anyway, I believe this is also part of the things you don't want to talk about, right?"

Roan nodded.

"Indeed. However, I don't mind sharing it."

It was then that Sister Orb's voice resounded.

[The cauldron is part of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. If you go too far away from it, the cauldron will be automatically teleported back into the Alchemy Workshop.]

Roan was surprised by that.

'Well, I guess I don't need to be afraid of it being robbed then.'

Old Worm didn't hear Sister Orb's voice. Instead, he took a few items out and immediately started concocting. He wasn't the type to talk much to start with. Since Roan said he could allow the use of the cauldron, Old Worm accepted it gladly.

Roan took the opportunity to watch Old Worm's concocting process. It turns out that Old Worm was already a Heaven Middle-Level Alchemist. Hence, the pill he concocted was several times better than Roan. At first, Old Worm had some trouble controlling the cauldron. After all, he never had such a precise cauldron in his life. But as time passed, he became more proficient at it.

Of course, he also took the opportunity to teach Roan about the concoction process of Heaven Level Pills. Even though Roan didn't have the cultivation necessary to make them, it wouldn't be bad to know how it was done.

Finally, the first pill that Old Worm was satisfied with came out of the cauldron.

"Impressive! Using Rerqol Flame to concoct is quite annoying due to its chaotic state. However, I simply don't need to care about the temperature anymore. Making this Anti-Umbral Energy pill was a lot easier."

Roan had seen the pill before. It was incredibly costly and hard to concoct. It was the same pill that Tiria used to deal with the Umbral Energy in her body before Rean appeared.

'No wonder Tiria said it was too hard to get these pills. They are at the Heaven Level, after all.'

Old Worm then put the pill in a bottle before turning to Roan.

"There will be some times where I will need to borrow this cauldron of yours. Do you mind?"

Roan shook his head.

"As long as I can watch the concoction process."

Old Worm didn't mind that. Since he took Roan as an Alchemist Disciple, showing his techniques would make no difference.

"Good. Let's start with your own practice now."

Roan and Old Worm then spent the next few days in the Hut. However, Old Worm still asked Roan to use the normal cauldrons. After all, an Alchemist's level was also determined through their control of the fire. If Roan wanted to become a higher ranked alchemist, he couldn't rely on that cauldron alone.

Back on Malaka's side, she was called over by Mia. Now that the war was over, Mia wanted to restart Malaka's training. As always, the girl tried to find some excuses, which turned out to be useless.

"You had your breakthrough to the Core Formation Realm not too long ago. To be honest, it was a lot faster than myself, so I'm afraid of your cultivation going berserk. You will stay here to cultivate with me for the time being so that I can make sure you are doing well."

Malaka could only follow Mia's training schedule and hope for her master to let her go soon.

As for Calina, she began to revise everything Roan taught her in the last war. She often fought against the other sisters of the sect as well as the Inner Sect Rankings.

Of course, after the war was over, both the Outer and Inner Sect's members decreased a lot. From the 1000 Inner Sect Members, only 689 remained. The number of girls in the Blue Orchid District, which was already low, decreased as well. In compensation, the remaining level of cultivators increased. The weak died, and the strong survived. It was that simple. The same thing happened in all the other sects and the Royal Family.

Calina decided that she wouldn't go out for the next few months until she digested everything she learned.

Time began to pass as everyone did their own things. And just like that, another half a year passed in a flash. As mentioned before, the Core Formation Realm needed a lot more time to cultivate. The only advantage was that Rean got a self-sustained Rank Three Spirit Stone income, so the twins' cultivation wasn't too slow. Of course, the Spiritual Energy Level upgrade in the Soul Gem System also helped a little.

Rean was inside the Formations' Test Field in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. He had been studying the Circuitry Formation Articles while he also got to learn normal formations from Droman. Circuitry Formations were a fusion of both Electrical Components and the cultivation world's Formations. Naturally, knowing the Circuitry part was far from enough.

In front of Rean, there was a big box with one of its sides open. Inside, one could see three boards with quite a few cables passing everywhere. Obviously, those were Rean's first Circuitry Formations. At the bottom, there were Spiritual Stones that offered the power necessary for those boards to work.

Other than the Electrical Paths on the board, Rean could also see many tiny runes. The circuitries often ended in a junction with a ton of layered runes before new circuitry started on the other side. However, there were many empty spaces where the circuitry ended and began. They just so happened to be of the same size as the other parts where runes could be found. Obviously, runes were supposed to be inserted there.

"Alright. The empty spaces will be for Droman to work with. I still can't make a lot of the runes of the Router Formation at my level. Too bad this is just a simulation. I will need to start building it again once I go outside."

[What are you complaining about? Thanks to the Test Field, you could reach this state without losing a single material during trials. You should be happy that you have such an option. Everyone else can only do trial and error while spending fortunes with mistakes.]

Rean had to admit that Sister Orb was right.

"Okay. Anyway, I can't go further than it now. If I want to build a Router Formation on my own, I'll need to reach the Earth Peak-Level Formations Master. Rank"

Rean had advanced into the Earth High-Level Rank. However, the runes for the Peak-Level also depended on the person's cultivation. Once again, Rean's cultivation was lacking, just like his Blacksmith profession.

Rean pondered a bit and finally concluded.

"It's decided. I'll bring this project outside for Droman to take a look at. This should be enough to be considered something that I created as well."

Other than training Rean, Droman also supervised the Communication System Project. Sure enough, the Imperial Family loved the Router version 1.2, which they began to implement straight away. There was a description of the things necessary for that Router, and one of them just so happened to be the Lightning Beads of the Lightning Sect.

The Imperial Family soon found out that Zafa Bank had a contract with Dalamu and Lightning Sect, taking their copyrights. That being said, even the Imperial Family couldn't demand those Lightning Beads. They had to buy it if they wanted to use it.

Of course, the Imperial Family Formation Masters immediately started to look for a replacement for the Lightning Beads. They were quite confident of doing it since their level was on par or even higher than

Droman's. In the end, they really did find a few candidates that could be used in the place of the Lightning Beads.

Unfortunately, those candidates were even more expensive! Unless they decide to create something new like the Lightning Beads themselves, they could only buy the ones available.

The Imperial Family wasn't the only one. The Router Formation was quickly made public, so many countries surrounding the capital began to build their Router Formations. One must remember that the Imperial Family already allowed them to build the normal communication formation. It's just that something like the Router Formation still didn't exist at that time.

That being said, the Lightning Sect began to receive a massive amount of orders for Modified Lightning Beads. They even considered changing the name of the Lightning Beads since it wasn't a bead anymore. After talking to the Dalamu Sect, they ultimately decided to call the new version 'Data Storages.' Well, that was Rean's idea anyway.

The versions 1.3 and 1.4 quickly followed in the next months, increasing the demand for Data Storages even more. Dalamu then began to get the focus of the other countries because of the 'Copyrights' contract. A term that almost no one had heard before. They really began to make a fortune. Rean also got his own share of the profit thanks to that. Too bad that this kind of deal still couldn't give Rank Four Spirit Stones. That's where his self-sustained Rank Three Spirit Stone income came from.

Rean quickly recorded everything about the Circuitry Router Formation that he created and left the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Soon after, he exited his room and went to the Formations Hall.

Droman stopped coming out from the sect at some point. Instead, he taught many new Formation Masters of the sect, who did that for him. That also allowed Zuan to go back to his seclusion. Now that the Router Formation reached the Imperial Family, kidnapping Droman became useless.

"Oh! You finally came to visit me. I have some good news for you."