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Chapter 471: Bedsheet

The 'couple' finally came back to their senses. Not long after, Qia went straight to the bath. After all, she was completely drenched in sweat because of the aphrodisiac's effect. That could also be said to her 'dragon's nest,' which was basically wetter than anything else at the moment.

On the other hand, Rean wasn't having it that bad since he cleaned the aphrodisiac in his blood before it could take effect. He simply summoned the water element around him and shaped it into a ball with his Spiritual Energy. After that, he quickly cleaned his body with it before putting on a new set of clothes.

Qia ended up taking longer than expected. It couldn't be blamed since she was still flustered by what happened. Qia was a cultivator, so any common aphrodisiac wouldn't be enough to have such a drastic effect. That being said, Salael Sasamil, her grandfather, made sure that the thing was of top quality. The aphrodisiac he placed would make even a Peak Core and Soul Fusion Realm cultivator give in to their urges.

Rean did indeed completely eliminate every last bit from Qia's body. However, the natural effects of her climax were still there since they were not considered poisonous to start with. She had to use cold water until her special place calmed down. Well... that took even longer since the scenes of what just happened a while ago continued to play in her mind for a while.

Eventually, she got ahold of her emotions and left the bathroom. The Dalamu Sect Residence's workers had prepared everything, so she also had a new set of clothes prepared beforehand, which she wore.

Rean smiled at her, trying to not think too much about the part that didn't go according to plan.

"Cough, cough... Now, then. It's obvious that your grandfather wanted us to have children as soon as possible. Fortunately, my purification skill can eliminate the aphrodisiac's effects. It's good as long as everything ends well."

Qia glared at him but sighed in the end.

"Fine. Even if we had gone through it till the end, I wouldn't have minded. That's how much I'm committed to obtaining your heart anyway. I told you during the wedding, right? I'll be the mother of your children."

Rean scratched the back of his head, obviously showing that he had no intention for that to happen. Qia didn't mind as she continued.

"However, I also don't want for us to get tied to each other in such a way. Once the fated time arrives, I want it to be in a way where we both agreed to it willingly. I guess it was for the better that you were able to stop me in the end."

Rean sighed in relief before saying.

"That's good, then. I was afraid that you would plan something similar to that if you failed with the normal approach."

Qia then smiled back at Rean.

"Well, it seems like I do have a chance since your body liked what you saw."

Obviously, she talked about how Rean couldn't control his little friend in the end and rose like a dragon after what happened between them. Rean showed a rare flustered expression before changing the topic.

"Ahem... Leaving that aside, I believe there'll be no need for us to pretend to be doing anything in the room from here on out. So, should we go to sleep? They want to see us together in bed the next day, right?"

Qia's face became a little red again and nodded. But it was then that she remembered something.

"Wait! There's one thing I don't understand. I'm sure I hit your dantian and sealed its connection with the meridians. How come you recovered so quickly?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he replied.

"What are you talking about? Isn't it obvious that you didn't hit it properly? After all, I recovered my Spiritual Energy control in just a few seconds."

"Bullshit! My senses weren't that hazy, okay?"

Rean smiled before asking.

"Oh-ho! So you were still somewhat clear-headed at that moment?"

Qia noticed that she stepped on her own trap and immediately changed her claims.

"Ahem... Now that I think about it, I was too focused on trying to get impregnated. Perhaps I didn't aim too well when I hit the point where your dantian was located."

Rean obviously agreed with her. How could he say, 'I got some Universe Essence, so my Dantian and Core is much sturdier than anyone else's'? That wouldn't happen.

"Well, with that out of the way, shall we lie on the bed? I'm pretty sure that someone will try to confirm if we slept together for real at some point or not. After all, your grandfather planned this far, so he's eager to find out the results."

Qia was flustered at that thought but didn't deny that fact.

Just as they got to the bed, Rean grabbed her hand before making a small cut on it. Qia understood what he wanted to do, so she didn't stop. Some blood then fell on the bed before Rean used his Spiritual Energy to dry it straight away.

Even though the story said that Rean impregnated Qia, the truly important people involved in this knew that Qia was still a virgin. That blood was just to pretend that they really had done it that night. After all,

it was not like someone would ask Qia to open her legs and show that she didn't have a hymen anymore.

Rean quickly healed the cut with his Light Element, leaving no trace of an injury behind.

Qia and Rean might have been somewhat nervous while sleeping together. However, the truth was that both of them didn't take long to fall asleep after what just happened. That had tired the couple mentally and physically. And just like that, the two slept like rocks.

Sure enough, a guard came to the Dalamu Sect Residence and called Roan over to pass an urgent message to Rean and Qia. The two quickly got off the bed and went to see what was happening. During that time, one of the workers went to clean their room and stole the bedsheet without anyone noticing. That was then passed to Salael, who confirmed that the blood was indeed Qia's.

"Hehe. Good! Now it's all up to nature."

As for Rean and Qia, the urgent message turned out to be a 'mistake' according to the guard in the palace. Rean faintly smiled at that answer and returned to the Dalamu Sect Residence with Qia as if nothing had happened. Sure enough, the bedsheet was gone, and he didn't even try to ask where it was brought to.

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Chapter 472: Preparing to Leave

When the couple arrived at the living room, Turen and Harmalia were there, playing with Rana. It was then that Turen looked at Rean and laughed out loud.

"Hahaha! Rean, you didn't let your father down."

Harmalia also looked at Qia with a meaningful smile, much to her confusion.

"Errr... Mother-in-law, did something happen?"

Harmalia nodded.

"Of course! It happened last night, inside your room. Girl... I've never heard such an intense moan in my life. It seems like Rean surpassed his father in every way possible."

Turen almost vomited blood as he replied.

"What?! How could you say that?!"

"Me? Who knows?"

Qia, on the other hand, became as red as a potato! Sure enough, she remembered the exact moment when Rean sent his Light Element into her body, which amplified the aphrodisiac's effects.

"Th-that... that wasn't..."

"Wasn't... what?"

Qia then noticed that she couldn't say that she and Rean didn't really have sex. As if she wanted to cry, she could only agree with Harmalia.

"No-Nothing! I should have... controlled myself."

Rean looked at that and did his best to hold his laughter. Indeed, he also remembered that moan. Intense was already a very gentle remark when one remembered how she acted last night.

"Ahem... Perhaps you will get a grandchild earlier than you expect. Anyway, I need to go to the Formations Guild with Qia to sort out a few things."

At that moment, Roan also came out of his room as he looked at the couple.

"Did you two need to be that loud last night?"

Rean's mouth twitched. He was absolutely sure that Sister Orb told Roan the truth. Qia didn't know that, so she felt even more flustered about the fact that she couldn't deny it.

"That's not your problem."

Roan shook his head.

"It's not my problem as long as you two aren't too annoying."

Without stopping, Roan made his way to the exit.

"I'm going to the Alchemist Guild to take the jade slips I need. You two should do the same."

Rean and Qia agreed with him.

"We were about to go to the Formations Guild for the same reason."

Qia, Rean, and Roan soon went to the Alchemist and Formations Guilds after that, where they got the jade slips that had the materials they wanted to study while they were out of the capital. Qia and Rean found Havek there as well, doing the same thing as themselves.

"So, are you coming with us to Dalamu?"

Havek shook his head.

"I need a few days to deal with the issues in the Imperial Palace. Many people would complain if their sunlight, me, suddenly went away. Unlike Qia, I don't have an excuse. Well, it's not like they can hold me back anyway. Hahaha!"

Rean and Qia sighed but didn't try to change this guy. As long as you ignored his narcissism, it wasn't impossible to talk to him.

"Alright. See you in Dalamu later."

"Okay."

Roan also met with Lita Xue in the Alchemist Guild. Well, it wasn't a rare occurrence since all of the alchemists who joined the guild spent most of their time there. Nevertheless, this was still the first time he ever talked to her.

"Your Cross-Realm Pill was superb."

A very rare compliment came from Roan's mouth, which surprised the girl.

"Well... I might have finished in first place, but you did win most of the exams. I don't feel any pride because of that."

Roan faintly smiled before nodding.

"That's a good train of thought. Anyway, see you some other day."

Roan then entered another repository, where he would select the things he wanted to bring with him. As for Lita, she didn't know what to think of the guy.

Sometime later, Rean returned to the Dalamu Sect Residence with Qia. Roan was already there, waiting in the living room. Jury and everyone were gathered to discuss the same thing.

"Alright. The marriage is over, so it's time for us to go back. The Imperial Family was kind enough to provide us with the same service again to safely go back. If anyone has anything to say, you better say it now. Otherwise, we're leaving. I have many things to deal with in the tribe, after all."

Jury told them that he was preventing the tribe from growing larger so they could have time to assimilate the new blood. However, it didn't change the fact that the tribe was growing at unprecedented speeds. He had to keep a close eye on it to make sure everything went as planned.

Rean couldn't help but feel a little sad that they were already going to separate again. Of course, he knew that he couldn't go back that easily either. Roan just closed his eyes, refusing to comment.

Harmalia then got up and moved in Qia's direction before hugging her.

"These two brothers are always fighting, so help me keep an eye on them. As long as you hold your husband back, it should help alleviate the situation between these two idiots."

Qia gently smiled as she nodded.

Turen then went to Roan before asking.

"You brother already got us a great daughter-in-law. Your father is looking forward to when you do the same."

Roan narrowed his eyes as he showed an annoyed expression.

"I don't nee-"

"Don't worry, father. I'm already working on it," said Rean, interrupting Roan from continuing.

'What are you talking about?'

Rean didn't care.

'Those are my words. If you say that you don't need one, they will definitely bother you nonstop. That also means that they will bother me to help you find someone. So I might as well say that I'm preparing you for it.'

Turen and Harmalia looked at Rean with interest.

"What do you mean?"

Rean smiled in response as he answered.

"He already has two admirers, and they're definitely not shabby. However, because nothing's confirmed yet, I can't tell you the specifics."

Turen looked at Roan with surprise.

"Is that true?!"

Roan felt a headache coming, wanting to say that such a thing didn't exist. However, he couldn't deny Rean's logic. Sure enough, he was still completely oblivious to Calina and Luina's feelings. It wasn't that easy to melt the ice block.

"Yes..."

"Good! Your mother and I are looking forward to it."

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Chapter 473: It Also Wanted Me

Jury soon left with Harmalia, Turen, and Rana using the same Demon Beast as before. After a while, Droman stopped by.

"So they're gone, huh? Well, we will be leaving soon as well. I'll just head to the Formations Guild Main Branch since there are a few things I want to take along with me. By the way, did you buy everything you think we'll be needing?"

Rean nodded as he replied.

"I did. From the 400 Rank Four Spirit Stones I had, I only have around a hundred remaining. However, I truly believe it will help a lot during the Circuitry Formation building."

Droman then looked at Qia before asking another question.

"You're sure about involving her and Havek in it as well, right?"

Qia was taken aback that Droman would bring that question in front of her. However, she could tell why. It was better to know his suspicion from the start to make it harder to try anything idiotic later. Well, she had no intention to go around telling others about the Circuitry Formation project, so she didn't mind. Even if things with Rean really didn't work out, the 'freedom' she got was already more than worth it.

"Yes. I truly believe that Qia and Havek won't try to steal the project for themselves. Qia's reason is pretty obvious. As for Havek, well, he is just way too proud to allow himself to do such a thing."

Qia couldn't help but laugh before starting to imitate Havek's voice.

"He would probably say something like 'Why would this god need to steal someone's ideas? This god can and will have his own ideas, and they will be better than anyone else.'"

Rean laughed out loud after hearing that. He could totally see that happening.

"Alright."

Rean then looked at Roan before asking.

"By the way, where's Old Worm?"

Roan shrugged his shoulders as he uttered.

"As if I'd know. That guy is really slippery. Even I take some time to notice that he disappears every now and then. It probably has something to do with the Imperial Family's situation and the throne war."

Qia was aware that Rean married her to obtain easier access to information, so there wasn't a lot of reason to hide their intentions in front of her.

"I see... Oh well, let's get ready to depart."

Meanwhile, in a garden somewhere in the Core Region, Huan had just come back from another court session, drinking his tea to relax. However, he didn't have time to even sip at it before he narrowed his eyes.

"Since you're here, then drink some tea with me, will you?"

Sure enough, Old Worm had come by once again.

"I'll be leaving soon."

Huan shook his head.

"You should stay. It's annoying to take care of your clone alone. You already confirmed the prophecy, didn't you? You might as well leave it on its own and carve an easier path for it."

Old Worm didn't care, though.

"No. I want to see with my own eyes how they will develop. My disciple is very interesting, his brother even more so. Besides, I need to look at the target of the prophecy and see how it goes."

Huan shrugged his shoulders in the end.

"Well, it's not like I didn't expect you to say that. However, have you never thought that I could use this chance to turn everything upside down? What if I suddenly decide that it's better for Chrole to take control?"

Old Worm then showed a very rare smile as he replied.

"If that happens, then it will be even more interesting to see how the prophecy will come to fruition."

Huan felt annoyed at that answer.

"Tch! I don't know if it will really work. After all, it could be nothing more than a dying geezer's prank, as far as I know. Even if a target for it appeared there, it might be nothing more than pure coincidence. Nevertheless, I definitely don't want to be in the crossfire if it turns out to be real. I'm going to keep your clone there for now."

Old Worm nodded.

"Suit yourself. Let's just trust grandfather's last words. I'll prepare the terrain for it."

Old Worm then gulped the rest of the tea in his cup in one go before departing from the garden like a ghost. Seeing that happen made Huan sigh as he thought.

'That old geezer. Is it really that fun to spy on some kids?'

Huan then shook his head before putting those thoughts at the back of his head.

On the next day, Old Worm was already back at the Dalamu Residence. Droman also got everything he wanted from the guild and returned as well. With that, they gathered together and made their way to the teleport formations.

They already knew the way, so it was quite simple to reach the long-distance teleport formations in the outer city. After presenting their identity, they were allowed to use them. Qia then took one last look at the capital behind her. She had gone out before for training and things like that, but it was all temporary. This was the first time she was leaving for real.

Rean noticed that, so he asked.

"Are you fine? I don't mind letting you stay here while I head back. Some might find it strange or complain about it, but it's not like we can't work around it."

Qia's heart warmed up a bit, seeing how Rean still cared about her.

"And give some other woman the chance to take you away from me? That won't happen."

Rean shrugged his shoulders in response.

"Even if one does appear, you know our real type of relationship. So I would still go for her."

Qia already expected that answer, though.

"That won't happen. After all, you said that you simply couldn't have relationships. Whatever you had to do wouldn't allow you to do so. That being said, I'm delighted to be the only one with a real chance."

"Chance? Since when?"

Qia smiled as she looked at a specific part of Rean's body.

"Since it decided that it also wanted me."

Rean was speechless. She was still thinking about that night where he got hard in the very end.

Roan finally lost his patience and called the couple.

"Can you stop wasting our fucking time and hop on the teleport formation already?"

Qia laughed as she grabbed Rean's hand and stepped on the formation with him.

A few moments later, the group disappeared with a flash of silver light.

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Chapter 474: Back in Dalamu Once Again

After traveling for half a month, the twins' group finally arrived at the Dalamu Sect. Although things happened far away in the capital, all the information was being sent to Dalamu every day through Mia's contacts in the capital. Because of that, she knew very well what happened there and who was coming back this time.

As soon as the twins stepped on the sect's territory, they received a message that they should go see Mia at the top of the mountain with Qia. After all, she was a princess of the empire. Droman and Old Worm also followed them.

"Welcome to my Dalamu Sect, Princess Qia."

Mia didn't act like the high and mighty Dalamu Sect Master she usually was. She knew that her status was still much lower than the girl in front of her.

"Sect Master Mia, please just call me Qia from now on. As you know, I was married off, so I'm now part of Rean's family. Naturally, I'm now a member of your Dalamu Sect as well. Please treat me like everyone else. Otherwise, others will definitely feel wronged by it."

Mia looked at Qia, who was holding Rean's hands.

"Is the princess really sure about that? I can still use my status to make a few exceptions for you. For example, I can get a private house for you two. Or perhaps, I can make it so that you don't need to perform any missions, take on duties, etc."

Qia shook her head.

"That's not what I want. Such a treatment would instead delay my own progress. Our Imperial Family puts a ton of importance on our own improvement. Those who fall behind will be ignored by others. I grew up in this kind of environment, so I hope it won't be different."

Mia nodded and didn't insist anymore. After that, she talked a bit more with Qia and got a disciple to guide her to her own room.

Old Worm, Droman, Roan, and Rean stayed behind, though.

"So... how did it even turn out like that? I received your reports about the events, but I still can't figure how the hell it has gotten to this point. In the reports, it was mentioned that Rean impregnated Qia, but I can totally tell that she isn't pregnant at all."

Droman raised his hand.

"The one who insisted for Rean to marry her was me, Sect Master."

Droman then explained all the reasoning he did to Rean in the past.

"I see... Indeed. If he visits the Imperial Family in the future, his status as Qia's husband will become an advantage. So, this marriage is just a facade. But would Rean's status as your disciple be enough for a princess to agree to it?"

Rean shook his head as he responded.

"The Communication System isn't the only reason why she accepted it. We talked things through before the marriage. The main reason for her to accept this marriage was that she would be married off. Usually, others are married to the Imperial Family instead of the opposite. For her, this was a chance of obtaining some freedom."

Rean then began to discuss everything related to the reasons, what he hoped to achieve with this marriage, etc. Mia then pondered on the situation and nodded her head in the end.

"Very well. Let's do what you guys say. In any case, you got to join the Formation and Alchemist Guilds. That was your objective from the start, so that's great. Qia's presence will also guarantee a lot more safety for the twins. All in all, it was a good outcome."

Mia then looked at Old Worm before asking.

"Did you investigate everything?"

Old Worm nodded.

"It goes like this."

Old Worm then began to tell everything about the fight for the throne. Rean and Roan knew about it already, so they heard it as well.

"So that's why that girl called Calina was killed. I didn't expect that we could be on the verge of a war against Chrole. The only thing holding those two princes back is the emperor's will, as well as a few more variables."

"Splendid. I now know what I should expect. That feeling of now knowing what's happening is the worst thing. The Imperial Family won't allow us to stop the Communication System anymore, so Droman and Rean should keep an eye on its development. I'll do whatever I can in the meantime. Fortunately, it seems like we have at least a decade before anything major really happens."

The group then continued to discuss those problems for some time.

"Alright. That's all for now. Rean, Roan. I didn't want to involve you two in these complicated things anymore, but it seems like you two dived directly into it on your own. Your low cultivation is what bothers me the most. The news about Rean's marriage to a princess will definitely spread soon. So, for the time being, you two should stay in the sect and focus on cultivating. If you really need to leave, make sure to use the same method as before."

Rean and Roan nodded.

"That was our plan, to begin with. It will be better for us to wait for the storm to calm down."

"Great! You already got your jade slips from those guilds, so study well. You two can leave now—the same for you, Droman. Elder Faulk, please stay behind."

Rean's group quickly bowed in response and left the room, leaving only Mia and Old Worm behind. A few moments later, Zuan appeared in the room as well. However, Old Worm didn't look surprised.

"Faulk. We've been allowing you to do as you wish for quite some time already. Don't you think it's already time to tell us more about it? I was quite surprised that you accepted our request to gather information about the Imperial Family. Why was that?"

Old Worm shook his head.

"You should worry more about the fight for the throne and forget about me. That was our deal, remember? I got you the information you wanted, so that should be enough. But don't worry, I have no intention of bringing disaster to the Dalamu Sect."

Old Worm then turned around and disappeared like a ghost.

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Chapter 475: Awful to Watch

Seeing that, Mia narrowed her eyes.

"Master, is that fine?"

Zuan shrugged his shoulders as he said.

"You know we can't touch him. Besides, he has been here for longer than you and hasn't done anything to us. Since he accepted our request to obtain more information about the Imperial Family's situation, that was already a great result."

Mia couldn't help but comment.

"I didn't mind it before since I thought he was simply hiding all these years. But then he began to move a lot more ever since Rean created the Communication System. The event in the Profound Abyss seemed to make him even more active."

Zuan nodded as he said.

"We can only keep an eye and see what happens. At the very least, it doesn't seem like he has any bad intentions against the twins or the sect. Let's hope it continues out like this."

Mia couldn't help but ask.

"Could it be that he was waiting for the twins?"

Unsurprisingly, she immediately answered her own question.

"No, that doesn't make sense. Elder Fauk has been hiding in our sect for more than 200 years. Even I wasn't born that time, let alone the twins. How could he have been waiting for them? Ridiculous..."

Zuan shook his head in response, saying not long after.

"We can't be sure. Perhaps he really just wanted to hide, but with the Communication System and the twins' appearance, he changed his mind. Or perhaps he knew something that would happen in our sect. However, something tells me that the twins aren't the center of his attention. Of course, he's very interested in them, but that isn't everything."

Zuan then turned around and made his way out as he spoke.

"Leave it be for the moment. I believe that the day that everything will come to light isn't too far away."

After that, Zuan disappeared, leaving only Mia pondering behind.

'Fauk, Rean, Roan, Imperial Family, Communication System... Where's the connection?'

All of a sudden, someone knocked on the door. Mia's train of thought was interrupted as she looked at the door.

"Enter."

Soon, a girl entered the room.

"Oh, princess. Is there something you want to ask me?"

Qia tried to not look at Mia's face as she said.

"I know I was the one who said those words before, however... there is one thing I would like from Sect Master."

Mia smiled as she listened to the princess' request.

Back in the Formations Hall, Rean and Droman secluded themselves from others, only leaving an order that Qia could enter if she wanted to.

"Alright! We can finally start!"

Droman nodded, excited.

"Let's not waste any more time. Oh, by the way, shouldn't Qia be here as well?"

Rean nodded.

"I passed by her on the way down the mountain. She said she forgot to ask the Sect Master something, so she had to go there. She should arrive at any moment now."

Droman quickly brought out the Circuitry Formation blueprints, and the two began to discuss how they should go around it. They also placed many of the jade slips from the Formations Guild Main Branch on the floor for them to check.

"Look, this jade slip has a very good rune for resistance."

"That's quite a good rune. I also found some things that can be of use for that... errr... Spiritual Processing Unit you came up with. Take a look here."

Rean looked at the Jade Slip and narrowed his eyes.

"I can't understand these runes."

"Ah! Sorry, sorry. These are Heaven-Level Runes and formations. Sometimes I forget that you're still an Earth High-Level Formation Master. Let me explain."

However, it was at this moment that the door to the room opened.

"Oh, Qia! That was quick. What was it that you forgot?"

Qia shook her head as she replied.

"It doesn't matter now. So, can I join the party?"

Droman and Rean laughed as they nodded.

"Come over. I will give you a copy of the general theory for you to study first."

Qia happily approached and obtained the manual from Rean. After that, Rean and Droman continued with their discussion as Qia read the manual.

Somewhere else, Roan was standing in front of two girls. On their side, there was a chick-like demon bird with white and black feathers. Obviously, they were Calina, Malaka, and Kentucky. Roan looked at those three with a deadpan expression, waiting for something.

"So, how was it? Did you obtain what I wanted?"

Calina then passed four bags to Roan. Looking at the contents of the bags, his expression finally relaxed a bit as he nodded.

"Not too bad. I was really in need of this bloodthirst worm mucus."

Roan then looked at the two girls, who seemed to be completely worn out. It was obvious that this bloodthirst worm mucus was anything but easy to get. The only one who seemed to be okay was Kentucky. Well, this bird was a flying shield, so it was hard to get it injured. Nonetheless, Roan could see that some feathers and scales were also missing.

"So, did you like the mission?"

Malaka couldn't help but say.

"Liked your head! Do you have any idea how hard it was for us to get these things? You sent us directly into their nests! We even found three Stage Four Bloodthirst Worms! If Kentucky wasn't around, we probably would have died! I won't even comment about the other items!"

Roan nodded.

"That's good, then. I had no intention of sending you two for a walk in the park."

Before Roan left the sect with Rean, he couldn't talk with the two girls since they were on a mission. They even brought Kentucky with them. That being said, he left a letter with Julio, telling him to deliver it to Malaka when she came back.

In the letter, he specified Calina's next training steps, as well as a few items he would need. So far, he had only been giving those girls everything. It was finally time for them to pay for everything. This Bloodthirst Worm Mucus was just one of those things he asked them to fetch.

Calina and Malaka wanted to kick Roan flying, but they knew that they would only suffer if they tried.

"Alright, for your next items..."

Calina and Malaka felt a chill on their backs.

"Wait, what?! There's more?!"

Roan nodded.

"Obviously. What can I do with just this much? I won't be leaving the sect anytime soon, so I will have you two do the things I need."

"Can't you simply post up a mission for the sect's disciples? You and Rean have more than enough Spirit Stones to pay for it, after all."

Roan snorted in response.

"Why would I do that when I can have you two getting them for me for free?"

Malaka then turned around, ready to leave.

"Oh! I think I heard Master calling me. It seems to be training time. I'm leaving."

Calina felt the urge to curse that girl. Calina obviously can't use the same excuse since her master was Roan at the moment. Unfortunately for Malaka, Roan put a hand on her shoulder, holding her in place with his Spiritual Energy. It didn't matter how much strength Malaka put. She couldn't even take a single step ahead.

"Don't worry. I already talked with Mia after I came back from the capital. It seems like she already taught you everything you need to know this month. She was quite delighted to see that my requests helped in your training this much as well."

Malaka also wanted to curse Mia. Why would she not give her training when she was finally willing to take it?

Roan ignored Malaka's struggle and began to list the materials.

"Alright. I need you to get me..."

That same day, two girls left the sect on the back of a black and white bird. It's just that their expressions were quite a sight to behold...

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Chapter 476: Havek Arrived

On that same day, Qia finally finished reading the new method Rean came up with. In the end, her eyes couldn't help but light up. She had never thought about such a methodology before. No one did! It was completely different even when compared to any other thing she had seen before, except for some similarities to the Communication System.

"Just how did you come up with this idea, Elder Droman?"

Droman looked at Qia with a weird expression before looking at Rean. Rean understood what he meant but didn't seem to care as he simply nodded.

"The one who thought about it wasn't me, but Rean."

"Ah!"

Qia looked at Rean, appalled!

"Did you use the Communication System from Elder Droman to come up with it?"

"You could say that."

Qia quickly shook her head after hearing that.

"Doesn't matter! Let me join! This Circuitry Formation... If it really works, it will be simply perfect for the multi-teleport formation that I built in the last exam. The issue with the size and power usage would be fixed immediately."

Droman laughed after hearing that.

"It's not that simple. We are still working on the concept, let alone putting it to practice. You will have to make hundreds, or even thousands of changes until you achieve something nearly usable."

Qia didn't care about that, as she replied.

"So be it! Let's start!"

Droman and Rean smiled as they explained the parts they were working on. Droman, as the only Heaven-Level Formation Master around, dealt with the higher-level stuff while Rean and Qia focused on the details.

Elsewhere, Roan was back at Old Worm's hut, where he revised the things he wanted to work on. Sometime later, Old Worm also stopped by. After taking a look at Roan's jade slips, he understood what he wanted to work on.

"Elements?"

Roan nodded.

"Neutrality has its limits."

Old Worm then pondered for a bit before saying.

"You don't need to be in a hurry. Wait for the Core and Soul Fusion Realm first."

Roan shook his head in response.

"I'll wait for it, but I don't want to be green when I get there."

"I see. That's good for you. I'll stay here for a while, so use this time to ask your queries."

Old Worm knew that Roan's level at neutral-type pills was more than good enough already. It wouldn't be wrong to call it the peak of what can be done at the Earth High-Level. In that case, studying at the next level wasn't a bad idea since Roan intended to start using other elements once he reached the next realm.

A few days later, Roan went to the Blue Orchid Faction, where he once again revised everyone's progress so far. Naturally, quite a few of the girls and even Julio went back with their bodies aching. Roan seemed to be full of energy after these months without these training sessions, so he gave them some 'special attention.'

Another thing that happened during those days was the arrival of Havek. However, unlike Qia, he didn't try to cover his presence at all. His appearance was as flamboyant as ever, attracting everyone's attention.

"Hahaha! Great fortune has befallen on your Dalamu Sect. I, Havek Sasamil, have arrived!"

However, Rean quickly pulled the guy to the Formations Hall before he disrupted the sect's business even more.

When Havek arrived there, he noticed how messy Qia, Rean, Droman's situation was. Judging by their appearance alone, it was evident that these three haven't gone to sleep ever since they arrived in the sect. The only moment they stopped working with formations was during the time they cultivated. After all, none of them could get stuck in their realms forever.

"How can this god work in a place like this? You three, go take a bath! And in Rean and Qia's case, make sure you get some sleep. I can totally see how exhausted your minds are."

Rean, Qia, and Droman were taken aback by that. Only then did they look at themselves for the first time in days, noticing how terrible they looked. It was even worse for Qia, who was a woman. She immediately put everything aside as she looked at Rean and Droman.

"Ahem... I guess we pushed ourselves a bit too much."

Rean and Droman nodded.

It was then that Rean said.

"Ah! Let me pass you the materials you need first."

However, Droman stopped him.

"No. I should have noticed how tired you and Qia were from the start. Go take a bath and sleep. Even though you can ignore sleep with Spiritual Energy, your minds are just like Havek mentioned. I can see how tired you two are. As for Havek, leave him to me."

Droman wasn't lying there, so Rean and Qia accepted his offer and left. Unlike the two, Droman was already at the Soul Forging Realm. He would probably be able to work for months before exhausting his mind.

"Havek, I'll be right back."

Havek didn't mind.

"Sure. Make sure to ask someone to bring this god some tea while at it."

Droman's mouth twitched. Since when was he Havek's subordinate? However, he also understood this guy's personality, so he simply got one of his subordinates to serve Havek.

Rean and Qia made their way back to the Inner Sect. Soon, they arrived at the building and followed the corridor. But it was then that Rean noticed a problem.

"Wait, wait, wait! Why are you still following me? Didn't you get a room just for yourself?"

Qia nodded.

"I did. But I asked the Sect Master if I could stay with you instead. She didn't seem to mind since we're married, so she made an exception."

"What?!"

Rean felt like crying already. She was really putting a lot of effort into this love thing.

"Isn't this against your 'freedom' wish?"

Qia smiled as she held Rean's arm.

"It's not against my 'I want you' wish, so it's fine."

In the end, Rean could only sigh and let her do as she pleased.

'As long as I ignore it, she will eventually understand. That's the only thing I can try for now.'

Well, Rean would need to put a lot of effort into this plan of his.

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Chapter 477: Formation Maniacs

Just like what Mia told them, Rean and Roan didn't go out of the sect. They focused on their cultivation and their side-occupations. When they needed to fight to gain experience, they would challenge those above themselves in the Inner Sect.

Three months after the twins came back, they finally reached the Middle Stage of the Core Formation Realm. They had been in the Initial Stage for over a year and a half, so they were close to the peak of the stage, to begin with.

As one could imagine, Kentucky followed right behind the two since its own cultivation was limited by the twins' cultivation. He was now a Middle Stage Three Demon beast. To compensate for that limitation, Elder Reliance often gave it some other tasks so it could continue to grow stronger.

Of course, between their group, Calina was the first one to reach the middle stage. By the time the twins came back from the Capital, she was already in the Middle Stage. That was to be expected since her cultivation was higher than Rean and Roan to start with.

Another thing that Roan told Calina was for her to be careful about Havek and Qia. After all, they were from the same Imperial Family. Nevertheless, Calina wasn't worried about that. She said that the Imperial Family had way too many members. She had seen Qia and Havek before, but it was not like they talked or anything like that. Calina was even curious whether Havek and Qia would identify her if she hadn't changed her appearance. That's just to show how little interaction she had with them before.

Of course, Calina still made sure to keep far away from them.

As for Malaka, she had only recently entered the Core Formation Realm. She was more than a year behind Rean and Roan, let alone Calina. That being said, it would take quite some time for her before she could enter the Middle Stage.

And just like that, time began to pass even faster as everyone was occupied with their own issues. Rean and Roan began to finally obtain payment for all the financial and technical support they gave to Calina, especially Malaka. Both of them regularly sent the two girls out to gather some materials, do some missions, etc. Each of those requests was usually filled with danger as well.

At some point, Roan concluded his research on a new Medicinal Paste, much to Rean and the others' despair. Everyone was forced to take another hellish bath inside Roan's cauldron. Due to their cultivation and sturdy foundation, the paste didn't make that much of a difference. Nonetheless, it was already great to have their bodies improving, even if only by a small amount.

One year later, Rean, Havek, and Qia finished creating the very first prototype of a Circuitry Formation... that broke the moment it was turned on. The first formation they tried to make was a communication circuitry formation. The advantages were obvious, starting by its size that was ridiculously small compared to their best normal ones. Well, Rean knew very well why that happened.

'Unlike Earth, there is no such thing as high-precision machines here. I guess it's a good result that we could even finish a prototype by hand.'

One must remember that Rean's Electrical Formation Repository can only simulate the tests. It can't fabricate the pieces that it showed in its illusions. Whether Rean liked it or not, he would need to create them with Qia and Havek in the outside world.

Havek narrowed his eyes as he looked at the smoke coming from the Circuitry Formation.

"The SPU broke down. I told you, the spiritual transistors are too small."

Rean shook his head as he said.

"It has to be like this. In fact, the spiritual transistors are ridiculously big already. For it to make the calculations necessary for the Spiritual and Lightning Currents, it would need to be at least this big."

Droman pondered for a bit before saying.

"Both of you are right. It's already too big for what we want to achieve. But at the same time, it's too small for us to create them manually."

Qia agreed with Droman.

"I'm already impressed that it even turned on for a second. I think we should change our focus here."

Havek and Rean knew what Qia was talking about.

"It seems like that's the only way. Unlike normal formations, there is a limit of what a person can do with their own hands in Circuitry Formations."

Havek nodded.

"Well, we at least tried it out. Now we can tell what we exactly need when we start this next phase."

"Very well. It's time to create the machines that will do the fine-tuned work for us. Obviously, they will also be Circuitry Formation-based machines."

That was the biggest issue that Rean discussed with everyone so far. The fact that humans were just too imprecise. The spiritual transistors used in the SPUs were just too tiny for them to work with their hands. Let alone the runes necessary for each one of them to work. The only reason they reached this far with handicraft was that Droman was a Heaven Level Formations Master. After tens of thousands of errors, he succeeded in building a few of those necessary pieces. However, they ended up being uneven when put together. This test showed that they needed something that can create both the physical and rune parts of the spiritual transistors identically.

"But, how will we do this?"

Rean nodded before saying.

"I already have a few ideas. However, it will be done in multiple phases."

"Multiple phases?"

Rean then explained.

"I don't think we can come up with something to create the spiritual transistors of that size straight away. We will need to start with big ones, which are obviously not good enough."

"However, these first ones will also be able to create the other parts we need for new machines that can create smaller ones. We will need to go smaller bit by bit until we finally build one capable of making a spiritual transistor small enough."

Droman, Qia, and Havek understood just how hard that would be. However, instead of being dejected, their eyes lit up.

"Alright! Then let's make its blueprint straight away."

In the end, they were all formation maniacs.

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Chapter 478: Masput Vein

Country of Qerlen, East of Jialin.

At the moment, a seventeen-year-old Malaka and a nineteen-year-old Calina were on top of a flying demon beast, making their way to the Falo Valley. The demon beast, obviously, was Kentucky.

Calina and Malaka had taken a few missions together and others alone. It all depended on what Mia or Roan prepared for the two. However, it wasn't for naught. The several dangerous encounters they had gone through had honed their skills. Calina was even close to entering the Late Stage of the Core Formation Realm after these three years of cultivation.

Rean and Roan were still below her, though. As always, their larger Spiritual Energy pools were delaying their progress. Well, they were much stronger because of that, so they aren't complaining.

Malaka, on the other hand, had just made her breakthrough with Mia's help around a year ago, so she was still further than any of the three.

Three years might look a lot. However, their cultivation progress was frightening to most people. Even if they took ten years to break through one stage to another, everyone would still think they were too quick. Let alone three or four as it seemed at the moment.

"Calina, look! It's there!"

Calina paid attention to where Malaka was pointing and nodded.

"So this is the valley Roan was talking about."

Calina touched Kentucky's feathers before indicating that they wanted to go down.

Chick!

Soon after, Kentucky dived into the valley. Calina and Malaka could see the entire valley from above. Not only that, but it was also possible to see many other cultivators camping at the entrance.

As for why they were here, we need to go back two weeks in the past. Two weeks ago, Roan had called the two girls so that they would go out and obtain another thing for him.

"Recently, a Masput Vein has been found in Qerlen Country. Masput is a great alchemic material for Cross-Realm Pills aimed at breaking through to the Core and Soul Fusion Realm. It's a red liquid that can be found inside a red rock of the same name. The reports say that a cultivator had formed a cave to seclude himself. To his surprise, he ended up finding the Masput Rock. As for why he let the news spread, I don't know, nor do I care. I want you two to go there and fetch some for me. Make sure you fill at least two medicinal bottles to the brim with it."

"How do you want us to do it?"

Roan shrugged his shoulders as he said.

"Do whatever you want. As long as you bring it back, then anything's fine."

And here they were, ready to look for those Masput Rocks.

"If the map is right, this valley is massive. How does Roan expect us to find it?"

Calina shrugged her shoulders as she replied.

"That's probably another one of his tests. However, it's a good thing that this vein is located in such a big place. Look around. The fact that the valley entrance has so many cultivators is solid proof that there are

still Masput Rocks available. The valley's size makes it much harder to find, so we can try to get our own."

"From what I found out, Masput Rocks are only good for those pills Roan mentioned. Because of that, there aren't many Core and Soul Fusion Realm cultivators or higher here. The majority are in the same realm as us, trying to get the Masput Liquid to make their own pills for their own breakthroughs."

"Naturally, Roan is thinking about concocting the same pills for us when the time comes. The only problem is that any new place with Masput Rocks will definitely attract all the surrounding cultivators. No doubt hundreds or even thousands of battles have already happened because of them, so we better be careful."

Malaka nodded.

"Well, Roan probably thought of the same thing. That's why he allowed Kentucky to come with us this time around."

Malak then hugged Kentucky... or so she tried. The bird was already quite big, so it was hard to do so. At least, it didn't look that fat anymore.

"We're counting on you, Kentucky!"

Chick! Chick!

Kentucky opened his wings as if he was agreeing with Malaka.

Calina and Malaka then began to make their way to the valley's entrance. On the way, they were invited to join a few searching groups. Well, it was expected that people would try to join hands to guarantee their own Masput Rocks would be safe.

It was then that a group with three female cultivators approached the two girls and Kentucky.

"Hello. I'm Kuana from the Fractario Sect. The two girls on my side are Laffey and Cassia. Would you like to join us to look for Masput Rocks?"

Calina and Malaka noticed that the three girls used different clothes or robes.

"Did you perhaps form this group just recently?"

Kuana nodded.

"Yes. We are all from different sects and clans. We are trying to make a group with women only to look for the rocks. Of course, if you think we're too weak, you can just refuse."

Calina and Malaka could tell that Kuana was in the Late Stage of the Core Formation Realm while Cassia and Laffey were in the Middle Stage, just like them.

Following that, Calina sent Malaka a Spiritual Sense Message.

'Well, Roan said that we could use any means we wanted to find the Masput Rocks. There's no doubt that there are many groups inside, so we might as well join one.'

Malaka couldn't help but ask.

'Wouldn't that make it harder to fill two medicinal bottles if we have to share with them?'

Calina smiled before saying.

'Don't worry. Roan also didn't give us any time limit. After so many hellish tasks given by him and your master, it shouldn't be bad to do things safely for once.'

Malaka's eyes lit up, and she immediately accepted. Indeed. They could take their time to look for these rocks. Wasn't that just perfect? As for whether they could trust Kuana and the other two girls or not, it

didn't matter. Calina and Malaka were very confident in their own strength, especially with Kentucky around.

"Miss Kuana, we accept."

Kuana smiled and was just about to say something when suddenly, they heard a commotion around themselves. However, even if they didn't hear it, they would have noticed it.

"Hey, look at the Valley!"

Calina, Malaka, and Kuana and the other girls also looked in that direction. From the very center of the Valley, a ray of red light shot to the skies! However, that red light began to expand right after. In just a second, it already covered more than half of the Valley.

"Not good! It's coming in our direct."

Unfortunately, reacting at this point was useless. Calina even tried to call Kentucky so that they could fly out of here with Malaka, but she didn't have time for that either. Just like that, everyone at the entrance of the Valley was taken by it.

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Chapter 479: We Are Moving Out

However, the Red Light didn't stop there. It continued to expand, seemingly unstoppable. Not too long after, the closest city was enveloped by the light as it expanded at frightening speeds. Like a raging torrent, it continued to engulf more places. Cities, tribes, lonely cultivators and people, demon beasts, forests, basically everything was engulfed by it.

At some point, it even broke through the border of Qerlen Country and began to pull the other countries' cities into it as well. Well, that was to be expected since the valley was close to the borders to start with.

As the red light expanded, the flow of Spiritual Energy completely changed in the surrounding countries. Anyone at the Soul Transformation Realm or above immediately noticed that shift.

Back in the Dalamu Sect, Rean, Qia, Havek, and Droman stared intently as a Circuitry Machine worked to create a few pieces of Circuitry Formation Pieces on its own.

"It seems to be working."

"Well, this is already the fifth model of our Spiritual Circuitry Building Machine. Since we were able to make the previous four, it's not surprising that this one worked."

Droman nodded before saying.

"The first working model couldn't make Circuitry Parts as small as I could manually, but it was definitely able to keep the quality consistent."

Qia looked at that and commented.

"The best part of the machine would probably be the programming part Rean talked about. I've never thought we could use Electrical Pulses to act as orders to dictate how this machine would work. Truly impressive. It's quite unfortunate that this is just the first one. We will need all the complementary parts if we want to keep reducing the size of the Electrical Components."

Havek laughed out loud as he said.

"Hahaha! Don't worry. With this god's new talent for programming, we will finish the next complementary parts soon enough. No one can stop me anymore."

Rean smiled as he looked at Havek. It wasn't a lie. He brought the concept of programs to everyone, but it was Havek who turned out to be very fitting for this kind of job. He understood how the concept of ones and zeros worked. Sure enough, the Electrical Formation Repository in the Soul Gem Realm fused both the cultivation world's Formation Runes with the circuits found in computers from Earth.

Rean was incredibly surprised by what could be considered the processing ability of a Spiritual Processing Unit when it was used. The one they used for the first Spiritual Circuitry Building Machine was enormous and millions of times slower than the current CPUs found on Earth. However, Sister Orb

mentioned that their SPU was who knows how many times better than the first CPUs that appeared on Earth. Not to mention that the size Rean thought to be too big was nothing more than ant-like if compared to Earth's first computers and electrical machines.

"Indeed. No one here has such keen intuition for programming as Havek."

Of course, programming was another word that Rean shamelessly stole from Earth. It couldn't be helped, though. After all, they didn't really have a word in the cultivation world to describe this kind of job.

After the first Spiritual Circuitry Building Machina was concluded, they began to use it to make more of the precise machines they needed. Of course, they didn't copy them. The other machines were responsible for building the other parts necessary. After one year, they finally succeeded in making Circuitry Machines capable of making all the parts they needed to start creating even smaller components for new ones.

The hardest part in making the Spiritual Circuitry Building Machines was the first iteration. After all, they had to be developed and built by hand. They didn't even know how many times they tried and failed.

But now, they've reached the fifth model.

A few minutes passed before the machine finally stopped working. From inside, they pulled out a tiny component. Rean's group was forced to channel Spiritual Energy to their eyes to see it perfectly.

"Does the transistor work?"

Droman went ahead and used his Spiritual Energy to create a tiny electrical pulse in the transistor. At the same time, they verified the even tinier runes on it with their Spiritual Senses. It was then that the runes came to life for a moment before turning off. The process itself didn't last more than a fraction of a second, but everyone's eyes lit up in response.

"Hahaha! It worked!"

Droman sighed in relief as he looked at the dot on his finger.

"It isn't as small as the ones I can create by manipulating Spiritual Energy. However, the fifth model can make thousands of these without sacrificing quality. That's just what we need."

Rean pondered for a bit before suggesting.

"How about we try and make a new SPU with these parts? We have been using the first model's size until now, and it can barely work with information. Look at the Spiritual Circuitry Building Machine's SPU. It's several meters long! It's too impractical."

Havek pondered for a bit before saying.

"We made the first ones manually with Senior Droman's skills. However, it worked so well that we forgot about using the transistors made by the machines. We only focused on reducing the size of the components more and more. I think it's already time for us to try it."

Qia, Droman, and Rean nodded in response. That would be the First SPU made with the help of the machines. However, just as they were about to start, Droman froze in place as he looked in a particular direction.

"This..."

At the same time, Mia, Zuan, and Old Worm looked in the same direction as well. Even Old Worm showed some reaction when he felt that, let alone Mia and the others.

"How could this be happening?"

They weren't the only ones who noticed that change in Spiritual Energy Flow, though.

[The hell? How can so much Spiritual Energy be moved like this? What is it, a formation?]

Rean and Roan heard those words in their heads as they felt that change, thanks to Sister Orb. Just like Droman and the others, they also looked in the direction the Red Light was expanding.

'Sister Orb, can you tell what's happening?'

[No... I've never felt something like this before. I can only tell from which direction the Spiritual Energy is being pushed away.]

Droman didn't know anything about Rean and Roan's conversation with Sister Orb. He only paid attention to what was happening in his surroundings.

Droman and Rean then looked at each other and could tell that they noticed that change. The same thing happened between Roan and Old Worm.

"Elder Droman, is such a thing possible?"

Droman was so shocked by what he felt that he ignored the fact that Rean shouldn't have been able to feel that.

"I don't know..."

Qia and Havek looked at the two, a puzzled expression on their faces.

"What are you talking about? Hurry up, and let's start."

Droman immediately shook his head.

"It's not the time for that. Come outside."

Rean agreed with him.

"Let's go."

Qia and Havek looked at each other and followed. Soon, they noticed a commotion at the Formations Hall entrance.

As soon as they stepped outside, they understood why. Dalamu Sect was built on one of the highest mountains of Jialin. Naturally, they had a privileged view of their horizons. At the moment, the sky in the direction of Qerlen Country was completely red. Old Worm and Roan noticed the same thing when they came out of the alchemy room.

Suddenly, Droman and Old Worm received a Spiritual Sense message from Mia. The same happened to all the sect elders at the Nascent Soul Realm.

'Come to the mountain peak.'

Reliance, who happened to be in the sect to deliver another demon beast, also got that message.

Droman looked at Rean's group before saying.

"I need to go see the Sect Master."

Rean immediately held his robe, though.

"I'm going as well."

Droman pondered for a bit and nodded. Unlike the others, Rean first noticed that event through the change in Spiritual Energy, not because of the red sky. Roan didn't even need to ask as Old Worm immediately pulled him with Spiritual Energy and flew in the mountain peak's direction.

Qia and Havek were left behind, not knowing what to do. Well, Havek quickly recovered and turned around.

"Well, I'm going back to continue."

"What?! Aren't you curious about what's currently happening?"

Havek shook his head as he responded.

"As long as this god isn't disturbed by that, it wouldn't matter. After all, it isn't as important as me. Hahaha!"

Just like that, Havek disappeared inside the Formations Hall. As for Qia, she wasn't Havek, so she couldn't let it go. Without asking for permission or anything like that, she immediately rushed to the peak.

Inside the Sect's Main Hall...

"Why are the twins here?" asked Mia with a dark expression.

Droman then explained.

"They also felt the problem with the Spiritual Energy."

"What?!"

Mia was taken aback. She knew that only those at the Soul Transformation Realm or above should have noticed such a thing.

The Nascent Soul Realm elders were puzzled by those words, though.

"What kind of problem?"

Droman looked at Mia, who sighed before explaining. In the end, she simply ignored the twins, thinking that they would always appear everywhere.

"You noticed the change coming from Qerlen Country, right? Whatever it was, it pushed all the Spiritual Energy away. You guys can't feel it because of your cultivations. I really wonder how these two guys did that," she said as she looked deeply at Rean and Roan.

Rean scratched the back of his head while Roan's deadpan face didn't even change.

"Whatever. It's not the time to talk about that. Everyone, we're moving out. Also, call a few of our Core Formation and Core and Soul Fusion Realm elders and disciples. We might need their assistance."

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Chapter 480: Who Wants to Go First?

Everyone was taken aback by that order. Nevertheless, they quickly nodded as they could tell that something huge happened.

Mia then looked at Zuan before asking.

"What will you do, Master?"

"I'm going with you guys. I'm pretty sure that all the ancestors of the five sects are already making their way over. Jialin Royal Family's ancestors should be no different either."

Old Worm shook his head as he interrupted.

"Not only them. This thing seems to be ridiculously enormous. Other countries are definitely moving out as well."

Old Worm was right. At this moment, all the sects, clans, and various organizations were making their way over to Qerlen or to the countries where the red light continued to expand.

Also, the representatives of the Imperial Family took their Thoughts Transmission Talismans and used it straight away. Whatever was happening there definitely required their intervention as well.

Back in the Dalamu Sect, Qia suddenly barged into the meeting hall. Everyone then looked at her as they narrowed their eyes. However, everyone knew that Qia was a princess of the Imperial Family, so they didn't say anything.

"Princess, we can't talk right now."

Qia shook her head.

"I'm not an idiot. I can tell that something big is happening. As a princess of the Empire, I must have a complete grasp of the situation. I also have a Thoughts Transmission Talisman in case you need to contact the Imperial Family directly. Besides..."

Qia pointed at Rean and Roan and continued.

"Since they're here, why can't I?"

Mia didn't have the patience to deal with Qia at the moment. Well, she wouldn't anyway since their statuses were completely different from each other. In the end, she simply ordered.

"Someone bring her with us. Let's go."

Old Worm and Droman brought Rean and Roan with them, while Tiria did the same with Qia. Soon, the disciples of the sect saw the elders flying out of the mountain at high speeds.

At some point, the Dalamu Sect Elders encountered the Jialin Royal Family's elders. Once again, the one leading them was Kocei. The two groups quickly joined together as they continued on their way.

"Kocei, do you know what's happening here?"

Kocei shook his head as he replied.

"This time, we really have no idea. If I'm not wrong, it didn't start in our Jialin Country, to begin with."

Mia also approached the two.

"All we can say is the origin of the phenomenon once you consider from which direction the Spiritual Energy Flow was coming."

"Just what might have started it?"

It was then that Old Worm and Droman approached them.

"I have an idea."

Everyone's attention was immediately piqued. In the end, it was Roan who talked.

"Boy, what are you talking about?"

Droman then quickly explained to Kocei and his subordinates how Rean and Roan could feel the change in the Spiritual Energy Flow.

"What?! Are you sure?"

Rean nodded as he responded.

"It's probably due to the nature of our elemental affinity. Otherwise, we can't say why we can feel it."

Roan shook his head.

Zuan quickly changed the topic.

"It doesn't matter right now. Roan, you said you think you know something. What are you talking about?"

Roan then began to explain.

"All we can tell is the origin of where the Spiritual Energy is flowing. That gave us a general direction of where we need to go. I might be wrong, but I think it's coming from the valley where the Masput Vein was found."

"Masput Vein?"

The top experts narrowed their eyes. They didn't know what he was talking about. That was to be expected since those rocks were only useful for those trying to enter the Core and Soul Fusion Realm. At their Soul Transformation and Saint Realm cultivations, such a thing was useless. The only one that comprehended the news was Mia. After all, the Masput Vein could help the sect's low-level cultivators who wanted to enter the Core and Soul Fusion Realm. It was her job to be aware of such things as the Sect Leader.

"The Masput Vein appeared in a valley inside the Qerlen Country recently. Now that Roan said that, we are indeed flying in its direction right now."

Roan nodded.

"The thing I find weird is how no one noticed that Masput Vein until now. Sure, the Masput Rocks are mostly found underground. Still, a vein of that size being reported shouldn't have been hidden for such a long time. At first, I didn't care too much about it, but it might be related to the situation right now."

Of course, many others also thought the same thing as Roan. That being said, the Qerlen Country experts went to verify the valley. However, all they found was the Masput Vein and nothing else. In the end, they could only open the valley to other countries since the news had already spread.

Koeci pondered for a bit about that.

"Well, we still don't know if it is really connected to that valley you talked about."

Zuan nodded.

"Let's increase our speeds."

As everyone flew forward, Mia approached Rean and Roan.

"Where did you send Malaka this time?"

Rean sighed as he pointed in the direction of the red sky.

"We told her to go to Qerlen to fetch some of the Masput Medicinal Liquid for Cross-Realm Pills. From what I know, she brought Kentucky together with that friend of hers."

That was one more reason why the twins could tell that the Valley was the crux of the issue. One should remember that they also had a small connection with Kentucky. They could tell which direction Kentucky was as long as he wasn't too far away. They couldn't feel Kentucky's presence when they were in the Empire's capital. However, he was much closer now.

"Friend of hers? Are you talking about Illia? Well, those two had been close to each other for quite some time."

Time continued to pass when suddenly, the group was able to see some kind of red barrier in the distance. It was so big that it was possible to see it from incredibly far away. Even at their cultivation level, it still took them several minutes to fly to the frontlines.

Mia and the others then looked at the sky as the barrier stretched into the clouds. But that wasn't all. Their Spiritual Senses entered the earth and could tell that it also extended underground, or at least as far as their Spiritual Senses could reach, that was.

Koeci then looked at one of his subordinates.

"Lukio, check it."

Lukio quickly nodded as he approached the red barrier. However, as soon as he touched it, he was repelled back by the barrier's energy.

"Are you alright?"

Lukio nodded as he looked at his hand. He only touched the barrier for a fraction of a second, but he almost lost his hand. It was dripping with blood. It was even possible to see the bones inside, which were all broken.

Rean noticed that and quickly offered his help.

By this point, everyone in Jialin Country knew about Rean's ridiculous healing powers, so Lukio accepted his help. It would also save him a few healing pills.

'Life Style, Second Form, Instant Recovery.'

Lukio's bones began to mend back together as the injuries healed at a speed possible to see with the naked eye. Those who saw it happen for the first time were finally able to understand why the other sects put so much attention on the twins.

However, their attention didn't linger there for long because they noticed another group approaching from a distance.

"It's the Rohe Sect."

Rago, the Rohe Sect's Saint Realm expert, was leading the group in their direction.

"It seems I got here too late."

Zuan and Kocci shook their heads as they replied.

"We just arrived as well."

Zuan and Kocci then told him what they understood about this thing so far.

"You two, let's go up."

Zuan and Rago nodded as they followed Kocci. Soon, they disappeared into the skies. At their cultivation realm, leaving the atmosphere wasn't anything difficult.

Sometime later, they came down again.

"We took a look at it from above. It looks like a giant dome."

Mia couldn't help but ask.

"So we can't enter?"

Suddenly, Droman called their attention.

"Well, let me tell you something before someone makes a mistake. This is definitely not a formation. No, let me rephrase that. This is a formation, but not a manmade one."

Everyone was taken aback by Droman's words.

"Are you saying that this is a natural formation? Aren't those things supposed to be extremely rare?"

Droman nodded.

"They are. Natural Formations only appear once many coincidences happen at once in the same place. However, it is all thanks to Natural Formations that the Formation Master side occupation was born. We basically copied nature's runes to use in our own works."

"Anyway, although they're rare, it's not like it's impossible to see them. Even I had the opportunity to see a few of them in my life. However, I've never seen something this big before. But at the same time, I can understand why it's so big. Even the Empire Capital's Protection Formation looks just like an ant in front of this thing. However, this also makes things easier to deal with."

Droman then approached the red barrier and began to draw runes midair with his Spiritual Energy. In just a few minutes, hundreds of runes appeared in front of him. Soon after, Droman drove them against the Natural Formation.

Bzzzz!

Suddenly, a hole appeared in the barrier. It was large enough for quite a few people to enter.

"Natural Formations aren't doing things on purpose, so they won't really try to block us out of their own will. Naturally, it's not too hard to work around it."

Droman looked at everyone before asking.

"So, who wants to go first?"