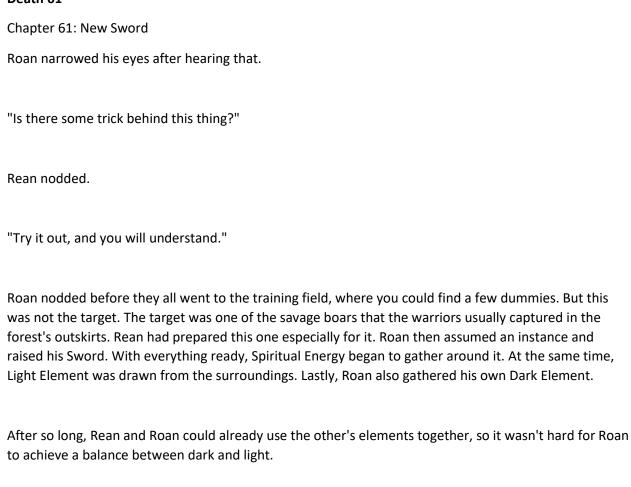
## Death 61



Suddenly, Roan slashed down, and what was assumed to be just a single Sword seemed to become three! This skill was supposed to be made of Dark Element alone, but the Light Element gathered automatically due to the Sword Properties. Since that was the case, Roan didn't hold back and used Rean's Light Element as well.

'Death Style, Third Instance, Three Claws of the Dragon!'

Of course, Roan wouldn't waste his time saying such long names before an attack. It only appeared for a moment in his mind.

There were really three swords, but two were made of Spiritual Energy and Elements. Although the two fake ones only had 70% of the real one's attack power, the point is that the enemy wouldn't be able to tell which one of the three was real. Not to mention, even at 70%, the two fake were still very strong.

The attack hit the Boar in three different points. However, Roan didn't aim to kill the Boar, just to make a few cuts around. The attack succeeded, and the Boar screamed in pain. But no one paid attention to it, what they looked at was to see if the injuries would start to recover due to the Light Element or not.

However, Roan immediately stopped them.

"There is no need to look, the injuries on it will not recover. There is no Light Element left to make it happens."

After saying that, Roan narrowed his eyes while looking at the Boar's cuts. They were a lot deeper than he intended to do.

"Rean, you made the Light Element condense so that it would be gone during the attack, am I right? That's why my attack power increased for a second. Because of that, the Boar received even more damage than I intended."

Rean couldn't help but laugh out loud.

"Correct! What happens when you gather light into a single point? That was the principle behind this Sword. That's also why I love Spiritual Energy and those Spiritual Ores. They allow me to do things that no metallurgist could ever dream about back on Earth."

Erkil heard that and got puzzled.

"Earth? Metallurgist? What you mean?"

Rean smiled and just shook his head.

"Forget it, this is something between Roan and me. Even if I explained, it would be of no use for you."

As for Inna Malaka and Rivio, they simply didn't care about what Rean said. Their minds were still back during the time Roan used the three slashes.



To avoid catching attention, the twins left two days earlier without anyone noticing. Also, other than the two of them, no one else knew where they were going.

Alanda and Juri were against it at first, but Rean and Roan were adamant. Besides, considering their strength at the Peak of the Energy Gathering Realm, there aren't really many beasts that can do something to them. There is also the fact that Alanda fought against Roan in a private space before... and Roan won! Although it was a close call, it was still a battle at the Foundation Establishment Realm. Roan could jump a Realm to fight!

Rean also tried to fight Alanda. But in the end, he isn't Roan. Although Rean's power is similar to his 'brother,' he can't use it as well as him. Of course, Rean's attack power could still be considered as someone in the Initial Stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Other than Diakar and Opril, Rean's team got one last member. This time around, they were bringing Inna Malaka together. This girl was already too far from the other kids, so her progress would only be delayed with the other group. Malaka, of course, was as happy as she could be. After all, rarely had Rean and Roan allowed her to follow them.

Just like that, this team of five entered the opposite demon beast forest.

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Chapter 62: Jiran Forest

Diakar and Opril still didn't know exactly where they are going. They asked Rean and Roan, but neither one of them answered. Still, once they got far enough from the Tribe, Diakar finally decided to ask it again.

"It shouldn't be a problem to tell where we are going this time, right?"

Rean looked at him before looking behind. They were indeed quite far from the Tribe, so it shouldn't be a problem now.

"We are going to Jiran Forest instead."

Diakar and Opril were taken aback.
"This why would we go there?"
The Jiran Forest was much further away compared to the one their Tribe usually used to hunt. Not only that, but higher-level Demon Beasts could be easily found there too. Typically, only those at the Foundation Establishment would train in that place, but they have none. Diakar is in the Late Stage of the Energy Gathering Realm while Opril in the Middle Stage, so they were obviously worried about this decision.
Seeing that, Rean laughed out loud.
"Hahaha! Open the boxes I prepared."
Diakar and Opril looked at that box they had been carrying until now. Rean asked them to bring it over but not open in the Tribe, so they had been curious about it. They did as Rean said and opened it. Before them, four Swords appeared, and they were all the same. Diakar and Opril only had to look once to understand that those Swords were all Spiritual Equipments!
"This"
Roan didn't ask and immediately grabbed one. Those are precisely the same as the one Rean had him test a few days ago. Steel Kaz Swords capable of gathering Light Element from the surroundings. Roan then handled it a bit and used some Spiritual Energy as well.
"It seems like you fixed the parts I told you."
Rean nodded.
"Of course. Who do you think I am? I even made more fo them! They are the pinnacle of the Spiritual Swords. Well, as far as the low-level Spiritual Equipments are concerned, that is."

Diakar and Opril eyes shined, and they immediately took one each. After putting Spiritual Energy inside and handling them, they could totally tell just how good they are.
"Are they for us?"
Rean nodded.
"You have been serving the two of us for so long already, so this is a little gift. Since I was already making one, I might as well make six."
"Six?"
Rean nodded.
"I passed one to Alanda and Juri each. Considering the level of Spiritual Equipments that I've seen so far, these Swords should be much better. They should be able to fight those a stage higher than them without any issues and have the advantage. If I'm not wrong, those two can even put up a fight against a Late-Stage Foundation Establishment Cultivator now."
Diakar and Opril were surprised to know that these Swords were so powerful. But Roan didn't find it strange at all. Juri had let him test other Spiritual Sword before from another source. However, after he tested Rean's Sword too, he knew that they were simply not at the same level.
"With those Swords and Roan and my strength, we can also fight and kill Stage Two Demon Beasts, so you don't need to worry.
But there was one person in their group who seemed to be sulking at the moment. Obviously, it was the 8 years old Inna Malaka, who didn't get anything.
"What about me? I want one too!"
Rean couldn't help but laugh after seeing her expression. He patted Malaka's head and nodded.

"Of course, I prepared something for you too."
The box was much larger than it should be if it was only carrying swords. From the bottom, Rean took out a Staff that was slightly bigger than the wooden one Inna Malaka usually used. Inna's eyes immediately brightened, and she grabbed it as if it was her treasure.
"Thank you!"
She immediately started to play with the new one. However
"It is too heavy."
Roan then explained.
"It is not. I was the one who asked Rean to make it like this. With your Initial Stage of the Energy Gathering Realm, the wooden staves couldn't properly show your power anymore. How many have you broken already while training, uh? The weight and length are perfect for you, considering your body stature."
Rean nodded.
"This is also a Spiritual Staff, so it will become a lot stronger once you put Spiritual Energy. Also, I used a different combination of metals to make a malleable alloy. I found out a Spiritual Ore called Rafrit that was just perfect for the job."
Inna Malaka then poured her Spiritual Energy inside, and sure enough, the Staff became a lot easier to handle. Not to mention that it was a lot stronger now.
"With that Staff, she should be able to fight a middle stage or even a late-stage cultivator. Their own weapons would probably break apart if they hit each other full force."

However
Boom!
Inna Malaka hit the ground with her new Staff using her full might. A small crater instantly opened, and the ground trembled. Rean and the others were surprised to see such strength. She wasn't that strong a few days ago.
"Inna, did you breakthrough?"
The little girl looked back at them and showed a proud expression.
"Hmph! I'm not slow. I reached the Middle Stage of the Energy Gathering Realm yesterday!"
Rean and Roan nodded. No wonder her last strike carried so much Spiritual Energy. That was also a pleasant surprise in the end.
Their group then left the boxes behind and kept making their way to Jiran Forest. Because of the distance, they would take at least two days to arrive. Diakar and Opril aren't as strong as Rean and Roan anymore. But they were still adults. So that prevented a lot of problems. After all, if the three 'kids' were walking alone, it would definitely catch everyone's attention.
Close to the Outskirts of the Jiran Forest, there were a few small Tribes where they could prepare. Those tribes were used to receive warriors who wanted to train there, so they welcomed everyone and got quite a few Spirit Stones like that.
No one paid attention to Ran's group when they arrived. Rean had made Sword sheets that looked very ordinary, which entirely concealed the Spiritual Swords. Malaka also had her Staff covered with some clothes on her back, so no one thought it weird either.
However, there are always those who don't have good intentions to start with. Robbers were commonplace in places like these where so many cultivators gathered. They would follow them into the

Forest and take everything they had with higher numbers.

Rean's group ended being marked by one of these groups.

As they looked at Rean and the others, one of them asked their small group leader.

"How is it?"

"The two adults seem to be in the Middle and Late stage of the Energy Gathering Realm. They also seem to be carrying a good amount of Spirit Stones. It shouldn't be much of a problem to take everything from them."

The other members' eyes lit up. From that point, they always had someone following them around.

Rean's team then stayed in the Tribe for the night, leaving when dawn came the next morning. Sure enough, the group of robbers followed them from a distance.

Roan looked at the corner of his eyes, and faintly smiled. From the very start, he knew that they were being observed. How many types of assassinations had 'Death' seen in his previous life? Such tricks were simply useless against him.

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Chapter 63: Overpowered

As Rean's Team advanced, the deeper they got into the Forest. At first, the bandits found it weird that those guys were bringing the kids to such a place. But in the end, that wasn't their problem. If anything, it should be easier to deal with the two adults by making the kids hostage.

Roan then sent a Spiritual Sense message to everyone, including Malaka.

"They are still following us. Inna, they will probably target us because they think we are weak. Don't forget, you should not hold back. They want to rob your Staff, so give them a good beating."

Inna showed an angry expression. She had just got that Staff from Rean a few days ago, so how could she let someone steal it from here?

Rean, Diakar, and Opril also had their guards high. Still, they pretended to not know anything and kept walking forward.

Suddenly, they found a Stage One Demon Beast. Seeing their group, it didn't waste time and immediately attacked.

Roan faintly smiled, though.

'It's here.'

Diakar went forward to block the beast while Opril stayed with Rean and the others. Roan was very clear about his plan. Once they found a demon beast, Diakar would step forward to deal with it. Seeing the protection around the kids getting smaller, the bandits would probably take this chance.

Sure enough, as soon as Diakar started to fight the demon beast in front, the bandits rushed out of their hiding places and attacked Rean and his Group.

"Rean, there are six of them. Three of them are going to Opril while there is one for me, you, and Malaka. Let's get rid of the two in front of us straight away."

Rean nodded.

Malaka took her Staff out of the clothes and got ready too. The bandits' fatal mistake was to think that the kids weren't anything to be concerned about. They were utterly looking down on them.

Rean and Roan raised their Sword at the same time. Spiritual Energy started to gather on them, and Light Element was drawn from the surroundings. The two also exchanged Dark and Light Element through the connection, and their hairs once again changed color. The two bandits moving against Rean and Roan were taken aback. It was evident that those two were in the Energy Gathering Realm, just like them.

However, because the two were still kids, they didn't back up. The only difference is that they changed their plan. At first, they intended to capture Rean and Roan, but with the strength that they were showing, such a thing would be too risky. That being said, they also attacked to kill.

The twins smiled. Just as the two reached each other, they struck.

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

Dark and Light Element came slashing down—a total of three swords against each of the bandits. The enemies couldn't tell which was real or fake. They tried to defend, but their own weapons could only block one of the Swords. Rean's opponent was lucky and tried to block the real one. However, it was meaningless. A slash came from the flank and another aimed at his head. As for the Real Sword that was about to be blocked... it passed slashed through the bandit's weapon as if it was made of paper!

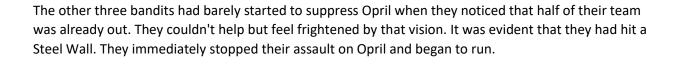
In a moment, Rean's opponent's head was pierced through, his waist was almost slashed in half, and the Real Sword cut through the opponent's heart.

Roan's opponent became an even more gruesome view. The guy was literally cut in three parts together with his weapon. Roan didn't show any mercy at all! Rean and Roan's opponents died as fast as they arrived. It couldn't be helped, though. They were just in the Initial Stage of the energy Gathering Realm. Even without the Spiritual Swords, the results would still be the same.

Boom! Shatter!

Beside Rean and Roan, Malaka just destroyed her enemy's weapon. Taking that chance and the enemy's surprise, she hit his head. The guy was sent flying and crashed against a tree. He immediately lost consciousness, it was hard to tell if he was dead or alive. If Malaka hadn't held herself back, his head would have burst apart instead.

Roan, of course, got angry after seeing it. He told her to not hold back, so he will definitely scold her after this is over.



"Retreat!"

Roan snorted when he saw that.

"Since you already came, why don't we play a little more?"

Using Rean's Light Element on his legs, Roan shot forward like a cannonball. He was simply much faster than the bandits. Even their leader, a guy at the peak of the Energy Gathering Realm, palled in comparison.

'Death Style, First Form, Stellar Piercer!'

Using his speed, Roan thrust his Sword forward three times. Spiritual Energy with Dark and Light Elements shot forward as if they were arrows. Two of them pierced right through the two weaker bandits' hearts, killing them on the spot. Only the leader managed to barely turn his body and parry the Sword Energy, making it hit his left shoulder instead.

The pressure of the Stellar Piercer made him stumble. He fell on the ground and rolled for quite a few meters too. Just as he was about to get up, a sword appeared on his throat. Cold sweat appeared on his head, and he didn't dare to move. Right in front of him, Roan showed a disdainful smile. It was evident that his group didn't have a chance against them from the very start.

Rean, Opril, Malaka, and Diakar quickly arrived as well, completely surrounding this guy.

Diakar already got rid of the Demon Beast. It was only a Stage one. Not to mention that he now had a Spiritual Sword, so it was an easy job.

"Now, then, how should we deal with you?"





Roan looked at Rean as if he wanted to eat him alive.
"Bullshit your ass! So what if she comes across a similar situation again? Worse than that, what if her enemy has the same combat power, or is even stronger? She will be only courting death."
Rean chuckled.
"No one wants to court you."
Roan almost vomited blood after hearing that. Who said that I want to be courted?
Rean then held Inna's hands and lowered her Staff. While he patted her head, Rean spoke.
"When the time comes, she will know what to do. You need to have a little more confidence in your friends. Besides, Malaka is too young, there is no need for her to learn such things now. Give her some extra time."
Diakar and Opril looked at each other.
'Aren't the two of you at the same age as her?'
Of course, they didn't say that loud.
Roan's expression was dark. Nevertheless, Rean didn't care one bit. He doesn't even like Roan to start with, so why would he care about how he feels?
In the end, seeing Malaka's tears and Rean's adamant stance, Roan finally gave up.
"Tch"

Bam!
With a kick, Roan sent that bandit leader flying.
"Count yourself lucky. You better not let me see you again. Also, take that dead weight under the tree with you."
The bandit leader had just fallen close to his companion, who was still alive. He obviously didn't ask anything and immediately grabbed the guy before running away. He couldn't even care about the injury in his shoulder anymore.
Roan then looked at Rean and added.
"Well, since that is the case, let's hope you are right."
Rean laughed before commenting.
"You took it better than I thought."
Roan just shrugged his shoulders and spreading his arms.
"I simply don't care. If something happens later, it won't be my fault, so that is fine."
Rean nodded and just as he turned around.
Bam!
He was sent flying by a kick just like the bandit leader did.



Roan knocked her head after hearing that.

"No complaining! You will never pass us with a shaky foundation to start with. The worse your foundation gets, the slower your cultivation will be. If you really want to catch up with us in the future, you must follow my words."

Rean patted Malaka's head but still agreed with Roan.

"He is right. If you want to become a strong female warrior of the Tribe, you must do as Roan ordered. If you don't, I will take my Staff back."

Malaka quickly embraced her Staff as if her life depended on it.

"Alright, alright! No taking back, I will properly train and not cultivate."

Diakar, Opril, and the twins laughed out loud after that. She's really a kid indeed.

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Chapter 65: Side Effect

As planned before, they moved deeper into the Forest. Now and then, they would find a Stage One Demon Beast, which Malaka would be responsible for dealing with. After walking for a day, Rean took a map from his bag to check.

"We should have left the outskirts and entered the inner region. From now on, we might find a few Stage Two Demon Beasts."

It was then that Sister Orb's voice appeared in their minds.

[New Mission Available: Acquire an Azure Spiritual Flower from the Azure Hyenas' territory.]

[Mission Reward: Authority Level Increased by One.]



"There is no need. The map I bought back in the Tribe is quite good. If it isn't wrong, we are half a day away from there. It is located even deeper into the Jiran Forest, but not enough to enter the Core Region."

All this conversation was made through the connection between their Souls, so Diakar, Opril, and Malaka didn't hear anything.

"Alright. I have decided where our training will be. We are going to the Azure Hyenas territory to get an Azure Spiritual Flower. It will be quite dangerous, but it is exactly this kind of experience we are looking for."

Diakar couldn't help but intervene.

"We shouldn't! Those Hyenas are the type who walk in groups. Besides, there is always a leader at the peak of the Second Stage that controls their territory. It is the same as fighting a Late or Peak Stage Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator. I strongly recommend not to go there."

Opril nodded as well. They had never seen the Azure Hyenas, but they are quite famous due to their group attacks. That being said, those two guys didn't want to get even close to them.

However, Rean and Roan immediately refused them. Are you kidding? If we don't go, we will die for sure!

"No complaining. That is where we are going. If you think you can't take it, then you can stay behind or go back to the Tribe. Roan and I can find our way back."

Diakar and Opril obviously couldn't do that. Although Rean and Roan are stronger than them now, they are still considered their protectors. If they return to the Tribe alone, Juri will probably take their heads!

With teary eyes, Diakar and Opril were forced to follow Rean and Roan. As for Inna Malaka, she didn't really care where to go.

the Tribe beside the Jiran Forest. If they knew that things would turn out like that, they definitely wouldn't have picked a fight with those demon kids.
"Hey, Nial, what happened to you?"
Just as they entered the Tribe, someone called them from behind.
Nial was the name of the bandit leader. When he turned back and looked at who it was, his eyes narrowed.
"Kalav, uh? What do you want?"
Kalav looked at Nial's injured shoulder and his companion before laughing.
"Hahaha! I see you got unlucky this time, yea? What was it? Don't tell me it was a demon beast because no one will believe it. Those cuts are not something that a Demon Beast would do."
Nial's expression went dark, but it was then that he remembered something.
"It was a group with two men and three kids. They had Spiritual Swords and took us by surprise. I lost four members of my group because of that."
Kalav was taken aback.
"Kids? Are you serious?"
"Yes. We underestimated them. They were probably geniuses from some Tribe. All three of them were in the Energy Gathering Realm. Not to mention that their Spiritual Swords were very strong. We had no

chance."

As they moved deeper into the Forest, the bandit leader and his companion who survived returned to

Kalav nodded, and they went to see Luono. As bandits who operated in this Forest for so long, it wasn't hard for them to follow the tracks as long as they knew the general direction of Rean's group.

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Chapter 66: Crescent Moon

Unaware of what was happening behind, Rean's group arrived at the Azure Hyenas Territory. Of course, since they entered the inner region, they began to find Stage Two Demon Beasts. There was even one that forced Rean and Roan to flee. It was a Demon Dark Eagle, a Stage Two that had the power of a Middle Stage Foundation Establishment cultivator.

The twins covered the back while Diakar and Opril ran ahead while carrying Malaka. With the twins' teamwork, they were able to hold back until the Eagle finally gave up. Sometime later, they met again with the others and continued their journey.

However, once they entered the Azure Hyenas Territory, they stopped seeing any other Demon Beast. It was evident that the other demon beasts didn't want to get close to this place.

"Now then, where will we find that Spiritual Azure Flower?"

Roan pondered a bit before saying.

"Since Sister Orb gave this mission that can increase the authority level, it shouldn't be simple. It is most likely located in a place where those Hyenas would be watching all the time."

Rean agreed with Roan. The twins then looked at Diakar and Opril before telling their plan.

"Alright. As you can see, no other demon beasts are coming close to these Hyenas territory. In that case, you three should stay hidden here. Roan and I are going ahead to try to get the Azure Spiritual Flower."

Diakar wanted to say something, but Roan stopped him.

"Be it you, Opril, or Malaka, you will only get in our way. It will be easier to hide if it is only the two of us. Not to mention that if we are discovered, it will be much easier to flee if we don't need to worry about you three. Don't forget, Rean and I came here to train ourselves, so we have to do it alone."

Although it was hard to accept it, Diakar and Opril knew that they were speaking the truth. Considering the level of danger in this place, there isn't much the two of them could do.

Malaka wanted to follow them too, but Dikar held her back. In the end, she could only give up.

After finding a place to hide, Rean and Roan left the group behind and ventured deeper inside the Azure Hyenas Territory.

It didn't take long to find a few groups of them. The twins quickly hid and looked as they passed. They paid particular attention to a larger group that had a much bigger Hyena walking in the front. It was obviously much stronger than the ones following it.

"It seems like that the Azure Hyena leader isn't the only Stage Two demon beast here. The one walking in the front is most likely a Stage Two as well. It's just that it should not be a peak Stage Two. How should we deal with it?"

Rean then suggested.

"We first have to find the Azure Flower. Only then can we think about a plan. Anyway, the best one would still be to lure the tiger away from the mountain, so we might try it after ascertaining the situation."

Roan agreed with him, and they continued to sneak into the Hyenas territory.

Finally, they got close to a big lake in the center. Several Hyenas could be seen on the other side. But not only that, Rean and Roan could also see several blue-colored flowers by the lakeshore. Surprisingly, they could feel the presence of Water Element being drawn into them.

"I see, these Hyenas are using those flowers to gather Water Element into their bodies. No wonder they are all living beside them. However, our 'lure the tiger out of the mountain' plan won't work like this. There are at least fifty Azure Hyenas there. Even if one of us gets their attention, there is no way all of them will follow."
Rean pondered a bit and then got an idea.
"What about approaching through the lake? We would appear right beside the flowers. Also, it doesn't look like those Hyenas are a type of aquatic Demon Beast. We could jump straight into the lake once more after we grab at least one flower."
Suddenly, the water beside the flowers started to move. From inside, an Azure Hyena began to walk out with some fish on its mouth. It didn't look like the water on its body bothered it at all.
Roan looked at Rean after that.
"You were saying?"
"Cough, cough. I didn't say anything. I was just thinking out loud."
"Anyway. Entering the water will be certain death. We need to approach through the ground."
The twins looked at each other and sighed.
"It seems like we can only do that."
"Indeed."
"Let's wait for night time to come, it will be easier for us to move like that. Quite a few of them will be sleeping as well."

"Yes. But we can't forget our smell. Let's move to the borders of their territory and kill one of the Hyenas' groups. The outside groups don't have Stage Two between them, so it shouldn't be hard to do so. We can wear their skins to disguise our own smell after that."

They quickly agreed on a plan and put it to practice. Once Rean and Roan were far enough from the center, they looked for a group of those Hyenas. It didn't take long to find one, though. This group also didn't have any Stage Two in the middle and only had five members.

The twins didn't waste time and appeared right in front of them while raising their swords. As soon as the Hyenas saw the two kids, they immediately attacked too. This is their territory, and any demon beast that entered would be dealt with straight away.

Unfortunately, it was Rena and Roan that they were against. Without a single Stage Two in their ranks, they were doomed to fail.

'Death Style, Second Form, Crescent Moon!'

That was a wide range attack that Roan developed. With the two of them attacking together and their Spiritual Swords, the Hyena's group was immediately cleaved in half! The difference in combat power was just too high.

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Chapter 67: Give Me a Hug!

The twins didn't waste much time and removed the skins with their Swords. This is still inside Azure Hyenas Territory, so they need to be fast before a new group appears. After taking what they needed, Rean and Roan left straight away.

The death of those Hyenas didn't seem to affect the others very much. But that was understandable. They had a vast territory, so now and then, they would lose a few groups due to the fight for space.

The night quickly came while Rean and Roan kept hidden on the other side of the lake. By now, they had already prepared the skin to cover themselves when they go there. Everything went quiet, and you could only hear the sound of a few Hyenas' that weren't sleeping for some reason. They waited several



Cover. Although it wasn't perfect and Rean couldn't bend all the light, the majority definitely moved. Without a doubt, this is an almost perfect camouflage technique.

They moved slowly and soon entered the Hyenas range. As expected, the majority were lying on the ground while letting their bodies absorb the Water Element naturally. It was particularly enviable since they could do it even while sleeping.

Rean and Roan were not in a hurry. They moved step by step, slowly making their way to the Azure Flowers. Of course, they had to keep their attention since now and then, one or other Hyena would get up to do something.

The closer they got to the Azure Flowers, the bigger those Azure Hyenas became. The rules here were quite straight forward. The stronger you are, the closer you can be to the Azure Flowers during the night. Obviously, the Stage Two Azure Hyenas were sleeping just beside the Azure Flowers, with the leader right in the middle.

Rean and Roan were not intending to go close to those Hyenas, though. The mission only said that you needed one Azure Flower, there were a few small ones that aren't that close to them. Finally, they got close enough to grab one.

'Pluck'

[Congratulations hosts for acquiring an Azure Spiritual Flower.]

[Authority Level has increased to level 2.]

[Hosts Have been rewarded with 20 Destiny Points.]

[Reward list updated, please check the new items available.]

Hearing Sister Orb's voice, Rean and Roan sighed in relief. However, it was at this moment that one of the Stage Two Hyenas got up. Not only that, but it was also looking at their direction furiously. Still, Rean

and Roan could see that it had a puzzled expression too, which showed that it couldn't see them at all. Since that is the case, how does it know that they are there?

Rean and Roan miscalculated one thing. Their smell! It wasn't that their own smell could be felt. The twins were fully covered in Azure Hyena's skins, so their smell wasn't coming out. The problem was which Hyenas they chose to take the skins from!

The Hyenas they killed were the weakest ones. That being said, this level of Azure Hyena should not have been allowed to get so close to the Azure Spiritual Flowers. That's why that one felt furious when those Hyenas' Smell appeared.

Noticing that the Stage Two Hyena was still somewhat puzzled while looking in their direction, Rean and Roan started to move back slowly. Every step further away was one step closer to safety. That Stage Two Hyenas also didn't move since it couldn't see if there was really a weak Hyena there or not.

Unfortunately, something unexpected happened. The reason that there were so few Azure Spiritual Flowers was that they couldn't spread too far from the main one. Rean and Roan had noticed a much bigger Azure Spiritual Flower before, but they totally ignored it since the Azure Hyena Leader was always beside it. Even his food was brought by the other Hyenas so that it didn't need to move from there.

But because the twins took that flower far away, the Main Azure Flower noticed its disappearance and trembled. The Water Element's flow around the Azure Flowers went entirely in disarray, which immediately woke up all the sleeping Hyenas. The leader instantly stood up and looked around. Almost immediately, it noticed the Azure Spiritual Flower that had disappeared.

With a roar of the Hyenas' Leader, all the Azure Hyenas started to move like crazy as if they were looking for something. Rean and Roan began to sweat could. They were doing their best to get out of the Hyenas' circle while dodging the Hyenas that passed running around.

Unfortunately, dodging so many Hyenas while keeping the camouflage was too hard, and they finally stumbled in one of them.

The cover immediately disappeared, making them appear for all the Hyenas to see.

There was no other choice
"Run!"
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If there was something good, it was the fact that they were almost outside of the Azure Hyenas Den. Those Stage Two and the Leader were quite far away already. That being said, the few remaining Hyenas around them were not enough to stop either one now that they want to rush out.
Rean and Roan immediately used Light Element on their legs and shot forward like two cannonballs. Those Stage One Azure Hyenas were not fast enough to stop them with their speeds. The difference is just too big now that they are not holding back.
Of course, those Stage Two Azure Hyenas immediately dash out as well, including the leader. There are a total of four Hyenas at the Second Stage. The three underlying of the leader had a speed similar to Rean and Roan, so they couldn't catch up. However, the leader was obviously much stronger and faster.
In a flash, Rean and Roan left all the Hyenas group behind, with only the leader and the other three being able to follow them.
"What do we do? The big guy is coming straight at us."
"Can't do anything else other than run. Just make sure to be near. Once it gets close enough to attack, the two of us should be able to stop it while buying more time to flee."
"We passed by the spiked crocodiles' territory on our way here. They also have a few Stage Two members in between, so we should try to change these Hyenas' attention to them."
"It will be a little hard since they are obviously coming for us due to the Azure Spiritual Flower. We will

need to pass right through their group if we want them to attack those Hyenas. Wait!"

It was then that Roan thought about something.
"They are after us because of the Azura Spiritual Flower, right? We already concluded the mission, so just throw it away. Perhaps they will stop, or at least one of them will do so to recover the flower."
Rean's eyes lit up, and he immediately reached inside his bag to take the Azura Spiritual Flower or so he tried. Suddenly, cold sweat started to appear on his face, and his expression turned grim.
"Not here"
"What?!"
"It's not here, the Azure Spiritual Flower is not here!"
"How the hell it's not here? I saw you putting it inside the bag, how did you lose it!"
"Lose your ass! It simply disappeared in thin air Ah!"
Rean and Roan looked at each other and seemed to have reached the same conclusion. It was also at this moment that they received a message.
[Assimilation of Azure Spiritual Flower complete.]
*burp*
[Cough, cough. Authority Level 2 Fully Unlocked.]
"Sister Orb just burped, didn't she?"
[Incorrect.]

## \*burp\*

The twins felt like crying but had no tears! What 'incorrect?' Do you think we are deaf? First of all, since when you have a stomach?

Of course, they did not stop because of that. Rean and Roan used their anger to put even more effort into running.

The Hyena leader finally caught them and pounced at Roan. However, since the twins were close to each other, they were able to defend together.

## \*Clang!\*

Using their Swords against the Azura Hyena's claws, they use the impact to be sent in the opposite direction. Their distance to the leader opened once more, and they continued to run.

Although the Hyena Leader was the strongest one, it didn't have much intelligence. That being said, it didn't change its form of attacks either, which allowed Rean and Roan to use it to gain distance several times.

By now, the sun already appeared behind the mountains in the distance, making things clearer for them.

However, something unexpected appeared in front of them. Rean and Roan jumped down a small cliff in front of them, no more than 7 or 8 meters. With their cultivation, it wasn't anything hard to jump down. But when they reached the bottom... they landed right in front of someone quite familiar. Together with this guy, several other cultivators that were about to climb that cliff looked at them too. Sure enough, he was the bandit leader who attacked their group back them, Nial.

For a second, the twins and Nial looked at each other, not believing that they would meet like this. The bandit leader came back to himself right after.

"It's them, these are the kids!"

The other bandits, including that brother Luono, looked surprisingly at those two.
"Hehe. To think they would fall into our grasp this easy."
The bandits showed an evil smile. However
Rean and Roan's smiles were even more sinister than the bandits.
"Say, Roan. Do you believe in Karma?"
Roan laughed out loud before answering.
"Not until today, at least. Is that what the people from your previous world meant with 'when you do good, good things happen to you?' Hahaha!"
Rean and Roan laughed once again. That indeed looked like the case.
Nial felt a chill on his back after seeing the Kids' reaction. Their expressions were totally different from what it should be in a situation like this.
Suddenly
Swish!
Rean and Roan darted through the Bandits' group. Yes, they didn't try to run through the sides but went right through the middle! Even the bandits were taken aback by that. The Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator, brother Luono, was also a second too late to react due to his surprise.
But just as he was about to pursue

Boom!
"Ahhhhhh!"
An enormous Azure Hyena dropped from the same cliff right over the body of one of the bandits. Immediately after
Boom, Boom!
The other three Stages Two Hyenas jumped down as well.
Seeing that, all the bandits palled, including that Brother Luono.
Any idiot would have understood what is happening. These Hyenas were obviously pursuing those twins, and they had just become their scapegoats.
Seeing the group of bandits in front of them made the Hyenas crazy. In their eyes, they look just like the kids who stole the Azure Spiritual Flower, so they showed no mercy.
It was then that Luono remembered the twins and looked in their direction. However, those two were already long gone.
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All the bandits immediately began to run to all sides. However, the so-called Brother Luono was the only Foundation Establishment member in the group. The rest were all in the Energy Gathering Realm. Not too surprisingly, the Stage Two Azure Hyenas started a massacre. Brother Luono didn't even try to stop it, he simply turned around and used the other bandits as his own scapegoats.

Chapter 69: Green Stone

There is no way he could fight all four at once. First of all, he is only a Middle Stage Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator. He could tell that the Azure Hyena Leader is at the peak of the Second Stage, he was simply no match for that. Let alone if all four attacked together.

However, the Hyena Leader noticed that Luono was much stronger than the others from the very start. So the moment Luono turned around to run, it pounced at him. Without another choice, Luono took out his weapon and blocked the attack while he kept running.

Unfortunately for him, he didn't have anyone to help him as the twins helped themselves. Rean and Roan might not like each other, but their teamwork is simply unmatched with their souls' connection.

But then again, he is in the Middle Stage of the Foundation Establishment, much higher than the twins. He kept running for two hours without stopping, his body was full of injuries. Finally, the Azure Hyena Leader got worried about the Azure Spiritual Flowers back in the lake, and ultimately gave up the pursuit.

Luono then sat down and sighed in relief. He had truly escaped calamity today.

"That damned Nial. If he survives against those Azure Hyenas, I will definitely kill him myself! As for those two brats, just wait until I find out where you came from. So what if you have a background? I doubt they can protect you forever!"

But it was then that he heard a voice beside his ear.

"Too bad, though. You won't have a chance."

Luono was frightened by that. But before he could even react, six dark and white swords appeared around instantly.

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

Luono just had enough time to raise his weapon and block one of the Swords. Unfortunately for him, that one was a fake. Well, it still had 70% of the attack power of the real ones, though. Two Swords

pierced through his head while the other three went through his heart. That was instant death! All that remained was the expression of shock on his face.

On both his sides, Rean and Roan looked at the corpse. Sure enough, they didn't completely run away. Using Roan's experience about assassinations, the twins followed the Azure Hyena and Luono without them noticing. Even though Rean stopped Malaka, Roan still believed that wiping out the roots was the best thing to do.

He had noticed that this Luono was strong, so he thought about the possibility of him surviving against the Azure Hyena. Fate played as Roan imagined, and he really got out alive. Of course, it wasn't for long since Rean and Roan didn't give him a chance to.

Roan didn't feel anything when looking at the corpse, but Rean still felt somewhat annoyed by this feeling of killing someone. It was the same back when they were attacked by Nial's group.

Roan obviously noticed that.

"Get used to it, this is the kind of world we live in now."

Rean nodded before sighing. He knew that it was the truth.

"Let's go back. We left Malaka, Diakar, and Opril close to those Hyenas Territory. The Hyenas might go crazy now that an Azure Spiritual Flower was stolen and might find their hiding place."

Roan nodded. But before that, he examined Luono's body to see if there was nothing worth taking back. However, other than a few Spirit Stones and other cultivation resources, there weren't many things. As for his weapon, although it is a low-level Spiritual Equipment like their own swords, Rean's ones were still much better.

However, just as Roan was leaving, he noticed a pendant barely appearing through Luono's clothes' cuts. It seemed to be a little too big and didn't match this type of person at all. He took it out and noticed that it was the type that could keep things inside.

Rean and Roan looked at it curiously and opened it. Inside, they found a small green stone that seemed to be quite old. However, they had no idea why Luono would keep it with him.
"Could it be a precious stone?"
"I don't think this is the case. Considering that he is a bandit, he would have sold it a long time ago. Besides, he kept it inside that pendant, which was evident that he put a lot of importance on it. Maybe it is some kind of memento from a family member."
Rean nodded.
"That might be the case. Anyway, let's bring it with us as well. Who knows? Maybe it is worth something, so let's ask Alanda and Juri later."
Roan nodded and put that pendant around his neck and under his clothes.
The twins had to run a lot to flee from the Azure Hyenas, so it took them almost two hours to return to Diakar, Opril, and Malak.
Seeing Rean and Roan appearing once more, the two protectors sighed in relief.
However, Malaka immediately covered her nose.
"Rean, Roan, you stinky!"
Rean and Roan smelled themselves and had to admit that their smell wasn't very nice. Of course, it was due to the use of the Hyenas Skins and blood.
Diakar and Opril laughed before saying.
"You two surely took longer than we expected."

Rean shrugged his shoulders. "We didn't have much choice. We had to wait until night time to come to infiltrate into their den. Fortunately, we got the Azure Spiritual Flower." Diakar and Opril were taken aback. "You entered their den?! How did you leave that place alive?" Rean laughed before explaining everything that happened. Hearing the entire story, Diakar and Opril were shocked. That was really a crazy move. And finding the bandits once again while running, that could only mean one thing. It was evident that those bandits came after them because Roan let them escape. In the end, it played in their favor. Suddenly, Malaka grabbed Rean and Roan's arms. "I want to try this 'camouflage' thing you talked about. Go, go, use it!" Roan's mouth twitched while Rean laughed and patted her head. "It is useless during the day, maybe another time, okay?"

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Chapter 70: Jade Slip

Malaka sulked a bit but gave up in the end.

Rean's group quickly left the Azure Hyenas Territory. Those beasts would be at high alert for a time, afraid of losing any other Azure Spiritual Flower. Rean and Roan's plan was to fight a few low-level Stage Two Demon Beast, but the Azure Hyenas are too strong for them at the moment. They already attack in a group, and if the leader decides to appear, they might not be so lucky this time.

Their group carefully made their way out of the deeper parts, once again arriving at the borders of the inner region. From there, Rean and Roan battled a few Stage Two Demon Beasts while Malaka, Diakar, and Opril practiced with the lower-level ones.

In the end, the Twins got three Stage Two Demon Cores while Malaka and the other got two Stage Ones. As mentioned before, the higher the Demon Beast's level, the easier it is to have a Demon Core.

However, just as they began to leave, something unexpected happened. They bumped on Nial, who was still alive and full of injuries on his body.

Seeing that guy, Rean's group couldn't help but think about fate once more.

Nial also spotted Rean's group, but he didn't even try to run. He had made his best to reach this place without being eaten, and with his injuries, there would be no way to escape. First of all, he probably wouldn't succeed even if he was in top condition!

"Hehe. I guess this is the end for me."

Nial laid against a tree and sat down. All he did was look up in the sky while thinking about what he had been doing so far.

Rean and Roan arrived on his side and patted his shoulder.

"Good work, brother! Thanks to you, we were able to survive."

Roan nodded.

"It was really karma, I let you live, and you came with a big group of good samaritans to help in our escape."

Even Malaka patted his head. It's just that she really took seriously what Rean and Roan just said.

"Oh! Did you help them? Then you are my friend too."
Nial looked at them and felt like crying already! Rean and Roan was one thing, it was apparent that they were making fun of him. But seeing Malaka's eyes, which seemed to honestly believe it, really hurt him deeply.
'Who the hell is helping them? I couldn't wish for anything else other than taking their heads!'
"Alright, let treat his injuries."
"Good idea!"
Quickly, Rean, Roan, and everyone else started to clean and care about Nial's wounds, which greatly puzzled him.
'Just what are they planning?'
Around thirty minutes later, Rean's group finished their work and began their journey back once more. Of course, not before 'coincidentally,' leaving a few words behind.
"Good! Like this, we did a good thing again. Next time a strong Demon Beast appears, he will probably be there to save us."
"Indeed. With such a good heart, he won't stay still, you will see! That's a true hero!"
Nial finally vomited blood!
'I solemnly swear, I shall never get involved with the two of you ever again!'

However, the treatment really worked quite well. Also, Rean's group had taken care of most of the Demon Beasts in that place. That being said, Nial could rest in there for quite a few hours without being bothered. When he returned to the nearest Tribe, he really couldn't believe he was still alive. The image of the white and black colored kids was firmly engraved in his heart. He will make sure to stay as far as possible in the future.

Rean's group also stayed in one of the Tribes that existed close to the Jiran Forest for the night. The next morning, they left and went back to the Varen Tribe.

Once they arrived, Malaka's mother came running and hugged her tightly. Alanda's group had come back already with the other kids, but Malaka was nowhere to be seen. Alanda explained that she had gone on another route and would take longer to come back since it was a different training type. Still, it took longer than he himself expected.

"Mother, I'm fine, I was just receiving a special training that Tribe Vice Leader gave me."

"Mother knows. Still, I was too worried, let's go home first."

Before Malaka disappeared in the corner, Roan warned her.

"Malaka, don't forget, no cultivation! Otherwise, you know what awaits you."

Malaka shuddered a bit and quickly nodded her head.

Alanda felt it to be strange and couldn't help but ask why. After hearing Rean's explanation, he was surprised to hear that she already got into the Middle Stage of the Energy Gathering Realm. But he nodded in the end. Her cultivation is going too fast, she has to stop it for some time to stabilize.

"Anyway, can you tell me now where you went and what you did?"

Rean laughed out loud. Until the very end, they didn't tell Alanda and Juri where they were going.

"Sure, let's go see Juri. There is something we want to show you too."
Diakar and Opril also followed, quickly arriving at Juri's house. In his cultivation room, they explained everything that happened in that place.
"You two are simply crazy! Why would you even adventure inside the Azure Hyenas Den? It's not like you needed that Azura Spiritual Flower, no?"
Rean and Roan grimaced. The thing is that they needed it, and a particular glutton Orb wouldn't let them go if they failed.
"Cough, cough. It was also part of our camouflage training. Anyway, we are fine and already know the effects of that skill."
Roan just ignored their anger and took out the pendant from his neck. He then opened it and took that green stone from inside.
"Anyway, can you take a look at it? We found together with the Foundation Establishment bandit. It might have no value, but it seemed quite important for him."
Alanda didn't recognize it, but Juri's face went red as soon as he spotted that thing.
"A Jade Slip!"
"Jade Slip?"
Juri nodded.
"This is something that only high-level cultivators can create. From what I heard, you need to be at least in the Divine Soul Realm if you want to create one. Let me take a look."

Roan passed it to Juri and saw him putting that stone on his forehead.

"As I thought."