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Chapter 641: It looks fishy

Of course, they wouldn't bid for their own weapon, so they only watched the bid go up.

"3200!"

"3500!"

"3900!"

"4000!"

In the end, Rean's only Earth Peak-Level weapon for auction went for 6300 Rank Three Spirit Stones. If they exchanged these Rank Three Spirit Stones for Rank Two ones, Rean could definitely make at least five times the price of an Earth High-Level weapon.

"Great!"

With that, Rean concluded his work to get everyone their Spirit Stones. Before, they were using the Spirit Stones that everyone got by selling the Demon Cores, which was almost gone by now. After this, they would not need to worry about Spirit Stones for a few months before needing to get more Spirit Stones again.

A few more items appeared after that until finally, the last one entered the stage.

"Thank you, everyone, for accompanying us so far. Now, we'll bring the last item of the day. Most of you know our tradition. However, for those who have never heard about it, let me explain. The last item is something always donated by the Imperial Family. Many countries pay their taxes in several ways, and the Imperial Family ends up gathering way too many interesting things. That being said, auctioning them in the Imperial Auction Houses is one way of passing them forward."

The host then looked by his side before saying.

"Show the next item!"

Rean's group did not check the auction's catalog since they mainly wanted the Spirit Stones from the weapons. That being said, they didn't know what it was. However, they could feel the tension in the air as many eyes looked at the stage. It was obvious that most of the participants had been waiting for this moment.

The same female Zasfin once again went up to the stage while carrying a small treasure box. On Maluco's private chamber, he saw his father's eyes lit up in the stage's direction.

After that, the host took the book from the girl before opening it and bringing out a bracelet. Rean's group couldn't understand why people were so excited by that. However...

[Oh! Now would you look at that!]

Sister Orb's voice echoed in all their minds.

"Sister Orb, do you know what that bracelet is?"

Sister Orb responded with certainty.

[Yes. Though, the guy should explain it to you soon.]

Sure enough, the host looked at everyone with a smile before saying.

"You're very, insanely lucky. The Imperial Family gave us one Spatial Bracelet to auction today. For those who don't know, this thing has a Spatial Space of three square meters inside it. It doesn't matter how much it weighs. As long as it is within the size of the Spatial Space, you can store it there. However, the weight of the bracelet itself won't change."

The host then continued.

"Many of you always move with big backpacks or with your trusted subordinates when you need to carry your items. However, with this thing, those problems would be a thing of the past. Besides, there's no place more secure than keeping your treasures beside you during all times. The only limitation is that it can't hold living beings. Other than that, you're free to put whatever you want in there."

"Usually, such a thing would only appear in the hands of High-Level Imperial Family Members. However, this bracelet was a failed product. The space inside is unstable, so it had to be shrunk to the size I mentioned a moment ago."

"That's why it's available for selling. Unfortunately, the damage was so great that it's not even worth recycling it for its material anymore. At the same time, none of the people who would usually be able to afford it wanted this thing. You should feel privileged. It's said that no more than ten pieces of Spatial Equipment exist in the entire Empire. As much as it is a terrible failure, it's still useful for Zasfins at your level."

Rean's group was taken aback.

'Isn't that the same as the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm?'

[They are indeed similar. However, that bracelet is of very, very poor quality. As the host mentioned, I can tell that the runes used to make it suffered severe damage during the forging process. Well, I'm not surprised since Spatial Equipment aren't things that shouldn't be crafted in this world to start with.]

[It is weird. The guy said that no more than a ten exists in the Empire. That makes no sense since only someone who surpassed the Elemental Transformation Realm should be able to barely make this thing. You know how much this planet is lacking in energy, so I didn't think there was anyone who reached that level here... or so I thought.]

Surpassing the Elemental Transformation Realm... That was indeed an immense achievement. Back in Sasamil Empire, they only knew of one person who reached that level, Yulian Sasamil. He was also known as the Sasamil Family's Ancestor.

'It seems like we need to reconsider the level of this planet.'

Sister Orb agreed.

[Yes. Of course, it might be that they found another way of crafting it after the Soul Gem System went to the other half of the Universe. Well, we'll eventually find the answer to it.]

Agis added.

'Then again, it's far from matching something like the Dimensional Realm Rean and Roan have. Not only is it gigantic, but it can also hold living beings and circulate Spiritual Energy.'

[But of course! Don't underestimate the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Anyway, the impressive thing here is to even see a piece of Spatial Equipment in this place. You should be careful in the future since someone who can craft that bracelet might be able to feel the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm's presence. Well, he or she wouldn't be able to do anything to it anyway.]

Rean nodded with a serious expression. That was the first time they heard Sister Orb mention the risk of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm being found. Of course, that is if one didn't consider the attack that forced them out of Sunkan Planet. That enemy obviously knew where it was and tried to destroy it.

Rean then understood why everyone was so excited by that bracelet. The Imperial Family might look down on it, but it is definitely a top piece of equipment in this city. The big powers who came to participate in this auction would be going all out for it.

Seeing the expression on everyone's face, the host felt immense satisfaction as he announced the start of the bidding war.

"Now, then. The initial price is 1000 Rank Four Spirit Stones. Each increase must be of at least 100 Stones."

Everyone's expression froze at that moment. Rank Four Spirit Stones! Sure enough, that was a very, very rare thing in this place. Rean and Agis weren't surprised by that since it was hard for even themselves to get it back in their old world, let alone here.

However, that was to be expected. After all, the Imperial Family wouldn't need to sell this for anything of lower quality. Unlike people here, they definitely didn't lack Rank Three Spirit Stones, which were consumed like hotcakes over there. Only Rank Four and above would make any change for them.

Rean then got up from his seat before saying.

"Well, then. Shall we go back? That bracelet might look interesting and all, but you know that it has no use for me."

Agis and Frandin bitterly smiled in response. It didn't have much use for Rean or Roan, but they could definitely do with one of them. After all, the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm was the twins' property, not theirs. They couldn't access it anytime they want and had to always ask for it.

Nonetheless, they quickly shook their heads and followed Rean to the door. There was no point in staying since they definitely couldn't afford that bracelet to start with. However, as soon as they stepped out of the room, a few Auction House employees came and appeared in their way.

Frandin narrowed his eyes as he asked.

"Is there a problem?"

The guy who seemed to be the leader of that group then bowed to Frandin before saying.

"We are deeply sorry, esteemed customers. However, according to the auction house's rules, the private chamber members must not leave before the auction is over."

Frandin's group found it weird. They had no intention of buying anything else, and there was only one item remaining. Why would they need to be kept behind? However, Rean quickly sent Frandin a Spiritual Sense message, telling him how to proceed. Frandin then smiled as if he didn't mind.

"Very well. In that case, please bring me my payment so that I can count my profit this time around. You should have no problem with that, right?"

The employee was taken aback for a moment before he closed his eyes. A few seconds later, he opened it again and smiled.

"There's no problem at all. I already contacted the administration, telling them to bring the payment for your items here."

Frandin nodded, satisfied.

"Hahaha! Great! In that case, let's go back and watch the last bidding war. I guess the big powers of this city are getting very excited over it."

Frandin then entered the room with Rean and Agis, closing its door right after.

Sure enough, it was, as Frandin said. The city powers were having quite a big fight for the bracelet. They even stopped bidding and began to argue with each other.

This time, however, the host didn't stop them. He knew who the Zasfin people arguing were, and this anger between their parties would probably shoot up the bracelet's price even further. Not that Frandin's group cared much about it, though.

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Chapter 642: Held Down

Agis didn't seem to mind as he said.

"It's fine. We can simply use the Dimensional Realm to leave this place, can't we? As long as we have this card, nothing can hold us back."

Rean shook his head, replying.

"I'm not worried about that, but the fact that we might not be able to sell more things here. Maybe they won't even give us the Spirit Stones from my weapons."

Frandin couldn't help but ask.

"Of course, they might be telling the truth about the rule of not leaving till the very end. After all, we never really checked the auction's practices. I'm sure you've noticed that not even a single Zasfin has left the auction house so far, nor did those human slaves."

Agis and Rean nodded.

"Well, that's true. It might be just because they want to watch till the end too. Anyway, let's wait and see. They should send us the Spirit Stones any moment now."

Sure enough, they were right. They heard knocks coming from their door a minute later before the Zasfin guy from before entered.

"Thank you for waiting, esteemed customers. Please, check the Spirit Stones."

Frandin nodded and quickly sent his Spiritual Sense inside the bag of Spirit Stones. After making sure that the amount was correct, he smiled at the auction employee with a satisfied expression.

"Very good. You already discounted your part and the price of the items I bought. The numbers are correct."

The Zasfin guy nodded, replying.

"Very well. The auction should be over soon when the fight for the last item is done. With that, I shall take my leave."

The employee left right after without causing any problems. Seeing that, Rean couldn't help but say.

"Well, perhaps I was only imagining things."

Frandin and Agis agreed with him.

The arguments between the city's powers for the Spatial Bracelet got even more heated as the auction continued. Seeing that they weren't getting anywhere, two of the powers decided to ally up, putting their Rank Four Spirit Stones together. Once they acquired the Bracelet, they could reach an agreement between themselves.

In the end, the Spatial Bracelet was sold for 6500 Rank Four Spirit Stones, which was a ridiculously high price. Unlike the exchange rate between Rank Two and Three Stones, the rate between Rank Three and Four Stones was much higher. First of all, almost no one would ever exchange their Rank Four Spirit Stones to start with. Obviously, Rank Four Spirit Stones were even more important here than they were back in Sunkan Planet.

"Congratulations to the Lamal and Asume Clans for your victory. The Bracelet will be handed to the two of you in a moment."

The host then looked in everyone's direction before saying.

"Thank you, everyone, for coming to today's auction. With this last item, the auction is now over. You may now leave as you see fit."

Rean's group sighed in relief and immediately packed their things. Following that, they stepped out of their room and made their way out through a hidden passage. After all, the chambers were supposed to keep everyone's identity hidden as long as they didn't want to show themselves to others.

However, as soon as they reached the exit, a strong Spiritual Energy Pressure came from above, pressing them against the ground. Naturally, that took Rean's group by surprise. Rean's group then did their best to look above, just to see a man floating there with a dark expression.

"So, it seems these are the odd ones this time around?"

He came down from the skies and stopped right in front of Rean's group. Rean could have used his connection with the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm to leave straight away. However, it didn't seem like that guy planned to attack. That being said, he decided to wait and said the same thing to Frandin and Agis. He wanted to know why this guy came for them.

Frandin then did his best to talk.

"What is.. ha... penning?"

The man got close to him as he looked at Frandin with his Soul Power.

"As I thought, a Rank Five Bloodline Mark. The first time you came to this auction house, you showed a Rank Two Bloodline Mark. How come you've got a Rank Five Bloodline Mark now? Unless you went through a trial, there's no way such a thing is possible. You're the one who invaded our Trial Grounds and destroyed the Soul Altar, right?"

Rean's group was taken aback. Indeed. The first time they came to the auction house, Frandin had a Rank Two Bloodline Soul Mark. However, they didn't show his bloodline mark once they arrived in the auction house this time. How did they know it changed?

"I see... it's not like you knew it was me, but that my presence was odd. I'm not someone from here, but I still brought out so many high-quality pieces of equipment. This is the Imperial Auction House, and the Bloodline Trials are guarded by the Imperial Guards. It isn't strange that you got ahold of information of me."

The man was surprised to hear that. Indeed, that was how they found Frandin and his humans.

"Smart. However, that won't help you. Tell me, who are you? Also, how the hell did you pass through our defenses and formations to enter the Bloodline Trial? Not only did you enter and did the Trial, but you also left without anyone noticing."

Frandin smirked in response, saying.

"How about you answer my question first? Who are you? I don't talk with just anyone."

bang!

The man kicked Frandin, slamming him against the wall.

"You better be careful about how you talk, idiot. Even if you came from a Celestial Land, it wouldn't help you. Well, it's not like it's a problem to tell you my name. You can call me Firmel, the leader of the Imperial Guardians in this Bloodline Trial Ground. Also, a descendant of the Imperial Household."

Rean found something was off from the very start.

'Imperial Household? That makes no sense. Aren't the Imperial Family Descendants Rank Seven Bloodline Mark owners at the very least? How come he's only a Rank Five Bloodline Mark owner?'

However, Rean decided to ignore that for now. Instead, he paid attention to Firmel's cultivation, as well as another thing.

Soul Forging Realm. Rean was absolutely sure that this was the Imperial Guardian's level. It definitely wasn't something they could deal with. However, he didn't need to. He only wanted to understand how they were discovered, and he got the answer to that.

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Chapter 643: Problems

'Then again, this truly shows how bad this planet is for cultivation. Someone directly connected to the Imperial Family is only at the Soul Transformation Realm, and he's the leader of the Imperial Guardians in such an important city on top of that. Back in Sunkan, we even had Saint Realm cultivators in Jialin Country, which was a very unimportant and far away nation.'

Rean quickly put those thoughts behind as he focused on the issue in front. He pondered if he should use the Dimensional Realm to leave or not.

Frandin then looked at the elder as blood came out of his mouth. Then again, the elder wasn't going to let it go.

"It seems like you don't want to talk. How about I kill these humans of yours? You seem to like them quite a lot, right?"

The elder then sent his Spiritual Sense to Rean and Agis to see if they had anything hidden in their bodies. After all, he still didn't know how Frandin entered the Bloodline Trial Grounds. He checked Frandin's body one more time. Though, he couldn't find anything that pointed to the reason. It was just to make sure that he didn't miss anything. However...

"What?! Late and Peak Core Formation Realm?!"

Sure enough, a Spiritual Sense as strong as a Soul Transformation Realm cultivator was too strong for Rean to bend at such distance. The only reason the guy didn't notice it before was that his Spiritual Sense wasn't focusing on them. Now that he did, Rean's Spiritual Sense bending skill was far from enough to keep it away from his dantian.

"How's that possible? You're definitely younger than this Zasfin. No, you're younger than anyone I've ever seen at your level! Wait, could it be that the rumors were true..."

As soon as Rean heard that message, an idea popped into his mind. He then showed a helpless expression as he looked at Frandin.

"Gian (Frandin), there's no need to pretend anymore. He already figured it out."

Firmel was taken aback by Rean's words but narrowed right after.

"I did, huh? Why don't you tell me what I figured out?"

Rean, who had already sent Frandin and Agis a Spiritual Sense message, smirked.

"Are you pretending to be dumb? You should know very well what I'm talking about. Oh, well. I guess you're still being cautious, so I'll tell you anyway."

With a bit of difficulty, Rean and Agis moved their hands to their slave collars, removing them. That only made Firmel even more certain that his conjectures were correct. These humans had never been slaves to start with.

Agis then smiled as he said.

"That's right, we came from the Unity Celestial Land. Well, not that you don't know that already."

Soon after, Soul Power manifested as their Soul Marks appeared on their heads. Humans with Soul Marks!

"This..."

He could tell that they weren't fake. Those Bloodline Soul Marks were genuinely earned! There was only one place known for accepting humans to cultivate, the Unity Celestial Land. But because they were too far away and there was little information, a few believed it to be just rumors, nothing else. Firmel also believed that... until a moment ago.

Of course, there were also those areas like the Decadence Region. However, those zones were sealed, not allowing humans to escape. Besides, Rean and Agis's cultivation was just too ridiculously high for their age. That's not something humans, who had no access to resources in the Decadence Region, could achieve. Only a Celestial Land can make up such a genius into reality.

Rean then looked at Firmel with annoyance as he said.

"How long are you going to keep us locked down? Just release us already. I don't mind answering a few of your questions."

As much as Firmel didn't want to, he knew there was truly one way for humans to get a Soul Mark, and that would be the so-called Unity Celestial Land. Of course, he wasn't about to let them leave just because of that. After all, he said that being part of a Celestial Land wouldn't help them, let alone one as far away as Unity Celestial Land.

"Hmph! You three will come with me. If you try to run, know very well that I definitely won't hold back."

The Spiritual Energy Pressure that assaulted Frandin, Rean, and Agis immediately disappeared after that.

"Phew... the difference in cultivation is really annoying."

Firmel ignored that and enveloped the three with his Spiritual Energy. Soon after, he took flight and went back to the Bloodline Trial Grounds.

On the way, Agis and Frandin couldn't help but ask.

'Rean, what do you want to do with this? isn't it too risky?'

However, the one to answer wasn't Rean, but Roan through Sister Orb's help.

'The clans in this city only know so much about the Soul Rulers. Rean thought this was a good opportunity to ask someone directly connected to the Imperial Family about this. If the leaders of the various powers of this city know about it, the Imperial Guardians are bound to know more, especially this leader among them.'

Rean nodded as he continued.

'That's why I didn't send us all into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. I just want to have a chance to find something else. Besides, we have one more problem.'

Frandin immediately understood what the problem was.

'Now that they know about us, they probably connected the dots about the Portin and Asume Clans as well. Naturally, going there and asking them to take their Soul Purity Devices out won't work anymore. Simply put, we can't use them to call the Soul Rulers.'

That was the problem they were facing. If Rean's group wanted to do something similar once again, they would need to move to another big city like this one. As mentioned before, there were only four Rank Five Bloodline Trials in the Empire, so the next one was really far away. Their best bet would be to go to the next Empire instead. However, that would take a long time. That being said, Rean wanted to find a way out by talking with Firmel and the Imperial Guardians.

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Chapter 644: A Vacancy

They were soon brought back to the Trial Grounds, where Firmel showed them the destroyed altar.

"What do you plan to do about it? Do you have any idea how expensive it is?"

Rean scratched the back of his head as he replied.

"Nothing much can be done. I'll need to ask my elders to forge a new one, that's all. However... that'll take a very long time."

Firmel narrowed his eyes as he looked at Rean and Agis.

"Is that so? Why don't you get in contact with him now? Surely you have a way, right?"

Rean and Agis looked at each other and then back at Firmel. It was obvious that Firmel wanted to confirm their identities.

"Well, if you insist."

The two of them touched their forehead before their Rank Five Bloodline Soul Mark appeared. Not long after, a voice echoed into their minds and Firmel as well. Of course, that was none other than Roan, using Sister Orb to do that.

"What is it? Didn't I tell you to not contact me before completing your test?"

Firmel was taken aback. He could totally tell that the voice was coming from someone else, not from Rean, Agis, or Frandin. However, his subordinates had the place in full lockdown, so he was sure no one was nearby. It should have been almost impossible to contact anyone in this place because of the formations.

That, in exchange, made Rean's 'identity' more believable. Firmel wanted to confirm with the Unity Celestial Land directly. Unfortunately, they were way too far away. Not to mention that even the Imperial Family itself barely had any contact with them, let alone Firmel himself.

"Sorry, master. We ran across some... problems. We got caught by an Imperial Guardian of the Palif Empire."

"Palif Empire? How did you get caught by such a puny Empire's Guardian? Are you fucking kidding me?"

Firmel's mouth twitched in response. Puny Empire? Sure, they weren't the biggest out there, but they weren't that small either.

"Sir, you better control your mouth. Whether you're someone from a Celestial Land or not, that doesn't matter. The fact still stands that they broke into one of our Bloodline Trial Grounds and broke the Trial Altar. You should know very well who the ones controlling the Trial Grounds of the world are."

It was both a warning and a test. If the voice couldn't even tell who he was talking about, then the identity of Rean's group would obviously be fake.

The voice went silent for a moment before answering.

"Hmph! Do you think that just because the Soul Rulers control the trials, we're submissive to them? However, we don't want problems with them either. Tell me, what kind of materials were used in your altar? I'll send you a new one. It's just some Heaven Level parts, nothing worth worrying about."

Firmel's mouth twitched once more. Who would say 'just some Heaven Level parts?' Sure enough, Celestial Lands were filthy rich. However...

"Hmph! Do you think that's all? They barged into our Trial Grounds without anyone noticing. If you don't tell me how they did that, don't blame me for forcing it out of their mouths."

Firmel would definitely try to take as many advantages out of it as possible. After all, it was not every day he had the chance to talk with a Celestial Land elder. However...

Dark Energy suddenly began to appear everywhere in the surroundings. When Firmel touched it, he felt like his life was being drained away. Of course, with his level, he could block that power. That wasn't the problem, though. The problem was that the elder talking with him was doing that all the way back in Unity Celestial Land! Just how ridiculous was that? Once again, he was absolutely sure that it wasn't Rean's group who was doing it since his Spiritual Sense and Soul Power had been on them all the time.

Nonetheless, Firmel tried to keep his calm as he asked.

"Are you trying to scare me?"

Roan smirked, though.

"Scare you? That's true. Why should I get angry at an ant? Forget it."

The Dark Energy suddenly disappeared as fast as it came, much to Firmel's relief. After that, Roan began to talk about something else.

"Foran, show him how you got there. No one other than you can do it anyway."

Foran was the name that Roan came up for Rean on the spot. It was just to make it look more real.

"But master!"

"Shut up! You were the one to get involved in this bullshit. First of all, why the hell did you enter their Bloodline Trial? You already have your own Bloodline Soul Mark."

Agis was the one to answer that.

"Master, we found a good servant during our journey. However, he wasn't that useful with his Rank Two Bloodline Mark. We had to improve it. Master, you know that it's hard for us humans to find a foothold outside. This was supposed to make our test easier to complete."

Roan seemed to not care either.

"You shut up as well. I should fail you two straight away for all the problems you're giving me."

Rean and Agis's expression suddenly changed into one of fear. They immediately kneeled down as they pleaded.

"Please, don't! We'll be more careful! Please don't fail us!"

Firmel was taken aback by that. Just what kind of test was that? What could make these two humans, who weren't scared about his higher cultivation, feel so afraid in that test?

Frandin, on the other hand, seemed to be at a loss. Well, that was supposed to be like this since he had just been 'added' to the group later.

"Then don't waste my time anymore."

Roan then focused on Firmel again before asking.

"Tell me. What else do you want? It couldn't possibly be just the altar and the method to enter this trial of yours."

Firmel took a deep breath as he nodded. Sure enough, he still planned to get more things.

"I want... I want you to allow my son to enter your Celestial Land!"

This time, even Roan was taken aback. That definitely wasn't something they were expecting. Nevertheless, Firmel had finally brought out his real intentions from the very start. Well, at the very least, Firmel seemed to believe them now.

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Chapter 645: Give me the Pill

No, to be more exact, it could be said that this was his plan ever since he found about the invasion. He simply couldn't believe anyone else could have entered their Bloodline Trial unnoticed. As for the Soul Rulers, they were the ones who controlled the Bloodline Trials. There was simply no need for them to enter the trial without anyone noticing. They could totally come and enter straight away, and no one would say anything.

Roan went silent for a moment before saying.

"Do you know what you're asking? First of all, how do you expect to bring your son to the Unity Celestial Land? I believe you know very well just how far it is. If not for the test these two idiots are through, they wouldn't have appeared where you are."

Firmel then pointed at Rean and Agis before replying.

"Simple, let them go with your disciples. Sooner or later, they'll have to go back to you. When that happens, you can let him join your Celestial Land."

Agis, who was listening, couldn't help but ask.

"And you... would believe us, just like that? What if we kill your son to get rid of the dead weight? I doubt he's strong enough to fight any of us. Even Gian behind me is just a temporary helper."

Firmel didn't like the feeling of talking with humans at the same level, but he had to ignore it for now.

"I already investigated your visit to the Asume Clan. It seems like you're looking for one more helper, isn't it? He has to have at least a Rank Five Bloodline Mark, which is obviously not a problem for my son. Would that make any difference if you chose someone from there or here?"

Rean narrowed his eyes as he said in response.

"But you should also know that the helper from Asume Clan will have to swallow a poison pill to make sure he or she will be loyal. Are you telling me you don't mind knowing that humans have control over your son's life?"

That was the key here. The Asume Clan didn't know that the real leaders of their group were humans. Besides, the Asume Clan was a clan that doesn't hate humans. However, what about this Imperial Guardian? Or better yet, what about his son? He was also a descendant of the Palif Empire's Family. Would he accept such a thing?

However, Firmel's answer surprised everyone.

"He won't mind, nor will I."

Roan immediately understood something.

"I see... There seems to be a reason behind your actions than just letting your son join our Celestial Land."

Firmel nodded. However, before he could explain, a young man entered their room.

"Father, let this son explain the rest."

Sure enough, it was Firmel's son. He had been listening to their conversation from the very start. He was truly shocked when Roan's voice appeared in the room even though he wasn't present. After everything he heard, even he believed Rean's group to be from the Unity Celestial Land. It was the only possible explanation for it.

Firmel nodded at him before introducing him to Rean and the others.

"This is my son, Clad Palif."

Clad then looked at Rean and Agis as his expression changed.

"So you really are 100% humans. To think the rumors were real. However, your talent far surpasses mine."

He could see that with his Spiritual Sense and Soul Power.

"I would lie if I said it didn't bother me seeing humans performing better than myself. However, I don't have time to worry about the relationship between humans and Zafins anymore."

"As you know, I'm a Palif Imperial Family Descendant, but from a quite far away branch together with my father. That's why we don't even have a Rank Seven Bloodline Mark like the Imperial Family members in the capital. However, there's a problem with that. Our branch of the family shouldn't have existed. Even if you look into all the other cities of the Empire, you won't find any other descendant with Rank Five Bloodline Marks like us."

Rean finally obtained the answer to one of his doubts. The doubt that Imperial Family Descendants only had Rank Five Marks. Of course, he didn't stop Clad from speaking.

"Well, there was an outside affair a few hundred years ago between the Emperor and a commoner during one of his visits to this country. That's why we exist right now. The problem is that it had always been kept a secret. So far, that's not exactly a problem."

Rean and Roan already got a picture of what was happening, with Roan saying.

"Alright, I get the full picture. Simply put, your side of the family is getting bigger, and hiding your existence that came out of an affair is getting harder. That's the same as saying that the Emperor spread his superior Bloodline with a nobody. Naturally, the other members of the family don't like you, especially the Empress. The reason you want to join a Celestial Land is all because you need a background. If you become one of our members, the Empress' side will have to think twice before making a move on you. Boring!"

Clad and Firmel bitterly smiled in response. They didn't doubt that this kind of problem is boring for Rean and Agis's Master. Still, that's a chance they couldn't let go, even if it meant becoming a servant of the humans for a period of time. Their family branch was still more important than their pride. Besides, if it really worked and he joined the Celestial Land, Clad's future would be several times better.

"Sir, I haven't asked your name yet."

Roan snorted before replying.

"You can call me Elder Haval. If you want to check my identity, go ahead and send someone to the Unity Celestial Land. You can use this token to prove you know me."

Suddenly, a token appeared in front of Clad, which made his heart skip a beat. His father had already verified Rean, Agis, and Frandin. He was certain that they weren't wearing any Spatial Equipment. However, such a thing still happened. How ridiculous was it?

Roan also saw right through Clad's question, which made Clad feel a little embarrassed. Clad and Firmel looked at each other as they used Spiritual Sense to talk. A few seconds later, Clad spoke.

"There's no need for that, Sir Haval. This is more than enough."

Roan then said.

"Vey well. You two, you wanted an extra assistant, right? Use this guy. I'm leaving now. However, if you fall into the same situation again, you will fail your test. Be happy that I didn't fail your group straight away."

Right after, the dark power that materialized Roan's voice in the room disappeared. From the start to the end, neither Firmel nor Clad could tell just how he was doing it.

"Errr... So I guess I'll be in your care from now on?"

Rean and Agis could see that Clad looked anything but happy to say those words. Sure enough, it still pained his pride that he would have to follow their orders.

"If you don't want, we won't force you. Gian Torio here was given a chance to leave, but he decided to stay. You can give up if you want."

Clad took a deep breath as his father touched his shoulders before saying.

"There's no need. Give me the pill."

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Chapter 646: How should he deal with that?

Later that day, Rean and Agis put their collars back and left with Frandin. Surprisingly, Firmel didn't insist on the issue of entering the Rank Five Bloodline Trial. After all, since their Master could make an item appear without the help of Spatial Equipment, he could probably do the same thing with his disciples. After all, the room where they had their private conversation was supposed to be fully sealed. However, it still proved useless against Haval(Roan).

Firmel didn't ask about the plans of Rean's group either. All he knew was that it was directly related to the Soul Rulers. A Celestial Land with connections with that power wasn't anything unusual. It only added more to Firmel's conviction. It was then agreed that Rean's group will come by to take Clad later. They did the same thing as Xiria, leaving the healing pill behind in case Clad gave up in the next few days.

On their way back to the city, Rean and Roan connected with the rest of the group to talk about it.

'As you can see, Firmel's objective was to have his son join the Unity Celestial Land from the very start. The good thing is that his son is even better than Xiria. He's older than her, but he's already in the Initial Stage of the Core Formation Realm. Besides, his son does have an Earned Rank Five Bloodline Soul Mark.'

Agis nodded as he said.

'He also took Roan's poison pill. Say, Roan. What are the chances of them having a way to heal the poison in his body?'

Roan pondered for a bit before saying.

'It shouldn't be possible without someone with Dark Element Affinity. However, Firmel's family definitely has much more resources than the Asume Clan. Even if they're in a feud with the Empress' side, they're still direct descendants. Well, secret direct descendants.'

That was the issue. Roan was pretty sure that the Asume Clan wouldn't have a way to clean his poison from Xiria's body. But the Imperial Clan was different. Roan didn't think he was an omnipotent god or anything.

'Aren't they afraid we would escape after we left Firmel's estate?'

'It doesn't matter. Firmel's side branch is with its back against the wall. He can't risk making an enemy out of us since he thinks we're from the Unity Celestial Land. He can only trust that we'll keep our word and bring his son together.'

'The problem is that we're not part of any Celestial Land whatsoever. What will happen once Clad realizes it?'

Calina then suggested.

'What about having Roan plan his training routine and make him understand that his best option is to follow us regardless. I mean... it worked out for Frandin.'

Qia shook her head as she replied.

'The issue here is his family's problem. Even if our training methods can make him stronger faster, he wouldn't have the background to keep his branch safe. A Zasfin as proud as him probably wouldn't accept to have been deceived by us. Even if it meant his death, he would try to leave our side to warn his father that the plan failed.'

Roan agreed with Qia.

'Exactly.'

Frandin found this conversation a little weird, though. With that, he commented.

'Errr... Why are we even talking about it? So what if he finds out that it was all a farce? We can simply leave him behind once we get what we need. We have no need to keep our word or anything like that, right? If you feel bad about this, you can simply tell him the truth and make him decide whether to keep following us or not. If he refuses, give him the healing pill and let him go back on his own.'

Everyone was surprised by Frandin's words. Indeed, why were they putting so much thought into it? Isn't Clad a Zasfin that obviously didn't like humans? Why should they care?

'Frandin's correct. Leave this topic aside. We'll simply use him until we're safe. After that, we'll leave it up to him.'

Everyone agreed as they nodded. Considering how Zasfins treated humans in this world, they could already be regarded as saints by simply letting him leave later on. After all, the struggle among the Imperial Family members wasn't their problem.

With that said, Rean's group went back to the workshop. After they arrived there, Rean went straight to the workshop.

"What will you do now?"

Rean gave a playful smile at them before saying.

"With Firmel on 'our side,' we basically have a free pass to sell my weapons and armors in the auction house. Shouldn't I take this chance to increase our reserves of Spirit Stones?"

"Oh! That's true. We'll help."

Rean nodded as he said.

"Great. I intend to make different elemental weapons, so I'll need your Elemental Affinities. Of course, they won't be the Elemental Energy Gathering type. I will also work on my new project of Light Element Equipment to see if Agis can use my Spiritual and Light Bending skills. Frandin has no need for it since he doesn't need to hide his cultivation. As for the girls, you're all Yin Energy cultivators, so it's impossible to do that."

They didn't mind and immediately stepped forward to follow Rean's command. However, Rean noticed that there was someone missing. Well, Roan wasn't there since he was working on his Soul Power, trying to come up with a new training routine. Rean was thinking about someone else.

"By the way, where's Calina?"

Qia and Malaka smiled at each other before saying.

"Why do you think we bought so many things? We wanted to make her as cute and beautiful as possible. She should be testing the effects of the transformation right now."

Rean, Agis, and Frandin couldn't help but laugh.

"Hahaha! I don't think it'll work on Roan."

Qia and Malaka nodded.

"We know. Then again, it's better than not trying anything, right?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he replied.

"Well, I guess that's true."

Qia then got close to him before hugging him from behind, much to his surprise as she whispered in his ears.

"By the way, what about me? Aren't you willing to give me a chance?"

The others didn't find it strange. After all, only Roan knew that Rean's marriage was a farce back then. However, it was quite rare to see those two that close. Not that they found it weird, though. After all, the Sasamil Family disappeared because of the Soul Gem System. It was hard for Qia to overcome this fact even if they tried to act the same way as before.

"Ahem... Roan and I are still the reaso-"

Qia then closed Rean's lips with her finger.

"Your fault? We both know that isn't true. You would never let that happen if you had the power to stop it. Sure, I'm still sad about everything that happened, but I'm not an idiot. I only needed time to recover from it. That's why I haven't tried anything else since then. However, seeing Calina going all out with her emotions, I feel like I'm losing to her. That deeply bothers me. With that said, I'm restarting my plan of becoming your wife for real."

Rean scratched the back of his head. How should he deal with that now?

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Chapter 647: I'm not Roan

"Ahem... How can you be so... direct?"

Qia smiled as she said.

"Calina's just doing the same thing."

Agis and Frandin couldn't help but say.

"Hey, the two lovebirds over there. Can we start working already? I know you're married, but you don't need to throw it in our singles' faces."

Malaka laughed after hearing that.

"Hahaha! It's fine. Having some warm air around isn't that much of a bad thing."

Agis glanced at her before asking.

"You say that, but how about you? Aren't you single, just like us? Doesn't it bother you even a bit?"

Malaka shrugged her shoulders as she said.

"Well, I would need to find someone who would love how I am."

Frandin, Qia, Rean, and Agis shook their heads immediately.

"Forget it. A single's life isn't bad either."

Malaka's mouth twitched as she responded.

"You didn't need to be that sincere, you know?"

They all laughed, which just made Malaka even more helpless.

"Hm-Hmph! You'll see! There's bound to be someone out there just like me."

"That would be terrifying, but we'll see."

Rean then looked at Qia before saying.

"Still, are you sure you can simply ignore what happened in Sunkan Planet? I mean, I'm not sure if I would."

Qia shook her head as she replied.

"I'm not going to ignore that. Instead, I'll train hard to get my revenge against whoever did that. For them to not consider an entire planet's worth of lives, they're definitely the worst type you could ever hope to find. Still, you'll help me, right?"

Rean looked at her and then at Malaka and Agis, who nodded at him soon after.

"Sigh... fine. I'll also do my best to find just who did that. It'll definitely take a long time, but we'll get there, eventually... if we don't die on the way, that is."

Qia and the others nodded, except for Frandin, who didn't have much to do with their planet's situation. Well, he didn't mind helping, though.

Rean then looked at Qia with a smile again.

"Now, then. I'm not Roan, you know?"

That comment puzzled Qia.

"What do you mean?"

Rean then grabbed her waist and pulled the girl close before kissing her in front of everyone. They had kissed many times before to keep up the appearances. However, it was the first time Rean kissed her solely because he wanted to.

Well, Malaka, Agis, and Frandin didn't find it strange since they were married. They simply thought that Rean and Qia didn't have these moments before because of what happened in Sunkan. Little did they know that today was completely different. Rean was truly doing it out of his own volition, which made her heart melt.

Rean then approached her ear and whispered as well.

"You brought it to yourself, mother of my children."

Qia's expression went bright red as Rean let her go.

"Alright, everyone. The couple's show is over. Let's start working on the weapons for sale in the auction next month."

Agis, Frandin, and Malaka nodded as they simultaneously answered.

"Alright!"

As for Qia, she didn't hear anything as the previous scene played in her mind. Sure enough, Rean wasn't Roan. Since she knew the truth and didn't blame him, Rean had no reason to hold himself back anymore.

'Just what did I get myself into?'

Suddenly, the door of their room opened as Calina came inside. She looked amazing after Malaka and Qia worked on her with their new clothes and make-up. However, it looked like she didn't even notice them since her own expression was as bright red as Qia's. Also, she seemed somewhat disheveled and... limp?

Malaka, obviously, immediately came forward to ask.

"Hey, hey, hey. Why are you ignoring me and just passing by? Is that how friends treat each other?"

"Eh?"

Calina was taken aback for a moment, and only then did she notice that everyone was there already.

"Oh! You're back already. Well, then. Don't mind me. See you later."

Before anyone could say anything, Calina rushed into her room, leaving everyone eating her dust.

"Suspicious..."

Rean was the one that found it the weirdest.

"That doesn't make sense. Roan would never care about how beautiful Calina looks since he doesn't care about such things. Though, how come it seems like something really happened between them?"

Qia, Malaka, and Agis nodded in response. They knew Roan enough to tell that Rean was right.

"It was probably something Calina did to herself. If I'm not wrong, Roan didn't notice anything amiss."

"Well, that's true. It must be her own thoughts."

"Wait! Aren't you at least curious? Who knows. Roan might have really done something to her."

It was then that everyone laughed out loud.

"Hahaha! There's no way that would happen."

Out of nowhere, the door of the room opened again, and Roan came inside as well. Sure enough, he had the same ice-cold face as always. Seeing that was enough for everyone to understand that Calina was definitely overthinking something again. As for how she looked, maybe she tripped somewhere?

Rean then took the chance to ask something else.

"Hey, Roan. Did you figure out how our new routines will work? We might head out of the city for a few days to visit the nearby Demon Beast territory to try it out."

Everyone's eyes lit up after hearing that. After all, they all wanted to test their Soul Powers already.

However... Roan passed by them and walked into another room. From start to finish, it was as if he couldn't even see them.

"..."

"Just what was that about?"

"Could it be that... Roan really took action?"

"That can't be, right?"

Malaka and Qia looked at each other and nodded.

"This requires scrutinous investigation."

Rean didn't even have the chance to say anything before Qia and Malaka rushed into Calina's room, closing the door behind. In the end, only the three men... and a snoring bird were left in the workshop.

"Should we go ask Roan as well?"

They narrowed their eyes after that question.

"Do you think Roan would say something?"

Indeed. It was easier to die being hit by a meteor than make Roan open his mouth at the moment.

However, Rean's eyes suddenly lit up as he said.

"No, I think it's worth a shot. Let's go!"

Although they didn't know what was going on in Rean's head, Agis and Frandin nodded as the three entered Roan's room, leaving only Kentucky there sleeping.

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Chapter 648: Give Up This Idea

Rean quickly entered Roan's room just to see him eating something on the table. Agis and Frandin appeared right behind Rean soon after and didn't find anything strange with that. Then again, Roan would usually at least glance at them when they arrived, but this time, he didn't do even that.

Agis and Frandin stood by the corner while Rean sat across the table with him.

"Hey, Roan."

With that, Roan looked at Rean and asked.

"What?"

In response, Rean looked at him with a shocked expression and said.

"What do you mean by what? I can't believe you assaulted Calina. Man, you've been hiding your true feelings real well until now. I definitely didn't know how much you've been holding yourself back, but man. That was definitely an eye-opener right there."

Agis and Frandin were taken aback by Rean's words. Assaulted Calina? How come they didn't hear about it? However, they immediately understood what Rean was trying to do. He didn't know what happened, so he went straight with the best option available, pretending that Calina told him about it. If he was wrong, Roan would just brush him off. But what if he was right?

Surprisingly, Roan's expression instantly turned into dismay as he shouted in response.

"She told you?!"

With those words, Rean's shock had turned into reality. Frandin and Agis were no different. Roan was a master at seeing through lies. He would never mess up at all. However, he totally fell for Rean's bullshit right now. That only showed that something really happened between the two of them!

"What?! I was just joking. Wait a minute...if you said that...co-could it be that you actually had sex with her?!"

Roan's expression instantly went dark. Sure enough, he realized that he had slipped up.

"Fuck off! I don't want to talk about it!"

Bang!

Rean then slammed the table as he demanded to know the truth.

"Like hell will I let this chance slip. Quick, tell me what happened? If you don't, then I'll just ask Qia later. You should know very well that Calina won't be able to hide anything from her and Malaka."

Dark Element began to spread around Roan soon after, showing that he was getting really pissed off by Rean's insistence. However, Rean's Light Element had also spread out, completely countering Roan's Dark Element.

"Hmph! Do you think I'm afraid of you? I might not be your match in a one-on-one fight, but you definitely don't to attract the Zafins' attention outside the workshop, now do you?"

Agis couldn't help but say something before it escalated.

"Hey, Roan. Is there any point in hiding it anymore? Come on, we're not blind. As much as you adamantly refuse the fact, it's obvious to everyone that you really like the girl."

Frandin also added.

"I haven't known you for as long as everyone else. But I do know that you've always made the most logical decisions. You're someone that definitely doesn't like to waste time. However, you're acting the exact opposite of that at the moment. As far as I know, you're a lot more direct with everything you do. I don't see that right now."

Roan was taken aback by Frandin's words. Following that, his Dark Element receded as he muttered.

"Sigh...you're right. To think that someone like Frandin would tell me that."

Frandin's mouth twitched in response. What did he mean by 'someone like him?' At least he wasn't as clueless about his own feelings, unlike Roan.

Suddenly, Sister Orb's voice echoed in the room as she said.

[Well, you deciding to talk is definitely a good decision. Otherwise, I would do it myself. Hahaha! Oh my god! That was hot!]

After hearing that, the curiosity of Rean and the others immediately shot through the roof!

As for Roan, he really wished he had the strength to shatter the Orb at the moment.

Going back in time, Calina had put on her new clothes and prepared herself with Malaka and Qia's help. Following that, she went to see Roan so that she could ask his own opinion about that. She wasn't expecting anything at all. After all, who didn't know Roan's personality? He never showed any interest in someone's appearance before, and it probably would be the same even now. Nonetheless, it was still worth a try. At most, she would get no response, keeping up the status quo.

"Hey, Roan. You there?"

Roan's voice quickly came from inside as he replied.

"Enter."

Calina then entered his room as Qia and Malaka silently cheered her from behind before she closed the door. Of course, Malaka and Qia weren't expecting any progress either.

Inside the room, Roan was sitting above a Spiritual Energy Gathering Formation that Rean had prepared beforehand.

"What is it?"

Calina then made a pose and asked him with a smile.

"Look! What do you think of my attire?"

Roan pondered for a bit before nodding.

"Seems fitting. You followed my instructions and bought something that allows you to move easily in case you need to fight. It's always good to be ready for anything."

Calina felt like crying after hearing that. That wasn't what she wanted to hear at all!

"What I'm asking is if you find my current appearance cute or beautiful. Do these clothes and makeup look nice on me? Would you like to see more?"

Roan narrowed his eyes as he asked.

"Is there any strategic use for that?"

It was then that he realized.

"Now that I think about it, I've seen many women using their bodies to get what they wanted."

Obviously, there was no lack of deaths whose cause in his past life was where beautiful women were using their looks to reach their objective. Be it accidental or not, he had seen them all.

"I see...that's what you were planning. I'm not good at judging looks, though. However, I wouldn't use the sensual approach on this planet since it would be too dangerous due to your status as a human and a blond-haired woman."

Calina was speechless. Roan thought that she wanted to deceive other men instead of trying to look cute for HIM! With that, she lost her patience and said.

"Yeah! That's right! I want to use my body to get the things I want. Who knows, my blond hair might be more useful than you'd think. Anyway, I just came here to report that. Once Frandin's back, I'm going out with him and try my looks on a few weaker Zafins. Who cares if they vent their urges on me? As long as I obtain what I want, then that's fine. After all, our bodies are nothing more than a pile of meat, right? As long as I'm careful, I'll be alright."

Calina then turned around to leave the room. Of course, she only said that out of anger. There's no way she would do that...it's just that Roan didn't know at the time.

Hearing that, Roan suddenly felt a huge unwillingness. What she said was more or less the same as his words. There was no difference whatsoever. However, how come his entire being was screaming to stop her? In his mind, he had to stop it no matter what. He couldn't let it happen. Surprisingly, before he could even finish processing those thoughts...his body moved by itself.

Grab

Roan immediately pulled her arm, bringing her back to him. Nevertheless, Calina was already tired of the same half-assed action. She had seen Roan act like he cared back then but then say that she was imagining things a few times previously. She was sure that he would do the same thing again.

"What? Do you want som-"

However, before she could finish her words, Roan pressed her against the wall behind her and kissed the girl. Calina's eyes then widened in disbelief, not that she disliked it, though.

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Chapter 649: Don't Poke The Sleeping Dragon

Roan then looked at Calina's face as he solemnly said.

"I won't let that happen."

Calina, whose heart was almost bursting out of her chest, then asked while Roan still held her in his arms.

"Why? Isn't what I said in line with how you think about things? What kind of thing is virginity if you can use it to complete your objective? Those are your words, not mine."

Roan narrowed his eyes in response. He couldn't refute it since that was indeed what he said. Eventually, he let Calina go before sitting back down on the Energy Gathering Formation. Nevertheless, it was obvious that he had a lot going on in his mind right now. One couldn't blame him, though. This kind of situation was a first for Roan.

"You're right. What am I saying here? I have no right to stop you."

Calina was taken aback when all of a sudden, she burst out in laughter.

"Hahaha! That's the first time I've seen you look so... human."

She then ignored the embarrassment she was feeling before deciding to sit on Roan's lap, laying her back against his chest. This time, however, Roan didn't have the same annoying expression as always.

"Say, do you want me to do what I said or not? That's all I want to know. Forget about logic. Forget about your usual self. I just want a very simple answer."

Roan shook his head, succinctly replying.

"No."

Calina smiled, satisfied.

"Good boy. Now, the last question."

Roan couldn't help but ask.

"Didn't you just say that this was all you wanted to know?"

Calina playfully smiled in response, replying.

"I lied. It's impressive that you didn't notice it straight away."

Calina then turned her head to the right as she gazed at Roan's face through the corner of her eyes.

"Do you like me?"

Roan was taken aback by the question. However, there was a good thing about being him. His last action made it very obvious in his mind how he felt regarding this girl. Since it was obvious, he wouldn't beat around the bush anymore and just say things straight.

"Yes."

Calina's face turned as red as a tomato before looking away.

"I see..."

To hear that come from Roan himself, how happy could she be right now? Then again, Calina knew her limits, quickly getting up before saying.

"That's good, then! I'm heading back to my room to change my clothes. As cute as they might be, they were made with female ZASFINS in mind. The proportions are bothering me a bit."

Of course, that was just an excuse to escape since she couldn't look at Roan's face anymore. She still needed some time to calm down. Unfortunately...

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

Dark vines soon wrapped around Calina's waist before pulling her back. Of course, with Roan's control over his Dark Element, she didn't feel any pain or anything like that. She once again fell into his embrace as he looked at her with a serious expression.

"Do you think I could let you go after all of this? Hmph! Naive!"

Calina was taken aback. She wanted to say something, but Roan's lips on top of hers made that impossible. One must remember that this was a scene from a few hours ago, and Calina only came out of Roan's room once Rean's group had returned from the auction house. While that was happening, the auction was just about to start selling their items.

Roan then used the Soul Gem Dimension Realm to remove her clothes in a flash of silver light, much to her surprise. He never cared about the clothes anyway. He only cared about the girl. Calina's naked body appeared in front of him once again. The first time he had seen it in its entirety was during the river event, but that was over ten years ago. At that time, Calina was young to the point her chests had barely developed. But now, they were in full bloom.

A myriad of emotions currently filled the couple. Calina was afraid, happy, embarrassed; every emotion was passing through her mind at this instant. Nevertheless, she lost to his assault almost instantly. Any thoughts of fleeing disappeared from her mind not long after. First of all, the beast she had awoken wouldn't let her go even if she wanted to.

Then again, Calina was the one at fault here. One must remember to never poke a sleeping dragon. Roan felt like something had been unchained inside his body as his actions turned even more passionate as time passed.

Sister Orb, who was watching everything unfold in silence, decided to give the new couple a helping hand.

[Don't say your Sister Orb isn't looking after you.]

A special invisible barrier then appeared around them, blocking any sound from getting out.

Well, Roan couldn't care less about the sounds anymore. His clothes also disappeared not long after Calina's. This time, Calina saw a different reaction from the one back in the river. Roan's dragon was as awake as it could be, craving for the warmth of her den. She felt afraid for a moment before feeling happy once more. After multiple failures, she had finally made this ice block interested in her body.

"Come. I've been waiting for you."

With those words, Roan's last ounce of sanity had instantly disappeared as the beast in his body took full control as his mighty dragon entered her cavern. Blood flowed as the two had finally become one. There was pain, though there was also happiness. Calina knew that she would one day lose her virginity, and the man on top of her right now was exactly the person she hoped for to take it away.

What happened after that was just natural. Man and woman connected as one in ecstasy and delight as moans and pants filled with pleasure filled the room. Of course, Calina's moans only existed inside their space since Sister Orb stopped it from going out.

And just like that, the two let go of all their worries and made sure to let the moment consume them entirely. Calina's pain gradually disappeared, quickly being replaced by immense pleasure. Roan's feelings were also overflowing like never before.

It wasn't before a few hours that the two had eventually collapsed in exhaustion. Roan was at the Peak of the Core Formation Realm. Fortunately, Calina was in the Core and Soul Fusion Realm. That being said, one could already guess just how aggressive he was to make both of them tired to that extent. Just how many times did they climax? Calina had already lost count by the end.

Surprisingly, just as they finished, Rean sent Roan a message through their Soul Connection. Well, one could already guess what it was. Rean was basically asking Roan if he should buy the Magma Flower or not. Roan, trying to hide his exhaustion, answered straight away with a yes, responding that he could use it for his pills.

In the end, Calina lied with her chest lying against Roan's as she muttered.

"Perhaps we went a bit too far."

Roan then took a deep breath, feeling just as confused as Calina as he said.

"Just what happened to me? This is not how I usually act at all."

Calina laughed a little before saying.

"And you're the one to ask. You were the one who pulled me back when I tried to leave, you know?"

Roan looked away in response, pretending he didn't hear anything.

Calina then tried to get up, but she had no strength whatsoever. She could use Spiritual Energy to help her with it, but she didn't want to rouse her cultivation at this moment. Roan then patted her head before saying.

"Rean and the others won't be back anytime soon. Just rest for now. After all, this was all my fault, so I won't complain."

Calina giggled as she said.

"This is the second time in my life that you patted my head. Do you still remember the first time?"

Roan nodded, replying.

"It was during the war back in Jialin Country. I can still vividly recall it."

Calina smiled, satisfied. After that, they didn't say anything else and just enjoyed each other's touch for the time being.

As everyone knew, Rean's group auctioned all of Rean's weapons later on. After that, they were captured by Firmel and brought back to his state. At that time, Roan played the elder role to fool Firmel and Clad, his son.

Little did Rean and the others know that while Roan was acting, he was lying down with Calina, both naked. Fortunately, because he didn't need to move and had Sister Orb's help, everything played out without anyone noticing what was happening. Well, Sister Orb did, but she kept quiet.

Eventually, everyone came back to the workshop Frandin rented. And now, Rean's group was hearing the whole story from Sister Orb while Roan sat in front of them.

[Too bad I didn't have popcorn at the moment. Oh, well. I wouldn't be able to eat it anyway. Nevertheless, your sister here is very impressed. She's proud to have raised such a strong man that can satisfy a woman to that extent. Good job, Roan!]

Roan's mouth twitched in response as he asked.

"Do you need to go into such fine details?"

[But of course! Back then, when Rean and Qia had their honeymoon, didn't I also tell you everything? It's just fair that I tell him as well.]

Rean nodded with a bright smile.

"Exactly! Good job, Sister Orb!"

Agis then looked at Roan as if he was seeing a ghost, saying.

"Man...I even wondered if you had some problem down there. I mean, Calina's a beautiful woman. I'm surprised you were able to hold yourself back for this long. She definitely woke up the dragon after that. I'm incredibly hard just from hearing the full story."

Rean and Frandin nodded vigorously as they simultaneously replied.

"We know, right?"

Roan had to hold himself to not cut these guy's heads.

"Hard your ass! Is that how you talk about someone else's woman?"

Rean laughed out loud as he asked.

"Hahaha! So, you now admit that she's 'YOUR' woman, huh? Dad is proud of you, son."

Roan finally lost his patience.

"Enough! I don't want to talk about it anymore."

Agis and Frandin also smiled after that. It was just way too rare to see Roan like this. Who knows when it would happen again.

However, it was then that Sister Orb asked.

[By the way, you let your stuff inside her so many times during that. What if she gets pregnant?]

In less than an instant, Roan's expression froze. Indeed, that was possible, right?

Death... and me

Chapter 650: Questions

Going back a few minutes in the past before Sister Orb told Rean's group about what happened between Roan and Calina. In the girls' room, Malaka and Qia wanted to ask Calina regarding the details of what happened. However, Calina insisted that she had to take a bath first. Of course, Malaka and Qia insisted.

"What?! Why are you leaving us in suspense? Can't it wait?"

Calina immediately shouted with a hurried expression.

"IT CAN'T!"

She couldn't be blamed, though. After all, she had been lying down beside Roan until a few minutes ago. Now that she was standing up, a certain white substance began to ooze out of her special place...a lot of it at that. It was just like Roan to be like that. He was...very thorough with his actions.

Without any other choice, they had to wait for Calina to finish taking her bath before finally asking what happened.

And with that, they heard everything. Malaka and Calina's expressions were as red as Calina's. They obviously noticed how long Calina spent her time there in the room with Roan. However, it was Roan they were talking about, right? All they thought was that Calina kept trying to get Roan's attention all this time and would ultimately fail. They couldn't believe it when they heard that Calina and Roan ended up having sex, which lasted for several hours. No wonder Calina looked so haggard when she came out. And...well...they could imagine why she couldn't wait to take a bath.

"Woooooaaaaahhhh!"

Malaka couldn't hide her excitement.

"You really did it! You cracked the nut! Holy shit! Does that mean I'm the only virgin in our group now?"

Calina dropped her head in embarrassment while Qia's mouth twitched in response. Qia was still a virgin but couldn't bring that up. How annoying was that?

"What are you saying? This is an important moment for us women, okay? Don't talk as if you should go out and have sex with the first man you see."

Malaka nodded as she replied.

"Of course! I might be like this, but I also think of it as something important. Anyway, why are we talking about me? We all know very well that I don't have any pretenders. Well, you know...no one would want to have a relationship with me to start with."

Calina and Qia nodded vigorously as they simultaneously replied.

"That's true."

Malaka couldn't help but think not long after their response.

'Hey, shouldn't you comfort me instead?'

Though, she quickly put those thoughts behind and turned to Calina as she asked.

"Then again, Calina, tell us more about the sensation. I want to know. Qia always refuses to tell me how it went with Rean. You're my best friend. You won't keep me in the dark, right?"

"This..."

How could Qia talk about something that didn't happen? That's why she always refused. Calina then thought how Malaka always told her everything, so she felt conflicted about sharing her experience in the open like that. Though, in the end, she lost to Malaka's insistence and told the two girls everything in detail. Of course, there were parts where only when they passed through the same experience would they understand.

By the time Calina had finished recalling the scenes, both Malaka and Qia were looking down at the floor as steam came out of their hot heads. Calina then looked at Qia with a puzzled and still red expression, asking.

"I can understand why Malaka's like that, but why are you acting like that? It's not like you don't know how it goes since you have a lot more experience with that, right?"

Malaka immediately raised her head and looked at Qia. As for Qia, she looked away, trying to avoid the two girl's gazes. Little by little, Malaka and Calina's pressure increased. Something was definitely fishy, especially since Qia always refused to comment about it. Eventually, Qia couldn't hold back anymore and yielded to the pressure.

"Alright! Alright! We haven't done it, okay?! We had never had sex before, not even once! It was all a farce, A FARCE!"

Calina and Malaka were taken aback, with one of them asking in response.

"And you kept pretending that it happened until now?"

Qia nodded, ashamed.

"I didn't want to risk losing Rean to someone else, okay? So, I never tried to clear things up. As long as the others thought we had a real relationship, no other girls would have funny ideas towards my Rean. That was all."

Qia then proceeded to explain why she and Rean married. It was a way of joining both sides through political relations between the Sasamil Imperial Family and the Dalamu Sect. Ever since then, Qia had tried to get Rean for herself in the truest meaning of words. Unfortunately, due to the twins' past, Rean had always refrained from touching her. Only after the Sunkan Planet exploded did she understand why Rean didn't want a relationship.

"I see...so that's why."

Malaka and Calina couldn't help but feel a little sad for Qia. After all, she had been trying for so long. Up to now, Rean hadn't yielded to her actions. However, it was then that Malaka remembered something.

"Wait, just a few moments ago, Rean grabbed you and gave you a kiss. If there's no need to pretend anymore, why did he do that?"

Qia then got embarrassed as well as she replied.

"The fact is that it took me this long to overcome my sorrow from what happened in Sunkan Planet and my family. Rean noticed that as well, so he had never tried to force anything. Today, after seeing Calina going all out for her love, I noticed how idiotic I was acting. First of all, Rean and Roan were related to what happened, but they definitely didn't do it on purpose. That being said, I decided to attack once again."

Qia then remembered that scene while she continued to talk.

"However, it is as you said, Malaka. We already know everything, so if we insisted on it, it's because we accepted the future consequences. It was not like Rean didn't like me, but that he wasn't sure if I hated him for what happened instead. A few moments ago, when he kissed me, it was because I took the first step and told him that I still wanted him. And so...he let go of his worries and accepted me as well. Well, we were already married, so the fake relationship just simply turned into reality. It's just that we haven't had the...you know."

Malaka obviously understood what she meant.

"So...Calina was the first one to lose her virginity, huh?"

Calina didn't know whether to laugh or cry. This wasn't a title she felt happy to hold.

"Just don't talk about it anymore, okay?"

Malaka nodded before looking at Qia, asking.

"But...you do want to do it with Rean, right?"

Qia was speechless with Malaka's straightforwardness. This girl really didn't hold back with her words.

Suddenly...

Bang!

The door of the room was opened with a kick, which immediately caught the girl's attention. Rean then strode inside with a dark expression, prompting one of them to ask.

"Wh-What's happening? Enemy attack?"

The girls quickly got up, ready to battle if necessary. However, Rean ignored Malaka and Calina before grabbing hold of Qia's hand as he said.

"Come! It's now time!"

Qia's expression was that of confusion as she asked.

"Time? Time for what?"

Rean then looked at her with an angry expression as he replied.

"Do you think I can accept an ice block like Roan losing his virginity while the nice guy, me, is still craving his wife's body? I can't accept that! Let's go! It's baby-making time!"

All the girls' expressions went bright red once again. However, before Qia could say anything, Rean activated his Enhancement Skill before disappearing from the room. At the same time, Sister Orb's voice echoed in everyone's head.

[Oh, it seems like I need to prop up another soundproof barrier. Oh, well. So be it.]

Rean slammed the door of another room shut, making sure that no one could pass through it.

Calina and Malaka then quickly came out of their room and looked at the door Rean and Qia went through.

"Is...is she going to be okay?"

Malaka shrugged her shoulders as she replied.

"Well, she accepted him, didn't she? He also has no reason to pretend that he couldn't see her emotions. That being said...let the married couple do married couple things...I guess?"

Calina nodded but still felt hot after everything that had happened. Following that, Roan and the others came out of the room as they also looked at the room where Rean and Qia entered.

"Are they doing what I think they're doing?"

Roan, who never cared about things like that before, nodded as he replied.

"Are you dumb? If not that, then what?"

Roan then looked at Calina with his ice-cold expression. Sure enough, it wasn't like he would suddenly transform just because of what happened.

Calina, of course, knew what was hidden behind that poker face, so she didn't mind. She then smiled before asking.

"What is it? Missing me already?"

Roan got closer to Calina when suddenly, he crouched down in front of her and looked at her belly.

"Wh-What is it? Is something wrong?"

Roan's dark expression intensified as he looked at her.

"When was your last period?"

Calina almost vomited blood after hearing that. Is that something one should ask in front of everyone? Well, it's Roan we're talking about, after all.

"Th... That was around 13 days... ago?"

Roan nodded and asked another question.

"How many days does your period take?"

Calina felt like crying already. Was there a reason to talk about that? The point was that Calina knew little about fertile days and things like that. After all, the last planet and this one were still far from a planet like Earth. Talking about such issues was a very rare thing and kind of a taboo between men and women. Last but not least, Calina was separated from her mother very early due to the *Profound Abyss* event. Simply put, she had no idea as to what her fertile days would be. Roan, on the other hand, obviously knew very well.

"D-Do I need to answer that?"

Roan nodded with a serious expression, prompting Calina to shyly reply.

"Around 28 to 29 days..."

Roan narrowed his eyes even further. Calina couldn't hold her curiosity anymore and asked Roan.

"Why are you asking that? Is that a bad thing?"

Roan then got up and began to explain.

"For female humans with period cycles of 28 days or so, their most fertile time would be 12 and 14 days before the next one. That being said, you're right in the middle of it."

Calina was taken aback.

"Do-Does that mean I'm pregnant now?"

Roan shook his head as he replied.

"Of course, that doesn't mean that you'll definitely get pregnant. Also, those days aren't iron rules since a woman can get pregnant outside of it. Nevertheless, as far as chances go, we really selected the worst day possible to have sexual intercourse."

Calina and everyone else were shocked. They didn't know about this specific information. Roan didn't stop, though.

"Sigh...the worst part is that I didn't hold back at all, ejaculating my sperm inside your womb so many times that I lost count."

Calina almost died of embarrassment after that. It's really impressive how Roan doesn't care talking about such topics in front of everyone else. He didn't even blink!