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Chapter 1261: Plan for Complex Matter

Over 1.2 million years had already passed since Gravis and Mortis had started to comprehend Laws. This had been, by far, their longest Law Comprehension session.

They both missed their friends and family, but there was nothing they could do. They couldn't get to them for fear of being noticed, and the others also couldn't visit the two of them. After all, it would be very suspicious if several Ancestral Gods visited the Opposer's domain.

Gravis also wasn't afraid about his relationship with Stella. They had been apart for longer periods again and again, and by now, they had solidified their relationship. They had both been willing to sacrifice parts of themselves for the other, and such a bond could never be broken with only time.

In the last 1.2 million years, Gravis had fully focused on the Mixed Elemental Laws.

First, he had finished all the Lightning Laws, which didn't take him very long. He only needed 300,000 years for the remaining five Laws.

Then, Gravis focused on the seven Laws involving Blaze he was still missing, which took him 900,000 years.

In 1.2 million years, Gravis had comprehended twelve level eight Laws, which was ridiculously fast.

Even more, as his experience in comprehending Laws grew, the speed at which he was comprehending them also grew.

Additionally, affinities were no longer important. Elemental Synchronicity gave Gravis a perfect affinity with every single Element, including metal and earth.

After comprehending a couple of Laws, Gravis had also eaten the set of Law Comprehension Life Fruits for the True Law of Soul Destruction.

All of this had only been what Gravis had comprehended.

What about Mortis?

Comprehending the Life Laws was far more difficult than comprehending the Elemental Laws, but on the other hand, Mortis only needed to comprehend level seven Laws, not level eight Laws.

In order to comprehend the five level seven Laws of Body Composition and the level eight Law of Body Composition, Mortis had needed 400,000 years.

The five level seven Body Growth Laws and the level eight Law of Body Growth took Mortis only 200,000 years. After all, he already knew the Composition Laws, making the Growth Laws far easier to comprehend.

After that, Mortis focused on the Plant Composition Laws, which also took him 400,000 years.

Mortis also only needed 200,000 years for the Plant Growth Laws.

While Gravis had comprehended 13 level eight Laws, Mortis had comprehended 20 level seven Laws and four level eight Laws.

This was everything that had happened in 1.2 million years.

After these years, Mortis decided to switch. The Life Laws up to and including the level eight Laws were nearly finished. Mortis was only missing the level eight Law of Soul Infusion. Then, he would need the level nine Laws.

However, comprehending the level eight Law of Soul Infusion was very difficult since Souls and Spirits were so elusive. Mortis wanted to get out and get a Law Comprehension Life Fruit for that Law, but they were simply not being sold.

Such elusive Laws were always kept for the Peak Sects, and they wouldn't release these Law Comprehension Life Fruits to the public. Because of that, Mortis simply couldn't procure them.

Additionally, the Life Laws wouldn't increase their power by much without also knowing the True Law of Emotions.

Because of all these reasons, Mortis decided to switch from the Life Laws to the Emotional Laws.

They needed the Emotional Laws to fight their future opponent.

Mortis hid and traveled to a Heaven's Trial. There were different kinds of Heaven's Trials, and the one Mortis chose was set up for one of the Emotional Laws.

This Heaven's Trial was under the control of one of the Peak Sects, but that didn't stop Mortis.

Of course, entering a Heaven's Trial to comprehend a Law was always a risk. After all, one couldn't leave without having comprehended the Law in the Trial. However, Mortis was certain that it wouldn't stop him.

Why?

Because Mortis didn't go for an Emotional Law he didn't have a great affinity for.

Instead, Mortis went for the True Law of Rage.

Mortis hadn't been very angry in the newest couple of million years, but he was still very good at becoming angry. He only had to let himself go a bit.

Additionally, Orthar was probably very good at riling Mortis up.

Because of that, 1.2 million years after they started comprehending Laws, Mortis vanished into a Heaven's Trial.

At the same time, Gravis also changed his focus.

He had known from the very beginning that he wouldn't be able to comprehend all 45 Mixed Elemental Laws in such a short amount of time, but that hadn't been his goal anyway.

Gravis had wanted to gain more experience in comprehending Laws before going for the actually important ones.

The Matter Laws.

Gravis needed the most powerful equipment and weapons if he wanted to fight against the Peak Sects. Otherwise, his weapons would keep breaking.

However, there was a problem.

The Complex Matter Laws were just like the Soul Laws, very elusive and hard to get.

Gravis had been able to find Material Sets for the Pure Matter Laws, but he couldn't find any for the Complex Matter Laws.

Additionally, Gravis couldn't just sit down and look at his own Spirit to comprehend that Law, in comparison to the Soul Laws. No, he needed tons of materials to look at.

Gravis needed to come into contact with all of these materials without alarming the Peak Sects.

Sadly, it wasn't that easy. There were no Law Comprehension Areas for the Complex Matter Laws since there were simply too many different materials that all needed different conditions to exist. There was no way that something like that could exist naturally.

Gravis was also certain that they didn't exist artificially in the classical form of a Law Comprehension Area. After all, one needed to experiment with these materials, which meant that they would be used up by comprehension.

No, the Peak Sects kept these Laws a secret, and they would give them out in Material Sets only they had access to.

Gravis could sneak some comprehension from Law Comprehension Areas without problem, but he couldn't get that. To get these kinds of things, he would need to enter the Spirit Space of some Elder that gave out the rewards.

Obviously, that was impossible without alarming absolutely everyone.

At this moment, Gravis was glad that he chose the Law of Hard Complex Materials back in the Heaven's Trial as one of his rewards.

Without that Law, Gravis would have no idea how to get the other ones.

However, with the Law of Hard Complex Materials, Gravis saw a way to get the other Matter Laws.

He only hoped that his plan would work.

After Mortis left for the True Law of Rage, Gravis put on his disguise. He had gotten a license to wear his disguise inside Opposer City.

Of course, to get such a license, Gravis had needed to show his identity to the guards.

However, that wasn't actually a risk. After all, his mother and father were the rules over this city. Gravis only showed his identity to one of the highest commanders, and they gave Gravis the license for several million God Stones.

In the outside world, everyone was beneath the ruling hand of the Peak Sects, but not Opposer City.

This city belonged to the Economistress, and her most important commanders wouldn't betray her.

With Gravis' new disguise, he entered a very peculiar place inside Opposer City.

It was the largest square inside Opposer City and the most bustling one, the Broken Heaven Plaza.

The buildings around the plaza looked very lavish, as if all the owners wanted to compete with their money. One building stood out, not for looking especially extravagant, but for looking like a cheap two-floored stone house.

The owner had enough money to build a more prominent building. Just the fact that they owned property in the core of the city proved as much. The building simply didn't need to impress people. Every single person in the city knew it.

It was the most well-known weapon store in existence, the Divine Weapon House.

Gravis remembered the last time he had come to this place.

Back then, the Opposer had shown Gravis why he didn't need to cultivate.

The last time, Gravis had been a mortal.

Now, Gravis was a Peak Ancestral God.

If someone could give Gravis the Complex Material Laws, it would be Master Linus, the greatest Forger in the Cosmos!

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Chapter 1262: Master Linus

Gravis entered the store. It was currently empty, and he couldn't see anyone inside it, which was normal. Master Linus only sold the best weapons in the world, and his prices were the most extravagant. Only the wealthiest Cultivators could afford to shop in here.

Gravis looked around, and with his new mountain of experience, he could tell the quality of the weapons with one glance.

Gravis took a deep breath.

These weapons!

How could they be that powerful!?

Gravis knew the Hard Complex Material Law, and he was extremely good at forging. Gravis could also take a good guess at how good weapons would be when forged with the True Matter Law.

Yet, these weapons were still better!

How!?

That broke the rules of the Laws!

Gravis' mind quickly went through some methods on how it would be possible to create such insanely powerful weapons that were more powerful than the materials allowed them to be.

He could only think of one explanation.

"A Form Law for Forging," Gravis said with surprise.

"Oh?" another voice said as an older man appeared right in front of Gravis.

The man looked with interest at the disguised person in his store. Only someone that knew the Hard Complex Law could tell that he had used a Form Law specifically for Forging.

Among Peak Sects, knowing that Law wasn't very special, but those people were also the rarest customers. After all, they had their own talented Forgers, and they wouldn't pay such a ridiculous premium for Master Linus' weapons.

Gravis looked at the old man. "The True Matter Law is a level nine Law, and by comprehending the True Law of the Dead World, one can push it even further. However, that would only allow someone to push the matter to its natural limits."

"In order to achieve something like this, one needs a Form Law on the level of a level ten Law, which can only be achieved with the True Law of Emotions."

"The True Law of the Dead World and the True Law of Emotions," Gravis said. "Master Linus, I don't understand why you are acting this subserviently towards your customers when you are as powerful as the Peak Sect's Ancestors."

As Gravis spoke more, Linus became more interested. Apparently, Gravis knew quite a bit about him.

"That doesn't concern you," Master Linus said with a calm but direct voice. "What weapons are you interested in?"

Surprisingly, Master Linus didn't act as subserviently towards Gravis as he had acted to that one useless son back then.

Master Linus' entire demeanor had changed.

Back then, Master Linus had seemed like a scared old man, and now, he looked like a confident elder that knew what they were doing.

"I'm not here for your weapons," Gravis said.

"Then why are you here?" Master Linus asked with furrowed brows. "Are you just here to compliment me? Please, I get enough of those."

"I'm here to comprehend the True Laws of Medium Complex and Soft Complex Materials," Gravis said.

Master Linus only rolled his eyes. "Another one, really? Listen, I don't deal with Medium Complex and Soft Complex Materials. I only use some of them to supplement my equipment. I don't have the supply partners and supply chains to get all kinds of Medium Complex and Soft Complex Materials."

"The work to get all of them so that you may comprehend them will take a vast amount of work and time from me. Even if you have an incredible number of God Crystals, it doesn't matter. I'm not doing all of this for the money, and I don't need the money."

"I can't help you, even if you give me 100,000 God Crystals," Master Linus said with annoyance.

Gravis furrowed his brows beneath his disguise. He obviously didn't have that kind of money.

Plan A failed.

"What if I take over your work, giving you more time to comprehend Laws?" Gravis asked.

Master Linus snorted. "Can you make weapons on this quality?" he asked.

Gravis shook his head. "No, but I am soon able to. I only need your guidance."

Master Linus frowned.

Gravis had perfectly highlighted what it needed to create such weapons.

Was Gravis confident in comprehending the True Law of Emotions soon?

Who was this guy?

Someone on that level would be a Sect Master or Ancestor of one of the Peak Sects.

Yet, those people wouldn't hide their appearances and auras behind a disguise.

"Alright," Master Linus said. "Let's assume you can create such good weapons. What other things could you do?"

Gravis took out his right hand from his cloak and held it out.

SHING!

Some ore appeared in Gravis' hand.

BZZZZ!

Gravis used his Heavenly Lightning to forge the piece of ore into a weapon in only a couple of seconds.

Then, he reforged it into another weapon.

Even more, these weapons were World Weapons.

Master Linus' eyebrows rose in surprise.

Then, he scratched his chin with interest.

"Not bad," he said. "For lightning weapons, that is indeed very useful."

Then, Master Linus took out some ore of his own.

BANG!

In an instant, a bolt of Heavenly Lightning appeared, and a weapon was immediately forged.

BANG!

A streak of Heavenly Fire appeared, and the weapon changed.

SHING!

Heavenly Wind ground down the edge of the weapon into an unprecedentedly sharp form.

Gravis' eyes widened.

His ability to forge a weapon instantly had always given him a gigantic edge over every other Forger.

Yet, in front of Master Linus, Gravis' abilities were nothing special.

"If you want to help me with my shop, you need to be able to control all the Elements with the finesse you can control lightning. Additionally, you say you can create these kinds of weapons in the future, but that doesn't help me. I need it now."

"Lastly, you don't even know the True Matter Law, which is the most important Law for creating such weapons."

"And even if you can fulfill all of these criteria, as you have seen, I don't even need your help. As many customers come, as many weapons will be created in a single second."

"Help? I don't need it."

"Money? I don't need it."

Master Linus looked at Gravis for a bit, and then he felt a bit bad for being so harsh.

"Actually, you have a great talent for being an outstanding Forger. However, you simply don't have any luck. I can't spend years upon years trying to find the materials you need to comprehend the Laws."

"I would advise you to join a Peak Sect. You are obviously a very talented and secretive Divine God that hasn't joined a Peak Sect yet. It's very admirable to reach such a level without any affiliation, but at some point, you must decide if the freedom is worth the added difficulty of becoming more powerful."

"If you know freedom, you can be free, but it doesn't represent true freedom. In order to achieve true freedom, you sometimes have to go play the situation and your surroundings correctly."

"I can't help you," Master Linus said.

Gravis listened to Master Linus, shocked by what he had said.

These insights.

But then, why?

How?

"The True Law of Freedom and the True Law of Control," Gravis said. "You know both of them."

Master Linus' calm aura suddenly erupted for an instant before calming down again.

Then, he looked at Gravis with narrowed eyes.

Gravis was simply too unordinary in Master Linus' perception.

Someone on Gravis' level should be a leading figure in the Peak Sects.

Yet, he came here disguised.

On top of that, he didn't even know all the Complex Material Laws.

However, he also knew enough about freedom and control to tell where Master Linus' teachings stem from.

"I see," Gravis suddenly said with realization.

"Now I know why you are acting subserviently to so many clients and why you have suddenly stopped acting like that."

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Chapter 1263: Trade

The entire atmosphere had changed.

Master Linus knew the Law of Control and the Law of Freedom, which was shocking.

Because of that, he also felt the control of the situation, and at this very moment, the control was slipping from his hands.

This mysterious person was able to make the control slip away from Master Linus, one of the most powerful Cultivators in the world.

Yet, the entire situation made no sense.

This person in front of him didn't even know the Complex Matter Laws, which meant that he didn't even know the True Law of the Dead World, the easiest Main Law to comprehend.

Additionally, this person obviously also knew the True Law of Freedom and the True Law of Control. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to realize that Linus knew these Laws, and he wouldn't be able to assume control over the situation in such a fashion.

Everything surrounding Gravis was bizarre and illogical.

"Do you think just because you are in a similar situation to me that we have some kind of connection?" Master Linus asked coldly. "People like us might be rare, but I'm not interested in getting to know people."

"My focus is on forging and on becoming powerful. Don't think that just because we are similar, I will waste my time for you," he said.

"We are not similar," Gravis said. "In fact, our situations are very different."

Master Linus only looked at Gravis with furrowed brows.

Gravis kept saying things that Master Linus didn't expect.

"You can feel part of my personality," Gravis said. "Even if you can't read my Law fragments, you still have a very good guess as to what kind of person I am."

"And I can make the same guess about you."

"So, right now, I will put my life in your hands," Gravis said. "If you don't want me to die, you should isolate the shop."

Then, Gravis' hand slowly went to his disguise.

Linus looked at Gravis intensely.

Then, Gravis pulled the disguise off.

Just before Gravis pulled the disguise off, Master Linus isolated his shop from outside view.

Only Heaven's Magnates would be able to see through this Formation Array.

Gravis put the disguise away, and Master Linus could finally see the true Gravis.

Master Linus' eyes widened as he received one shock after the other.

First of all, Gravis was only a Peak Ancestral God!

On top of that, Gravis' Battle-Strength felt beyond ridiculous for his Realm.

Then, Master Linus was shocked about Gravis' age. Someone this young couldn't possibly be this powerful!

And lastly, Master Linus recognized that Gravis was a person of global interest.

"You are the person the Peak Sects have been searching for," he said with a frown. "Do you realize that if I hadn't hidden you from view, you would essentially be dead?"

Gravis only grinned. "Hypotheticals are not relevant to the current scenario since it won't become a reality," Gravis said. "We both know control and freedom, and we both know how the situation will play out."

"We already know what will happen before it happens, and we both know what the other person will do," Gravis said.

"It was not a question if you decided to isolate your shop."

"It has always been an inevitability."

Normal Cultivators would find Gravis' words to be ridiculous, but Master Linus knew the True Law of Freedom and the True Law of Control.

Control could only be swayed if one of the two parties made a mistake.

Yet, when two people with perfect control met, calculating the result of their interaction was very straightforward.

The actions and words themselves were irrelevant in this case since both parties always acted perfectly.

It completely depended on their personalities and ideologies.

After a bit, Master Linus sighed. "No wonder the Peak Sects have had so much trouble with you," he commented.

Gravis only smirked. "Actually, this isn't the first time we've met. You just don't recognize me."

Master Linus looked at Gravis.

However, he had no feeling of familiarity with Gravis.

He had never seen the guy.

SHING!

A black obsidian ring appeared on Gravis' finger. "My real name is Gravis. Do you remember me now?" he asked with a smirk.

Master Linus' eyes widened.

That one boy?

That little boy that had been in his shop?

Now, everything started to make sense.

Someone could only become this incredibly powerful without the backing of a Peak Sect by having an even more powerful backing.

So, Gravis' backing had been his father.

This was how Gravis had been able to become so powerful at such an age!

On top of that, the Opposer knew exactly what the hardest things to comprehend were for Cultivators, so it also made sense that he would teach Gravis the concepts of freedom and control very early.

Master Linus only respected the Heaven's Magnates, Heaven, and the Opposer. Yet, these elusive beings basically didn't exist. Heaven never showed itself, and nearly no one had ever seen a Heaven's Magnate, except for the times when the Child of Heaven oversaw their tempering.

As for the Opposer? He basically also didn't exist. He never left his home, and as long as no one tried to start trouble with his protected offspring, he would also never become involved.

Yet, when they showed themselves, their power shook the entire world.

"What's your plan?" Master Linus asked. "You made some grand gestures in the last couple of seconds and said some grand words. However, what will that change? Yes, the control has already solidified, but the control only refers to your survival."

"There is no way that you will die by my hand," Master Linus said. "The situation has been set in stone. However, I am still uncertain how you plan on gaining my support."

"By now, you know why I have acted as I have back then, but these times are over. I gave up trying to comprehend that Law. Therefore, there's no more reason for me to act subserviently to the child of the Opposer."

"The situation has not changed. You want something from me, but you can't give me what I want. I doubt that the Opposer would be willing to help me for you. I don't know him very well, but I know how important it is to reach supreme power without relying on others too much."

"So, what do you want?" Master Linus asked.

"My identity has nothing to do with anything," Gravis said. "I only showed my identity to you so that you can more easily judge my personality and ideology. It gives more control and information to you so that you can make a more informed decision."

"So, what do I have to offer?" Gravis asked.

"How about I tell you that I have the best offer you will ever receive in your life?" Gravis said with a smirk.

Master Linus only looked at Gravis with a raised eyebrow.

"I want the True Law of Medium Complex Materials, the True Law of Soft Complex Materials, the True Law of Matter, and your teachings on how to create such powerful weapons."

Master Linus' eyes narrowed. Gravis' demands had gone up.

"In return," Gravis said with a smirk.

"I'm going to make you a Heaven's Magnate."

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Chapter 1264: Suppression

Master Linus' eyes opened wide in shock, but then he only snorted. "If I wanted to be taught suppression by someone that already knew it, I would have already asked someone else. I don't want to ruin my Law Comprehension talent."

Yes, Master Linus was missing the Law of Suppression.

Master Linus was one of the very rare people that managed to comprehend the Law of Freedom and the Law of Control before the Law of Suppression.

Because of that, feeling and becoming suppressed had become incredibly difficult.

It was a nearly impossible coincidence to comprehend these two Laws before comprehending the Law of Suppression. Even more, someone not affiliated with the Peak Sects should have been suppressed all their life.

Yet, Master Linus hadn't been very suppressed in the highest world.

The reason for that was his optimism. He always believed that there was a way out, and he had always found a way out.

Yet, back then, Master Linus hadn't known that the Law of Suppression was a necessary Law for the Law of Perceived Reality.

If he had known earlier, he wouldn't have avoided trouble as much.

Gravis only smirked. "Do you honestly believe I would offer something like that?" he asked.

"What else is there to offer?" Master Linus asked. "The Laws of Perceived Reality can only be comprehended by circumstance and situations. Without being more powerful than me and without investing millions of years, you can't teach me the True Law of Suppression without damaging my potential."

Gravis' smirk didn't vanish.

SHING!

Gravis took out four fruits and put them on one of the tables.

Master Linus looked at these fruits, and then, his entire body and Spirit shook.

Law Comprehension Life Fruits for the True Law of Suppression!

But how!?

These couldn't exist!

Laws of Perceived Reality couldn't be converted into Law Comprehension Life Fruits!

It was simply impossible!

Law Comprehension Life Fruits could only represent the things that one could observe in physical reality. One couldn't just show an emotion or a perceived feeling of a situation.

Additionally, Law Comprehension Life Fruits came from plants, and plants had a gigantic issue with the Laws of Perceived Reality.

Because of all these reasons, it was impossible for Law Comprehension Life Fruits for the True Law of Suppression to exist.

It was simply not possible!

Yet, they were right in front of his eyes.

They couldn't exist, but they were there.

Master Linus questioned his perception time and time again, but these fruits simply continued existing.

A long period of silence passed.

"Did your father create these?" Master Linus asked silently.

"Reward from a Heaven's Trial," Gravis said. "I ate one of them, leaving four behind. I didn't need them all."

"Reward from a Heaven's Trial," Master Linus repeated with a deep breath. "If you got such a reward, the Heaven's Trial must have been exceedingly difficult."

"I nearly died several times," Gravis said.

Silence.

Master Linus had never heard of anyone getting such a reward from a Heaven's Trial. A Heaven's Trial rewarded someone based on how powerful their Battle-Strength was. The most talented geniuses of the Peak Sects only either received a ridiculous amount of God Crystals or Law Comprehension Life Fruits for the other Laws, but never for the Emotional Laws or Laws of Perceived Reality.

Master Linus looked at Gravis.

But if it were Gravis...

Gravis' Battle-Strength was unprecedented, which meant that he could also gain an unprecedented reward.

Such Law Comprehension Life Fruits couldn't exist normally, but if it were Heaven that created them...

Why not?

"I always believed your father to be enemies with Heaven," Master Linus said.

"They are," Gravis said.

Master Linus frowned. "Then, how did you get these from Heaven?"

"Can't talk about it," Gravis said.

Master Linus didn't like the answer, but he also realized that this went far beyond his power. In the end, it was better not to know about these things.

He didn't want to get involved in the fight between the Opposer and Heaven.

"What if I just take them?" Master Linus asked. "Your father won't get involved when it's only me."

Gravis only smirked without a worry. "The situation already is inevitable. Freedom and control have decided the outcome."

"All words are empty."

Master Linus felt the control of the current situation.

It was set in stone.

It was unchangeable.

Theoretically, Master Linus could kill Gravis right here and get the fruits. He could also let Gravis live and keep the fruits.

It was a choice.

However, it also wasn't a choice.

Master Linus would do what he wanted to do, and he didn't want to kill Gravis or steal from Gravis.

Therefore, he wouldn't do so.

So, the hypothetical scenario would never become a reality.

The choice didn't exist. There was only an illusion of choice.

"I've never talked to anyone that also knew the True Law of Freedom and the True Law of Control," Master Linus said. "It feels very strange. It's like talking has become meaningless."

"We are not deciding on what we say," Gravis answered. "In this very moment, we are following a script. We are both saying the perfect things to each other, and there is always only one perfect choice."

"When two people like us meet, there is infinite freedom, but also no freedom at all. We do what we want, but we will always only do what we want."

"You should get used to such conversations since you will mostly only be talking to people that know these concepts."

"Life will become very different," Gravis said.

Master Linus looked at Gravis, and he felt like reality was warping and solidifying at the same time.

It was like Master Linus was talking to someone that wasn't part of his usual reality. Everything felt so surreal and inevitably that it felt like the world around him didn't exist anymore.

Master Linus felt like the two of them were visitors to this world. They were not part of the world but people that looked at the world from the outside.

For the first time in an exceedingly long time, Master Linus felt like he was talking to someone on his level.

And that someone was only a Peak Ancestral God.

In Master Linus' mind, Gravis was no longer a chess piece but a player.

The world was in his control, just as the world was in Master Linus' control.

Whatever the world did, didn't matter. They would manipulate the world to such a degree that they would get what they wanted.

When Master Linus realized that he would meet several other people like Gravis soon, newfound motivation erupted in his old mind.

He had been peerless and alone for a long time.

Too strong for Peak Divine Gods, too weak for Heaven's Magnates.

Now, he would reach a new level.

Master Linus carefully took hold of the four fruits and looked at them intensely.

Gravis smirked and put his disguise on again.

"I'll be waiting in my parents' place. When you're done, you can come visit me. My father knows all about everything I do and to who I talk. He won't stop you."

Master Linus looked at Gravis.

"You will receive what you want and more," he said.

Gravis only smirked.

"See you soon."

Then, Gravis teleported away.

Master Linus was alone again, and he looked at the four fruits.

His future was right before him.

His goal was right in front of his eyes.

SHING!

Master Linus took the four fruits and teleported away.

He consumed the first fruit right away.

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Chapter 1265: Heaven's Magnates

For the next couple of centuries, Gravis only spent time with his family and the Black Magnate. He didn't need to do anything else since he only had to wait for the result.

Master Linus was consuming the fruits at this moment, and he would quickly follow through with everything.

Gravis wasn't afraid that Master Linus would pull back his words. After all, when he became a Heaven's Magnate, he wouldn't even need to invest much time into the things he had promised Gravis.

Master Linus knew the True Law of Matter, which meant that he could create all the different kinds of matter with his Energy. The reason for why that wouldn't have worked had been his Energy, but as a Heaven's Magnate, his Energy reserves would essentially be infinite as long as he wasn't fighting another Heaven's Magnate.

What would stop him from simply creating all the different kinds of things Gravis needed?

So, Gravis only waited patiently, and a couple of centuries later, it was finally time.

Gravis noticed reality shift. Something had affected the reality in Opposer City.

However, only very few people noticed the change.

Gravis, his father, his mother, and the Black Magnate were some of them. Gravis knew the True Law of Perceived Reality, which made him susceptible to reality changes, and the other three were vastly more powerful.

Another person that noticed the change had been the Child of Heaven in The Heaven Company.

When he felt the change in reality, the Child of Heaven focused on Master Linus' shop.

Then, he looked away again.

A new Heaven's Magnate was of interest to him, but he had seen enough Heaven's Magnates come and go.

This Heaven's Magnate wouldn't be different. He would be born soon, but he would also vanish before the Child of Heaven would.

They came and went.

Yet, the ascension of a new Heaven's Magnate was still an extreme rarity.

How often were new Heaven's Magnates born?

About once every ten million years.

Gravis had been alive for around three million years, but there hadn't been a single new Heaven's Magnate during that time.

"It's time," Gravis said to his father.

His father only nodded. "Watch closely," he said.

Gravis also nodded.

An instant later, Master Linus exited his store as he flew into the sky.

At this very moment, he was invisible.

Perceived reality warped around him as nearly everyone in the world couldn't perceive him.

Gravis wouldn't have been an exception, but his father kept Master Linus visible for Gravis.

In the air, Master Linus looked around the city.

Everyone went on their day-to-day life, and no one looked at him.

At this moment, Master Linus felt like he had left the world.

He existed, but no one saw him.

It was like he was only a visitor in this world.

Master Linus slowly extended his hand, and reality seemed to warp around him. The city was warping below him, becoming an unrecognizable mess of distortion.

The Child of Heaven opened his eyes as he looked at Master Linus.

If Master Linus willed it, Opposer City would collapse into different perceived realities, essentially being torn apart and strewn across a nothingness of irrelevancy.

However, Master Linus made the world turn back to normal. He had only wanted to test the feeling of unsurpassed power. He wanted to know what it felt like.

The people in Opposer City didn't notice any of it.

They hadn't noticed that they had all been warped and constricted into inhumane shapes.

To them, everything had been normal.

Master Linus looked at his right hand for a bit.

This power...

There was so much of it!

After some seconds, Master Linus looked up.

WHOOOM!

A black hole appeared behind Master Linus, vibrating violently and brutally.

"This is the Star of a Divine God," the Opposer explained. "It transforms into a black hole, sucking in every other Law in the surroundings."

Gravis nodded. He had already expected as much.

Not all Heaven's Magnates knew it, but the end goal was to create a Cosmos.

The first step in that direction was the creation of an Avatar.

An Avatar was only an illusory image of a concept.

Then, that Avatar transformed into a Star.

An Avatar was one concept in an illusory form, while a Star was one concept in a solid form.

The illusory concept had solidified and had become a real entity.

Ancestral Gods expanded their Star with their breakthrough. They needed a level eight Law to gather enough power in their Star for the next step.

The next step was the black hole. The black hole was the incubator or womb of the future Cosmos. The concept of the Star would be suppressed into a minuscule point. The black hole itself pulled a terrifying amount of Energy and Laws towards the center, feeding the unborn Cosmos.

The Cosmos was being created inside the black hole.

Gravis watched Master Linus with interest.

Master Linus closed his eyes as the black hole expanded.

First, it took up a couple of meters, but in no time at all, it took up several kilometers.

"They are here," the Opposer said, pulling Gravis' perception to a different spot.

Gravis saw several unknown people floating in the air.

They were all looking at Master Linus with interest.

"Are these the other Heaven's Magnates?" Gravis asked.

"Yeah, sadly," the Black Magnate said from behind Gravis. "See these three old men? They were my previous 'friends'. Friends, my ass! They are just a group of depressed and suicidal idiots that pull other people down with them!"

Gravis looked at them.

There was a group of three old men. One of them had black and white hair, and Gravis guessed that this person had probably once been a member of the Twilight Council.

Another guy had grey hair, and he looked at Master Linus with boredom. It was like time had become irrelevant to him. Gravis guessed that this Heaven's Magnate had once been a member of the Eternity Sect.

The last guy was a youngster with blonde hair and a smile. In a sense, this youngster reminded Gravis of Arc, but their smiles were very different. Arc had a carefree and calm smile, while the smile of this Heaven's Magnate looked more like an empty mask. It was like he wasn't actually smiling because he felt happy, but because he was used to it.

Gravis had no idea from which Sect this person had come from. Maybe he had been an unaffiliated Cultivator?

"They are the old foggies," the Black Magnate said with a snort. "They have been Heaven's Magnates for a long time, but they never managed to comprehend the Law of Energy. Instead, they always keep on fighting the new Heaven's Magnates when their tribulation comes. I have no idea how they managed to keep living for such a long time."

"They are also the only three that don't know the Law of Energy. I guess one reason for their downer-attitude is that they just can't progress anymore. Instead of striving for a better tomorrow, they just act like becoming more powerful is irrelevant."

"They say there is no way for us to ever reach the next Realm. They always say that there is no reason to become more powerful, that we have reached the end of our way."

"Tch," the Black Magnate spat to the side. "Cowards!"

Gravis looked at the Black Magnate with a complex look and then looked at his father.

The Opposer didn't react.

Gravis wasn't allowed to tell Heaven's secrets to anyone. Sadly, that included the Black Magnate.

In a way, these three old men were right. It was impossible for Heaven's Magnates to reach the next Realm.

They couldn't achieve it, no matter how much they fought.

It was simply impossible.

Instead, it was the Black Magnate that lived in an illusion.

He believed that there was a way forward.

Yet, there was no way forward.

Heaven would kill anyone that attempted to reach the next Realm.

With his recent breakthrough, the Black Magnate had newfound motivation for his future.

He finally stepped out of the shadow of his depressing friends.

Sadly, he didn't know that he was doing Heaven's bidding.

Progression and stagnation were irrelevant at this point.

If one didn't progress, one would die to their tribulation.

If one progressed, one would die to Heaven.

Both paths led to the same outcome.

Gravis wanted to tell the Black Magnate about everything, but he couldn't.

If he did, Heaven would kill the Black Magnate and Gravis.

Instead, Gravis focused on the other Heaven's Magnates.

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Chapter 1266: Invitation

Gravis looked at the other Heaven's Magnates.

Surprisingly, there were only four others.

"Who are they?" Gravis asked the Black Magnate.

"See those three? Those three know the True Law of Energy," the Black Magnate said as he pushed Gravis' perception to three of them.

One of them was a young girl with green hair and a bright smile. She almost seemed like a cute and playful fairy.

"That's Happy Springs," the Black Magnate said. "She likes watching all the Cultivators and mortals, and she likes influencing their lives for the worse or for the better as entertainment. She essentially views the world as a show or play. She's like Sinister Sally, but not as sinister. Her playing around is more innocent but still causes some death here and there."

Gravis looked at the next person. It was a man with a proud smirk. His body was big and wide, and he felt exactly like an affectionate older brother would feel.

"That's Heavenly Senior," the Black Magnate said. "His name has gotten him into a lot of trouble, but he and his junior brother have always managed to come out on top."

"In fact, you have met his junior brother. His junior brother is Divine Junior. Matching names, right? Heavenly Senior and Divine Junior. Can you guess what they made?" the Black Magnate asked with a smirk.

"The Heavenly Divine Sect?" Gravis asked.

The Black Magnate nodded. "Right. Divine Junior is the current Sect Master of the Heavenly Divine Sect, and Heavenly Senior is a powerful Heaven's Magnate. Funnily enough, he's the newest and youngest Heaven's Magnate. He has only been one for a little more than seven million years."

"When I saw him back then, I was still part of the three old foggies. We four bombarded him with depression, nihilism, and pessimism. Yet, he only smiled at us and told us that he had different plans."

"He randomly challenged one of our group to a life and death battle when he had just reached the Heaven's Magnate Realm."

"Back then, our group had consisted of five people."

"After the fight, we were four, and he comprehended the Law of Energy."

"He is actually one of the main reasons why I decided to talk to you. His actions have shaken my belief, and I started to waver. That's why I got interested in you."

Gravis was quite surprised when he heard that.

Heavenly Senior had to be really powerful if he directly managed to defeat a Heaven's Magnate that had been in the Realm for many more years than him.

Then, Gravis looked at the next person.

It was a woman with black hair and an icy expression. She didn't even look at Master Linus with interest. Instead, she looked at Heavenly Senior with annoyance.

Obviously, she didn't want to be here, and she had only been dragged along.

"That's End of Light," the Black Magnate said. "In a way, she's similar to your big sister. She's very cold, and she only focuses her gaze on true power. She avoids contact with anyone, and she thinks that talking with others is only a distraction."

Then, the Black Magnate snickered a bit. "However, for some reason, Heavenly Senior managed to just string her along. She always complains, but she follows him anyway. I think she doesn't know it yet, but she's probably interested in Heavenly Senior."

At this moment, End of Light turned her head and looked at the Black Magnate with an intense gaze.

Apparently, she had heard him, and she didn't like what she had just heard.

Gravis felt an incredible feeling of pressure pressing down on him. He wasn't the focus of it, and the pressure also wasn't a Will-Aura, but it still felt scary. It was like a powerful beast had just taken note of him.

The Black Magnate only moved his brows a couple of times in a provocative manner.

End of Light only kept looking at him with an icy gaze.

"She will probably be the one that pushes me to comprehend the Law of the Cosmos," the Black Magnate commented leisurely. "Heavenly Senior is too mysterious, and he feels too powerful. Happy Springs is just a nice girl, and I like her joy in life."

"So, I'm only left with her."

Just when the Black Magnate finished his words, End of Light's body shuddered.

Why?

Because Heavenly Senior had just moved his finger across her cheek with a smile.

End of Light quickly jumped to the side, looking at Heavenly Senior with hatred.

Heavenly Senior only chuckled a bit.

Then, Heavenly Senior looked at Gravis with a smirk and winked.

"You better join us soon, Gravis," he said.

Gravis was shocked that Heavenly Senior not only knew of him but spoke to him.

"You know me?" Gravis asked.

Heavenly Senior only chuckled. "We all know of you. That guy has told us to watch your adventures in the middle world."

"And, sure enough, your adventures were quite humorous."

Gravis blinked a couple of times in surprise and looked at the Black Magnate.

The Black Magnate only looked to the side. "I was bored and lonely, okay?" he muttered.

Gravis only sighed as he rubbed the bridge of his nose in annoyance.

It was already awkward enough to have his father and the Black Magnate watch everything he did, but now, several more people had watched him the entire time?

It almost felt ridiculous.

He wasn't some main character in some piece of entertainment!

Suddenly, Gravis felt his perception move to the last person.

It was a young woman with dark-green hair, and she looked expressionlessly at Master Linus. It was like all of this didn't have anything to do with her.

"That's Peaceful Serenity," the Black Magnate said. "She's the only Heaven's Magnate that knows the Law of the Cosmos except for the Child of Heaven. It's easy to talk to her, but she also doesn't get close to many people."

"She's only interested in taking the first place."

"She will be the next enemy of the Child of Heaven."

"Honestly, I want her to win. I don't like that guy."

The other Heaven's Magnates had obviously heard the words that the Black Magnate had said, which meant that she probably also heard them.

Yet, she didn't react.

It was like she wasn't actually present.

Gravis looked at the seven Heaven's Magnates with interest. "Is that all of them?"

"Yep," the Black Magnate said. "We are ten Heaven's Magnates. There's me, the Child of Heaven, these seven, and that Linus fella."

BANG!

At that moment, Master Linus' black hole exploded.

WHOOOOM!

An unending torrent of Energy rushed towards Opposer City from all around the world.

The Peak Sects all looked with shock and confusion towards the direction of Opposer City.

What was going on!?

Only the most powerful and ancient members of the Peak Sects knew what this meant.

A new Heaven's Magnate had been born!

That was bad!

The Sects immediately isolated their God Stone storages, but it was too late. Their God Stones had been reduced by nearly 10%!

Everyone in the world lost 10% of their money.

Everyone except the Economistress.

The Opposer blocked the absorption of Energy for his wife. The last time, he had allowed it to go through since he knew that the God Stones would grow explosively after that, but not this time. This time, the God Stones would reduce in number permanently.

Then, something appeared behind Master Linus.

A small planet took form, and when Gravis saw it, his eyes widened.

Laws!

Energy!

This small world... it was an actual world!

It exhibited its own Laws, and it produced its own unique kind of Energy!

It was like there was a second, small Cosmos behind Master Linus!

Master Linus took a deep breath with closed eyes, just feeling the power coming from his own small Cosmos.

There was so much power!

This couldn't be compared to the Peak Divine God Realm in any way!

Clap, clap, clap!

Suddenly, loud clapping could be heard, and Master Linus looked over.

Heavenly Senior was clapping politely and happily for Master Linus. "Congratulations, Linus! Welcome to the Heaven's Magnate Realm!"

The others didn't clap alongside Heavenly Senior.

Master Linus looked at the people beside him with interest.

He couldn't read their Law fragments, and it was very hard for him to judge their personalities.

He immediately knew that these were the other Heaven's Magnates.

"I'm Heavenly Senior," he said with a bright smile. "Let's grab a drink later! I'll introduce you to everyone!"

Master Linus looked around with a complicated expression.

Everything had changed.

He didn't know any of these people, but he felt like he finally found a group of people on his level.

It was like all of these people were only visitors to this world.

"Okay," Master Linus said after some seconds.

"Great!" Heavenly Senior said with a wide smile.

Then, he turned towards the Opposer's home.

"What about you? You've been inside this castle for long enough. Do you want to accompany us? There's no reason to exclude you!" Heavenly Senior said.

Gravis knew that Heavenly Senior didn't mean him, so he looked at the Black Magnate.

However, the Black Magnate had a very awkward expression on his face as he looked to his side...

At the Opposer.

The world fell into silence.

Heavenly Senior had just asked the Opposer out to a drink.

Everyone else remained deathly silent.

When Gravis realized what had happened, he also had an awkward expression on his face.

Gravis had been pretty sure that the Black Magnate and his father would get along, but that wasn't the case for Heavenly Senior and his father.

Heavenly Senior felt very different from the Opposer.

The Opposer looked at Heavenly Senior with an emotionless look.

"No."

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Chapter 1267: Gathering Ends

The world fell into silence after Heavenly Senior had invited the Opposer.

Gravis and the Black Magnate felt a bit uncomfortable. Sure, Heavenly Senior appeared like a nice guy, but he felt incredibly incompatible with the Opposer.

The others were nervous. The Opposer had always been incredibly mysterious and intimidating. Just his presence alone pushed everyone away. His aura told everyone that they should keep away from him.

It was similar to when someone saw a stranger walking down the street with an enraged expression.

One immediately realized that this person was not interested in conversation right now.

It was better to just let them be.

When the Opposer had said no, the others still didn't move, but they were relieved to some degree. After all, the Opposer hadn't killed Heavenly Senior for talking to him.

Gravis had already expected that the Opposer would say no. Being friends with the Black Magnate was one thing but being friends with Heavenly Senior was something entirely different.

The Black Magnate didn't talk with very many people, and he only joked with the ones he knew. In front of everyone else, he was similar to the Opposer. He just wasn't interested.

On top of that, the only goal the Black Magnate had had while contacting the Opposer had been to gain a new friend.

He hadn't been interested in the status of being his friend.

He hadn't been interested in the Opposer's power.

He had only wanted to find some company.

As for Heavenly Senior?

Gravis was not so sure.

Heaven's Magnates were beyond normal Cultivators, and Gravis couldn't even see part of their Law fragments, which meant that Gravis could only make a rough guess.

What was Gravis' guess?

Gravis guessed that Heavenly Senior was interested in being friends with basically everyone. That in and of itself wasn't a bad thing.

However, problems could appear when one looked at why Heavenly Senior wanted to be friends with everyone.

Gravis guessed that Heavenly Senior probably liked being in the center of attention.

Now, if he could get the Opposer to be his friend, wouldn't that be a great feeling?

He would have been the one that managed to coerce the Opposer out of his castle. On top of that, Heavenly Senior would have one of the two most powerful beings as a friend.

In a sense, being his friend was not a loss. After all, the feeling of friendship was genuine. Yet, the underlying reason for that desire could sour the relationship a bit. Most people probably wouldn't care, but some people definitely cared.

Gravis guessed that, in the Opposer's mind, such a mindset was akin to weakness. One could even call this mindset a kind of dependability.

The Opposer obviously wasn't interested in such a person.

However, Gravis still couldn't be sure. All of these things were only a guess.

When Heavenly Senior heard the refusal, his smile didn't vanish.

"Oh, come on," he said. "I know that you feel like-"

BANG!

Suddenly, a gigantic and unfathomably powerful bolt of lightning exploded from the skies and hit Heavenly Senior.

None of the Heaven's Magnates had even been able to react to the bolt of lightning.

The Opposer didn't react.

For an instant, Gravis had felt the power of the bolt of lightning, and his eyes widened in shock.

It was incomprehensibly powerful!

The bolt of lightning had been instant, but the bright image had been burned into Gravis' mind.

The bolt had been pure black, and it had demonstrated a complexity in terms of Laws Gravis had never seen before.

It was ridiculously complex and powerful!

Of course, this wasn't Heavenly Lightning. Gravis knew Heavenly Lightning, and that definitely wasn't Heavenly Lightning!

That only left one thing.

It was Orthar's lightning!

Everyone looked with absolute shock at the bolt of lightning, except for a few exceptions.

End of Light looked with horror at the place where Heavenly Senior had just been.

Peaceful Serenity looked at the same place with burning eyes.

Child of Heaven looked with narrowed eyes at that place.

Crk!

The silent sound of some breaking rocks could be heard, and everyone turned to the origin of that sound.

Inside the city, in an empty street, Heavenly Senior slowly sat up again.

Over half his body was gone, and his Spirit gave off chaotic fluctuations.

Obviously, he was very close to death.

Heavenly Senior took a shaky breath with a shocked expression as his body slowly healed.

Heavenly Senior wasn't stupid, and he immediately realized what had happened and why it had happened.

Heaven had gotten involved.

Why?

Because it didn't want to lose him.

Heaven had interrupted Heavenly Senior's speech before he could even finish it, which gave Heavenly Senior a terrifying realization.

If he had continued talking, the Opposer would have most likely killed him.

There wouldn't have been any other reason that would have moved Heaven to get involved.

Heavenly Senior began to sweat in terror as realization struck.

He had nearly died!

He had nearly committed suicide!

How could he have been so stupid!?

Trying to talk to the Opposer like this!?

That was ridiculous!

Heavenly Senior wanted to kick his past self. He had gotten too used to being in control and being so powerful!

He had completely forgotten that there were still beings he couldn't even attempt to fight against!

Heavenly Senior slowly floated upward again.

Then, he looked at the Opposer with a nervous and scared expression.

"I'm sorry," he said silently. "I don't know you, and I shouldn't have attempted to guess your thoughts."

"It is completely up to you if you want to come or not."

The Opposer only looked at Heavenly Senior for some seconds with an emotionless expression.

Heavenly Senior felt like these seconds dragged on for an eternity.

Then, the Opposer simply looked away again.

When that happened, it was like the entire world had released a sigh of relief.

The tension vanished, only leaving a bit of awkwardness behind.

At this moment, Master Linus coughed a bit. "I'm sorry, but I have to decline the invitation for now," he said. "I will come later, but for now, I have a promise I have to keep. It won't take too long, and I will come to find you after I'm done."

"Oh, sure, that's fine," Heavenly Senior said as his smile slowly returned. "Take all the time you want. It shouldn't be difficult for you to find me with your newfound power. We have a long time ahead of us, and a couple of years don't mean much."

"Thank you," Master Linus said with a polite smile.

After that, Heavenly Senior surprisingly turned to Gravis. "Gravis, you were one of the biggest reasons for our new friend, and we have planned quite a surprise for you."

Gravis blinked a couple of times in surprise.

Heavenly Senior only winked. "We won't get involved in your Cultivation and your path to power, but we can do something else. Usually, we don't get involved in the stuff we have planned, but this time, I think you have given us quite an amazing opportunity."

"We only need to tweak the way the world works by a bit, and it will end in something incredible."

"Give us a bit less than a million years, and you will see the result. Hope you're excited!"

Then, Heavenly Senior teleported away with a smirk, leaving Gravis confused.

"Join us soon! We've been waiting for you for quite a while. I also want to talk to Mortis at some point. That guy is such an entertaining tease."

Gravis looked over and saw the sweet and playful smile of Happy Springs.

SHING!

She also teleported away.

SHING!

End of Light teleported away without saying anything. However, she had thrown one last evaluating glance at Gravis.

The three old foggies teleported away without saying anything. Just as the Black Magnate had said, they appeared to not be interested in anything, and they pulled down the entire mood.

Peaceful Serenity threw an unrecognizable glance at Gravis as she scratched her chin in thought.

Then, she also disappeared without saying anything.

Now, only Master Linus was left flying in the air.

Master Linus closed his eyes again to feel his newfound power, but some seconds later, he opened them with a smile.

Then, he turned to the Opposer's castle and performed a slight, polite bow.

"I would like to repay Gravis for what he has done for me."

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Chapter 1268: Repayment

"You can come in!" the Economistress said with a bright smile.

Master Linus' perception entered the Opposer's room again, and he saw the Economistress happily smiling at him.

"Thank you," he said before teleporting into the room.

Master Linus was quite nervous. Looking into the Opposer's room was one thing, but entering it was something completely different.

"Just ignore him!" the Economistress said with a bright smile. "Just treat him as some kind of ugly decoration."

Master Linus didn't dare to answer.

The Economistress pulled him over and served him some tea.

Gravis looked at his mother with a suspicious glance. His mother was a very social person, but she was acting a bit too nice right now.

"Are you happy that you have less competition?" Gravis asked.

"Of course!" the Economistress said with a bright smile. "With him gone, my forging company can expand even more!"

'Knew it,' Gravis thought.

Master Linus only chuckled a bit. "Sorry about that," he said.

"It's fine," the Economistress said. "If I could dominate everything without a fight, it would be boring. It's just a competition."

"I'm happy that you won't forge for the public anymore, but on the other hand, it's also a bit sad to lose such an opponent. Our ongoing fight about money and customers has given me some memorable experiences," she said.

Master Linus chuckled again. "Well, it wasn't fun for me. Finding companies willing to sell their ore to me was far too troublesome, and I had to pay them far too much for what they had given me. I'm glad that these days are behind me now."

"But honestly, I think I actually have to thank you," Master Linus said. "In a way, you have constantly put me under suppression with your offensive towards my business. Without that, the four Law Comprehension Life Fruits might not have been enough for me to comprehend the True Law of Suppression."

THWACK!

"Hands off! That tea isn't for you!" the Economistress suddenly shouted with an aggressive tone as she slapped a black hand away.

The Black Magnate only looked at the Economistress with a grimace. "Hey, am I not also a guest? Why don't I get some tea?"

"You? A guest? You might as well be a freeloader! You keep living here without paying rent! You should count yourself lucky that I haven't already thrown you out!" the Economistress angrily shouted.

The Black Magnate wanted to retort, but in the end, he decided against it.

It wasn't worth it.

Even the Opposer surrendered in front of his wife.

What could he do?

Master Linus looked with interest at the Black Magnate, and the Black Magnate looked back.

"Hello, I'm Linus," Master Linus said politely when their eyes met.

"Black Magnate," the Black Magnate answered with a bit of annoyance. "I guess I should congratulate you for becoming a Heaven's Magnate."

"It's fine," Master Linus said with a polite smile.

The Black Magnate only nodded. "I can give you some advice about the other Heaven's Magnates later, but you should finish your business with Gravis first."

"Sure, I'll gladly accept that invitation," Master Linus said. In a way, the Black Magnate felt more approachable than Heavenly Senior to Master Linus.

Maybe it was because Master Linus had also avoided human contact for such a long time?

"But you're not going to talk in here," the Economistress said with a huff. "Guests don't get to invite guests."

"But you said I'm a freeloader," the Black Magnate said with a smirk. "So, technically, I'm not a guest."

The Economistress frowned when she heard that.

Yet, surprisingly, she didn't give a counter.

"Alright," she said with a surprising calm. "You win this time, but you made a terrifying enemy today. I hope you won't regret it."

The Black Magnate only smirked.

After a while of talking, Gravis joined the table and sat down without a word.

Then, Gravis took a deep breath to prepare himself.

Suddenly, Gravis opened his eyes, and he looked at his mother with sad eyes. "Mom, could I have some tea, please? I would really like some tea. I'm thirsty."

Master Linus looked with surprise at Gravis.

The Economistress looked with a slightly unwilling expression at Gravis.

However, in the end, she sighed and also gave Gravis a cup of tea.

"Thank you, mom," Gravis said with a bright smile.

The Economistress only groaned as she put her hand to her forehead.

"Tch," the Black Magnate spat from the side in disdain.

Gravis took a big mouthful of the delicious tea and looked with a professional smile at Master Linus. Just now, he had seemed like an innocent little boy, but now, he appeared like a professional businessman.

"So, about that repayment," Gravis started.

Master Linus only smiled and nodded. "No problem. I will create enough materials for you to comprehend the True Law of Matter. That won't take more than a couple of years."

"As for the forging thing, I think I have a better solution. That solution should make it easier for you, and if you want, I can still teach you the principles of my forging, but I suspect that you no longer want to."

Gravis looked with interest at Master Linus. "I'm listening," he said.

"I will create 100 weapons for you, and they will all be on the absolute peak of the Divine God Realm. Nothing that hasn't been forged by a Heaven's Magnate can possibly damage them."

"Why waste millions of years learning my forging principles when you can immediately get everything you want? At the moment, you are probably focusing on other Laws, and as an Ancestral God, your longevity isn't very long. You have better uses for your time."

"Of course, if you still want to learn forging from me, you can simply come to look for me later. We can start whenever you want. Naturally, you will still get your weapons," Master Linus explained.

Gravis thought about the offer for a bit and nodded.

Why wouldn't he accept?

Forging wasn't a necessary part of reaching supreme power, and reaching the mastery Master Linus had achieved would take even Gravis millions of years.

In the middle world, Gravis had learned that he didn't have to completely rely on only himself. He could accept help from others.

So, why decline?

"Sounds good," Gravis said with a smile. "I'll gladly accept."

Master Linus nodded. "When do you want to start?"

"As early as possible," Gravis said.

"No problem," Master Linus answered. "I'd rather get this over with right now. I'll simply look at this as my last official deal as a forger. The weapons I'll make for you will be the best ones I've ever made."

Then, Master Linus smirked. "Of course, only until I will make my own, new weapons after that."

Gravis laughed when he heard that.

Master Linus took out a piece of ore.

BANG!

With a bit of Heavenly Fire, the piece of ore was transformed into a ring.

In an instant, Master Linus had created an incredibly powerful space ring!

Then, Master Linus held out his other hand.

CRRK!

CRRRK!

CRRR!

One piece of matter after the next appeared on Master Linus' hand, and they all entered the space ring.

A couple of seconds later, Master Linus stopped and threw the space ring towards Gravis.

"Take everything inside into your Spirit Space. You can start comprehending these materials for now. You should be done with these materials in around a century, and by that point, the space ring will be filled with the remaining materials you need for the True Law of Matter."

"When I'm done, I'll give your mother the space ring, and she will give it to you. Like that, you can immediately start comprehending."

"While you're comprehending, I'm going to create your weapons. Usually, creating weapons is a quick affair for me, but when I go all out, I still need some preparation and planning time. By the time you're done with your comprehension, I will be done with the weapons. Just like the space ring, I will give the weapons to your mother."

Gravis nodded as he pulled out the mountain of materials in the space ring. Then, he threw the space ring back to Master Linus, who continued to fill it.

A Heaven's Magnate had a terrifying amount of Energy, and Master Linus created these materials with blinding speeds.

Before Gravis went to look at the materials, he looked at his mother.

"No embezzling!"

BANG!

The Economistress flicked Gravis' forehead, and Gravis involuntarily got teleported to his room.

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Chapter 1269: Matter

Gravis only chuckled loudly as he appeared inside his room.

The room still hadn't changed. It was still the same room as when Gravis had been only a little kid.

Novels of different fantasy stories were at one of the cabinets on the side, and a couple of toys were strewn across the ground.

Gravis didn't have any emotional reaction to his room. He had been here a couple of times, and he had gotten used to it by now.

Gravis walked over to his old bed and sat down. Gravis' weight had reached unfathomable heights by now, but the bed didn't even creak.

Then, Gravis took out the first materials and experimented with them.

He combined gasses, made them explode, made them enter strange pieces of wood, and he did all kinds of different things.

Master Linus had given Gravis a ton of Pure Materials but also a ton of Complex Materials. Gravis had enough to combine them and experiment with them however he wanted.

Of course, with Master Linus' experience, Gravis had received materials that were very compatible with each other, making his comprehension far easier.

Just when Gravis had lost himself in comprehension, the materials suddenly ran out.

By now, Gravis was used to time passing at ridiculous speeds when he was comprehending Laws, and Gravis absentmindedly looked at his room.

Sure enough, a space ring was lying on top of a small drawer.

Gravis' Spirit pulled all the materials in the space ring into his Spirit Space, and Gravis had to release a deep breath.

So many!

There were thousands of kilometers of different materials!

Just with a single glance, Gravis could guess that these materials were probably worth over 10,000 God Crystals!

Of course, they would all be used up. Experimenting with materials meant destroying them and using them up.

'Four level nine Law Comprehension Life Fruits for over 10,000 God Crystals. That's quite a good exchange, actually. Even if Law Comprehension Life Fruits for the True Law of Suppression are unprecedented, a Peak Sect probably won't pay so much.'

'I simply got the perfect client.'

Gravis quickly went back to analyzing the materials.

Yet, only a couple of instants later, according to his perception of time, he was interrupted.

"I'm done," Gravis heard.

Gravis opened his eyes in surprise. "Oh? Already?" he asked.

"Took me a while," Mortis answered. "Comprehending the True Law of Rage was horrible. I don't want to do that again, and I think I have used up all my anger for the remainder of my life."

Gravis only nodded with a smirk. "I can guess. You won't guess what happened while you were gone."

"Oh?" Mortis answered with interest.

Gravis quickly told Mortis about everything that had happened.

"Wow, were we lucky for once?" Mortis asked.

"Could be. I'm not sure," Gravis answered. "It's a nice change of pace."

"Anyway, that's a good thing. With the True Law of Matter, we can weaken the weapons of our enemies by quite a bit. It's still worth it, even if we will already get all the weapons we will ever need."

Gravis nodded. "I'm currently busy comprehending the materials Master Linus gave me. What's your plan?"

"I've been angry for too long, and I think calming down is just the right thing. I'll check out a Heaven's Trial for the True Law of Calm. Don't know how long it will take."

Gravis nodded. "Sure. Tell me when you're done."

The two of them cut their connection. Mortis traveled to the next Heaven's Trial while Gravis continued comprehending the materials.

Then, an instant later, Gravis was interrupted again.

"I'm done with the True Law of Calm," Mortis transmitted to Gravis.

"Already?" Gravis asked in shock.

"What? Are you still not done with the True Law of Matter?" Mortis asked.

Gravis looked at the materials.

There were about 20% left.

"20% left," Gravis said.

"Huh, that must have been a lot of materials if there are still so many left," Mortis said.

Gravis wasn't so sure as he looked at the remaining materials with an awkward expression.

It felt like he had burned through them with incredible speeds, but, apparently, he hadn't. After all, Mortis had already comprehended two level nine Laws during that time.

"Sure enough, the Matter Laws are a pain in the ass, as always," Gravis said.

"They've always been ridiculous," Mortis answered. "The Pure Matter Laws have always been okay, but the Complex Matter Laws have always been a problem. There are simply so many of them, and it's probably even crazier for the True Law of Matter."

"I just checked through some of the new knowledge I gained regarding matter, and it's just a terrifying amount of different materials and their uses. In a way, comprehending the True Law of Matter requires far more information than comprehending a level nine Emotional Law."

"It's basically the epitome of just remembering things."

Gravis nodded.

"Anyway," Mortis said. "I will check out the True Law of Pride. Comprehending the True Law of Calm wasn't so bad. Time basically flew by. I guess I will be done pretty soon with the True Law of Pride since I have a great affinity for it."

Gravis nodded. "We haven't seen our friends in a long while. I know you're missing Azure, and you're probably also worried about her. Only a bit more, and we can see them again."

"I know," Mortis answered. "It's difficult to focus on our Laws while we don't know if our loved ones are still alive, but we have to trust in them. With the level ten Law of Emotions, we can create two terrifyingly powerful Form Laws, which should make it possible for us to fight a level four Divine God."

"The fight will be difficult and extremely dangerous, but after that, we can try to directly go for the Peak Sects. At that point, we won't need to hide anymore."

Gravis nodded. "Only a bit more," he said.

"Only a bit more," Mortis answered.

Then, Mortis went to the Heaven's Trial for the True Law of Pride while Gravis continued to comprehend the materials.

"I'm done!" Mortis suddenly said.

Gravis' eyes shot open with shock.

"Already!?" he asked as he looked at the last couple of materials.

"Yeah, it was rather easy. Sure enough, I have a great affinity for Pride. How long until you finish the Matter Laws?" Mortis answered.

Gravis looked at the last materials.

"Should only be a couple of years. You concentrate on gathering all our knowledge regarding the materials and combining them. I'll get the remaining materials."

"Okay."

Gravis experimented with the last materials while Mortis focused on gathering all their insights.

BOOOOM!

Gravis wasn't even done with the materials before he comprehended the True Law of Medium Complex Materials.

A year later...

BOOOOM!

Gravis comprehended the True Law of Soft Complex Materials!

And then...

BOOOOM!

Gravis comprehended the True Law of Matter!

"Finally!" Gravis shouted.

"Finally done," Mortis answered. "That was far too much information."

Gravis nodded.

How long had it taken Gravis to learn everything about matter?

700,000 years.

It was a lot of information.

Gravis looked at his room, and in his perception, everything had changed.

Gravis now knew what material his home was made out of and what materials his bed was made out of.

Gravis' Spirit Sense expanded, and he could tell what every single piece of the world, except for the Elements, was made out of.

He even knew what Elements he needed to use to create them.

"I know all matter," Gravis said to himself.

Then, Gravis looked at his hand.

"And soon, I will know all about the Spirit!"

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Gravis closed his eyes and focused on the concept of Emotions and the Spirit.

Mortis did the same, and it didn't take them long to combine all the insights.

BOOOOM!

Gravis and Mortis comprehended the True Law of Emotions, their second level ten Law!

BOOOOM!

The True Law of Perceived Reality combined with the True Law of Emotions to create the True Law of Sentience.

"Finally," Gravis said. "With the True Law of Sentience, we can passively block all normal level nine Laws without restricting our own Laws. That will restrict our next opponent to only being able to use the Law inside their Star."

The concepts of the True Law of Sentience washed through Gravis' mind.

The True Law of Perceived Reality was the mastery over the will.

The True Law of Emotions was the mastery over the Spirit and Soul.

The True Law of Sentience combined both concepts, and it was the true mastery over everything intelligent.

Sentience was the very basics for Cultivation. Without sentience, one couldn't comprehend Laws. Therefore, sentience also symbolized mastery over the Laws.

When fighting an opponent, the True Law of Sentience was just as useful as the True Law of the Living World.

However, when these two opponents fought each other, the True Law of Sentience always triumphed.

There was no power without sentience. Because of that, the True Law of Sentience was the ultimate counter to the True Law of the Living World.

Just with the True Law of Sentience, Gravis could already fight every single other Peak Divine God as long as he himself was also on that level.

With the exception of his Will-Aura, Gravis had already reached the Battle-Strength of the Ancestors of the Peak Sects.

Now, Gravis needed to increase his Realm and his Will-Aura.

As Gravis' perception expanded throughout Opposer City, he could see the Law fragments again.

He saw what every single person was thinking about.

He saw through their personalities.

He saw everything that made them unique.

This image reminded Gravis of the words the Black Magnate had once said.

What value was there in life when one could perfectly replicate every living being? What value was there in interaction when one already knew what the other person would say before even they knew it?

However, Gravis wasn't distraught.

Even if he could see through all of these people, the important people in his life would still stay important.

Back then, Gravis had also been able to see through Stella's personality.

He knew what Stella would say and do back then, but it was still beautiful to watch her actually do it.

Even if someone had already read an amazing story, they might still decide to reread it.

Why?

Because it was still enjoyable.

Sometimes, knowing what will happen made stories even more beautiful.

This was very similar in a way.

Gravis already knew what everyone was going to do, but it was still interesting to watch it.

And if Gravis wanted something new?

He could simply talk with the Heaven's Magnates or his father.

There were plenty of alternatives.

However, all of that was for the future.

For now, Gravis needed to concentrate on his next battle.

"How long?" Gravis asked.

"About 600,000 years," Mortis answered.

Gravis nodded. "That's enough time to comprehend a powerful Form Law."

"I'll come back," Mortis transmitted to Gravis. "Shouldn't take too long. You can start with your Form Law."

Gravis nodded and concentrated on comprehending his new Form Law.

Now, the question was, what would happen in 600,000 years?

Their tribulation.

Yes, it was hard to believe, but in 600,000 years, Gravis and Mortis would have already been Ancestral Gods for three million years.

When they had just become Ancestral Gods, three million years had felt like an eternity, but the time had passed just like that.

It passed oh so very quickly.

However, this also meant that they hadn't seen their friends in over two million years by now, a terrifyingly long amount of time.

Gravis didn't know how many of his friends were still alive.

Gravis didn't know if Stella was still alive.

The only thing he could do was trust them.

Gravis concentrated on his Form Law, and Mortis quickly arrived beside him while doing the same thing.

Then, another long time of comprehension started.

Gravis finally had access to the True Law of Emotions, but he didn't have access to many more powerful Elemental Laws.

Because of that, Gravis had to mix in a lot of different insights, making the Form Law very unbalanced.

However, even if it were unbalanced, it still was terrifyingly powerful.

Luckily, since Gravis had already gone through all the insights of these Laws for his previous Form Law, creating his new Form Law didn't take very long.

In fact, it only took him 50,000 years.

After 50,000 years, Gravis had created his new Form Law.

It wasn't beautiful as his last one, and it didn't have the telltale aura of perfection to it.

However, it definitely was powerful.

The Form Law reached the power of a level 9.5 Law.

If Gravis wanted to push it to the power of a level ten Law, he would need more level nine Elemental Laws.

"550,000 more years to go," Gravis said to Mortis. "We already know all the Mixed Elemental Laws for the Fire Element. I think I can comprehend the Law of True Heavenly Fire without investing too much time."

"I'll help," Mortis said. "I also need the Law of Heavenly Fire to give my Form Law more power."

Gravis nodded.

Then, the two of them left Opposer City through the underground and traveled towards the Lightning Peak Sect.

Back then, Gravis and Mortis had only been level one Ancestral Gods, but now, they were level nine Ancestral Gods. Because of that, they reached the gigantic Law Comprehension Area for the Law of Heavenly Fire in only a century.

When they arrived, they simply remained inside the Heavenly Fire and closed their eyes. Their Elemental Synchronicity allowed them to do so.

Before long, the two of them realized that comprehending the Law of Heavenly Fire was even easier than they had anticipated.

Why was it so fast?

Their Elemental Synchronicity made a huge impact.

Their accumulated Law Comprehension experience of comprehending so many Laws also made it faster.

They already knew all the Mixed Elemental Laws involving the Fire Element.

The True Law of Matter already covered all the Elemental aspects of matter.

Lastly, they knew the True Law of Sentience, which was the ruler over all Laws.

With everything combined, comprehending the True Law of Heavenly Fire went rather quickly.

However, they couldn't comprehend it in one go.

Why?

Because something had happened.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Gravis and Mortis opened their eyes as they felt terrifying waves of power wash over them.

They were millions of kilometers under the ground, but these terrifying waves still reached them. The waves of power weren't nearly powerful enough to injure them after being weakened by so much matter, but they were still noticeable.

"What's going on?" Gravis asked.

"Someone's fighting," Mortis said.

"But we are in the Lightning Peak Sect," Gravis said.

Gravis and Mortis looked at each other.

"I guess the death of the Lightning Peak Sect's tree has finally been unveiled," Mortis said. "I believe that the other Peak Sects are trying to destroy the Lightning Peak Sect."

"Are you sure?" Gravis asked. "Zero's Essence is still unimaginably powerful."

"They're not stupid," Mortis said. "If they are attacking, it means that they have a way to counter her."

Gravis looked with discomfort and worry at Mortis.

However, suddenly, the two of them looked with shock upward.

Gravis couldn't speak for a long while, but eventually, he realized something.

"Is that what Heavenly Senior meant!?" Gravis shouted in shock.

"Surprise!"

Gravis and Mortis jumped to the side in shock.

They looked over, and they saw Heavenly Senior smiling at them.

"What do you think?" he asked. "I told you I had a present for you!"