

# Reincarnated as an Energy with a System

## Chapter 21: Shop

<Nothing>

The Nings got a very unexpected answer from the system.

'Huh? What do you mean by nothing? Does the shop have nothing to sell to us?' Ning A asked the system.

<Correct>

The Nings got more confused. The system kept hyping up the shop for over a year now, and yet when they finally unlocked it, it said there was nothing in the shop to sell them.

Ning B thought of something. 'Wait, didn't the system say that the Energy was the currency for the shop? Maybe we just don't have enough energy to buy anything.'

Ning A felt that this was a logical conclusion that anyone could come to, so he asked, 'Hey, system. Is our current energy too low to buy anything?' he asked.

<Yes, Everything in the shop costs a minimum of 5000 Energy>

' Oh, now we're getting somewhere,' Ning A said sighing in relief to himself.

'Thank god it's just that we have low energy. I might have had a heart attack if there was literally nothing in the shop.' Ning B sighed in relief too. Even as a form of energy, these guys talked like they were in their own bodies.

'Alright, then. Tell us, what is there in the shop for us to buy once we gain enough energy.' Ning A made sure to use the correct words so that the shop couldn't use a loophole to give them its stupid answers again.

<Nothing>

The system repeated the same answer.

'Hmm... again? Is there really nothing in the shop or did I say something wrong?' he wondered.

'Let me try,' said Ning B as he asked the same question using a different but simpler sentence.

'Hey, system. What exactly can we buy with the shop?' he asked.

<Anything that is not energy itself>

Finally, the system gave them a different answer.

Ning B sent a smug smile towards Ning A. Even without looking, Ning A could tell just how smug that smile was. He ignored Ning B and asked the system,

'What do you mean by Anything? Can you give us some examples?'

<Any physical object, skill, or knowledge can be bought from the shop>

Both the Nings got shocked for a second. 'Any object? Skill? Knowledge? Is there even anything else in the universe?' Ning A wondered.

'If there is, then I can't think of one,' said Ning B.

Ning A thought of something that he would want to buy. Ning B did the same thing as well.

'I want to be a human,' Ning A screamed.

'I want to control the fish,' Ning B shouted.

They immediately got angry at the other person.

'Idiot, don't you want us to have a body?' Ning A shouted at him. The cold, deepness of the ocean was too boring for him now. He had seen a lot and was now used to it.

'You are the idiotic one. What do you want to do with the body? Drown?' asked Ning B in frustration. Getting a body this deep in the ocean floor would not just drown them, but it would crush them to death as well.

Ning A fell into contemplation. Ning B was right, however, if they spent all their energy on controlling the fish, then by the time they left the ocean, they would barely have anything.

'Alright, let's call a truce. I have an idea that could work in our favor,' said Ning A. He looked very confident about it.

Ning B got curious, 'Very well. Tell me the idea and if I like it, I will call a truce as well.'

Ning A took a moment before he finally spoke, 'Let's merge.' 'What?' Ning B didn't realize what he meant at first, but when he finally did, he was stunned.

Out of all the things he thought Ning A was going to suggest, he hadn't expected that to be one of them.

But after a moment of contemplation, he thought that this was the correct idea. 'Alright, let's do it. Let's merge.' He said.

Ning A asked the system, 'Hey system, we want to merge back together into one person, can we buy that?'

<Personality Merge will cost you 150,000 energy. Do you want to buy it?>

'Uh... maybe not merging the personality exactly, can we just get like a single mind that can think of two things at once, instead of the two thoughts having their own mind?'

<Simultaneous Thinking will cost you 1,250,000 energy. Do you want to buy it?>

'Oh wow, that is much expensive than we expected. What do we do now?' Ning A turned towards Ning B and asked.

'I don't know. Maybe we should just wait until we have enough energy?' said Ning B.

'We should do that. System, Is it possible for us to buy the... uhh... Simultaneous Thinking skill automatically when we reach the energy?' Ning A asked.

<Would you like to put 'Simultaneous Thinking' to your Auto Buy list?>

'There is such a thing?' both of the Nings got surprised. 'Can that buy it even when we are unconscious?' asked Ning A.

<Yes. Auto Buy list buys everything automatically once the Energy requirements have been reached.>

<You can set priority for the items in the order they should be auto bought using the Auto Buy List by ordering the list in ascending order of which should be bought first>

'Alright then, Add Simultaneous Thinking into the Auto Buy List. ' Ning A said.

<' Simultaneous Thinking' has been added to your Auto Buy list>

<Would you like the set the order of the list?>

The system asked even when it had a single item. 'No thanks,' said Ning A.

'Alright system. Put us to sleep now. Wake us up when 'Simultaneous Thinking' has been bought or, I don't know when this fish dies? I guess.'

<Confirmed>

Slowly the two Nings started losing consciousness. But even as they lost it, they realized that, unless they asked the system to split their mind into two different personalities, this was probably the last time there were going to be two different Nings.

And as they thought that, they lost consciousness.

## Chapter 22: Ideas

Ning slowly came back to consciousness as he heard the back half of the system's response. A second ago, he had gone to sleep while there were still two of them, yet now, that should have changed.

'You there?' he asked knowing there would be no one, yet when an answer didn't arrive, he felt kinda melancholic about it.

'Who am I?' he thought. 'Am I Ning A or Ning B?' he tried to think. It didn't take him very long to come up with the answer. He was neither, and he was both.

The two halves were originally he himself, so when returned back, it would still just be him. Thanks to his brain multitasking, it didn't take him very long to realize that.

'So I got Simultaneous Thinking?' he wondered. While he could tell he was thinking fast, he still wanted visual proof. 'Status'.

[Status

Name: Ning Ruogong

Energy: 468

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking

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It was there. 'So, it's considered a skill as well, huh?' he thought. He looked around the fish to see if it was still going. The fish hadn't stopped at all. 'Hey, System. How long was I asleep this time around?' he asked.

<You were unconscious for 13 days, 11 hours, and 21 minutes>

'Oh! That's not as long as I thought it would be. Alright then, time to do the thing I merged back together for. Let me come up with some things to buy from the shop.'

'Hmm... I certainly want to fly and do the various things a cultivator does, but I need to think of escaping from here first. Let's see what ways are there to get out of the sea...'

Ning started to brainstorm things he could buy from the shop to escape from the deep trenches of the ocean.

'Hmm... how about controlling the fish? That could certainly work' he thought. 'Ah, but there is that same problem of what to do once I control it. I can't go back to the land this way. Still, let's see how much it costs.'

'Hey, system. What is the cost of controlling this fish?' he asked.

<Controlling the fish will cost 2000 Energy per minute>

'Huh? Per-minute? You sell in minutes too? Do I get a wholesale discount then?' he asked jokingly.

<Permanent unlocking of 'Fish Control' will cost you 26,700,000 Energy>

'What? Why so expensive?' he was stunned. That was about 13,000 minutes worth of controlling the fish. He didn't need that many minutes to reach the land and leave.

'Why is it so expensive? Is it because it's permanent?' he asked.

<Permanent Unlocks come with increased costs>

<Fish Control allows you to control all fishes you see>

'Oh. That's quite a good ability then. Should I use the temporary version?' he started wondering. However, instead of thinking about what the temporary version did, he started thinking about what he would do once he had it.

'Where would I even go? I don't know the map or the directions of the sea. Controlling the fish is not a very good idea then,' he thought.

'Hmm... map... Hey, system. Can I get a map of the planet?' he asked.

<Maps come in 5 types>

<Basic: Costs 150,000 energy>

<Beginner: 1,500,000 energy>

<Intermediate: 15,000,000 energy>

<Advanced: 150,000,000 energy>

<Omniscient: 1,500,000,000 energy>

'Woah! That's a lot. Why are they in 5 different types?' asked Ning.

<Maps belongs to the Knowledge category>

<Products in Knowledge category are sold based on the amount of information they provide>

'I see. Oh god, even intermediate costs more than I have ever made. I think I will have to start with the basic map. Add the basic map to the Auto Buy List,' he ordered the system.

<Confirmed. 'Basic Map' added to Auto Buy List>

<Would you like to set the order of the list?>

'Ask me that only when there is more than a single item on that list,' Ning said as he got a little annoyed.

<Confirmed>

'Let's see what else can I use to get out of here... hmm' he thought for a few moments. Controlling the fish was now out of question. Jumping from one fish to another was a very nonefficient method as well.

'Can I make a human body? Can I get away with that? No right? It would be destroyed in the water. I should keep that idea for once I get off of here.' He thought.

'Flying... is a bad idea,' he felt like he was in a slump. He wasn't the most creative with skills and abilities. Little of what he knew was from the random shows that they would show in the orphanage. He didn't get to read that many books or watch the different movies and cartoons like the non-orphan kids did.

'Well, if I wasn't an orphan, then many things would've been different. I would've had parents for one. I wouldn't have to have such a mediocre childhood. Maybe I would have had a group of friends that never left me. Maybe I wouldn't have to work in that stupid zoo just to live at 18 years of age. If that never happened, I would've probably never died and would never have been teleported he— ' he suddenly stopped.

'Teleport. That's it!! Teleport. I should teleport out of here. That way I won't have to think about how to get there and can just go there,' he thought.

'Hey, system. How much does it cost me to teleport to a land,' he asked.

<Teleporting will cost you energy depending on the distance and target of your teleport>

'Uhh... I should probably just teleport to the shortest distance where there is a land. Where is the shortest distance?'

<Shortest distance is 1247 Km and 324m away, and moving>

'Moving? Ah, that's right. The fish is moving. Will be hard to guess depending on that. How much will it cost to teleport 1500 km away?'

<For the fish, it will cost you 12,000,000 energy>

'What do you mean, for the fish?' he asked.

<You can only teleport by teleporting the object you inhabit as the target of teleport>

'Urghh... I will have to come up with something then, this fish might take too much energy to teleport.'

## Chapter 23: Northern Continent

'Status,' Ning said as he looked at he asked the system to bring up his current status.

[Status

Name: Ning Ruogong

Energy: 5,238,658

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map

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'Alright. I have 5.2 million energy right now. I can do this. Believe in yourself,' Ning said to himself trying to hype himself up for what he was about to do next.

It had been nearly 2 months since he had come to being himself once more. He was still planning on teleporting somewhere, but either needed a smaller host or greater amount of energy. Since a greater amount of energy wasn't possible at the moment, he could only hope to use any smaller fishes he came by.

But even that was pretty much impossible. Most of the fishes he came by were either too small and couldn't give him enough energy to teleport, or would be eaten by big fish. There was only one way to do the teleportation he had thought of.

He would have to jump into one of the creatures the big fish ate, and then teleport to the nearest land. After that, he would have to jump to something else, since sea creatures on land didn't last very long.

To know where he was at all times, he would ask the system about the distance to the nearest land from time to time. He tried to make sense of that information using the basic map he had unlocked, but the system would either tell him he was close to just Land, or he was in the ocean.

It didn't give the ocean a name for some reason like it did to the rest of the continents.

'At least tell me what continent is closest,' he asked once more but the system remained silent. Suddenly, he saw light up above. 'Is it starting to surface?' he wondered.

Suddenly, blood-like red liquid started appearing once more. 'It is!' he started to get excited. 'System. What's the closest distance?' he asked.

<Shortest distance is 1388 Km and 581m away, and moving>

'Alright, should be doable,' he thought. Fishes and other aquatic animals started conversing on the red spot in the ocean where the blood-red liquid had surfaced.

Then, the fish started moving. It suddenly changed its course upwards and sped up to a very fast speed. Just as it reached the surface, it opened its mouth and swallowed all the creatures up at the surface.

Ning used all of his processing power to look for fishes that were small enough to not require that much energy, but big enough where he won't lose energy when he ends up in a precarious place.

Suddenly, he saw a small fish. It was small comparatively. The fish was still very big at about 2 meters in length, and to Ning, it was a perfect size.

'System, use parasite skill on the fish,' he ordered.

<Parasite skill will cost you 100,000 energy, are you sure?>

'Yes. Do it,' he said.

<Confirmed>

This was where he had to work fast. The familiar feeling of his body getting ripped from one object to another returned once more. As soon as his mind understood that he was in the other fish, he ordered, 'Teleport to the nearest land.'

<Teleportation will cost you 4,348,000, are you sure?>



'Yes,' he said.

<Confirmed>

Light shined all around him as his left side start to heat up. 'Is this the effect of teleportation?' he wondered. Then, he saw what was really lit up or what was really burning.

'What? It's already done?' he was surprised. He didn't feel anything happen, yet he had already teleported. The sun was shining brightly lighting up everything around him. It was midday and the sun was at the zenith, so it was heating up all the sand, making the left side of the fish very hot.

The fish started to flap around as it no longer was in the water and was starting to die. Ning didn't care however, the only thing that mattered to him was what was around him.

He looked to the ocean that was behind him and the blue water within it. He was on a beach at least a dozen miles long for sure. He looked away from the ocean and saw the vibrant green forest.

'Am I at the southern continent again?' he wondered. But then, he looked at the tree and was surprised. 'Is that a coconut tree?' there were no trees on the beach of the southern continent, so it couldn't be that.

'Hey, system. What continent are we in?' he asked.

<You are in the northern continent>

The system's information would've made his jaw drop if he ever had one. 'The northern continent?' that big fish brought us that far away?' he was truly shocked. He processed the information he was just given, and in half the time it would've normally taken, came up with the answer to his own question.

'Since there are only 3 continents in the Planet Kumia, the giant fish must swim around the central continent and occasionally reach the other continents.'

Central Continent, Northern Continent, and Southern Continent were the 3 continents of Planet Kumia. The Northern continent was a large landmass on the northern hemisphere, and the Southern Continent was a large landmass on the southern hemisphere.

The central continent was half split between the two hemispheres, but since it didn't go around the equator, it was only on one half of the planet, while the other half was filled with the ocean that was nameless at the moment.

The fish was still flapping about as it started to die. Ning started to worry that he would be stuck once more, but suddenly, he started hearing noises and footsteps.

'Hmm... what sort of monster is that? It sounds like it has a lot of feet,' he thought. As the sound of the footsteps finally stopped, Ning finally saw what they were. With a big smile on his imaginary face, he said, 'Humans.'

A large group of humans had just arrived at the beach.

## Chapter 24: Hyesi

Ning looked at the group of humans coming his way. They all had black skin and barely any clothes on them. 'Aboriginals?' he wondered. The group was full of men and women as all of them carried spears with them.

The men were carrying something behind their back, but Ning couldn't see it from this position. 'Should I use the parasite skill on one of these humans?' he started wondering.

The thought of the humans dying just like those birds and wolves made him want to vomit. 'No, I should just jump into one of their other objects. But what? They are barely wearing any clothes at all, and the system said weapons are a bad idea to get into, so I can't switch to their halberds either.'

As the people came closer, he started seeing them more clearly. 'Woah,' he was shocked as he saw the very well-built body of both the men and women.

"Sod dune gieny hsue," said one of the men with an unkempt beard and hair. 'Do they not take care of their facial hairs?' he wondered as he looked at all of the men and their unkempt hairs.

He looked towards the women and saw that they had silky smooth hairs, all properly tied down. 'Yeah, it's just the men being lazy,' he thought.

The man who spoke earlier came close to him and squatted to look at the fish. He seemed to have the largest body out of all the people here and seemed to be the leader of the sort. So, as soon as he squatted down near the fish, all the other people made a circle around him.

"Nsoe guwn hwle dhoen sdbe..." he started talking as he said something in a language Ning couldn't understand.

'Uhh... System, can you translate what they're saying?' he asked.

<Please buy a language skill from the shop>

'Oh, that's right. I can do that. Show me what I can buy.' He asked.

<Here are the language skills you can buy>

<Basic Klavis language: 5,000 Energy>

<Beginner Klavis Language: 25,000 energy>

<Intermediate Klavis Language: 250,000 energy>

<Advanced Klavis Language: 2,500,000 energy>

<Omniscient Klavis Language: 25,000,000 energy>

<Alternatively, You can also buy>

<Basic All Language: 880,000,000>

<Beginner All Language: 8,800,000,000 energy>

<Intermediate All Language: 88,000,000,000 energy>

<Advanced All Language: 880,000,000,000 energy>

<Omniscient All Language: 8,800,000,000,000 energy>

'What the hell, why is it so expensive?' he asked in surprise. He had never even seen numbers that high in his past life.

<All Language includes every language spoken in every single world in every single universe>

<Since it is a basic need to communicate, the system provides languages at a very cheap price>

'That's cheap?' he was stunned at what the system had just said. 'Show me the status, how much energy do I have?' he ordered.

[Status

Name: Ning Ruogong

Energy: 854,151

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map

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'Uhh... I need the energy to transfer later on and I don't know how much I will need it. so it might be better to just take the cheaper ones for now. Give me the beginner Klavis language,' said Ning as he ordered the system

<Confirmed>

"But how did a fish come so far away from the sea?" one of the women asked.

"Maybe god send it here. Maybe we blessed by the Inikaka," A man said.

"Stop speaking," the leader said, "Hyesi, take this fish and go back to the village. We will return after we are done with work here," the leader said.

A small boy, barely at the age of 12 walked out from behind the group of men and women. He was also bare-chested like all the men, and only had a small piece of cloth around his waist, hiding his privates.

'What? Are they gonna make this little kid take this giant fish back home? Are they insane?' Ning was surprised as he heard the leader man order the little kid to take the 2 meters long fish, which probably weighed somewhere around 150 kilograms in his opinion.

Yet the boy simply nodded and said, "Okay, chief. He walked up to the fish and took out his own spear. In a single thrust, he speared through the fish. And then he did something that dropped Ning's figurative jaw.

The boy easily started to pick up the fish with his spear and put it on his back. 'What? What? How is this kid so strong? Is he a cultivator as well? Is he using Qi too?' he started asking questions to which he knew the answers would never come.

However, the system surprised him this time. It actually did answer.

<They are cultivators. But they do not use Qi>

'Huh? Cultivator, but doesn't use Qi? What do you mean? Don't all cultivators use Qi?' he asked.

<These are body cultivators>

<They temper their bodies to be as strong, if not stronger than people that use Qi>

'Oh, can they fly and shoot fire and stuff too?' Ning asked.

<No. They only cultivate their bodies, so they do not have any Qi related abilities>

'Hmm... so how do they do it? How do they cultivate bodies?' he tried his luck with the question.

<Please buy more information on Cultivation from the system>

'Ah, there it is.' He thought. The little boy called Hyesi started walking back to where he had come from. Ning was curious to see where this group of Aboriginal-looking cultivators lived.

The boy walked out of the beach and into the forest which seemed to be mostly filled with coconut and palm trees. Finally, after a few minutes, the forest cleared and Ning saw a simplistic, yet beautiful village made up of mostly stones.

There were little kids playing around the middle of the village, men training with each other, women drying something in the sun, etc. As soon as Hyesi walked into the village, the group of kids that were running around in the middle suddenly saw him and ran in his direction.

When they reached him, one of the little girls started asking him, "Brother Hyesi, Brother Hyesi, Did you catch that fish?"

## **Chapter 25: Humans**

Ning couldn't tell what most of the children looked like, but he could see a couple of them snickering as the little girl asked the question.

"No, The leader found it on the beach, and I was made to bring it here." There was a sort of emotion in Hyesi's voice that Ning couldn't identify at first.

"See! I told you he couldn't kill such a fish. It was a leader who did that," the little girl said as she started leaving.

"Yeah, he is so weak," another kid said. Soon the kid all said something about Hyesi being weak and left.

'Weak? This guy? He picked up a fish over 100kgs in weight like it was nothing and they are calling him weak?' Ning was surprised at what the kids were saying.

Hyesi slumped his shoulders as he walked away from the center of the village. When he reached one of the stone homes, he took the fish inside and dropped it along the wall.

Ning saw that there were many other such fishes encased in some white sand-like object in the room. 'Is that salt?' he thought. He did remember reading something about salt being preservatives. Maybe that was what it was.

The boy called Hyesi started to pull on the spear to lodge it out of the fish.

'Oh no, system. Switch body with that spear right now,' he ordered.

<The system does not recommend you switch bodies with a weapon>

'Just do it,' he said as he was a little frustrated.

<Confirmed>

His consciousness shifted to the weapon that was then taken away by Hyesi as he went out of the room.

"Hey, Hyesi. Why did you return so fast? What happened to killing Fufuliki? Did the leader send you back because you were so weak?" an old man bluntly asked him. Even though the man was old, he seemed to be full of vigor and had a body as good if not better than all the men he had seen in the village.

"No. We found a fish on the beach and the leader made me bring it back. The rest of them went to kill the Fufuliki," said Hyesi. It seemed he was used to being insulted about his strength on a daily basis.

"Good. Good. We need to kill that demon as quickly as possible. Or we will start to starve to death." The old man then returned to his own thing and ignored Hyesi.

Ning listened to all of this with intense curiosity. 'Demon? Fufuliki? What are those?' he started wondering.

Hyesi then returned to a small home, made up of similar stones as all the other homes. Inside was a tall and buff, black skin woman currently doing something with a bunch of quartz-like stones.

"Hyesi? Why did you return so soon my son?" she asked and then immediately asked once more with a serious face, "You did not run from your duties, did you?"

Hyesi immediately started shaking his head, saying, "No, no, no, mother," and started explaining once more what had happened.

"I see. Alright then, go do your training. I will finish this and give this to you tomorrow," she said.

Hyesi put the spear along the side of the wall and went somewhere. Ning didn't know what to do now. He didn't want to move onto the humans, but it started to feel like he had no choice.

'Oh, what if...' he looked at the woman in front of him working with the stones. 'I'm a genius,' he thought.

'Hey system, use the parasite ability on that woman over there, and then switch body to the biggest stone in her hand,' said Ning.

<Confirmed>

The system didn't ask for any confirmations and immediately did what it was asked to do. Ning immediately felt his consciousness shift, then once more felt it shift again.

'Oh, god. I feel like throwing up,' he thought. Suddenly, he felt something poke at him. 'What the hell?' he looked towards the direction of what was poking him and was shocked to see that the mother was currently trying to poke a hole through the stone.

And before he could even do anything, she succeeded. 'Oh my god!! System, how much energy did I just lose?' he asked as he felt a giant wire pass through him.

<You lost 12,000 energy>

'That is so much. Why did you have to switch me to something that was being pierced?' he started making complaints.

<This stone was the largest one as per your orders>

'I— you didn't have to answer that,' Ning said as he felt hurt at so much energy being lost. 'Open status,'

[Status

Name: Ning Ruogong

Energy: 802,513

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map, Beginner's Klavis Language

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'Oh, I still have more than I thought I would have.' He was surprised to see the nearly million energy he had. 'Hmm... should I buy something else?' he started to wonder.

'No, I should instead focus on leaving this place somehow, but I don't want to teleport.' He started thinking of various ways to leave, but only one idea felt like it was the best one.

'I need a human body,' he thought.

'Hey system, how much energy do you require to make a human body?' he asked.

<A Human body's cost depends on the specifications>

'The specifications? Like height and weight?' he asked.

<More than just height and weight. The color of your skin, the color of your hair, the amount of hair you have, the age of your body, the mental processing capabilities of your body, and many more.>

'Uhh... that's a bit too much for me to think about. How about for the exact body I had back on earth?' he asked.

<A mediocre human body will cost you 100,000,000 energy>

'Mediocre— how dare you? Also, why is it so expensive when it's mediocre? ' He questioned.

<Creating mass out of energy requires a lot of energy>

<Do you want to add it to the Auto Buy list?>

'Can I add all of those modifications you asked about before even after I get my new body?' he asked.

<Yes. Any changes are possible with the system>

Ning sighed in relief as he said, 'I see. That's a relief then. Add it to the Auto Buy list.'

## **Chapter 26: Body Cultivation**

The night was upon them all as the only light in the village was from the stars. Not even the moon was out this day.

Hyesi's mother, whose name was 'Belini', had moved out of her house and was sitting outside in the dark, continuing to make her ornaments.

She would first take a stone and rough it around the edges using nothing but her hands and then use a really thin fishbone, that was sharper than a needle to pierce through it.

It took her a lot of time to shape the stones in a preferable shape, so she still wasn't finished with it.



Ning looked away from her and into the village. Everything was the same. There was nothing but darkness.

'Is body cultivation really so good, that they don't even require light to see anymore?' he wondered. He had asked the system about it, and all it had said was that it was thanks to body cultivation.

Hyesi finally returned home, easily finding his way in the dark. 'I want night vision too.' Ning started to complain seeing everyone fine in the darkness.

He had asked the system, and it had said a ridiculous amount of price for it. Right now, he was collecting for a human body, so he decided to not waste any energy on anything else.

"Are you done for the day, son?" Belini asked Hyesi.

"Yes, mother. I am done." He replied.

Ning was surprised at how formal their talk was. 'Or maybe it's just because I have beginner-level language so I can't understand any of the internal nuances,' he wondered.

"Alright, go and sleep. Only when you sleep after a long day of work can you grow," said Belini.

Ning thought he could see the silhouette of Hyesi nod to his mother and go back in. 'Are they not going to eat? I haven't seen them eat anything?' he wondered.

There was an entire fish in the other room, yet they were going to sleep with an empty stomach. This really surprised Ning.

Belini finally finished making the ornament. It was a necklace that she made using stones and some sort of very durable thread. She put the necklace on a table and laid down on the floor outside the house and fell asleep using one of the rocks as a pillow.

'These people are monsters. Is their body so strong that they don't even need a proper bed anymore? And what if it rains? What then?' he was getting more and more dumbfounded by seeing the daily life of these tribes of people.

Ning decided to sleep too, so he ordered the system to wake him up when the mother woke up or when the sun rose tomorrow. He made sure to say 'tomorrow' since the system liked twisting his words and making his sleep forever.

Early in the morning, Ning came back to consciousness. He looked at the sky and saw that it was just before dawn. 'So, the mother is awake?'

He looked around to see that the mother was already on her feet doing some sort of funny maneuvers. It looked like exercise, but it also looked like she was dancing.

As the sun started coming up more and more, he saw that nearly everyone in the village was doing that. Even Hyesi was a little bit away from him, doing the same thing.

'What are they doing so early in the morning? Exercising or dancing?' he was really confused.

<They are cultivating their body>

'This is how one cultivates their body? By dancing?' he was surprised.

<There are many ways to cultivate the body>

<The Klavians use this particular method>

Slowly everyone that was doing these routines started to glow a little. Some white light started coming off of their skin.

'Are they succeeding?' he was surprised. He looked around to see that everyone was glowing a little now. The higher the sun came up to the horizon, the more they glowed.

Everyone except a single boy, Hyesi. He was still dark with no glow at all.

The sun came up higher and higher into the sky and just as it came out of the horizon, the light coming off of everyone's body peaked. As the sun came up more and more, their body's lights started dying down, until the sun was fully out of hiding and in the sky.

Everyone, including Hyesi, turned to the sun and got on their knees. They placed their foreheads on the ground and screamed in unison.

"Thank you for your blessing, O bright Inikaka."

Everyone started standing up and going back to their own things. "Come here," Belini said as she called Hyesi towards her.

She took the necklace Ning was in and put it around Hyesi. "This is something I made for you. Congratulations on living for 13 years, my son."

Hyesi looked at the dark blue stones around his neck and said, "Thank you mother, for giving birth to me."

"Come here," Belini said as she gave Hyesi a tight hug. "Ow, ow, ow. Mother, you're hurting me." Hyesi screamed.

"Inikaka's shadows boy, go train some more. You are very weak." Belini said and left Hyesi to go train.

Hyesi left towards the palm forest to train. Ning was curious to see what this training was and looked forward to it. But when he saw what it was, he was greatly disappointed.

All Hyesi did was climb up a tree and dropped on his back. Once he got up, he would once more climb up the tree and jump down on his back.

Ning sighed when he saw this. He was expecting some sort of body training regime where the young man would do push-ups, sit up, squats, and a lot of running, but all he did was climb up the tree and fall down.

Hyesi got up from the ground. He was about to stand up and climb back up the tree when he suddenly heard a voice in his ears.

"Hey boy, Do you want me to help you become stronger?"

## **Chapter 27: Yin Conversion**

"Huh?" Hyesi looked around, surprised to suddenly hear someone talking.

"Is someone there?" he said as he looked around the forest, trying to see if anyone was there. When he saw no one, he went around the back of the trees to see if one of the little kids was hiding there, teasing him because he was so weak.

Once he didn't find anyone, he just said, "Weird," and went back to climbing the tree.

"Are you listening kid? Stop climbing the tree!! I can help you get stronger," another voice came out of nowhere.

"Who's there?" Hyesi got more apprehensive and started looking around more.

"Not there, down here," Ning spoke from the necklace, directing Hyesi's attention towards himself. Hyesi looked down but didn't immediately think of the necklace as the source of the voice.

"Who are you? Where are you speaking from?" he asked.

Ning thought for a moment and said, "I am a gift from your mother to you. I live in the necklace and can make you stronger, boy."

"You live in my necklace? How...?" Hyesi couldn't believe it.

"I... " Ning quickly thought for a bit and immediately responded," am your friend, your guardian, your god!!" Ning immediately started cringing at himself for saying such ridiculous things.

Hyesi, however, believed it immediately. "You are a god? Are you... Inikaka?" asked Hyesi, with a face full of innocent surprise.

"Ini... kaka? Uhh... yea... yeah, yeah. That is I," Ning started to lie.

Hyesi immediately got onto his knees, head on the ground, and started crying, "O great and bright Inikaka, please help your powerless child. Please help me get stronger."

Ning was surprised at how quickly Hyesi accepted the fact that he was a god. 'Inikaka... wasn't that what they worshipped this morning? Is that what he thinks I am?' he wondered.

"Get up child, I cannot help you get stronger," Ning said, which made Hyesi immediately lose all hope.

"However, I can give you the ability to get stronger in exchange for you doing something of your own." Ning was currently in a very small stone, so the amount of energy he lost from speaking was very low.

Thus he spoke to Hyesi as if there was no end.

"I have to do something?" Hyesi asked confused.

"Yes. Do what I say and I can give you the power to get stronger." Ning replied.

"Yes, Please tell me what I have to do." Hyesi pleaded for some answers.

"Uhh... for now, sit down and meditate until I tell you what to do," Ning said and went silent.

Hyesi did as Ning asked and sat down on the sand, next to a palm tree, and started meditating. He had just seen a ray of hope and fully did whatever was required to make that ray brighter.

'Geez, that kid is quite gullible. I had expected I would have to lie a bit more, but just saying that I am ina... iniki... whatever it was, he immediately accepted it.'

'Alright, system. Can you tell me what is wrong with this boy? Why is he considered weak among the villagers here?' Ning asked the system.

His entire plan depended on him having enough energy to get information from the system and was hoping the system did not disappoint him.

<Please buy the information from the Shop>

'I know. Show me the information I can buy,' Ning said annoyed at the system.

<Here are the information you can buy>

<Beginner: 5,000 Energy>

<Intermediate: 50,000 Energy>

<Advanced: 500,000 Energy>

<Omniscient: 5,000,000 Energy>

'Hmm... Where is basic?' Ning asked.

<Since the lowest cost is 5,000. Only items at that price or above are shown>

Ning didn't even hesitate as he said, "Give me the intermediate one." A bunch of knowledge transferred into his mind as he learned what was wrong with Hyesi.

'I see,' he thought.

The cultivation technique that Hyesi and the rest of the villagers used was called the 'Sun God's Morning Cleansing technique'. Every morning, they would have to perform a series of prepare their bodies to take on the first sunlight of the day.

They would use the time between the sun first pops out until it's fully out to cleanse the villager's body and it helped them get stronger. All of the villagers got a varying level of strength from doing this every day, but none of them were ever as weak as Hyesi.

That was because of Hyesi's body itself. The Sun God's Morning Cleansing Technique used the Yang energy of the sun to cleanse everyone's body. Hyesi's body, however, was mostly of Yin Constitution. Meaning, every night, his body would gather Yin within him and when he used the cleansing technique, most of it would be lost due to the Yin and Yang canceling themselves.

While the remaining yang energy was barely enough to make him as strong as he is.

'So, if I can somehow take out the Yin energy from his body every night before the sun comes up, he can do it, right?' he asked the system with no answer.

'Hey system, how can I get rid of the Yin energy?' he asked.

<There are multiple ways>

<Introduce yang energy of your own to cancel out the yin energy>

<Teach the kid a technique to get rid of the Yin energy himself>

<Absorb the yin energy yourself and convert it into your own energy>

'Hmm... The first one just doesn't make sense for me to do. I don't think wasting my own energy is the way to go here. The second one looks like it's the best one for the kid, however, hehehe... I'm not doing it for the kid.'

'System, show me how I can absorb the yin energy?' he asked the system.

<You can buy the 'Yin to heat conversion technique' for 22,000,000 energy or 'Yin to sound conversion technique' for 20,000,000 energy>

'Hmm... sound doesn't work as well since I don't want to wake people up overnight. That means I will have to go with heat conversion. That will cost me a lot of energy, which I don't have right now.'

'Guess it's time for the kid to do his part of the deal.'

## Chapter 28: Fire

Hyesi was still sitting on the sand with his eyes closed, meditating as per his god's orders. He didn't know how long he would have to wait before his god started giving him orders, but he would wait without question. After a little while, he finally heard his god's voice again.

"Hyesi, It is time. Do what I say and I will give you the strength you so wish for." Ning had finally learned what he had to do and was going to use Hyesi to benefit himself.

"What is it, O great and bright, Inikaka? This child of yours will do whatever it is that you want me to do." Hyesi immediately replied with absolutely no hesitation. In his mind, he had absolutely accepted Ning as his god.

"Yes. I know what problem you have. I know why you are so weak, to remove those weaknesses, I will require your assistance. As my loyal follower, will you do what I ask?" Ning asked.

"Yes, Inikaka. Just give me the orders." Hyesi was ready to do anything.

"Okay, then..." Ning turned around to look around the forest. He didn't see any trees that could have wood that could be burned. 'Guess I will have to work with dried-up leaves and coconut shells,' he thought.

"Go and collect all of those dried leaves and those coconut shells and bring them to a secure location where nobody would come to," Ning ordered him.

Hyesi did exactly as ordered and started collecting all the dried-up leaves and coconut shells. There were way too many of them and Hyesi easily collected them.

He took them all to a secure location near a beach on the other side of the island. He dropped everything on the beach and asked,

"Is that what you want, bright Inikaka?"

Ning looked at the materials down below and thought a bit. 'Hmm... maybe it will be better to get more so I can keep the flames going on for longer,' he thought.

"This is nearly not enough. I will require much more than this. Gather a lot more." Ning ordered.

Hyesi went back to the forest to gather some more of the materials. Thankfully, there were just too many of them, and Hyesi didn't have to make many long trips to increase the size of the materials.

Once all of this was gathered, Ning finally said, "Good Job, now the real fun part begins." Hyesi waited for his god's orders for a while before he heard,

"Alright, now make some fire."

Hyesi got a little confused at that part. Ning looked at him and his confused face. A little nervous, he decided to ask, "What? Do you not know what fire is?" he hoped that the aboriginals didn't know what fire was.

'Thinking back now, they didn't even light anything yesterday. Do they really not know what fire is?' he started to get worried.

"I do know fire is, bright Inikaka. But why would you require me to make fire for you? Aren't you the god of light and fire yourself?" Hyesi asked.

Hearing the question, Ning immediately got scared. 'Have I been caught? Sh\*t.' He slowly turned to look at Hyesi again and sighed with relief when he realized his face only had confusion and no traces of suspicion.

"Yes, Yes. I am, but I do not want to do it. So, do it yourself," Ning said.

"Please show your child your powers, great Inikaka. I want to see your power." Hyesi immediately got on his knees and started bowing with his head on the ground.

'Uhh... dammit.'

"Alright, pile up a little of those leaves in a place," Ning ordered.

Hyesi immediately got to work. He started to separate a little of the materials from the pile and put it in a small half a meter deep hole be dug with his arms.

"It is done, bright Inikaka. Please burn it now to show your child some of your powers."

'Goddammit, what did I get myself into?' Ning started to complain.

'System, can you help me make flames?' he asked.

<You can buy the ability to create fire from the shop>

'Uhh... how much does it cost? Show me the lowest one.'

<Candle Fire: 5,000 Energy>

'Urghh... I guess that's not too bad. Alright, buy it. '

<Candle Fire has been successfully bought>

Ning checked his system and Candle Fire was there as a technique. 'Okay, now I do I use it, system?' he asked.

<You can create a candle fire up to 2 meters away from you with just a thought>

<Every second of candle fire costs you 500 energy>

< You will not gain any energy from the heat produced directly by your fire>

'Alright then.'

"Lower yourself a little, Hyesi," Ning ordered. Hyesi dropped himself to the ground and waited for his god to do something.

'A thought, huh.' Ning prepared himself and imagined a fire burning on top of the pile of leaves. Suddenly, a small tongue of fire appeared above the pile of leaves and it started burning it.

Ning immediately stopped his Candle Fire, but the rest of the fire kept on burning.

"You are so powerful, great Inikaka." Hyesi was awed. This was the first time he had seen magical ability from what Ning could see.

'Poor child. He doesn't even know magic exists.' Ning started to pity Hyesi's ignorance.



"Alright now. Put the necklace in the fire and add a little more fuel in it." Ning ordered Hyesi, as he got himself ready to be thrown into the fire.

'I should gain a lot of energy from this right?' he wondered.

"I cannot do that, bright Inikaka. This is a gift from my mother. I cannot sully her by throwing her gift into the fire like that. As someone who was given birth by her, that would be very disrespectful," Hyesi seemed adamant on not throwing his necklace into the fire, and it didn't seem like Ning could persuade him to do so either.

'Sh\*t. I might have to come up with another idea then.'

## Chapter 29: Energy Cap

Ning tried to think of something since Hyesi refused to throw his necklace into the fire.

"Okay, how about this then. Search for a giant stone somewhere, and bring it back to the fire." Ning decided to use an alternative method. Hyesi complied and ran off along the beach to start finding giant rocks.

"Does this work, bright Inikaka?" he asked holding a stone about double the size of his palms. Ning looked at the childish palms holding the average-looking stones.

"Try and see if there are bigger ones. The bigger the better." Now that he was forced to search for new rock, he decided to use one that had the most surface area, so that it could gather the most heat.

Hyesi searched around for a few more minutes before he found a rock that satisfied Ning. "What should I do now, bright Inikaka?"

"Bring it back to the site where the fire is," Ning said. Hyesi practically ran off and reached the fire within a minute. "We are here, Inikaka. What should I do now?"

Ning thought for a moment and said, "Let me bless that rock and give it my powers. Touch that rock with your necklace."

Hyesi complied and brought the stone to his chest, slowly touching it to his necklace.

'Give me full authority to use the body switch whenever I want to, system,' Ning ordered and waited for the system's affirmation.

<You have always had this ability>

'What? Why did you make me ask every time then?' Ning got unusually annoyed.

<The system never said you had to ask>

<You did that yourself>

'Whatever. How do I use it then? Is it like the Candle Fire?' he asked.

<Yes>

'Alright then. Think of yourself as jumping into that stone.' He started to visualize it and within a split second, he felt his consciousness shifting.

'I did it!' he shouted internally. He wanted to make an external shout as well but decided against it.

"Alright, lower this rock into that pit of fire now." He waited for Hyesi to respond after commanding him.

Hyesi did as asked and placed the rock into the fire.

'Ah... YES. Finally. Finally, I can get energy whenever I want. Hey system, show me the energy values per second.'

<Confirmed>

<You have gained 150 energy>

<You have gained 150 energy>

<You have gained 150 energy>

<You have gained 150 energy>

'Stop,' Ning said as the energy intake continued to flow in.

'System, what is going on? Why am I taking in so less energy?' he asked.

<The rock is only surrounded in a small area with actual flames>

<Most of the flames are just going away with the heated wind.>

'What? That's bullsh\*t. How long will it take me then?' he started to count the numbers in his head.

At 150 energy every second, he would get 9000 energy every minute. Which wasn't very bad. If he could keep it up, he could gain 560,000 energy in an hour.

'Well, that's not really bad I guess. "Hyesi, look after the flame and add more of those dried leaves when it's starting to burn away, okay?"

Hyesi got alert as soon as he heard it. "I understand, O bright Inikaka." He immediately got to work. Every time the fire would get low, he would add more dried leaves and coconut shells from the pile.

Ning, however, didn't see any of it. 'System, wake me up when the fire stops burning here, okay?'

<confirmed>

Ning went unconscious. When he got back to consciousness, he didn't know how long of a time had passed.

'The system didn't play a trick on me and kept me sleeping for months on end again, did it?' he thought. 'Nah, no way.'

'Status'

[Status

Name: Ning Ruogong

Energy: 3,000,000

Skills: Simultaneous Thinking, Basic Map, Beginner's Klavis Language, Candle Fire

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'Huh? That's more energy than what I would've imagined, but somehow, I'm still disappointed,' Ning said as he looked at the status.

'At this rate, it will take me ... uhh... 6 days to get the 22 million energy.' Ning sighed at the thought of having to do this every day for 6 more days.

'System, how long was I out this time?' he asked.

<You were unconscious for 3 hours and 34 minutes>

'That's ... a surprisingly normal amount you've said for the first time, system. But, wait a second. How did I get 2.5 million energy in 3 and a half hours? Shouldn't it have been 5 hours?' he asked.

<You gained 2.5 million energy in 2 hours and 12 minutes>

'Huh? It didn't even require that long? What is going on?' Ning asked as he was greatly confused.

<You've discovered daily caps>

<You can earn maximum energy of 2.5 million every 24 hours>

<You will have to wait 24 hours after reaching your cap to gain more energy>

'What? Why didn't you tell me this before?' asked Ning, rightfully frustrated.

<You have never received this much energy in a single day>

'Has it always been here then?' he asked.

<Yes>

<It was kept unknown until the first day you gathered over 2.5 million in 24 hours>

<You can increase the cap through the shop>

'Well, Sh\*t. Guess I have nothing to do for another day then.' He looked around and saw Hyesi just standing there looking at the now extinguished fire.

"Kid, put your necklace on top of this rock." He needed to go back into the necklace. Hyesi did as asked and took off his necklace and put it on top of the very hot rock. Apparently, he didn't care much for the heat.

Ning switched bodies on his own, without any help from the system. He was getting used to it.

"Alright, you did well for today. You will have to do this for a week and I can make you strong after that." Ning felt bad having to make the kid wait for another week before helping him.

"Go do whatever you have to for now."

## **Chapter 30: Training**

After hearing Ning's orders, Hyesi went back to climbing up the tree and falling down to make his body stronger. Ning just sighed as he watched the kid do that.

"What are you trying to do kid?" he couldn't help but ask.

"Oh, Inikaka, I'm trying to jump up and down the tree so that I can be stronger." Hyesi's answer made no sense to Ning. So, he decided to ask,

"And what does that do? Does jumping up and down the tree make you stronger?"

"Yes. Only when a klavian is able to not feel any pain from falling down from the top of a tree are they considered to have become strong. So, I have been climbing up and down so I can not feel any pain at all."

Ning was surprised at that answer, "Oh, and is it working? Are you getting stronger?"

"Yes," Hyesi said with a smile. He seemed to be pretty happy with the result. Ning was even more surprised to hear that such an idiotic method was working.

"Wait, are you really getting stronger? Can you now hit harder or carry more weight?" Ning decided to ask.

"Well, Inikaka, not really. I am getting stronger but I cannot do those things yet. Maybe it will come to me soon." Hyesi said as he got gloomy again.

"They why do you say you are getting stronger?"

Hyesi thought for a moment and answered, "Ever since I learned that you are strong only when you don't feel pain after falling from the top of the tree, I have been doing that every day. Although it used to hurt a lot at first, slowly I have been able to feel less and less pain. The more I fall, the less pain I feel. So I should be getting stronger right?"

Ning was silent for a moment. 'Holy Sh\*t! This kid has fallen so much that he is already getting numb to the pain.'

"How long have you been doing this for?" he asked.

Hyesi counted the days and answered, "About halfway between my last day of birth and today."

'Halfway? So six months? This kid has been doing this for six months huh. Poor kid, not even the villagers tell him what to do.'

"Alright, I will teach you a faster way to get stronger. Do what I say and you will get strong."

"Yes, Inikaka." Hyesi would obey every single one of his god's words.

For the entire day, Ning made Hyesi do multiple different exercises. He made him squat a few hundred times, push up for another few hundred times. Same with sit-ups.

He also made him run straight through the forest from one end of the island to the other. The distance that Hyesi ran was about 2-3 kilometers in length. After learning from Hyesi that the island was circular in shape, he could finally envision exactly how big the island was.

Instead of running through the middle, Ning made Hyesi run around the beach now. Hyesi was doing that when he saw a few figures far away. He immediately ran towards there.

'Who are they?' Ning thought as he saw the people from far away too.

"Chief, everyone, are you people fine?" Hyesi asked as soon as he reached the people.

'Chief?' Ning finally recognized who these people were. He had only seen a glimpse before he was taken away, but he remembered the leader of the group that found him.

He looked at the disheveled faces of everyone in the group. 'Why do they look like they went through a war? Didn't they just come here to fish?' Ning thought as he looked at the nets and spears the members of the group were holding.

'Oh right, they were talking about killing something back in the village? Is that what they fought?' Ning looked around the beach looking for corpses but saw none.

'Where is their target?' he wondered. In his mind, the people here were super strong and could kill anything that they wanted to.

"Oh, why are you here, Hyesi?" one of the ladies asked.

"I was trying to become stronger by running around the beach," Hyesi said. If Ning hadn't told him to not talk about him when Hyesi first ran through the forest, he might have revealed it just now.

"Go back, boy. The demon can come back at any moment now. We were lucky we sent you back yesterday. Otherwise, You, with your weak body, would've surely died today." The chief started speaking as soon as he saw Hyesi.

Hyesi's eyes turned wild. " You people fought Fifuliki?" he asked.

"Yes. We met the demon and fought with it. However, we were wrong. The demon has grown and become much stronger than we had expected him to be. And his enchantments have gotten even stronger."

"At this rate, we might have to return empty-handed as well," the chief said.

BOOM

Suddenly, a sound rang out from the ocean.

"Run!!" the chief shouted at Hyesi. Hyesi didn't waste a moment. He knew he was weak and so, the moment the chief shouted, he ran.

Ning only got to see a column of water shoot out from the ocean as something popped out from underneath. But because Hyesi turned his back towards the ocean, he could no longer see anything.

Within a few minutes, Hyesi returned back home. The people in the village saw him running frantically, and asked him what was going on. All Hyesi could say was what the chief had told him.

When the people heard that the demon named Fufuliki was stronger than they had imagined, they started to get worried. Belini came to Hyesi and hugged him

"It's okay, son. You did well running away. If the demon is strong, then you would've only been a hamper at best or died at worst." Belini tried to comfort Hyesi, but that just seemed like an insult to him.

"I promise mother. I will get stronger than I am currently, and I will surely kill the demon Fufuliki."