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Chapter 1271: Together?

Rean couldn't help but ask, "How can you control it?"

However, Timoteo just shook his head. "That's a business secret. If I tell you, won't I have to deal with competition in the future?"

Rean and the others had to admit that Timoteo was right. If it was them, they probably wouldn't share the method either.

Timoteo then took out several Soul Binding Contracts as he told them, "Everyone, gather here. I need you all to sign these contracts."

Naturally, everyone was taken aback by that.

"You didn't say anything about a Soul Binding Contract."

"Indeed. We already paid you."

"What do you want?"

Timoteo smiled in response, explaining, "Don't worry, it's nothing serious. It will just state that you can't try to harm each other for a whole year after we arrive on the other side." Timoteo then pointed at the Transition Realm cultivators and continued, "If I don't do that, they would quickly attack the weaker ones. After all, they did pay me 2000 Rank Two Divine Stones. Aren't the rest of you easy targets? I have a reputation of delivering you guys safely to the other side to keep, so I can't let you die straight away because of the greed of some."

Everyone then looked at those guys at the Transition Realm and had to admit Timoteo was right. Without wasting even a second, they all signed the contracts... except for the Transition Realm cultivators.

One of the Transition Realm guys then snorted in response, snarling, "Hmph! Why would we sign it? We're not afraid of being attacked."

However, the energy inside the whale suddenly changed. Before the guy could do anything, he was grabbed by that energy and pushed close to the Wall Beast's mouth. If he went through, he would fall into the Continental Barrier and die for sure.

"Wait, wait, wait! I'll sign it! I'll sign it!"

Timoteo was happy to hear that. "Now you know why I wait for everyone to come inside the Wall Beast before pulling out the contracts. It's to guarantee that everyone will want to sign it."

Be it the guy who was almost sent out or the ones who watched, all the Transition Realm cultivators signed the contract. They could tell that inside the Wall Beast, Timoteo had absolute control.

Soon, everyone signed the contracts, and they wouldn't be able to touch each other, nor even tell someone else to do so for a whole year.

The travel through the wall was quite long but definitely not boring. The environment inside the Continental Barrier changed all the time. Explosions of energy, elements fighting elements in weird situations. In fact, there was even another Wall Beast who followed the group for a while.

Rean was enjoying the travel quite a lot until suddenly, a question appeared on his head. "Is this Wall Beast sentient?"

Timoteo looked at Rean with surprise on his face, responding, "Why would you ask?"

"It's because I can't feel its cultivation," Rean explained. Unless it didn't have any cultivation whatsoever, it was definitely above the Transition Realm. After all, one couldn't feel someone else's cultivation if they were too far below.

Rean then looked at the surroundings, or the Wall Beasts to be more precise, before continuing. "Then again, I can't tell whether it's sentient or not."

Timoteo shook his head, giving Rean a vague answer, "Wall Beasts are different. That's all I can say."

Roan heard that and pondered about the topic. Soon after, he communicated with Rean through their Soul Connection. 'Most likely, this thing doesn't have sentience. In fact, I don't think it has any cultivation at all.'

Rean agreed with Roan. 'Indeed. The fact that it's a being of energy is probably related to it. Also, I believe that Timoteo can control it exactly because it is different from demon beasts. He might have some device or skill that affects the whale's energy.'

Roan then warned Rean. 'You're probably right. However, this has nothing to do with us.'

Rean nodded before he looked at Timoteo and used a Divine Sense Message to ask something else. 'Senior Timoteo, my brother and I are traveling much further away. Do you know if there's another group of smugglers in Lanqueas Continent that can bring us to the Yubisval Continent? We will need to traverse the barrier again.'

'Yubisval? Where are you going?' Timoteo asked in response.

Rean smiled after hearing that. 'Business secret.'

Timoteo couldn't help but laugh when he heard that. 'Hahaha! I guess I deserved that.' Timoteo then nodded, saying, 'Yes, there is another group. After all, there are smuggled people from Lanqueas in our Huring Continent.'

Timoteo then passed Rean a red jade slip. 'You can use it to find the smugglers of Lanqueas. We kind of keep in contact so that one won't get in the other's business way.'

Rean was obviously delighted to receive that. 'Thank you, senior! By the way, is it really okay to give us such information?'

Timoteo didn't seem to care, waving his hands. 'It's fine. The same way I'm recommending them, they also recommend me when they send someone into Huring.'

Suddenly, the current of Divine Energy and Elements began to change, which caught Timoteo and the rest's attention. "Oh! Seems like we're finally on the other side."

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The Wall Beast then jumped out of the Continental Wall and floated several kilometers away from it. After that, it opened its enormous mouth, allowing Rean's group and the others to come out. Once it was done, Timoteo gave everyone a piece of advice. "Try to not stay close to the walls for too long. Unlike my Wall Beast, the others will not like you very much. We're going back now, so good luck."

The Wall Beast then closed its mouth, jumping into the Continental Wall once more. Rean's group was then left behind to fare for themselves.

The few Transition Realm cultivators didn't waste time and immediately took flight. They had no obligation to help the others who couldn't fly anyway. If not because of the contract, they would have probably killed the weaker people to take their belongings.

Rean and Roan couldn't care less, of course. They simply took a jade slip map out and tried to find which direction they should go.. However, before they could depart, some of the people who came out with them called their attention. "Hey, how about we go together?"

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Chapter 1272: Danger

Rean and Roan looked behind and saw a small group of five people. All of them were in the Saint Realm, just like the twins. However, Roan didn't really want anything to do with them. "All of you are in the Saint Realm, so you can reach the next city or whatever on your own. Why would you ask for others' help?"

The other group looked at each other before saying in response, "Could it be that you don't know about the blind areas?"

"Blind areas?" That was the first time that Rean and Roan heard about such a thing. "What are those?"

Hearing that, one guy in the group came out to explain. "First, let me introduce myself. I'm Dilan Tuto. I just so happen to be someone from a country on the border between Huring and Lanqueas. Anyway, the blind areas are the only places where you can traverse the Continental Barriers without being caught by the powers controlling those continents."

Dilan continued, "As you know, the Continental Barrier is made of energy. In a few places, excess energy starts to escape, creating an environment where tracking skills become useless. Try to use your Divine Sense. Although it can still spread as far as you always do, you won't be able to make out what's in there."

Rean and Roan immediately tried that, and sure enough, their Divine Senses did spread normally. However, the images that came into their minds were all blurry and made no sense. "Is that a problem?"

Dilan nodded, telling them, "Yes. Because we can't spread our Divine Senses, we can't tell what lies ahead. The blind areas, because of the chaotic energy, have become the acting area of bounty hunters. Don't forget, we entered this place illegally. They know they can get a very good payment if we, the smuggled, are delivered to the authorities. Besides, there's one other big reason why they do this."

Rean and Roan understood. "The price necessary to pay the smugglers for the travel. Since we can pay such a high amount of Divine Stones to get to the other side, it's obvious that we might be carrying a lot more with us as well. We're perfect targets for robbing."

Dilan was happy that the twins caught on so fast. "That's correct. So, what do you think? Would you like to join us until we leave this blind area? If we head in the opposite direction of the barrier, it shouldn't take more than a week or so to leave the blind area. Once that happens, we will be fine."

Rean and Roan weren't that much concerned about it, though. First, they had Rean's Light and Divine Sense bending skill. Second, they had Kentucky, so they could simply fly while using Rean's skill at the same time. It would be very unlikely that anyone would even notice their presence. Even if they somehow saw through Rean's concealment skill, if they weren't in the Transition Realm, they wouldn't be able to catch them in the skies. With that said, it was better if they traveled alone.

However, Roan asked something else. "Since you were from somewhere close to the border, would you be able to point in the map where we are at the moment?"

Dilan nodded, saying, "But of course!"

Roan then threw the jade slip map to Dilan. "Then mark it on the map for me to see."

Dilan narrowed his eyes, asking Roan, "What will you do after I mark it? Are you planning to leave on your own?"

Roan didn't think twice before nodding. "Yes. You guys will only hold us back."

Rean could not help but facepalm after hearing that. Couldn't Roan tell that Dilan would never give him our location if he worded it like that?

Sure enough, let alone Dilan, even the four beside him showed a dark expression when Roan talked about them like that.

"You are just an Initial Stage Saint."

"Where the hell did you even get that confidence of yours from?"

"Forget that guy, Dilan. Let's leave this place."

Dilan threw the jade slip back to Roan soon after, saying, "Go find your location yourself. We're leaving."

Dilan turned around and was just about to leave when suddenly, Rean called his attention. "Wait! It'll save us a lot of time if you at least show where we are at the moment. Can you sell the information at least?"

Dilan looked back at Rean and snorted. "Hmph! Sure! 100 Rank Two Divine Stones!"

That was an exorbitant price that absolutely wasn't worth it. Dilan just said that to annoy the twins. After all, they couldn't attack each other due to the Soul Binding Contract.

"Great! Here you go." Rean then threw 100 Rank Two Divine Stones to Dilan without a care for the world.

"This..." Dilan and his group were taken aback. Didn't he know how hard it was to get Rank Two Divine Stones?

But even though they were shocked, Rean looked at Dilan with a puzzled expression. "What is it? Aren't you going to show us our location? Here, you can use my jade slip map." He then threw another jade slip at Dilan.

Dilan pondered if he should just take the Divine Stones and ignore Rean. Or perhaps he should point out the wrong location on the map. However, neither of the two options were available. The contract was very broad due to its simple description. It only said that each side can't cause harm to the other. If he pointed out the wrong location, he would be harming Rean and Roan in a certain way. He wasn't sure if the contract would activate because of that or not. At the very least, it wasn't worth risking his life since he got the payment. "Hmph! You should thank Timoteo for his contract." He then used his Divine Sense to show where Rean and Roan were on the map before throwing it back to the twins.

Naturally, Rean knew that he couldn't lie about it because of the contract. "Thank you. Also, sorry for this brother of mine. He has always been like that, so it isn't anything personal."

"Whatever." Dilan and his group then finally decided to leave as the other groups were gone already.

Rean then looked at Roan and told him, "See? It wasn't so hard."

Roan ignored him before reaching for the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. He wanted to take Kentucky out so that they could fly away already. However... their access was denied. That could only mean one thing.

'Danger!'

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Chapter 1273: Counter!

Rean and Roan immediately activated the Light and Divine Sense bending skill. However, the ground under them suddenly caved in, revealing the mouth of some underground demon beast under it. The twins weren't the only ones caught up in it, though. Dilan's group also suffered the same fate. Not only that, but far in the distance, the other people that left ahead seemed to be caught up in the same problem.

'It's an ambush!'

Rean and Roan couldn't notice it ahead of time for the same reason as before, Divine Sense! That's why the enemy approached them so easily. In any case, the twins didn't panic, even though they were about to fall into the demon beast's mouth.

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

Several dark vines emerged from their surroundings, grabbing Rean and Roan as they pulled them away before they fell.

Bang!

Seeing that his prey escaped, the demon beast jumped out of the ground, immediately giving chase. Rean and Roan looked around, and they could tell that other than one person in the first group to move away, all the others fell into the demon beasts' mouths. Then again, they didn't have time to care about that guy. The demon beasts who succeeded immediately looked in their direction and jumped out of the ground as well. They were trying to stop the twins from running away. The same happened for the other guy, of course.

'What are these things?' Rean asked through their Soul Connection. The demon beasts looked like armored lizards, but Rean couldn't remember seeing this type before.

'No idea. I didn't look into every demon beast that exists, you know? However, that's not the problem. Look what's on their back. There are cultivators controlling them,' Roan answered.

Rean took a quick glance, and sure enough, it seemed like the enemy was riding these demon beasts. They also noticed that the Light bending skill didn't seem very effective. As for Divine Sense bending, it was useless to start with since one couldn't make out anything with Divine Sense in this place.

'Thy shouldn't be able to see us with the naked eye or Divine Sense, so they're probably using other senses to find where we're,' Rean added.

However, just the fact that cultivators were riding those armored lizards gave Rean and Roan the necessary amount of information they needed. 'Since the demon beasts are tamed, they probably don't have sentience yet. That means they can't be more than Stage Eight Demon Beasts. We're looking at Saint Realm or Elemental Transformation Realm level enemies.'

All of that conversation happened in just a second through the twins' Soul Connection. Nevertheless, the twins wouldn't risk a battle against an unknown enemy, so they decided to flee first.

'Death World!'

'Enhancement!'

'Shadow Steps!'

Surprisingly, Roan's Death World couldn't spread more than a few meters. That's because he relied on strands of Divine Soul Power to spread the Dark Element. They were too close to the Continental Barrier, which made the Divine Energy on the surroundings too chaotic. It severely affected Roan's Death World. In consequence, it also affected the effectiveness of Shadow Steps.

The lizard quickly caught up to the twins even though they were moving at full speed. The twins knew their own speed was the same as a Peak Stage Saint Realm cultivator from the Sacred Land. Perhaps they were slightly faster. If it was an average cultivator, then they could be as fast as a cultivator an entire realm above them. In any case, the lizards were faster than them, which confirmed that they were definitely Stage Eight Demon Beasts.

'This isn't working,' Roan narrowed his eyes. There were too many of those lizards, and they could obviously see where they were. The twins wouldn't be able to fight such a strong and numerous force. 'We will probably have to sacrifice our Nascent Souls.'

One must remember that the twins had always had the ability to do that, thanks to Sister Orb and the system. Once they do that, they will have to pay 20000 Destiny Points to reform it, though. Not to mention that it would take time to finish, and they wouldn't be able to cultivate in that state.

However, just as Roan was about to do that, Rean remembered something. 'Wait! Look at their eyes!'

Roan glanced at the armored lizards and immediately understood what Rean meant. Following that, Roan gathered his Yin Energy and Water Element, creating a thin layer of water around Rean and himself.

Immediately, the lizard stopped running and began to look everywhere. However, they simply couldn't see where the twins were anymore. It was as if they became invisible. No, the twins were already invisible due to Rean's Light bending skill. However, they became invisible for the armored lizards as well.

Heat sense! Roan created a thin layer of water that had the same temperature as the environment. The twins also used their Divine Soul Power to trap their heat into their bodies, not allowing it to spread. Rean remembered a fact back on Earth that lizards could follow prey through their body temperatures, so he thought these lizards were doing the same thing. Sure enough, it worked perfectly well. The lizards couldn't tell where the twins had gone, especially since the entire environment was chaotic due to the proximity to the Continental Barrier. It was even worse for the cultivators on the back of the lizards. After all, they can't use Divine Sense either.

"How the hell did they do that?" one of the cultivators could not help but ask his companions.

"How would I know? First, they disappeared from our eyes, and now, even the Earth Lizards can't see them."

"Should we keep looking for them?" another guy asked.

"Forget it." However, their leader immediately called it out. "We already captured most of the newcomers. Not to mention this was a very big batch, so we should be satisfied with our results. Let's head back."

Unfortunately for them, they thought the twins had run away. But... would Rean and Roan really run when they knew they were invisible to the enemy?

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

'Life Fire, First Form, Flame Emperor Slash!'

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Chapter 1274: Rescuing

The leader of that group didn't even know what happened before his head was sent flying. Not only him, but another lizard owner near him basically died in the same way. Rean and Roan had taken out two of the enemy cultivators in just a moment.

"What?!"

Naturally, the other people who were paying attention to the leader's words noticed that as well. Unfortunately, they were only able to make out the light left by the elements used by Rean and Roan before they disappeared once again.

"A-Attack their previous position!"

Boom, boom, boom, boom!

Several attacks came from all around, blasting the two Earth Lizards and the two dead bodies on their backs to bits. Even the armored lizards couldn't resist so many attacks at once.

Swish!

Swish!

Unfortunately for them, Rean and Roan were long gone before the attacks arrived in their last location. Two more attacks and two more dead bodies. The lizards under them immediately stopped as their owners stopped to give them any commands.

"There! Attack! Attack!"

Boom, boom, boom...

Another assault, and no result. There were many lizards and cultivators controlling them. However, Rean and Roan looked like ghosts. No one knew where they would appear. If Divine Sense still worked, Rean and Roan wouldn't be able to end it once they got too close to their enemies. But since Divine Sense was unusable in this place, they truly vanished from existence. It wasn't even possible to follow their steps because the entire surroundings were chaotic due to the Continental Barrier's power. It was impossible to make up some steps on the ground as the twins moved from one enemy to another.

Eventually, ten cultivators died under the twins' hands before the group finally understood that only death awaited them in this place.

"Run! They're monsters! Run no-"

Unfortunately, the guy died before he was able to finish his words. Following that, Rean shouted from his concealment. "I can feel the life force of the cultivators you just captured. They're still alive in the bellies of these Earth Lizards of yours. Let them go, and we won't attack you anymore. Otherwise, we will pursue you to the end."

Roan glanced in Rean's direction. He didn't care that much about the others at all. However, he knew that Rean's naiveness couldn't be fixed, so he didn't try to stop him.

"Le-let them go! Let them go right now!"

The cultivators then controlled the lizards to open their mouths and spit the cultivators from inside. It turned out that the lizards' saliva acted as a potent paralyzer, so they were all unable to do anything about they were swallowed by the lizards.

Soon after, the guys immediately turned their lizards around and began to flee. It was one thing to approach their enemies underground as Rean's group didn't know they were coming. However, trying to run back underground would be suicidal as there was no way the lizards could excavate as fast as they moved on the surface.

Rean and Roan didn't do anything as the cultivators disappeared in the distance on the backs of their lizards. Once they left their sight completely, Rean used his Divine Soul Power to grab everyone before looking at Roan. "Let's leave this place first. The Divine Energy and Elements here are too chaotic. If I leave them here like this, they will die very quickly."

Roan nodded. "Fine! But they are your responsibility." He then tried to access the Dimensional Realm once more. This time, he was able to.

Creeee!

Immediately, Kentucky was brought outside and was impressed with what he saw. "Holy shit! Is that the Continental Barrier? That thing is frightening." As a Divine Demon Beast, he obviously had very sharp senses. He didn't even need to look to know how dangerous it was."

Rean nodded as he jumped on Kentucky's back with Roan and the group of cultivators. "That's the one. Anyways, take us far away from it first, Kentucky."

"On it!" Kentucky then took flight and wavered quite a bit due to the strong winds. Fortunately, he was able to bring the whole group away, leaving the wall's influence after a few hours. Of course, Divine Sense was still affected. Everything in it was blurry even though they could spread it to their max distances.

Kentucky then landed beside a cliff and let Rean come down with the people. "What are you going to do with them?" Kentucky asked as he looked at the paralyzed cultivators. Although they were paralyzed, they were conscious and hearing everything. "Oh, I know why you brought them! They're my midday lunch, right?!"

Rean laughed in response. "Hahaha! So you guessed what I was planning, huh? Yea, I thought you would like their taste."

Everyone began to let out cold sweat. In the end, they left a group of monsters, only to be in the maw of another.

Bang!

Suddenly, Roan kicked Rean and Kentucky away. "Lunch, your ass. This idiot bird only eats metals to start with. Stop wasting time and heal them already."

Kentucky and Rean looked at Roan in disappointment, with Rean muttering, "You don't even know how to play."

Rean then moved to the people and touched their bodies.

'Life Style, Third Form, Purification!'

With Rean's skill, the poison paralyzing everyone's bodies was removed very quickly. It wasn't anything dangerous to start with. Given the time, their own bodies would get rid of it naturally.

"We-We're saved..." One of the guys couldn't help but comment.

Someone then looked at Rean and said, "What kind of joke was that? I truly thought we would be this bird's lunch!"

"That's right! Also, if you had a Transition Realm demon beast waiting for you here, why didn't you bring it out sooner?"

One must remember that demon beasts could only talk after they reached the Transition Realm or Stage Nine. Since Divine Sense couldn't be used in this place, they thought Kentucky was at that level since he could talk.

Rean shook his head, saying, "You guys could have pondered over it for a bit, no? Since I signed the contract, how could I hurt any of you?"

"This..." Everyone became silent after that. Indeed. Rean couldn't touch them, so they had never been in danger to start with.

"As for Kentucky, let's just say that he arrived too late," Rean continued with a smile.

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Chapter 1275: This Is Quite Annoying

Roan then asked Rean, "So, what do you want to do with these people? You're not planning on bringing all of them along with us, right?"

Dilan, who was also amongst the people who were rescued in the end, couldn't help but say, "Your Demon Bird can carry all of us, so what's the problem? I saw your concealment skill. Isn't it enough to bring us all safe outside?"

Roan snorted in response. "We've already saved your life. Shouldn't you be grateful for that much already? We also have to make sure you leave? Why?"

Clap!

Rean then called their attention. "Alright, alright. How about this? The safe trip outside will cost each of you a hundred Rank Two Divine Stones. You saw what those bounty hunters are capable of, so I don't think this is a bad price."

"What?!"

Naturally, everyone was shocked to hear the huge price. "That's too much!"

Rean then pointed at Dilan and said in response, "How come? He charged me exactly the same price just to point out where we are at the moment on the map. I'm doing a much harder job here for the same amount. I believe it's very cheap in that regard."

Everyone then looked at Dilan, who scratched the back of his head in response. He had given that price as a way of provoking Rean and Roan. Never had he thought that they would pay straight away, let alone that it would come back to haunt him. "Ahem... here, one hundred Rank Two Divine Stones."

Rean took them and smiled, saying, "Thank you for your patronage."

Most of the people wanted nothing more than to simply beat those two. But in the end, the contract prevented them from doing that.

Eventually, the first one other than Dilan gave up. "Fine! Take it!"

With him taking the lead, the others also paid Rean the same amount. There were 21 people rescued by Rean and Roan, so Rean immediately recovered 2100 Rank Two Divine Stones. The barrier crossing cost 4000, which meant he had now recovered half of the stones he had used at first. "Great!"

Rean then jumped on Kentucky's back and said, "Everyone, come on board!"

Roan was already there, while the rest joined them soon after. Thanks to Kentucky's breakthrough to Stage Seven, he got even bigger, so carrying those additional 21 people was very simple for him. "Well, we're taking flight. Hold on!"

Kentucky didn't hold back and flew straight in the direction pointed in the map by Rean. They had just arrived, so they first needed to go to a city. There, they could think about taking a teleport to Trimazo Country, where the Lost Star Realm was located.

With Rean's Light bending technique and Roan's thin layer of water, their group had become literally invisible. It would already be hard to find them in the normal way, let alone now.

Dilan had mentioned that leaving the blind zone would take a week, but that was considering that they would move through the land. Now that they were flying, it only took three days to leave the zone. The surprising thing was that the lizard-mounted cultivators were the only cultivators they found. The blind zone seemed to be an area of training as well, as they found a lot of cultivator groups trekking the zone from the skies.

Kentucky flew for one extra day until Rean finally gave the command. "Alright, Kentucky. Let's head down."

"Okay!"

Kentucky landed on the ground before Rean looked at everyone. "My part of the deal is done. We left the blind zone and got quite far away from it. From now on, you will have to rely on yourselves."

A few people didn't like that Rean didn't bring them to the next city. But then again, they weren't so helpless that they couldn't take care of themselves now that they were here. "Fine, we're leaving."

Following that, the twins took flight once more before Rean looked at Roan. "See? We were able to help a lot of them and even earn a bit of money from it. It's not bad to help others."

Roan shrugged his shoulders in response, telling him, "You're the one responsible for our finances, so I won't complain."

Kentucky then asked the twins, "By the way, how far are we from the next city?"

Rean immediately answered, "According to the map, we'll need to fly for two more days. Why? Are you tired already?"

Kentucky shook his head. "No. It's just that I want to go back and eat Diamond Golem Ore. You had me stop digesting it halfway through."

Rean sighed and told Kentucky in response, "I'll send you back into the Dimensional Realm once we arrive there."

Other than the blind zone, the rest of the trip was pretty much safe. Rean's group occasionally found one or another group of cultivators from the skies, which they used to ask for information. Eventually, two days later, they arrived at a city called Optigo.

Before entering it, Rean and Roan had Kentucky land in a concealed area and sent him back into the Dimensional Realm. Only then did they head to the city's gate a few tens of kilometers away.

The city wasn't much different from Cosec. It was considered a small one in a place like the Realm of Gods. The twins didn't want to waste much time on it, so they quickly looked for the Formation Guild, where they could pay for the teleportation.

"I'm sorry, sirs. The teleport formations are out of service," the worker behind the counter apologized.

"What?! Why?" It was the first time the twins had seen the Formation Guild not accepting teleports. That's because they were considered expensive, so anyone who could pay for it would give a lot of profit to the guild.

The worker looked at Rean and Roan with surprise, saying, "Isn't that obvious? The Ten Region War has made it impossible to work with teleport formations. Our Formation Guild is neutral to any power struggle, so we block the teleport formations for everyone on all sides of the battle. If you want to teleport somewhere, you will need to use the army's teleport formations."

Rean and Roan looked at each other, with Roan saying, "Well, this is quite annoying."

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Chapter 1276: Try To Find Another Solution

"What about the teleport formations at the City Lord's mansion? Or maybe the big clans and other organizations?" Rean asked.

The worker pondered for a bit before saying, "Well, I'm not sure. However, with the war still ongoing, I doubt they would let you use their teleport formations."

Roan shook his head after that. 'Forget it. It would be too suspicious if two unknown cultivators suddenly appeared at their doorsteps, asking to pay to use the teleport formations. It would look more like we're some spies or something.'

Rean nodded and asked the worker, "Can you tell me what regions are fighting in this war?"

"Have you been living under a rock?" the guy asked back. "Sigh... whatever. Some people just get too focused on their cultivation that they forget the rest of the world." He then proceeded to tell Rean the ten regions currently engaged in a fight.

"Thank you." Following that, the twins left the Formation Guild.

After some time, Rean narrowed his eyes. "The country we are at the moment is at the border of the continent. The same could be said for the region this country is part of. Now, there are ten regions with many countries involved in this war. If all of them have their teleport formations blocked, then we'll need to make our way through them with Kentucky."

Roan shook his head and told him, "Even with Kentucky's speed, it would take years to pass through all the regions. Don't you remember? Just to go from Cosec to the fairies' territory, we took several months, and we had the Golden Rascol to fly us over. The round trip took over a year. Let alone the fact that we didn't cross the country. And now, we're talking about crossing tens of countries as the ten regions are connected to the other."

Roan then took a second look at the map, continuing, "If we take the fastest route, trying to leave the conflict area, we'll have to pass through 32 countries. All of them aren't much different from Kamos as they're just countries close to the Continental Barrier. Sure, Kentucky is much faster than the Golden Rascol, but we would still take around a year and a few months to cross each country by flying."

Rean sighed, dejected. "What do we do, then? Joining the army is also not a good idea. After all, no one knows about us. We might be discovered as people coming from Huring Continent."

Roan then reached his spatial ring before bringing out two tokens. "That's not a problem. Etherian gave me these tokens. They're used in Lanqueas Continent as a way of identification."

Rean was surprised to hear that. "Why would someone like him have these things?"

"Why else?" Roan asked in response. "He probably had times during his travels where he didn't want to be recognized. These tokens are just fruits of his journey. Well, to be honest, I don't think these are hard to make with the necessary amount of Divine Stones. It's just that this isn't a good time to go look for it because of this annoying war. The countries are probably keeping a very close eye on this kind of shady business to prevent enemies from joining them in bulks."

Rean had to admit it made sense. If not because of the war, they would eventually do something similar. "So... are you saying we should join the army?"

"Do we have any other choice?"

Rean pondered for a bit before saying, "With the amount of Divine Stones we have, I doubt we can't buy the use of teleport formations."

Roan immediately pointed out three issues with Rean's idea. "It's not gonna work. First, we're just two cultivators at the Initial Stage Saint Realm. What do you think will happen if we suddenly showed Rank Two Divine Stones to gain usage?"

Rean bitterly smiled after hearing that. Chances are that they would be attacked by the seniors of the power they tried to buy their passage. Even Rank One Divine Stones were very rare in a small city like this.

Roan continued, "Second, the price. We would only be able to pay for a single teleport formation. Once we arrived at the other side, we would need to find some other power willing to let us teleport even further. Don't forget that these cities usually only have teleport formations capable of sending you to other nearby cities. None of them would have the power to teleport us straight out of the ten regions. First of all, to use such a teleport formation, Rank Two Divine Stones would be needed. Do you think they would have teleport formations capable of using Rank Two Divine Stones? Even if they had one, we would need to provide the stones, putting us in danger once again."

"Third, let's supposed we're lucky enough to find some clan or whatever here willing to keep their side of the deal. What about the destination? Where will they teleport us to? They can only teleport us to some other clan or organization on the other side since the Formation Guild blocked all teleport formations. Would the power that receives us not be interested in the way we paid for to be teleported there?"

Rean finally gave up on taking the financial route. "Alright, alright! I already understand what you mean. In the end, this war fucked up everything."

Roan nodded. "I'm not saying there isn't another solution. But at the moment, joining the army and gaining the merits to use the teleport formation seems the most feasible way for me. In order to gather enough personnel to defend their backs, the countries have definitely put a merit system in play. I would have definitely done that for sure. We can try to use it to gain access to the teleport formations. The best thing is that the army's teleport formations are all part of the same power. Whatever we can do here, we can do in other places as well."

Rean could only accept that. "Alright. Let's try to find another solution first.. If we can't, then we can join the army."

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Chapter 1277: War Points

In the end, it wasn't possible to find a safe and, at the same time, reliable way of using the teleport formations. Those were usually held by the Formation Guild. Without being able to use their money, they could only turn to the country's army. "Let's try to get positioned as far as possible so that they will teleport us to the battle zone of that area."

The country they were in was called Martifey, so they were obviously joining the Martifey Army. However, Rean could not help but have doubts. "These tokens that Etherian prepared for us, can they be used in this country? What if they're from an enemy country instead?"

Roan shook his head, saying, "Don't worry. These are tokens given to wandering cultivators. After all, not everyone wants to join some sect or any other organization. Etherian traveled through various continents, so he obviously knew what he was doing."

"Oh! It's great that we found someone from the Mortal Realm, then." Rean was happy to hear that as the twins arrived at the army building. Well, in fact, it wasn't just a building, but a huge piece of land located at the corner of the city. Many different buildings could be seen there as well. Quite a few airships too, which had been some time since the twins saw one.

Sure enough, there were many cultivators there, separated into several different squadrons and regiments. However, most of them had low cultivation levels, like Core and Soul Fusion Realm or Nascent Soul Realm. As always, the Soul Transformation Realm acted as a barrier to most cultivators. Finding one's path wasn't easy, after all.

The twins asked the guards there where they could register to enter the army before they were guided into a hall with hundreds of counters and queues. Even though Optigo City was 'small,' it was still a city with over two hundred million people. New people came to join the army every day due to their own reasons. 'I wonder how large the army headquarters of a big city is,' Rean could not help but think.

The twins had to join the queue and wait over an hour before they were attended by one of the workers there. "Alright, what are your specializations?"

The twins looked at the guy with puzzled eyes, asking in response, "What do you mean?"

The guy immediately understood that the twins were joining the army for the first time. "We need to separate people into groups. Tell me if you are better at long-range combat, formations, close combat, using weapons, going weaponless, and so on."

"Oh, so that's what you mean." Rean and Roan then proceeded to pass the worker information. They weren't afraid of being found out since this was on the other side of the Continental Barrier. Even if Roan showed his White Scythe, no one would match him with Roan from Huring Continent.

As expected, the guy behind the counter was surprised to see Roan's weapon before laughing. "Hahaha! What are you, a farmer?" He wasn't the only one as the other people behind him also felt the same.

Roan couldn't care less, though. "Whatever, just put us in the close combat group. I use a scythe while he uses a sword."

The worker shrugged his shoulders and nodded. "Alright then, what are your elemental affinities?"

"Light and Darkness." It would be hard to not use their skills in combat, so they decided to simply use them. Even if someone recognized the information about them in the future, it would be far after they left Lanqueas as the official portal between Huring and Lanqueas wouldn't open anytime soon.

"Light and Darkness?" The worker shook his head after hearing that. "You mean Yin and Yang to control them, right? That's not what I'm talking about. I want your real affinity."

Rean insisted. "We have odd Elemental Affinities. We truly have Light and Dark Elemental Affinities."

"Oh..." As mentioned before, although not common, odd elemental affinity cultivators weren't that rare in the Realm of Gods. That's why the worker didn't find it hard to believe. "Still, it's the first time I've seen Light and Darkness as elemental affinities. Alright, we will go with that."

The worker then took the twins' ID tokens and registered them under the Martifey Country's army.

While he did that, Rean took the opportunity to ask, "Please send us to the borders at the west of our Vigal Region. We have a few friends who were stationed there." Vigal Region was obviously the name of the region they were in at the moment. The Galanmord Region was located west of the Lanqueas Continent, so considering the borders at north, west, and south of the Vigal Region, they obviously wanted to be sent to the west. After all, if the plan failed and they couldn't use the teleport formation, at least they would save various years of travel by parting from there.

The worker couldn't help but mention, "The west? You do know that the region you're talking about is the one with the highest number of casualties, right? Most people here would rather not go there."

"Then it should be no problem to put us there, right? After all, you're having to randomly select unlucky ones to go there since the majority don't want it," Roan said in response.

The worker shrugged his shoulders. "Well, that's true. I'm sure no one will complain if I put you there. Besides, it's there that you can get most of the War Points that everyone is after."

Rean and Roan nodded after hearing that. As they thought, there were also merit points for the war. It's just that it was called War Points, not that it mattered. "Can we gain access to the teleport formations with War Points?"

The worker nodded. "Well, you can... but the price will depend on where you want to go."

Since the Formation Guild was closed for teleport formations, the army knew that many people wanted to travel far away. Naturally, they also included long-distance teleportations as part of the rewards one could exchange for War Points. "As long as we can, that's enough.. We will deal with the War Points on our own."

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Chapter 1278: No Can Do

Lanqueas was located at the west of the Huring Continent, so the country Rean and Roan arrived at was obviously at the east border of Lanqueas. It made sense that the war between regions was more dreadful at the west border of the region they were in at the moment, Vigal.

Rean and Roan were then given a day to prepare before they got teleported to the war zone on the west side. It's not that the army was being thoughtful, but that the teleport formation only activated once per week. It happened that it would be activated once again tomorrow.

Rean and Roan didn't have much to do in that place, so they simply cultivated in a corner, waiting for the day to pass. It was quite unfortunate that they couldn't bring Rank Three Divine Stones out as its Divine Energy would catch too much attention. Then again, Celis and Kentucky were already using it in the Dimensional Realm.

The day quickly passed, and the twins were finally allowed to enter the teleport formation. The formation was quite big, made so that many cultivators could be teleported at once. As far as the twins could see, around 500 or so cultivators were heading to the west. The other teleport formations seemed to have many more cultivators, though.

That was just the first of several tens of teleport formations that Rean and Roan took. One must remember that really long-distance teleport formations would need Rank Two Divine Stones or maybe even higher. That's why they had to teleport from nearby cities to others. Every time they stopped by a

city, the number of cultivators increased. Eventually, it reached a point where no more cultivators could be added, with each jump teleporting 10000 cultivators at once.

This continuous teleportation went on for ten days as they weren't teleported straight away after arriving at a city. They always had to wait for things to be ready before teleporting again. That's why it took that long. Nevertheless, the twins finally arrived close to the border of the Vigal Region. They weren't teleported straight to the border, as that's where the battle was happening.

In fact, the border was supposed to be much further away. But the Vigal Region had been on the losing side, with two other regions attacking them. If there was something good, it was the fact that those two also had to deal with other regions. The war wasn't called a ten region war for nothing. From what the twins found out, an alliance of five regions gathered together to increase the size of their territories.

The initial idea was to attack the two regions at the border, Vigal and Gupo. Vigal and Gupo then reached out for help and convinced the other three regions to join the fight. Those three new regions thought that they might become a target later if that alliance worked out. Rather than wait for the calamity to come, they might as well act now to prevent the alliance's occupation of Vigal and Gupo.

Of course, reinforcements took some time to arrive. That's why the Vigal Border was further inside than it was before. That was the amount of territory that the two regions attacking Vigal currently occupied. Those two regions were called Jesvo and Qovetch.

By the time the twins arrived at the army's teleport formation, they were immediately called out by the officers there. "Get out of the formation. There are still more people coming from it."

Sure enough, as soon as they left, the teleport formation activated again, and another batch of 10000 or so cultivators appeared. There were even more teleport formations in the area, activating nonstop. The twins didn't find it surprising, though. A 'small' city like Optigo had over two hundred million people. In that case, just how many people were present in an entire region full of countries?

If anything, the majority didn't want to be teleported here, so this vision was definitely not as impressive as the other battlefronts.

Rean's group was quickly brought outside the city, where the army was stationed...or part of it, at least. From what they heard, that endless number of cultivators couldn't be considered even 1% of the total

numbers. There were many more cities close to the new border that had a similar amount of cultivators. Let alone the real armies stationed at the many battlefronts, holding the enemy.

The twins then entered a queue again, one of the thousands of queues where the newcomers were sent to their specific groups. "Give me your tokens."

The twins' tokens were marked through Divine Sense with the information they gave in Optigo City, so the guy at the counter could see all their information straight away. "Two cultivators at the Initial Stage of the Saint Realm. Odd Elemental Affinities. Even for an odd elemental affinity, we have special squadrons that put them together. When there are that many cultivators in a war, you can find countless odd Elemental Affinity Cultivators of the same type. We put them together according to their Elemental Affinity."

The guy then narrowed his eyes as he continued, "However, this is the first time I've heard about Light and Darkness Elemental Affinity. We don't have any squadron or regiment with this kind of power. What I can do here is send you to the regiments where cultivators use Yin and Yang Element to control Light and Dark Elements. Obviously, it'll not be the same as you two. You truly have the affinities and don't need to manipulate Yin and Yang Energy to gather Dark and Light Elements. Nonetheless, that's the closest I can get."

Rean then raised a question, "Can my brother and I be sent to the same squadron or regiment? We use a technique that allows us to exchange elements, so we can both use Dark and Light. We fight several times better together than alone as well."

The worker pondered over it for a bit and shook his head. "No can do.. The army has its rules, and I don't want to be penalized because I sent someone to the wrong place."

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Chapter 1279: Is This Enough?

Roan didn't seem to mind that. 'We don't really need to stay close to each other. Just do your own thing as I do mine. In fact, we might be able to gather more War Points by following different directions.'

Rean nodded after that. 'If you say so.'

The twins then looked at the guy and said, "Alright, since those are the rules, we can only follow them."

However, Rean added one piece of his own. "I'm extremely good at healing people. You might not know this, but Light Elemental Affinity is even better than Water Element when dealing with injuries. It's just that only those with this Elemental Affinity can do it. Manipulating Yang Energy to use Light Element doesn't work. Anyways, what would give me more War Points? Heading to the frontlines or healing the people at the back?"

"Is that true?" The guy was a little skeptical. It was just as Rean mentioned. Using Yang Energy to manipulate Light Element wasn't good for healing at all. At the very least, not as good as Water Element cultivators that were focused on healing.

Rean shrugged his shoulders before extending his arm and taking out his Black Star with another.

Swish!

Immediately, a deep cut appeared on it. Naturally, that captured the attention of the worker and all the cultivators in the queues around Rean. After all, who would cause such huge damage to themselves?

'Life Style, Second Form, Instant Recovery!'

In front of everyone's eyes, that deep cut on Rean's arm closed up in a matter of seconds. After Rean cleaned the blood, his arm seemed to be completely new. There was no scar whatsoever.

"Holy shit!"

"Did you see that?!"

"How can he heal himself that fast?!"

"It has to be a pill!"

"Yeah, he must have swallowed a very expensive healing pill just before cutting himself."

"Are you guys idiots? If he has the conditions to pay for such a pill, why would he come to this shithole of a war?"

"That..."

The worker was also shocked by that. However, he quickly recovered before asking, "Was that really your own ability?"

Rean nodded, saying, "It is. However, it's not this effective when I heal other people. You should know that healing oneself is always much faster than healing someone else. Nonetheless, I doubt anyone at the Saint Realm and below can cure someone's injuries as fast and thorough as I can. I can even restore severed limbs."

"Severed limbs?" The guy was even more impressed now.

As soon as Rean said that, someone from a queue not too far from Rean immediately jumped out of the line. "Brother! Did you say you can restore severed limbs?!" It was an old man at the Peak Stage of the Nascent Soul Realm. He came to the war so that he could gather enough War Points to maybe buy an alchemy pill capable of restoring his missing arm. Fortunately for him, the army never rejected anyone as long as they could fight in the war. As for whether he would gather the War Points he wished or not, that wasn't the army's problem but his own.

Rean smiled at the guy and nodded, saying, "Oh! This is really convenient." Rean then looked back at the worker at the counter and asked, "You should have no more doubts after I heal him, right?"

The worker nodded in response. In fact, just with the scenario Rean showed a moment ago, he already didn't doubt Rean's capabilities anymore. In any case, severed limbs were another story altogether. Was it really possible to be done without any pills? "Indeed. Show me."

Rean then asked the man with the severed arm. "I can heal your arm, but your body has to have the nutrients for the arm regrowth." Rean then asked the worker at the counter, "Do you have a fasting pill? They usually carry a lot of nutrients that let a cultivator go without food for many days."

Fasting pills were extremely common and cheap. It was all about not having to eat, that's all. Naturally, they had to carry the necessary nutrients for a cultivator to not eat for several days. Even the worker had quite a few of them. "Sure, how many do you need?" He had to admit that Rean was right about nutrients. How can the arm regrow from thin air? Nevertheless, if fasting pills were all that was needed to regrow a severed limb, just how cheap would it be? Alchemy pills capable of doing the same thing costs tens of thousands of War Points.

"Just give me five or six. It should have enough nutrients for a severed arm," Rean responded.

Rean didn't even take the fasting pills to make sure no one would say he exchanged the pills while no one was looking. Instead, the guy with a severed arm took them and swallowed them straight away. With that, Rean touched his shoulder and used his healing skill.

'Life Style, Second Form, Instant Recovery!'

Obviously, regrowing an arm took much longer than simply closing a cut. Nevertheless, the man's arm began to grow out as if it was a plant. First, it looked like a thin branch, which was quite uncomfortable to watch. But it soon began to grow in size as it extended out. The fasting pills in the man's body were being consumed very quickly as the body carried the nutrients to the arm with the help of the Light Element. Eventually, a few minutes later, Rean took his hand away from the man. The guy now had a completely new arm.

In fact, it even looked a bit comical from a certain perspective. That's because the old man's body was already more or less tanned due to his old age. However, his new arm glistened like the arm of a newborn baby.

Rean then warned him, "You will have to retrain your arm, but it shouldn't be too difficult as long as you put in the effort."

Tears came out of the man's eyes as he thanked him nonstop.

Rean laughed in response. "Hahaha! It's fine, it's fine. I'm only doing this to show my abilities. You were just in the right place at the right time."

With that, the man left the queue while Rean looked back at the counter and asked, "So, is this enough?"

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Chapter 1280: Assignment

However, that result generated a tumult higher than expected.

"Brother! Can you restore a lost organ?!"

"Brother, how much would you ask to get rid of my scars?"

"Brother, I came to this war to help my mother. Would you mind helping her?"

"Brother..."

Suddenly, a voice loud as thunders came from behind the counters.

"Enough!"

Everyone immediately went silent as a man dressed in the Vigal Region Army's uniform appeared. "This is the army, so head back to your respective queues. Anyone causing more trouble here will be immediately expelled from the army and won't be allowed to use the teleport formations to go back to where they came from."

Being expelled from the army wasn't that big of a deal. Most of the people were here for the War Points alone. It wasn't like they cared much about the outcome. However, not being able to go back to where they came from was different. After all, not everyone had a Demon Bird like Roan and Rean. Such a journey back to their own countries and cities could very well take decades, considering that they would arrive alive to start with. Of course, even if they didn't care about both issues, it wouldn't be a good idea to cause trouble to the army in such a tense situation like a war. The army had never been known for being merciful, after all.

"Phew..." Rean looked at the man as he let out a sigh of relief. He could tell that he was at the Initial Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm, a pretty high level in a place like this. "Thanks for the help, friend. I was just trying to demonstrate my abilities so that I could be assigned to the best place."

"I'm not your friend," the man responded. "Nevertheless, I have to recognize your healing skills." After that, he looked at the guy attending the twins. "Bimba, assign him to the healing grounds. He will be joining the other healers in helping the injured recover."

"Yes, Captain Melengor." He immediately took Rean's token and added the sector where Rean would work.

After some time, Rean got his token back before asking, "Where should I go now?"

"You can take the teleport formations. Once you get there, just present your token, and they'll send you to the right place," Bimba explained.

Not long after, Bimba passed Roan's token back to him, telling him, "Here you go. You have been assigned to the Dark Element manipulators' regiment. Your duties will be explained once the people in charge there assess your strength and abilities."

Roan could heal others as well. However, he didn't want to do so. He preferred to join the battlefield instead. "Very well."

Rean then took the chance to ask something else, "How are our War Points calculated? Also, where can I see the rewards list?"

Surprisingly, it was Melengor who answered the question. "For the healing grounds, it will depend on the severeness of the injury. When a cultivator arrives with an injury, a group of army healers will assess the damage and mark down the War Points given to those who heal him. Don't try to change the information. Believe me when I say that we always know all the patients in the healing grounds. If you do... let's just say you don't want to know what will happen."

Melengor continued, "There are different payments according to how well you heal someone as well. In any case, the physicians there will tell you how it goes."

Melengor then looked at Roan and told him, "As for you, you just need to get rid of your enemies. You will receive a badge that contains an inscription that calculates the number of kills you get during a campaign. Obviously, the higher the cultivation of the enemies you kill, the more points you get. It's that simple. You just need to show that badge back to the soldiers working with it once you get back from battle. They'll be able to see how many and how strong each of the people you killed are."

Roan was more than satisfied with that, nodding in response. "Good."

"As for the rewards list, just ask for the jade slip once you get to your positions. They can be exchanged anytime you want as long as you're not assigned to anything at that moment."

With that over, the twins left and headed to the teleport formations. They didn't mind the separation since their place of action was still within the ten thousand kilometer range of their Soul Connection. It wouldn't make sense for the healing grounds to be stationed far away from the battlefield since people would have to be urgently attended to. 'Remember, War Points!'

With that, they showed their tokens to the officers in the teleport formations and were teleported to their own designated areas.

Once the twins were gone, Melengor took out a Thoughts Transmission Talisman before sending a message to someone. 'Pay attention to ID 340184527812. He was sent to the healing grounds of the Clankei City War Front.' After that, he turned around and left as if nothing had happened.

Rean arrived at the healing grounds with quite a few other cultivators. Obviously, he was far from being the only one focused on healing. There, he was brought to one of the physician officers in charge. "I'm Hakzuax Tantan, responsible for the 16547th healing regiment. I can see that we have a lot of Core Formation, Core and Soul Fusion, and Nascent Soul Realm newcomers here. You can all head to the barracks on my right, and you will be assigned a position there. As for those at the Soul Transformation and Saint Realm, you can come with me."

Other than Rean, there were only three other Saint Realm healing cultivators in the group that arrived with him. As for those at Soul Transformation, there were twelve. As they all followed Hakzuax, he gave

them a small explanation of their duties. "Due to your higher cultivation realm, you will also be asked to join specific battle regiments into war fronts if necessary. Your importance in there will be determined accordingly to your abilities. However, you must remember. Don't try to play the hero. Your mission is to stay alive! After all, if you die, who will treat the soldiers at the front? Understood?"

"Yes, sir!" Rean's group nodded in unison.

"Good."