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Chapter 1541: Unexpected

Roan then explained, 'This is a Sea Chilling Spirit.'

'What?!' Rean was taken aback. 'You can't be telling me...'

'That's correct,' Roan confirmed Rean's thoughts as he said, 'This Sea Chilling Spirit's name is Havek Sasamil. By the way, wanna hear a little from him?'

Suddenly, Roan shared the memories of the challenge where Havek's forces were challenging their opponents. "Hahaha! As expected of me! The disciples I've trained are simply unmatched in this world. All hail the great Havek Sasamil!"

Rean's mouth twitched once he heard Havek's voice yet again. 'Yep, that's definitely, 100% sure the same Havek Sasamil.' Rean then asked something else, 'Have you gotten in contact with him already?'

Roan shook his head, replying, 'As if! This guy is too annoying. You come here and talk to him. I talked with a few of the people and demon beasts from Havek's sect, so they're already waiting for your visit later. Of course, Havek's group won this challenge as well, just so you know.'

Rean didn't really mind it, saying, 'Alright, but how come he didn't recognize you? We aren't exactly using different appearances here. Also, thanks to our cultivation, our faces barely changed at all in these past few decades.'

Roan understood what Rean meant. 'Isn't that obvious? It's not that he didn't recognize me, but instead, I didn't show myself in front of him. The last thing I want is to catch that guy's attention.'

'You truly hate this type of person, don't you?' Rean asked. 'He isn't a bad person, you know? He's just a little over the top with his self-confidence. Anyways, I'm heading out right now to go talk to him. You should come with me as well. If I'm there, Havek probably won't want to talk to you anyway since he finds you boring. Besides, it'll work as proof that we are who we are saying to be.'

Roan didn't like the idea very much but accepted it anyway. 'Fine. The challenge is over anyway, so I'm on my way back to the tower. I can meet you halfway.'

Rean then went to see Vaz after that. "What? You want to leave now?" Well, ever since Rean joined, everything had been going extremely well for the formation team. Rean had already become a core member of their group, just like Vaz. Now that they were at such an important moment, it made sense that Vaz didn't like Rean's request. "Can't you leave it for another time? We're very close to getting everything working."

Rean shook his head, telling him, "It's important to me, so I have to go." Fortunately, no one there was a prisoner or anything like that. Since they all signed the Soul Binding Contract, it was pretty much safe to let people and demon beasts go in and out anytime they wanted. "Don't worry. Once I finish dealing with my problems, I will definitely return. Besides, I'm not the only formation master here. You guys can keep doing your things while I'm out. I trust all of you."

How could Vaz stop Rean after hearing that? "Sigh... fine. But you better come back as soon as possible, or I'll head out and drag you back here myself."

"Hahaha!" Rean couldn't help but laugh after that. "Fine, fine. I'll do what I can. See you later, Vaz."

Rean quickly took the teleport formation and left the underground area. In the tower, he went straight for the exit as he wanted to meet Havek soon. he even got a flying demon beast to help bring him over from the purging organization. After all, Kentucky wasn't ready to fly yet. Not to mention it would be weird if Rean suddenly took a huge Demon Bird out of nowhere. 'In any case, Kentucky's progress to full recovery is very good. He shouldn't take more than a week or two before he can fly again. Full recovery shouldn't take no more than a month and a half.'

However, after flying for a few minutes, Rean's eyes narrowed. He had his Divine Sense bending skill active all the time. It's just that it was set at very low power so that it wouldn't be able to bend anyone's Divine Sense. That way, he could tell if someone was watching him without revealing that he could hide from Divine Senses. 'Someone at the Late or Peak Stage of the Transition Realm is following me from afar. Is it some kind of protection for me?'

Surprisingly, Rean was right. After Rean showed his abilities, he was considered one of the greatest assets for the people who knew about the escaping project. With that said, Levid had arranged for someone to follow Rean every time he went out. It's just that this was the first time the guy had to follow Rean since he stayed underground all the time.

Rean didn't mind that, though. 'He isn't half bad. He knows his cultivation is much higher than mine, so I shouldn't be able to notice his presence. Nevertheless, he's following me while making sure he can't be seen in any other way.'

And so, Rean decided to ignore the guy for now. Halfway through the journey, Rean met Roan and the other members of the purging organization who were returning to the tower. They exchanged a few words there before Roan separated from them and joined Rean in his travel.

'Oh, so we have company, huh?' Naturally, Roan noticed the protector even faster. 'Well, that's to be expected. Just ignore him.'

Rean nodded in response. 'Okay.'

Eventually, they arrived at Havek's territory. "Havek is the leader of the sect here, although the sect itself has existed for much longer. The timing of his appearance also matches the time he created that cultivation technique for the girl back in Utari."

Rean nodded after hearing that. "Which means he was caught by the Salt Sweep from a decade ago. Alright, let's get there first."

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Chapter 1542: Holy Shit!

However, another one immediately recognized Roan from the last challenge. Although Roan hid from Havek, he was still seen by many disciples of the Sasamil Sect. This disciple was one of them, and he also happened to be the one in charge there.

Pah!

Ouch!

"Who the hell will join our sect? This guy is a member of the purging organization. He can't join any of the powers of our Upside Down World. Also, no one would be idiotic enough to leave the purging organization even if they could since they have one of the best cultivation environments."

The guy then looked at Roan and said, "Sorry for this idiot's mistake, my friend. If he had paid attention to your badge, he would have recognized you straight away. I'm Caleu, the one in charge of this gate. The contest between the Xankre Clan and us was over just a few hours ago. Was there anything you forgot here?"

Roan shook his head, saying, "The contest went fine, and you sect won fair and square. The reason for my visit is that we have something to discuss with your Sect Master."

"The Sect Master? You mean the Sea Chilling Spirit?" Caleu asked back.

Roan nodded in response. "Yes. Is there a problem?"

Caleu sighed in response, telling him, "Sigh... you could say that. It's not that the Sect Master can't be seen, but he's the type who doesn't like to waste time with anything other than his own objectives. If this friend doesn't have a good reason, I wouldn't be surprised if our Sect Master ignored your visit even if you're from the purging organization."

Roan then looked at Rean, who understood what he wanted. "Alright, just go to your Sect Master and tell him that I know about the Circuitry Formations."

Caleu's expression suddenly turned dark after that. Because he was in a higher position, he had access to some classified information. He knew that the Sect Master often worked on formations of that type. However, this was supposed to be a secret that no one knew about. 'As expected of the purging organization. They probably have some high-rank spy in our sect. Otherwise, it would be impossible for them to know about the Circuitry Formations.'

However, Caleu was also curious about something else. 'Since the purging organization knows about our secret, why would they send such low-level cultivators to check it? Could it be they don't know how incredible the Circuitry Formations are?' Of course, he didn't tell Rean or Roan his thoughts. "Please wait for a moment. I'll pass your message straight away."

The twins didn't mind and simply waited outside. A few minutes later, Caleu came back with two elders of the sect. Just like him, the elders also had dark expressions on their faces. "The Sect Master is waiting for you. However, only the elders here can bring you to the place where he practices his formations. I'll have to bid you farewell here."

The two elders then called the twins inside, saying, "Come with us. We can't waste too much of our Sect Master's time."

Along the way, the elders tried to obtain more information from the twins. However, all Rean said to them was that once they talked with their Sect Master, everything would get clear.

'Can you see the red color of killing intent?' Roan asked as he followed the elders.

Rean nodded, saying, 'Yes, they're seriously wondering whether we're the only ones who know about the Circuitry Formations or not. If we were, they probably would try to kill us straight away, even if we're part of the purging organization.'

Of course, those elders tried to ask who else knew about the information. In any case, the twins insisted that all they needed to know was that they had to see Havek.

Eventually, they were brought into a hall deep into the sect building. There, the twins found that a few more elders of the sect were already waiting. Each and every single one of them was checking the twins with their Divine Senses, trying to find anything useful. However, the Sea Chilling Spirit was nowhere to be found. "Where is Sect Master Havek?"

"I told you, didn't I? He doesn't like to waste time when he's working on his own things. He wouldn't leave the formation room until he was sure you were already waiting," the elder explained.

Rean and Roan nodded in response. That was definitely very like Havek.

Once again, they waited a few minutes until the hall door opened. Soon after, a sphere of Water Element and Divine Energy... or so it looked like, entered the room, followed by a few other members of the sect. Immediately, the temperature in the room dropped quite a lot. 'No wonder they have chilling in the name,' Rean thought for a moment.

After that, the Sea Chilling Spirt started to complain, “Who the hell told you about my Circuitry Formations? Open your mouth right now since someone is definitely asking to die.”

Rean smiled when he heard that as he turned around to show his face to Havek, telling him, “Your Circuitry Formations? As far as I can remember, it was I who taught you about them, no?”

Suddenly, Havek’s Water Element and Divine Energy began to spread throughout the room, dropping the temperature even more. Sure enough, he recognized the guy in front of him. “Holy shit! Rean!”

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Chapter 1543: Too Late To Escape

Rean laughed in response after that. “Hahaha! The same goes for us. Who could guess that we would all transform into statues and be brought here? Then again, I heard about you outside and was planning to pay a visit to the Glacial Corals region. It’s truly a surprise to see you in this place.”

Havek couldn’t help but ask in response, “How did you know about me outside?” However, before Rean could answer, Havek decided this wasn’t the best place as many members of the sect were watching them. “Alright, come with me. We can discuss things better somewhere else.”

Rean and Roan nodded, not minding it at all. Just as they were about to leave, Havek also gave the elders there an order, telling them, “You guys can all go back and do your own things. Don’t worry. There’s no chance that others will find out about my project. Rean, Roan, let’s go.”

Hearing that, the elders didn’t know whether to believe it or not. There was also the issue where Havek was the Sect Master, but he was relatively new in this sect. It’s just that he was also very strong, so there wasn’t much they could do. In any case, Havek gave no one a chance to complain before he disappeared with the twins.

Later, in Havek’s private residence, the twins were finally able to openly talk with him.

In other words, Roan simply sat by a corner and closed his eyes, letting Rean do all the talking.

"You look very different from before, Havek."

"Do you think I can't tell?" Havek obviously knew that he was nothing like a human anymore. "There's nothing I can do about it. Something happened while I was working on the Circuitry Formations. It seemed like I had suddenly lost my consciousness. The next thing I knew, I was a newborn Sea Chilling Spirit. It's just that I had all my memories from the time I was a human. Even now, I have no idea what happened to the real me back in your Dalamu Sect."

Rean couldn't help but sigh after that. "It's better if I explain it to you with a Divine Sense message." Rean then tried to summarize everything as well as possible before doing that. After all, he had to take out things like the Soul Gem System's existence. It wasn't before a few minutes that he finished organizing everything in his mind.

However, Havek wasn't surprised by that, saying, "So that's how it happened, huh? Still, why can't you tell me how you escaped the calamity? Could it be that you knew it was going to happen?"

Rean shook his head in response. "If we knew, we would have tried to save many, many more people. I would tell the Sasamil Empire about it, and maybe we could come up with a plan. Unfortunately, by the time we were warned that the planet was going to be destroyed, we only had a few seconds."

Rean continued, "As for how we were able to survive, that I can't talk about. You just need to know that we did what we could to save the people we were closest to."

Havek was obviously curious about the twins' methods. However, he didn't try to pry further into it. He knew Rean very well from back then, so he knew Rean would have done his best in that situation. "Fine. It's not like I lost anyone I cared about anyway."

"You didn't?" Rean was surprised to hear that.

Havek confirmed, telling him, "Did you forget? The Sasamil Imperial Family was pretty much all about struggles for power. Even my parents were no different. In any case, I only cared about personal evolution, so I didn't care about anything related to that. Since my parents and family only cared about it, we kind of became disconnected from each other from the very start. I'm just happy that I reincarnated into another form of life. If anything, I'm happy that it happened since I was able to arrive at the Realm of Gods."

Surprisingly, Havek wasn't lying. Rean still remembered very well how all the power struggles of the Sasamil Imperial Family were.

Havek was, in fact, pleased with his outcome. "Can you imagine how I felt when I found what kind of place this Realm of Gods is? Divine Energy! Countless times more advanced formations and other side occupations! Cultivation techniques, where even the worst ones, would trash any of the Sasamil Family's top cultivation techniques! The Realm of Gods is great! As for the rest who died, I couldn't care less... except for you. The only thing that the Realm of Gods could not match my time in Sunkan Planet was your Circuitry Formations. With that being said, I'm truly happy to see you again."

Rean smiled in response. Havek might look cold from those words, but he wasn't a bad guy. "Fine. Since you don't feel sad, then I guess this is for the best. Suffering wouldn't bring us anywhere anyway."

After a few more words about the past, Rean and Havek finally started to talk about the present. "Havek, how did you end up getting caught by the Salt Sweep? From what I can tell, you're way too strong to fall for that."

Havek thought the same about Rean and Roan, saying in return, "I can ask you the same thing. You said that you two were in the Peak Stage of the Elemental Transformation Realm. I also know that you two were much stronger than your cultivation, and this difference definitely increased during the time we haven't met. How come you got caught up in that?"

Nevertheless, Havek was the first one to explain. "Anyways, I was just curious about this Salt Sweep, so I decided to take a closer look. I... ahem... overestimated the fact I'm a spirit since the white powder has a weaker effect on us. By the time I noticed something wrong, it was too late for me to escape."

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Chapter 1544: A Different Implication

"Because there was probably an even higher level Divine Stone mine behind it," Rean and Havek said at the same time after that.

Of course, the way the twins were caught by the Salt Sweep was a lot more dramatic than Havek. "In our case, we did kind of reach the source of the white powder. However, we were attacked when we got there."

Havek was obviously interested in Rean's part of the story. "You did? Attacked? Tell me more."

Rean then summed up everything with another Divine Sense message, much to Havek's surprise. "There was such a thing down there? So weird... however, you do know that this white river is most likely located above the Divine Stone mine, right? It's probably the thing that feeds the natural formation as well."

Of course, Rean had thought about that. "Indeed. Unfortunately, we didn't have the chance to check any further since we were transformed into statues. Next time I go there, I'll be thoroughly prepared, though. I'm bringing a lot of the Divine Water from the Divine Lake with me. I want to see how those white powder creatures will cause me trouble. I still haven't given up the Divine Stone mine that probably exists there."

Havek laughed in response, saying, "Hahaha! Of course, I'm doing exactly the same thing. It's just that I didn't know about those creatures, so I will be better prepared next time as well."

Havek's words were enough for Rean and Roan to understand something. "So you do have a way to escape this place, huh?"

Havek snorted in response. "From your words, it's obvious that you also found some way out. Well, I guess it's obvious since you're the one who came up with the Circuitry Formations."

Rean couldn't help but ask after hearing that. "By the way, are you using my Circuitry Formations for this escape? If so, how are you doing it?"

"I don't mind including you in my plans as long as you keep your mouth shut. With you and me, there's no way we can fail," said Havek in response. Rean was still one of the very few existences Havek considered to be worth getting acquainted with.

Rean pondered over it for a bit and decided to also talk about his part. "In fact, the purging organization also came up with a way to escape this place. Of course, I got invited to work with them because of my knowledge regarding formations." Rean didn't have to care about Soul Binding Contracts, so he simply told how the purging organization's formation worked to Havek.

"I have to admit they did quite a good job considering the knowledge and resources they had." Havek praised the Formation Masters of the purging organization. "I believe you want to know how my side will work. Well, the idea is the same, although the methods are completely different."

Rean knew very well the extent of the Circuitry Formation Runes he had taught Havek. With that said, he had an idea as to how Havek was working on a way out. "The space-related Circuitry Runes, right?"

Havek wasn't surprised that Rean figured it out, replying, "Yes. I might as well tell you. I have perfected and advanced the runes and formations that we worked together a lot! Perhaps I'm even better than you at your own creation now. Hahaha! As expected of me, of course!"

Rean ignored the self-confidence, though. "I'm obviously happy that you did. However, don't think you're the only one who worked on the Circuitry Formations. Let's see... have you ever seen a smartphone?"

"Smartphone?" Havek had obviously never heard about it. "What the hell is that?"

Rean then explained about the new communication formation he worked on back in the Zasfin's planet, much to Havek's shock! "You can do that with Circuitry Formations?!"

However, Havek didn't give up that easily. "Hmph! Just so you know, the Spatial Circuitry Runes are now twice as effective as before. If I make a teleport formation with it, it'll be a lot cheaper to activate as well. Don't think only you created new things with it."

Rean shrugged his shoulders when he heard that. "It has never been a competition to start with. In fact, the more both of us learn, the better. After all, we can share all the new discoveries we made and improve even more."

Havek didn't care, though. "Of course, we can share our knowledge. But the one who teaches more is obviously the winner. What fun is there if I can't even compete against someone of my level?"

Rean didn't insist after hearing that. "Alright, alright. So, can you explain how you intend to get out with more details?" Sure enough, Rean had to ask that since it was related to the revival of his Nascent Soul.

Now, he had two different places where people and demon beasts were preparing escaping plans that had never been tried before.

Havek then explained, "Since you're working on a formation to pass through the barrier, you obviously know the barrier well. In your case, you plan to shoot through it. However, my formation will use spatial power to open a void tunnel within it. I tried to make something that could teleport through it. However, it would be pretty much a lucky shot without a destination. With my void tunnel, on the other hand, I will have a way to retreat if things on the other side are grim."

Roan, who was listening so far, finally decided to make a comment. It's just that he only told Rean through their Soul Connection. 'His formation has a different implication to the quest.'

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Chapter 1545: What's Going On

Rean couldn't help but sigh after that. 'It's one thing to fool the Formation Masters of the purging organization. Their knowledge was very limited to start with. However, there's no way Havek won't notice something wrong with his formation if I decide to do anything to it.'

Roan narrowed his eyes in response. However, it was then that he got an idea. 'Oh, that's not a problem. You just need to offer him to come with us. He doesn't care about others anyway. He won't do bad to anyone, but he wouldn't go out of his way to help anyone either. If he can escape with us, he definitely wouldn't waste his time here.'

Rean had to admit Roan was right. 'Good idea!'

"Havek, forget about this formation of yours and come with us. Roan and I have a fail-proof method to escape. Just so you know, it has nothing to do with the purging organization. This is something I found some time ago," Rean said all of a sudden.

Havek was obviously surprised to hear that. "A fail-proof method? What is it?"

Rean didn't explain, though. "I can't tell you right now. However, we can definitely bring you together. It's much better than risking your life in that journey through the void tunnel."

However, Havek couldn't accept it straight away. "I can't go with you at the moment."

"Why?" Naturally, Rean and Roan didn't expect to hear that.

Havek then explained, "Because I hate owing favors. To become Sect Leader, I didn't need to simply defeat the previous one. I also had to make an agreement with everyone else so that they could accept me. They would all go after the materials I needed for the formation, and I would bring them out with me once I was done."

Rean and Roan immediately understood after that. As mentioned before, Havek would never steal. He was too proud to do that. Since he made an agreement, he definitely would see it through. "That makes things complicated."

Havek shook his head, telling the two, "It's fine. I just said that I would bring them once the formation was ready. I've never said I would be there as well. At first, I was planning to enter the void tunnel. However, I can now simply finish the formation and let them use it. As for myself, I can use your method since it's a guaranteed escape method, right? See, not that complicated. You will just have to wait for some time."

Rean shook his head, though. "Let me be honest with you. I do indeed want to bring you out of this place. However, it's not just because we're friends. The problem is that I can't allow anyone to escape the Upside Down World."

Naturally, Havek was taken aback. "Why would you do something like that? I don't really care if the people here escape or not, but as far as I can remember, you wouldn't try to stop me from helping others."

Rean agreed with Havek, saying, "I don't like it either. I can't give you many details since even I am not sure as to what will happen. However, there's a huge possibility that something very bad will happen if I allow the people and demon beasts from this place to escape this world."

Havek knew Rean wouldn't be joking about such a thing, even though that bothered him. "Now, that's what I call complicated. I can't simply go back on my words either. What about allowing everyone to use your method? That one you didn't want to talk about."

Rean shook his head once again. "That's where the problem lies. I don't know what that thing that will happen may be. It means I can't allow the beings of the Upside Down World to escape through any methods. I will arrange for the purging organization's formation to fail."

At this point, Havek simply couldn't take it. "Alright, that's enough, Rean. Even if it's you, I can't simply accept such a lousy explanation. Something bad will happen, but you can't even tell me why you know that. As far as I'm concerned, you might simply be wrong. I won't go back on my words just because you said these things."

Rean then looked at Roan. They knew they would need to do better than that to convince Havek. 'Should I talk about the system to him?'

Roan pondered over it for a bit before asking in response, 'Do you know if Soul Binding Contracts work with spirits?'

Rean had never heard about Soul Binding Contracts being used on spirits, though. 'I have no idea. However, I do know that Havek is at least trustworthy. Didn't you see? As long as he gives his word, he will even hold himself back.'

Roan didn't know if it was true, as he wasn't as close to Havek as Rean. However, he knew they had a problem. There's no way they can tell the purging organization about this formation. In fact, if they spread the information, it might only complicate things. Everyone wanted to escape this place, after all. Also, attacking the place themselves wouldn't be of much use since Havek could simply start building a new formation. He definitely had the entire blueprint in his mind alone. Let alone the fact that the twins had lost most of their cultivation.

The twins considered the issue as the room went quiet for a moment. Eventually, Rean and Roan reached a conclusion as Rean turned back to Havek and said, "Alright, here's what's going on."

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Chapter 1546: Pay Attention To

Rean shook his head in response, telling him, "No. It was me who first created the Circuitry Formations. In any case, the very basic form of it with my first communication formations. However, as I mentioned before, the system can complement your own skills after you learn them. After I created it, the system opened a new section and helped me improve upon it."

Havek finally relaxed after that. "Then that's fine. I respected you because I believed you had the ability to stand up to me. If you told me that it had never been you who came up with it, then our relationship would be over right now." In the end, what Havek cared most about was his personal competition with Rean.

Rean shrugged his shoulders after that. "Don't you have anything else to say about the rest? Also, you believed it quite easily, no?"

Havek didn't mind that Rean thought that way, saying, "Well, your improvement in cultivation had always been kind of weird. Of course, I've seen how your brother put you through hell as well. I know that your improvement isn't just due to the system but also due to the crazy training you've undergone."

Hearing that, Roan's opinion of Havek increased a little bit. It's just that he wouldn't mention it.

Havek continued, "Of course, it's hard to believe what you told me. But then again, that also explains why you two know that Sunkan was destroyed and how you escaped from it. There's one thing, though. You could say that the reason for the planet to be destroyed was also this system of yours, no?"

Rean didn't hide it from Havek, nodding as he replied, "Indeed. Whoever attacked the planet was after our system. However, I don't think we're the culprits. Do you think that way?"

"Nope." Havek immediately denied the idea. "You got that thing and reincarnated on our home planet by chance. If anyone's at fault, it's the guys who attacked. Well, I told you that I'm very happy with the outcome anyway, so I might even thank those people. This is the Realm of Gods! This is the kind of place where someone as great as me can shine! Hahaha!"

Rean was happy that Havek thought like that. He was sure that even though he didn't care much about his family, there were bound to be some things he liked back there. "Thank you for understanding. Of course, I must also ask you to not spread this information. Even if I doubt someone would believe it anyway."

Havek agreed with Rean, saying, "If it wasn't you, I wouldn't believe a single word of yours either." Havek then went back to the main topic after that. "This system of yours has obviously caught my

interest, but we can discuss it in great detail later. Let's go back to the main problem. This system can kind of analyze the changes in destiny that you and your brother cause to the world around you. This is also the system that gave you the mission related to no one being allowed to leave this place. Above all, the fact that it can revive your lost Nascent Souls but will delay it several decades if you fail."

Havek felt like so many things happened at once after he said that. "You said that this system had never given an 'evil' mission. But you can't guarantee that it's not doing it this time. In the end, this system of yours only gave you a few details. However, you missed one point here. The explanation of your system's mission said that the 'old people of Upside Down World were about to escape this place, and you should stop it.' Can you see the problem here?"

Hearing that, both Rean and Roan felt like idiots this time. Even Roan was so focused on the objective that he missed this point. "Holy shit! That's right! Havek is the one creating passage out of Upside Down World. However, Havek isn't old at all. If anything, he's one of the newest beings in this world. Naturally, he doesn't fit the mission's description."

Following that, the twins took another look at the system's quest content just to make sure.

[Even the oldest humans and demon beasts of the Upside Down World have been in this place for as long as they could remember. Obviously, they're beings that were born and lived here all their lives. After so long, these beings have finally come up with a way of escaping Upside Down World.]

Sure enough, it mentioned the old people of this world, not new ones like Havek. That meant Havek's method of escaping had nothing to do with the system's mission.

Rean's eyes lit up after realizing that, clearly very happy. "Since that's the case, let me help you with it, Havek." Naturally, Rean wanted to help the beings here leave this place. He had never liked that mission to start with.

However, Roan narrowed his eyes in response, saying, "The problem is, the objective of the mission only said that we shouldn't let the people of this world escape. The objective itself doesn't mention the old people and demon beasts. Rean, there's still a chance that helping Havek would trigger the mission's failure."

Rean obviously didn't like to hear that. "You just have to let me down every single time, don't you?"

Roan's mouth twitched in response. "Do you really think I have something to do it? I'm just telling you the truth."

"Hahaha!" However, Havek laughed out loud in response. "You two never change." Soon after, Havek mentioned another point. "I can't guarantee this will nail the issue, but there's one more thing you should pay attention to."

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Chapter 1547: From Other Continent

Havek looked at Rean after that. "Tell me one thing. If you haven't joined the Formation Masters of the purging organization, how long do you think they would have taken to complete the formation?"

Rean pondered over it for a bit before answering, "It's hard to tell. They were stuck at a specific part of the project where the power condensation runes weren't good enough to support the formation's shooting parameters. However, if they solved that problem, it wouldn't take more than a month or so to get it to work, even if just barely stable."

Havek continued from there, saying, "With that said, there's a good chance that they might have made a breakthrough in the next few months and activated the formation in six months' time."

Rean understood where Havek was coming from. "You mean that since the times match, it must be related to them, is it?"

"Half of the reason, yes." Surprisingly, Havek wasn't done yet. "The other half is my own side."

"What do you mean?" Roan asked, interested.

Havek then explained, "Simple. My formation will definitely take at least one year and a few months to be complete. As I mentioned, I can't guarantee this is the real reason. Maybe this system of your selected six months because it thought it would be fastest that someone would come out, including me. But I would bet on the fact that I'm not the target. The only doubt is whether the mission objective really means any escape method or not. This is quite confusing, but I find it hard for it to be a problem related to me."

In the end, it was a bet. They could let Havek finish everything and hope that it wouldn't affect their revival of their Nascent Souls. From what Havek said, it was indeed unlikely that his method was the cause for the system's quest. On the other hand, was it worth the risk? After all, it meant several decades of delay if they were wrong.

It was then that Rean got an idea. "You know what? There's an easier way to confirm whether Havek's formation is responsible for the quest or not. I just have to destroy the formation back in the purging organization. If the quest concludes with that action, then Havek is free to create his void tunnel formation. If not, we can continue this discussion later. After all, we're just making blind guesses right now."

Havek saw no issues with it. "As I mentioned before, I will need at one year and something to finish my formation. Even if Rean helps me, I doubt the time would reduce to less than a year. You have more than enough time to carry out your plan while I do mine. Just don't forget that I would rather use your guaranteed escape method." It was then that Havek understood. "Oh, I see... that's why you don't want to tell me about your escape method. It's part of the mission objective as well, the not letting anyone escape part."

Roan nodded. "True, but let's talk about that later. For now, we need to see if Rean can stop the purging organization from achieving its plans. Who knows? If destroying their formation ends the quest as Rean suggested, we might as well use our method instead of Havek's to let everyone escape."

Rean was happy to hear that. "Great! In that case, let's go back."

Pah!

Ouch!

Roan suddenly slapped Rean's backhead after that. "Are you an idiot?"

Rean obviously didn't like that, responding, "Why did you hit me? Are you looking for a fight?"

Even Havek was confused by that. Did Rean say anything wrong?

Roan then pointed at Havek and said, "Did you forget the main reason why we looked for Havek?"

"Oh!" Only then did Rean remember their reason for finding Havek in the first place. He had been so focused on the system's quest that he completely forgot about it. Soon after, Rean looked at Havek with some hope in his eyes, asking, "Havek, do you know about anyone else from Sunkan Planet? Truth be told, you're not the first person from there that we found to have become a spirit. Our little sister, Rana, also became one here in the Realm of Gods. She's now a Fairy."

Havek was surprised to hear that. "Really? I didn't expect that. Until now, I thought it was just a coincidence."

"Coincidence?" Rean and Roan asked back. "What do you mean?"

Havek then explained, "That's because I do know of another person from our Sunkan Planet. He just so happened to become a Sea Chilling Spirit, just like me."

"Really?" Rean was happy to hear that. "Could it be that everyone from Sunkan Planet became Spirits?"

Roan wasn't as interested in that, though. "Who's the person you found? Could it be it was someone we know?"

"I don't think so," Havek explained. "To be honest, it wasn't someone I knew either. I only found out he came from Sunkan Planet because we were born almost at the same time, and we both had our memories. When we asked around if someone knew anything about the place we came from, we noticed that we were the same."

Rean was disappointed to hear that, hoping it was some other familiar face. However, Roan expected as much. "Well, it was already a miracle we found two people from Sunkan that we knew in a row. How big is Sunkan? It's obvious that finding unknown people or demon beasts from there is a lot easier than known ones."

Havek agreed with Roan, saying, "Considering just how much bigger the Realm of Gods is, it really is quite difficult to find others." Havek then talked about the guy, telling them, "Anyway, his name was Zangron, someone from the Flaxin Empire. In the end, he was from a completely different continent."

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Chapter 1548: Glacial Reofik

Rean nodded after that. "Well, that's very nice of him. By the way, just how old and strong are you at the moment. And if it isn't a problem, what about Zangron? You said you defeated the previous Sect Master, so you're bound to be quite strong, no?"

Havek obviously liked the question, replying with great confidence, "Hehe! Of course, your grandfather is very strong. I'm only 213 years old, but I'm already in the Peak Stage of the Void Tempering Realm. Well, part of the reason I got to this level this fast was due to that Sacred Water Gem. After assimilating it, my cultivation jumped almost an entire realm."

The Sacred Water Gem was what Havek received as payment for helping Magali. He created a new cultivation technique, specifically for her. Nevertheless, that was very fast progress since cultivation for spirits was usually some really complicated thing. Take the fairies, for example. On the other hand, Kibins needed to feed on virtues. Rean and Roan could already guess that the Sea Chilling Spirits weren't that far off in terms of weirdness.

"As for Zangron, he was in the Transition Realm the last time I saw him. That was around thirty years ago when he finally got to a level he considered enough to travel on his own." Havek then mentioned something else, "I do have some good news, though. I can give you an item that would allow you to find him as long as you're on the same continent. Who knows? You might receive some news from him. Unlike me, Zangron is really focused on finding his family and might find more people from Sunkan along the way."

Soon after, Havek passed them two things that looked like a drop of hardened water. However, it was different from ice, even though it did give a cooling feeling. "These are Glacial Reofiks. It's a kind of item we Sea Chilling Spirits can create through our own special type of energy. Can you see how one of them releases a soft glow in my direction? You just need to follow the glow's direction, and you will definitely find its owner. You can have mine as well."

"The other one is not glowing, though," Rean said soon after.

"That's because it only works in the same continent. Since Zangron's Glacial Reofik is not glowing, that means he has left the Pol Continent. His Glacial Reofik stopped glowing around 13 years ago, so he's gone for a while now. In a certain sense, it isn't a bad thing since he's most likely trying his luck outside the continent," Havek explained.

Rean then took the two Reofiks and sent them straight into the Dimensional Realm. "Thanks. If we find him, we'll make sure to ask about his findings."

Havek didn't mind it, saying, "Just don't get your hopes up that much. As Roan mentioned, the Realm of Gods is just way too big. Chances are he won't find anyone else."

With that out of the way, Rean and Roan finally decided to go back to the purging organization. Along the way back, Sister Orb took the chance to ask. [Rean, have you decided how you will change the formation of the purging organization?]

Rean nodded, saying, "I intend to pass them a rune that's used for power control. However, although it works very nicely in small-scale formations, it'll be a terrible idea to put them to use in such large-scale ones. We will definitely do a few tests on the formation first. When that happens, the whole thing will break apart. I doubt they'll be able to rebuild such a formation anytime soon after that. Perhaps they'll take even longer than the previous 30 years."

[I see... is there a chance of them finding out?] Sister Orb asked soon after.

"I find it hard. That's because I'll let them try this power control rune themselves in smaller formations. Once they see how good it is, I don't think they'll doubt its efficacy when they add it to the main formation," Rean explained.

Roan then changed the topic after that. "Anyway, they're sure to ask you why you left in the middle of the project. Besides, Havek's sect is becoming very large after he took control, so the Formation Masters there might become suspicious, even if you're under the effects of the Soul Binding Contract. You better think up of an excuse when you come back. After all, don't forget that their protector is still following us. It's just that he couldn't enter Havek's sect uninvited, so he waited outside." The twins could still feel the Divine Sense that followed them from the shadows.

Rean nodded, already knowing what to say. "Don't worry, I know what to do."

As always, the small world made it quite easy for the twins to fly back to the white tower. Once there, Rean was immediately called to the underground formation area by Vaz. "What did you need to go to that sect for?"

Rean smiled in response, saying, "My brother found someone he knew. It wasn't anyone related to the Sacred Undersea Kingdom, though. Was there any problem with that sect?"

Vaz narrowed his eyes for a bit before shaking his head. "Whatever. So, let's go back to the project. You were talking about the new power rune before you left. Everyone has been waiting for it, actually. Can you show us now?"

Rean nodded, saying, "Sure, gather everyone around. I'll show an example, then you guys try it."

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Chapter 1549: Knock Our Door

Vaz didn't doubt that, saying, "That would be too much to ask for. In any case, as long as it can help us get out of this place, they will more than serve their purpose."

"That's true," Rean agreed with Vaz. "Now then, I still have quite a few things to pass to all of you. It's just that these other runes and formations would have little to no effect on the shooting formation here."

Suddenly, a voice echoed from the building where the teleport formations were located, telling Rean, "Then you don't need to teach them that for now."

Immediately, Rean and Vaz looked in the direction of the voice. Soon after, Vaz's expression turned dark. From there, they could see several grand elders of the purging organization together, including Levid. However, the main character was the one in the center. "What could the purging organization's head want to do here with the Formation Masters? Clinbay, don't you have other more important things to take care of?"

Rean was surprised to hear that. That was the first time he saw the purging organization's head. Clinbay wasn't tall by any means. If anything, he looked almost a dwarf. However, Rean could also tell that

although he was part of the humanoid races, he wasn't human. It's just that he didn't know which race Clinbay was. Nevertheless, Rean immediately put a respectful expression, saying, "Hello, sir."

Clinbay didn't mind Vaz's words. Everyone knew that Vaz was very annoying when it came to the projects he worked with. Even the purging organization's head wasn't an exception if he tried to meddle with Vaz's works. Clinbay then looked at Rean and nodded, saying, "Hello, newcomer. I heard from Levid about you. From the looks of it, we were able to make huge progress with the shooting formation. You have my thanks."

Rean smiled in response, replying, "That's nothing, sir. I also want to leave this place as soon as possible."

Clinbay agreed with Rean before looking at Vaz, telling him, "I know that you don't like others intervening in your work, Vaz. However, I'm still the purging organization's head. I can totally put someone else in charge of this project and throw you away. Don't forget that."

Vaz snorted in response. "Who cares? I would just get more time to work on my own projects. If you want to do that, go ahead. First of all, with Rean here, I don't think there's much of a use for me anymore as his proficiency is much higher."

Clinbay was surprised to hear that. As far as he remembered, Vaz would definitely not accept being taken out of this project. However, he understood why after thinking a little. With Vaz's personality, he wouldn't want to leave since no one could take his place. It's just that now there was someone to take the lead of this project other than himself, Rean. "Whatever, I won't take you out. We're so close to having a shot at leaving this damned Upside Down World, so just ignore my comment from earlier."

"Hmph!" Vaz snorted but didn't dwell on that matter. "So, what do you all want?"

Clinbay then explained, "We have been watching the progress of your work. Naturally, we have an idea as to how close you are to activating the formation. As Rean mentioned, the rest of the knowledge he has on formations will have little use for the project. In that case, you can learn it some other time once we're out. For now, change your focus and finish the formation."

Vaz found it strange, asking, "Why would you be hurrying me up now? We have already been working on this for over 30 years, you know? Will you mind waiting for it a little more?"

It was then that Levid, the one who recruited Rean, stepped forward, saying, “Unfortunately, we don’t have that much time remaining.”

“How come?” asked Vaz in response. Naturally, that was the question in Rean and the other Formation Masters’ minds as well.

Levid then explained, “We believe that word of our project here has escaped outside. It won’t be long before our purging organization tower gets flooded with cultivators who also want to escape the Upside Down World.”

“What?!” Everyone was shocked to hear that. “How did that happen?!”

Clinbay bitterly smiled as he explained, “As you know, Soul Binding Contracts are useless against those at the Void Tempering Realm and above. It turns out that one of our grand elders noticed the advancement in the project and spilled the beans. Aren’t we missing someone in our group?”

Vaz took a good look at all the grand elders and immediately noticed who was missing. “Grand Elder Liman?”

Clinbay nodded in response. “The one and the same.”

“Who is Liman?” Rean couldn’t help but ask.

Vaz obviously didn’t mind explaining to Rean, saying, “Just like Levid, who recruited you, he’s a grand elder of our organization. There isn’t really much more to talk about him.” He then looked at Clinbay. “Then again, can’t you cover the news? With our organization’s power, that shouldn’t be too hard, even if a grand elder is involved.”

Clinbay agreed with Vaz to a certain point. “That’s true... if he had just told one or two people or demon beasts about it. However, before we found out, several high-level cultivators were already aware of this news. At the moment, everyone is wondering if it’s just some rumor. No one has ever escaped this place before, after all. It’s just that now that the rumor reached all those ears, it won’t take long before others knock on our door.”

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Chapter 1550: Let's Wait For Rean

Vaz didn't deny that. After all, he totally intended to enter the chamber that would shoot them through the barrier. He also wanted to learn more outside and wanted it more than ever now that he met Rean. "That's true."

Vaz then looked at the other Formation Masters, including Rean, before yelling, "All of you, teaching time is over. We will use Rean's Power Control Rune to finish the last parts of the formation before giving it a shot at escaping this damned place. As I mentioned 30 years ago to the starting team and the ones who joined us along the way, I won't force anyone to enter the formation. Some of you aren't that old, maybe not as young as Rean, but not like me and the others, so you have a lot more time left. Perhaps it's simply not worth it. Once the time comes, you can simply not take part in it."

Vaz then began to walk in the formation's direction after that. "Alright, the time has come. Let's start!"

"Yes, Elder Vaz!" Everyone, including Rean, followed Vaz to the formation and immediately started to work on it.

At the same time, Clinbay looked back at Levid and the others, saying, "All of you, go back to the tower and buy us time. However, if things get too complicated, simply take the teleport formation and come back here. We will simply destroy the teleport formations on this side. That will give us time as well."

Levid's group nodded after that. "Alright." Soon after, they passed through the teleport formation while Clinbay stayed to watch over the work. Clinbay didn't want to leave anything up to chance until the formation was completed.

Meanwhile, Rean finished passing the current situation to Roan. 'You saw that, right?'

Roan, who was at one of the windows of the tower, nodded, saying, 'Yes. That guy called Clinbay wasn't lying. In the past few hours, I've noticed the number of Divine Senses hitting the Divine Sense bending skill increase several times. It's not hard to see a few shadows appearing around the tower, and these shadows have nothing to do with the people and demon beasts who lived in the city around it.'

Roan then asked Rean back after that. 'You sure this formation won't work once they use your power control runes, right?'

Rean confirmed Roan's words while he worked, saying, 'Yes. My power control runes absolutely can't hold such a large-scale formation. They would be better off with the ones they were using until now, even if they are at a lower level. My runes simply weren't made for this kind of job.'

Roan then asked something else after that. 'You said the entire formation would explode if they activated it with your runes. Will you be fine on your side?'

Rean then explained, 'Vaz already said that anyone who doesn't want to enter the formation won't be forced into it. The Soul Gem Dimensional Realm is still open as well. That means no danger that the system can detect has been found yet. So, I believe I should be fine as I'm going to pretend that I don't want to enter it in the end.'

Roan couldn't help but ask, 'What if that guy called Clinbay decides to get rid of anyone who decides to not enter the formation? You never know what these guys are capable of in order to keep their secrets.'

'I'll keep watching the Soul Gem Dimensional System's entrance to see if things change. Until then, I'll have to keep my part of the plan. If I suddenly asked to leave right now, it would be way too suspicious,' replied Rean.

Roan had to admit Rean was right. 'That's true. Alright, then you guys better finish your work as fast as possible. Things are getting quite heated outside. If I'm not wrong, it won't take more than a day or two for the being watching this tower to come out and check it by force. Even if the purging organization is the biggest in the Upside Down World, it absolutely has no chance against all the powers together. Besides, this organization is maintained by these same powers, so they definitely want a slice of the pie.'

Rean already planned that anyway. 'Don't worry. The formation is more or less finished. A day should be more than enough after the addition of my runes.'

Roan then left the window and went back to his room, where there was an anti-Divine Sense formation. Soon after, he brought Celis out of the Dimensional Realm. After all, Celis was the only one in condition to fight if necessary. After all, Kentucky would take at least another month to recover from the statue

transformation. "With Rean and my powers like this, we won't be of much help, so we are counting on you."

Celis nodded, already expecting it as he said in response, "Don't worry. That's why you brought me out the first time. I might not be able to fight those at the Middle or Late Stage Void Tempering Realm like you and Rean, but I can definitely hold my own against someone at the Initial Stage. That should be enough for us to at least escape if it gets chaotic in this tower."

Roan was satisfied with that. "Let's wait for Rean, then."