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Chapter 2431: Not That Simple

Kafan shrugged his shoulders. "Why wasn't that enough? The reason was very simple. The higher their cultivation realm, the more Dead Souls they needed. What is the number necessary to reach the Divinity Realm as a Soul Devil? I can't even imagine, but I'm certain just a few billion is far, far from enough. Just like that, our Universal Transition Organization's Death Energy continued to expand."

Kafan sighed and decided to finish the story. "In the end, it took a total of three hundred and forty-three thousand years for our Death Energy to cover this entire side of the Universe. Our Divinity Realm Death Spirits of that time were dispatched to get rid of the Space-Time Realm Devils who, in the end, couldn't get enough Dead Souls to reach the Divinity Realm."

"Of course, by that point, such Soul Devils had gotten quite smart. They hid, fled, left traps behind, etc," Kafan explained. "It was easy to find them when they were causing havoc in the lands of the living. But when they decided to hide, even we had a hard time finding them. To be honest, even to this day, I'm not entirely sure we got rid of all Soul Devils on this side of the Universe. After all, it is just too big to search."

Kafan wasn't disappointed, though. "Nonetheless, one thing is certain. We have assured our control of this side of the Universe. If a Soul Devil comes out and tries to kill the lives of any planet or land, we will immediately know. Our organization's system had come a long, long way in these millions upon millions of years, after all. You remember it yourself. Our intelligence is truly well spread."

"Phew..." Kafan stretched a little before continuing. "And this is how everything played out since the time when the Universe was split into two sides. The information you got might be of some use to you in the future, or maybe it won't. Nonetheless, I'm happy that I could finally tell you everything."

Roan nodded and went silent for a moment. He had to admit that was a very long tale, and the Death Spirits truly had gone through pretty hard times to reach the position they are today. Some might consider their usage of Dead Souls controversial, but Roan felt it to be just logical and the most optimal choice. "It is good that you told me all of that. Now I have a picture of everything that happened both here and on the other side after the events of the extinction sphere."

Of course, Roan knew it wasn't over yet. There were many things he still had to know from Kafan. "Alright, time to jump into the next topic."

Kafan didn't mind. "Sure. Which one do you want to know first?"

Roan thought about it. He still had to hear about the Pseudo-Temporal Path. Why the Vruves seemed so adamant about finding it, and if they knew it would bring them to this side of the Universe. He also wanted to know which connections Kafan had with Soul Gem. Not to mention that Rean's father was from this side. Somehow, Roan believed Kafan would know something about that, too.

Roan pondered a bit and decided to talk. "First, you need to know one thing. Before we arrived here, the Vruve Organization seemed dead set on using the Pseudo-Temporal Path that we used to arrive in this place. I don't know if you have met them before or even if the other visitors you talked about when we arrived are them or not."

"But first, I guess I need an answer about the Pseudo-Temporal Path. You commented that after the split, this side of the Universe had no more Pseudo-Temporal Paths. Yet, my group used exactly it to get here. How come? Does it have something to do with the Vruves?"

Kafan shook his head. "The first thing you need to understand is that the Pseudo-Temporal Path you used to get here isn't common. The Pseudo-Temporal I was talking about, the ones I said didn't appear anymore, were Pseudo-Temporal Paths that connect the Living Realm to the Underworld and Heavens. The one you used was obviously different."

He continued. "Now that you know they are different Pseudo-Temporal Paths, you also need to know that the one you used was not the first one to connect both sides. There were a few of them before, although the only ones who ever used it were the Vruve Organization. It was quite surprising to me to see that you ended up here as well. I even thought for a moment that you had joined the Vruve Organization, but that doesn't seem to be the case."

Roan obviously shook his head. "If anything, Rean and I were almost killed by them once. They destroyed an entire planet, trying to get rid of Soul Gem's system."

"I see..." Kafan narrowed his eyes. "They are quite bold to try to kill my disciple... well, they probably didn't know about you to start with, so it is quite complicated, too."

Roan immediately asked. "From what you are telling me, this was not the first time you had deals with the Vruves. Are you part of the Vruve Organization now?"

"No," Kafan gave a flat answer. "However, we do have a deal with them. That's also why the Vruves see these special Pseudo-Temporal Paths with such importance. They even developed a method to find the general location of these paths every time they open. That's how you ended up meeting them."

"A deal?" Roan was curious about it.

Kafan nodded, but he did not elaborate. "That has nothing to do with you and your group, so I'm not able to tell you about it. However, you don't need to worry. I have absolutely no intention of doing anything to you or your group. And on this side of the Universe, my words are law, so you are in no danger here."

Roan nodded. "I'll take your word for it then." It wasn't like he could do anything else anyway.

"However, one thing seems weird," Roan didn't forget another point. "You told me that to you, at this moment, it wouldn't be a problem to go to the other side of the Universe. I believe the Vruves have someone at your level for sure. So, why would they take these paths so seriously? Couldn't their expert, the one at the same level as you and Huban, simply come here and have this whatever deal between you two?"

"Hehe! As if it was that simple," Kafan laughed at that question.

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Chapter 2432: What Do You Know?

Kafan then explained. "If I want, I can indeed go to the other side of the Universe at the moment. The problem is that I wouldn't be able to come back anymore."

"Not come back anymore?" Roan thought about it. "Is it because of the lack of cultivation energies on this side while the other side is full of it?"

Kafan was happy Roan noticed why. "That's exactly the reason. You see, to open a passage to go from this side to the other side is somewhat difficult, but with my powers, I can do it. That's basically because this side of the Universe has absolutely no resistance whatsoever."

Roan remembered something. "It's like how our Divine Sense can go further than the other side, or how my Spatial Gates connect so many times further away than the other side as well. The lack of cultivation energies left this side too vulnerable, so one's moves are many times more powerful."

"Exactly," Kafan nodded. "That said, If I go all out, I can open a passage from this side to the other side. However, the other way around is not possible. Oh, just so that you know, it is not me who is opening those Pseudo-Temporal Paths; they are natural occurrences."

Roan didn't find it surprising. "I know. On this side, you use Death Energy. There are no cultivation energies at all. If it was you who opened the Pseudo-Temporal Paths, I would definitely have noticed the presence of Death Energy in the passage."

Kafan confirmed Roan's words and continued. "Yes. Of course, even though I can open such paths, I never do that. After all, if I open them, that means others on the other side would be able to use them to come here. I definitely don't want a bunch of intruders coming to this side nonstop. For the living races of the side of the Universe who don't have even an iota of cultivation, such a thing would only spell calamity."

"What about the Pseudo-Temporal Paths?" Roan asked back. Those were paths that Kafan couldn't control, after all.

"Part of my deal with the Vruve Organization is that once they find a Pseudo-Temporal Path that connects to this side, they will conceal it and prevent anyone else from entering. As I said, my deal with them is quite important to their side, so they are obliging without complaining at all. It has been like this all these countless years."

Kafan then sighed. "Well, now and then, groups like yours happen to find the paths first and end up on this side. My Death Spirit Race makes sure to capture them and use the Vruves to return them all to the other side. What the Vruves do with such individuals, I don't know, now do I care. The lives of some few unlucky experts are nothing compared to what is at stake here."

Roan had no complaints about that. If anything, he would have done the same. "Well, whatever. I just need to warn you that the Vruves don't know about me. Master, you better not open your mouth."

"Hmph!" Kafan's expression turned dark. "They dared to try to kill you just a few years after you arrived on the other side. Let alone tell them anything. I'll make sure to take a few layers of skin from them during the next few encounters."

"It would be better not to," Roan answered. "If you suddenly have such a change of behavior exactly while our group ended in this place, they might suspect something and come after my group on the other side."

Kafan wasn't happy to hear he shouldn't make a move, but he understood Roan was right on this point. "Sigh... fine. I'll just pretend that nothing happened then. In any case, you are already in the Peak Stage of the Elemental Space Realm. Soul Gem's little toy truly helped you a lot. It won't be long before the Vruves don't have the power to deal with you that easily."

Kafan then asked. "Still, I need to know. Just how the hell did your cultivation improve so fast like this? The amount of Divine Origin Energy necessary should be ridiculous for such speed. Did you find some unknown Divine Stone Mine with high-level Divine Stones?"

"Hum... something like that," Roan answered. Since Kafan already knew about the system and Soul Gem, there wasn't really a need to hide it from him. He used his Divine Sense and quickly recounted the story of the Ruins of the Stars, followed by how they acquired a huge amount of Divine origin Energy cores.

"Such a thing happened... I do remember the Ruin of Stars since it was in this Universe even before the extinction sphere's event. That place was truly terrifying. Huban, I, and a few other experts at our level joined forces and tried to open that thing. Yet, even with our full power, the barrier protecting that thing didn't even budge. To think it finally opened after so many years..."

Roan didn't want to wait for Kafan to feel impressed and went straight into the next topic. "Alright, now you know what happened. There are two other things I still want to hear from you. One of them is your relationship with Soul Gem. How did you meet on this side, and why did Soul Gem reach out to you to talk about the system."

"The other thing is related to the Ruins of the Stars themselves. You see, Rean's father, before he reincarnated, just happened to be an Archangel. Not only that, but he is an Archangel from outside of this Universe. From what we found about him, he was the reason why the Ruins of the Stars ended up like that and fled in a different spaceship before ultimately ending up on Earth. However, the time difference between when the Ruins of the Stars was sabotaged to the time Rean was born was ridiculously long, it was even longer than the events of the Extinction Sphere."

Roan's expression turned serious. "What do you know about it?"

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Chapter 2433: Little Pebble

Kafan thought about which one he should talk about first. "Let's start with Soul Gem and me. Although I think it would be many times better for you to also call Soul Gem out. Don't worry, Soul Gem was already attached to the system back when we met after the extinction sphere's events. I know his soul is probably sleeping inside the Control Orb in order to recover."

"That would be difficulty," Roan answered. "He warned us that every time he awakes, his soul is damaged. Such damage then takes several years to heal before he can continue to restore it. If I wake him up now, he will probably get quite annoyed since it isn't any kind of emergency."

"Hmph!" Kafan just snorted after hearing that. "Don't worry, just wake this brat up. Tell him Kafan is ordering him to come out. Let me see how much anger he will have the courage to show before this old Death Spirit."

Roan heard the word 'brat' and couldn't help but wonder just how old Kafan really was. Kafan himself said that Soul Gem was an expert at his level back before the Extinction Sphere was destroyed. That means Soul Gem took who knows how many years to get that strong. Yet, Kafan still treated Soul Gem as a kid. 'Perhaps only Hyeoumu and Sister Orb are older than him...' Roan thought for a moment.

Right after, he contacted Sister Orb, who was the only one who could really wake Soul Gem up. 'You heard the guy, Sister Orb. Just wake him up and blame everything on Kafan if Soul Gem complains later.'

[Hehehe! Since that's the case, I'll make him appear in a moment. Let me go out first,] said Sister Orb before opening a passage to the outside world. One must remember that Soul Gem can only appear near the orb, so she had to come outside.

The Soul Gem System Orb quickly appeared outside, not surprising Kafan in the least. "It had been a while since I saw this thing."

A moment later, the projection of a small man floating above the orb appeared. Following that, he opened his eyes while touching his head, looking as if he was feeling some pain. "Sister Orb, why did you wake me up? Didn't I tell you that I needed to rest? It is better to be an emergency."

[Actually, someone just wanted to meet you,] Sister Orb answered without caring too much. [It will be good for you to reminisce about the old times.]

"Meet me? What kind of bullshit is that?" Sure enough, Soul Gem was angry to be awoken because of such a thing. "Who is it? Is this someone even worth my time?"

"Oh-ho..." Suddenly, a voice came from behind Soul Gem. "I see, I see... so little Pebble now thinks this old Death Spirit isn't even worth his time anymore. I see it, I see it..."

"Little..."

[Pebble...?]

Roan and Sister Orb were taken aback, looking at Soul Gem.

Soul Gem, on the other hand, had an expression of absolute fear as he quickly turned around. There, he saw the image of an old man who might as well have been the Demon King himself... or so was the feel he gave to Soul Gem. "K-K-K-K-Kafan!"

Kafan smiled brightly as he continued. "Oh, there is no need to say my name. As you said, I'm not worth your time. Why would you use your precious time to utter the name of the likes of me? It's definitely a waste."

If Soul Gem had a body, he would absolutely be sweating buckets of cold water right now. "H-Hehehe... How could th-that be? It is my absolute honor to be in the presence of senior Kafan. Yes, the luck of a

lifetime to be able to meet you so soon again. I still haven't thanked you for the help when I brought the system to this side of the Universe."

Kafan nodded. "So does that mean I'm not a waste of time to talk to?"

Soul Gem's mouth twitched a little until...

Thud!

He kowtowed in front of Kafan while the fear on his face only increased. "This lowly one has misspoken. Senior Kafan, please forgive little Pebble."

Finally, Kafan nodded. "Hmph! At least you are sensible. Don't worry about the damage to your soul due to this awakening. I'll use the celestial laws later to speed up your recovery process a little. Your appearance this time will not be a hindrance to your plans."

Soul Gem's eyes lit up. "Really?! Thank you, senior Kafan. As expected of the oldest expert in the Universe after senior Hyeoumu. You are truly magnanimous."

Roan's group was even more surprised about it. After all, Sister Orb had her memories sealed, so she didn't know that either. 'To think Kafan was that old...'

Seeing that things turned out as he wanted, Kafan returned to his usual self. "Alright, I'll let bygones be bygones. Be more careful next time."

[Hey, hey, hey! Am I the only one curious here? Little Pebble? Why little Pebble? I want to know!] Sure enough, Sister Orb couldn't hold back. Well, Rean was just the same inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. It's just that he couldn't come out to ask it directly.

Soul Gem scratched the back of his head... which was a little weird since he was just a projection of his soul. "It is nothing that complicated..."

Kafan smiled. "His name is Soul Gem, isn't it? What is a Gem? Basically, it is a colored rock. That said, I simply decided to call this brat a Pebble instead."

"Was that some kind of nickname from your past?" Roan asked.

Soul Gem bitterly smiled. What nickname? No one would dare to call him like that... except Kafan, that is. "Ahem... that's just senior's Kafan show of appreciation for this little one. He was the only one to call me like that."

"I basically thought about it on the spot back then," Kafan added, not caring about Soul Gem's thoughts at all.

Soul Gem felt like crying. Was anyone going to show him any respect anymore after today? He didn't know.

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Chapter 2434: Leave It At That

"Ahem, so, why was I called here?" Soul Gem tried to change the topic. "No, wait. Since Kafan is here, then it should be about the time when I asked for his help."

Kafan nodded. "That's correct. Roan wants to know what I had to do with it."

Soul Gem pondered a bit and began to explain. "Back then, when I crossed to this side of the Universe with the system's abilities, I had little information about this side of the Universe. After all, quite some time had passed already since the extinction sphere's events."

Kafan continued from there. "The main issue he found when he got to this side was the lack of cultivation energies like Divine Energy. But he was already here and couldn't go back anymore, afraid of being found by the Vruve."

"Yes," Soul Gem agreed. "I only had a limited amount of Divine Energy stored in the Dimensional Realm. Besides, since I created the system on the other side, I didn't know the impact this side received after the calamity. I truly didn't expect this side of the Universe to have no cultivation energy whatsoever."

"In the end, I had only one choice: contact the only expert I knew wouldn't make a move against me in my weak state. After all, the Soul Gem System without a host was just too vulnerable. I didn't even have the energy to go and meet Kafan, so I had to wait for him to come out of his organization and come take me."

"Of course, I had no idea Kafan had created an organization by that time. After he told me everything that happened on this side of the Universe, I was even afraid he might take revenge on me since the extinction event plans went out of the rails with me in charge. Surprisingly, he didn't seem to hold a grudge."

Kafan shook his head. "I told you before when you came to ask for my help before the events of the extinction sphere. My race was just too small. We were barely scraping by while using myself as their pillar of support. That's why I didn't intervene, as I couldn't buy a fight with either you or your enemies."

"However," Kafan continued, "I knew very well that you were just trying to save this Universe. Our ideals might not match completely, but I could at least respect that much, especially after finding out how the Universe ended up splitting. That was truly hard to fault you. If anything, at least the extinction sphere is no more, so the outcome wasn't that terrible."

"Thank you, senior Kafan," Soul Gem was happy to hear that again.

Gem then turned to Roan and Sister Orb. "Anyway, I came here and asked Kafan for his help. I purposely made myself detectable. By now, you should have already heard from Kafan that I was someone at the same level as him, so it wasn't that hard to catch his attention. A tiny manipulation of celestial laws, just enough to cause a wave, was enough. After all, Kafan was supposed to be the only one on this side capable of doing such a thing."

"Sure enough, Kafan appeared a few minutes later. He then brought me to his organization, and I explained everything. It was during that time that I told him about the Soul Gem System and its power. I needed a reason for him to help me, after all."

Kafan knew it. "And he sure did give me a reason. The information he sicked was about the souls of this Universe. He wanted to find a compatible soul to attach his system to it. For that, he needed Divine Energy since my race's Death Energy was of no use to him. Yet, this side had none."

"However, I've been living on this side for a long time, haven't I? I might not have much use for Divine Energy now, but I sure did use it a lot when it was present. Don't forget, a death spirit uses Death Energy to cultivate, but that doesn't mean they can't use Divine Energy. In fact, during a fight in the old Universe, we used Divine Energy to fight since Death Energy wasn't as easy to accumulate."

"That said, I still have plenty of Divine Stones that I kept for myself. Hehe! If I had taken these stones out during the time the Living Beings were running out of Divine Energy, I wonder just what kind of wars it would have brought to this side of the Universe."

"Anyway, Soul Gem explained his plan for the Reunification of the Universe. Explained how he needed a soul born on this side to go to the other side and act as a connection between both sides. It goes without saying that my idea to send Roan to the other side appeared in my mind during that conversation."

"Ah!" Soul Gem immediately looked at Kafan. "I knew it! How could a Death Spirit suddenly join the system out of nowhere?! The system almost couldn't handle both souls because of that and nearly collapsed! Senior Kafan, how could you..."

"Hmph!" Kafan didn't seem to mind. "I asked you if it was okay to send a Death Spirit instead of a normal soul, but you were too afraid that the Death Spirit Soul, which was not exactly alive, could turn out to be a problem. You didn't even want to tell me which soul your system chose to attach to. Naturally, I had to move on my own."

Kafan then shrugged his shoulders. "In the end, everything was fine. Look at Roan. He is very well alive and is capable of using this little toy of yours. I heard Roan's entire story so far, so you have to admit that two reincarnating was much better than just one."

"But what if it had gone wrong and the system-"

"Enough!" Kafan stopped Soul Gem. "It didn't, and that's what matters. Leave it at that."

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Chapter 2435: I Knew Him

Soul Gem bitterly smiled as he couldn't do much about it anyway. "Sigh... alright, senior Kafan, alright. You were correct. Roan's presence truly sped things up by a lot. His experience did make things easier for Rean in the end. They even became great friends."

Roan's mouth twitched. Great friends? Was it okay to lie that blatantly? Roan couldn't hate Rean more than he does now... Well, he wasn't in the mood to waste time correcting Soul Gem either, so he said nothing.

"Now I understand why my Master knew about the system. It at least makes me a little more assured of our safety on this side of the Universe," said Roan. "By the way, Soul Gem, Kafan said that he has some kind of deal with the Vruves, who are using Pseudo-Temporal Paths to get to this side. Do you know anything about that?"

Soul Gem looked at Kafan. "Is it still like that?"

"Yes," Kafan nodded. "We need it."

"Very well," Soul Gem didn't seem surprised. If anything, he looked somewhat disappointed instead. "Just make sure they don't know anything about us."

Kafan obviously agreed. "That goes without saying."

Soul Gem then turned to Roan. "You better not know about it for now. It's not like you can do anything anyway. Just know that it won't interfere with our plans for the Unification of the Universe." In the end, Soul Gem also didn't tell Roan about the deal with the Vruves and Kafan.

"Fine." Roan couldn't say he was happy with that, but he didn't insist either.

"So... is there anything else to talk? If not, I would like to go back to sleep," said Soul Gem.

"Before that," Roan stopped him, "perhaps you should be here to hear about my other issue."

"Another issue?" Soul Gem got curious. "Sure, go ahead."

Roan then contacted Rean in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. 'You better come out here. It is pretty obvious there are no risks for us in this place, so your plan to keep an exit outside is of no use. Besides, this has a lot more to do with you than me.'

Rean, who was watching everything, agreed with Roan. 'Yes, I think so too.'

Right after, Rean appeared in the room. Kafan wasn't the least bit surprised, knowing that Soul Gem had a Dimensional Realm. "So you didn't go to check on your planet, uh? It's good to see you again, boy."

Rean scratched the back of his head. "Sorry for this little lie, senior. I was just being careful."

Kafan just waved his hand, not minding it at all. "It's fine."

Rean then looked at Soul Gem and recounted the story about his father, much to Soul Gem's surprise. "Was there such a thing?"

Roan narrowed his eyes. "You didn't know? Your system literally chose Rean, that guy's son, to attach itself. How come you didn't know about it?"

Rean agreed with Roan. "Indeed. I find it hard to believe it was a coincidence."

Yet, Soul Gem shook his head. "Trust me, I'm not lying. I didn't know Rean's father was an archangel at all, let alone that he came from outside of the Universe. This information is new to me. Don't you remember what I said back then? Rean's soul being chosen was truly nothing but a coincidence. He was the control orb's choice, not mine."

Sister Orb then asked. [What were the requisites for a soul to be chosen as the system's host?]

Soul Gem quickly answered. "First, it had to be 100% compatible with Yin or Yang. It had to have a huge affinity to at least one of these two energies. Rean was chosen because of his unbelievably high affinity

with Yang Energy. Kafan helped a lot with it since, without his Divine Stones, the system truly wouldn't have had the energy to do the search."

Gem then looked at Roan. "That's one more reason for me to be surprised with the system's stability after you joined. A soul had to at least be that good with one of both energies. If your affinity with Yin Energy wasn't sky-high, just like Rean's Yang Affinity, the system would truly have collapsed. If you think about it, just how ridiculous that two souls of extreme opposites were able to meet each other like that. Truly a marvel to think about."

"What about other Death Spirit Copies?" Roan asked. "Couldn't it be the same to them?"

Kafan was the one to answer. "No. I told you, you were my best disciple, the one with the best control over Death Energy ever! It goes without saying that Death Energy is highly compatible with Yin Energy. Hell, you were even better than me in that regard when I was your age."

After saying that, everyone immediately understood the reason behind the system choosing Rean's soul. Soul Gem was the first one to speak it out. "Rean... was the kid of an Archangel, an Archangel that literally came from outside of the Universe. For him to have such an absurd affinity with Yang Energy was to be expected. It was probably genetic if you ask me."

Rean sighed in response. "So it was still nothing but a coincidence. Still, it is hard to believe if you think about it."

Roan understood what Rean was talking about. "Your Archangel father is older than the events of the extinction sphere. Maybe he is even older than Kafan himself. Yet, once he had a child, the system just so happened to be on this side of the Universe looking for a host. It is truly hard to believe it was a coincidence."

Soul Gem agreed. "Indeed. It even makes you wonder if he knew about the system. However, from the surprise he showed when he saw Rean back in the Minokawa's Land, it looks like he didn't. He truly looked as if he thought Rean was dead. Of course, perhaps he was just pretending, but I don't think that to be the case."

Roan then glanced at Kafan. "So, Kafan, in the end, did you know this guy? After all, he spent countless years on this side of the Universe with a cultivation at the peak of the Divinity Realm. You truly never saw him before?"

Kafan thought about the past. "I did know him. But I didn't know he was Rean's father."

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Chapter 2436: Romario and Kafan

Everyone immediately paid attention to Kafan as he continued to explain. "It's like Roan mentioned. Romario Faran was someone I noticed a long time ago. It's just that he never did anything to anyone. The only reason I even felt his existence was mere coincidence while I was passing by a desolate area countless years ago. It was even before the Extinction Sphere appeared."

"Back then, I was curious why a Peak Divinity Realm Archangel was locking himself in the middle of nowhere, so I called him out. Romario appeared and seemed surprised to see me there. He said that no one was supposed to be in that place, which wasn't entirely wrong. If not for the circumstances, I wouldn't have passed through that place either."

"Of course, as you can imagine, he didn't tell me anything. Why would he? We had just met for the first time. I tried to ask it out, but he just told me he was just waiting for time to pass. Why? I don't know. I then asked why he didn't go back to the Heavens. After all, an Archangel shouldn't be in the Living Realm. I was met with more silence as an answer, though."

"In the end, I wondered if I should call other Divinity Realm experts to come and check this guy. Who knows if the angels weren't plotting something against the Living Realm? The presence of a Peak Divinity Realm Archangel was just too suspicious."

"That silence continued for a few seconds before he finally decided to leave. He said that since I didn't want to leave him alone, he could only move somewhere else. I wanted to stop him, but as you know, experts of my level aren't allowed to intervene with anything. The most I could do was to warn other experts of this Archangel's presence. But, by the time any of them arrived in that place, that Archangel would have been gone."

"In the end, I just told him that he didn't need to leave since I would do it instead. Since he could abandon that place without thinking much about it, it was obvious that that place held no real

importance in his mind. Instead, I would rather know where to find him in the future. As for whether he would still be there next time I appeared or not, I didn't know."

Everyone listened to Kafan's tale and immediately asked. "So... did he stay there? Did you go back to check on him later?"

"I did," Kafan nodded. "Well, I wasn't really expecting him to be there. I warned the other Divinity Realm experts that I saw an Archangel. You know, just to be safe. It's just that I didn't tell them where the Archangel was located, saying that he was just passing by."

"To my surprise, when I went back to that place to check a few years later, the Archangel was indeed there still. I called him out, and he came to see me, obviously annoyed that I stopped his meditation again. Well, that didn't matter much since he could tell that difference in level between the two of us."

"I would try to have some conversation with the guy, wanting to see if I could find any information about this Archangel. The reason for that was that I checked the information of the known Archangels of that time. Yet, it looked like no one had ever seen that guy before. How could we have absolutely no information of a Peak Stage Divinity Realm Archangel? That seemed just too hard to believe. Yet, that was truly the case. For all purposes, that Archangel simply didn't exist anywhere."

"Our second meeting was over with more silence than words. Still, I persisted. A few hundred years later, I stopped by, and sure enough, the Archangel was still there, sitting on the desolate planet, meditating. It was as if he couldn't even see the time passing. If I'm not wrong, he had purposely disconnected his mind from the outside world, so he probably didn't see time passing indeed."

"These kinds of encounters with a few hundred years separating them continued for a long, long time... We even became kind of friends. He wasn't as cold to me anymore, but he still never told me what he was doing. The only thing I knew for sure by then was that he didn't seem interested in anything happening in the Universe. I was pretty sure that he was waiting for something. As to what it was, I had no idea."

"As you can imagine, I had absolutely no idea he was someone from outside the Universe. This information I only got from you now. No wonder I couldn't find a single piece of information from him. Well, it has been so long ago that I completely forgot about his existence until now."

Kafan continued. "Anyway, as I said, we kept those encounters every few hundreds of years until one day, he left."

"He left?" Roan asked back. "Did he tell you he was leaving?"

Kafan shook his head. "No, when I went to have our usual get-together, he simply wasn't there anymore. However, guess what had just appeared during that time."

"The extinction sphere?" everyone asked, seeing where it was going.

Kafan nodded. "Yeap. A few decades before I went to see him, we got the first piece of information about the Extinction Sphere. At that time, it was nothing but a small sphere with a few tens of meters of in size. Yet, even the Peak Divinity Realm experts of that time couldn't do much about it. Instead, every time they did anything that required energy to be used on that sphere, it grew faster. Attacks, tests, etc... everything was simply sucked dry of its energy and ended up as food for the sphere. Of course, it goes without saying that no one was aware of how dangerous that thing really was at such a point."

"Anyway," Kafan returned to Rean's Father's topic. "The Archangel disappeared around that time, and I've never seen him again."

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Chapter 2437: Seems Fun

Kafan's story didn't help them very much. Romario would have a child with Rean's mother countless years later, so it was too hard to make any connections.

Rean sighed as he spoke. "Well, Romario wanted to put his hands on the Fragment back in the Minokawa's land. Now, Kafan said Romario disappeared as soon as the extinction sphere showed itself. There seems to be a connection there, but it is too vague. That doesn't give us any meaningful information."

Roan agreed with him. "Indeed. But it seems like he had been waiting for the extinction sphere this entire time. We heard from Soul Gem's past that the extinction sphere was some kind of natural event. Once a Universe got too old, it would appear and wipe it out and ultimately give birth to a new Universe. Romario was from outside, so perhaps he already knew the extinction sphere was about to appear?"

"It is possible," Soul Gem answered. "Romario came with the Ruins of the Stars, which was that Spaceship. We don't have the power to leave this Universe on our own, but the experts that came with the Spaceship did. It is very likely they had seen similar events in the past and knew more or less the time a Universe would get the appearance of an extinction sphere."

"The question is," Roan continued, "what did Romario want from the extinction sphere? Why wait for it to appear? Above all, did he do something to it that none of us know? After all, it appeared during a time when none of you paid much attention to that thing."

Rean understood what Roan meant. "Are you saying that perhaps... it was my father that made the extinction sphere appear?"

Everyone looked at Roan in shock, but Roan just shrugged his shoulders. "Well, it is just speculation. I find it very hard to believe anyone could create such a calamitous thing like an extinction sphere. But then again, that Spaceship was capable of moving an entire universe's Chaos Source away, couldn't it?"

Back during the exploration of the Ruins of the Stars, Rean and Roan found out that the main use of the Spaceship was to take other Universe's Chaos Sources away. These Chaos Sources were then brought to other Universes that paid for it. As for the Universe that lost its Chaos Source, it would simply die over time.

Yet, Romario ended up sabotaging it, and the Ruins of the Stars had to be evacuated. From what Romario said, most of the intelligent races of the Universe were due to these races who fled from the Spaceship. Well, it also pretty much proved that Romario was indeed older than Kafan as well.

"Romario did say he wanted to prevent us from becoming slaves," Rean added. "If we can believe his words, he said that he wanted the fragments to attempt to surpass the Divinity Realm. He also mentioned that the Fragment in the Floating Islands of Time was the strongest regarding Space and Time powers, and we can confirm that as well, right, Soul Gem?"

Soul Gem obviously knew that. "Yes, that's correct. Whether it can really be used to surpass the Divinity Realm or not, I don't know, but it was definitely the strongest fragment in this regard. He came from outside the Universe, so perhaps he has some information about the breakthrough into the next realm that even senior Kafan and I don't have."

"Sigh..." kafan thought about the past. "If I knew he had so much information like this, perhaps I would have even ignored the agreement to learn everything he knows. Well, it's too late now."

Everyone went silent after that, as they couldn't think about anything else.

"Well, it seems like this is it," said Kafan. "Do you have any other questions for me?"

They already found out everything about the Organization and Kafan's role in that. In the end, its existence was extremely necessary, especially since they intended to unify the Universe. If Kafan's Universal Transition Organization didn't exist, this side of the Universe would be infested with Soul Devils, and pretty much no life would exist here today. In a certain way, his intervention led to Rean and Roan's birth and the start of the plan.

Sure, the deal Kafan has with the Vruves was still a mystery, but the twins decided to not insist on it, especially since Soul Gem seemed to know about it as well.

Rean then asked something else. "Senior Kafan, could you point out the direction to my planet? I mean, I was born there and lived as a mortal for over thirty years. I still don't know if my mother was someone from outside of the Universe or if she was just a mortal who also didn't know anything about my father."

"She might be both," Roan said. "Perhaps she was just a mortal from Earth but knew about your father's identity. After all, it shouldn't be hard for your father to prove his powers to her."

"I find it hard to be the case," Rean commented. "Otherwise, why would they stay on earth to start with?"

"That's true," Roan and the others agreed with him.

Kafan then spread his Divine Sense, and a moment later, a Death Spirit appeared on the hut's door. That Death Spirit wasn't a copy but a real one, considering it was also in a humanoid form. "Uncle, did you call me?"

It obviously noticed Rean and Roan's group, feeling surprised. "Errr... these guys are?"

Kafan just waved his hand. "They are my friends, and the stone-faced boy who seems to be more dead than us, Death Spirits, is my disciple."

Roan's mouth twitched a bit. "Fuck you!"

"Hahaha!" Kafan laughed and then looked at the other Death Spirit. "Anfrou, I need you to help them."

Anfrou was taken aback for a moment. "A disciple? You? Is the Universe going to be destroyed tomorrow?"

Kafan didn't seem to like those words. "I have countless disciples! Don't you see I instructing the Death Spirits nonstop?"

"You mean those piece of shit copies? Can you even consider such things as disciples? What a waste of time." Anfrou didn't hide his contempt for the copies at all.

Kafan then looked at Roan. "I guess now you see why the real Death Spirits almost never interact with the copies. A lot of them are idiots like this one. Anyway, even if he is like that, he is perfect to guide you around. You can teach him a lesson as well if you want."

Roan coldly smiled. "Seems fun."

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Chapter 2438: Still Waiting

Anfrou didn't understand what they were talking about. "Teach me a lesson? Who, these guys?"

Anfrou was a Death Spirit born a long time after the extinction sphere and war events, way after the Soul Devils were dealt with. Simply put, he was already born in a time of peace when there were no more cultivation energies on this side of the Universe. Because of that, he failed to notice Roan's group strength.

Kafan shrugged his shoulders. "Whether they can teach you or not is up to them. As for you, my orders are still the same. You have to bring them wherever they want to go on this side of the Universe. Just use your own Death Doors."

Anfrou narrowed his eyes but nodded in the end. Although he didn't agree with Kafan about how the Death Spirit Copies were treated, he knew Kafan was the leader of their race. He couldn't go against his words. "Fine. So, where do you guys want to go first?"

Kafan raised his hand and looked at Roan and the rest. "You go outside and wait with Anfrou. Little Pebble, you stay behind for a moment."

Everyone nodded, and they left the hut.

Inside, Soul Gem, Sister Orb, and Soul Gem remained. Kafan approached the Control Orb after that. "Let's get over with it. I'll going to channel a few of my celestial laws into your soul."

Soul Gem nodded. "Great! However, are you sure you will lose your memories of these laws and will have to comprehend them again? It might take quite a few hundred years until you recover them all."

Kafan nodded. "I told you I would compensate you for waking you up again, didn't I? Of course, if you don't want to, then you can leave and finish recovering your soul on your own."

"No, no, no!" How could Soul Gem reject that? "Please, go ahead, senior Kafan. I'll make sure to repay this debt in the future."

"I'll hold onto your words," Kafan was satisfied with that much. "Now, bring your soul out of the Contro Orb. I won't be able to do anything with just this astral projection of yours."

Immediately, the Control Orb shined as a soul began to float from inside it. As soon as it appeared outside, it began to slowly dissipate, showing that the damage was still considerable. Of course, compared to when Soul Gem attached himself to the Contro Orb, it had recovered by a lot.

Kafan then touched Soul Gem's soul and started the process.

Outside, Rean, Roan, and everyone else felt like their bodies were being pressed by a huge power. All around them, space distorted, elements moved in weird ways, and caused them to not be able to control their own cultivations as they wished. That was a feeling no one there had ever felt before.

However, at the same time, it was as if nothing was happening. Rean's group looked at the Death Spirit Copies in the distance, and they moved around as if they couldn't feel anything. "Just what is this? Feels so oppressive!"

Roan glanced at the hut and spoke. "My master is probably controlling the celestial laws; the same thing they said could harm experts at his level. Did you forget? My master said that he would use this method to help Soul Gem recover even further."

Rean nodded. "I feel so weak... Even in front of a Peak Divinity Realm expert like Jeskli or the Essence Race members, I didn't feel so powerless. I can't even control my cultivation correctly, and it is not sealed at all. It's as if my own body is afraid of doing what I want."

Anfrou wasn't feeling any better. He was at the Initial Stage of the Space-Time Realm and seemed to be suffering even more. "I hate when he does it..."

Kafan had used this method before to talk with other experts of his level on the other side of the Universe, so Anfrou knew this feeling.

Seeing Anfrou's condition, who had a higher cultivation than them, Roan understood the issue. "It's the comprehension of laws. The closer one is to the laws, the greater one suffers around this kind of power. This Anfrou here is already in the Space-Time Realm, so he has already begun to comprehend his own laws to continue his cultivation."

Roan then pointed at the Death Spirit Copies in the distance. "Yet, those guys there don't even know what we are talking about. Naturally, they can't feel this pressure."

Suddenly, the pressure disappeared, returning the ambient to its original form. The hut of the door opened right after as a floating orb came from inside. It's just that Soul Gem's projection was nowhere to be seen anymore.

'How is it, Sister Orb?' Rean asked through the connection with the Soul Gem System.

[It was okay. Kafan managed to accelerate Soul Gem's recovery by quite a large amount. You could say that the result was this good exactly because Kafan is also a type of Soul Form being. He truly knew his stuff. Soul Gem has now returned to his slumber, but it shouldn't take long for him to completely recover now.]

Rean and Roan nodded. As long as everything worked, then that's what mattered.

Their group then entered the hut once again, meeting Kafan on the other side, who was preparing more tea. Kafan looked at them and nodded. "Everything worked fine. You guys can go now. I need some time to consider a few things. Oh, right! Once you decide to return to the other side, come back to see me. I'll send you guys over. Anfrou, don't disappoint me. Be a good guide."

Kafan then used his Divine Sense to tell Anfrou about Rean's companions, so Anfrou didn't mind. "Alright, uncle." Anfrou nodded and walked out. Rean quickly followed while Roan went back to the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm with Sister Orb.

"Uncle told me about the other members of your group. Do you want to go there, or should I bring you somewhere else?" Anfrou asked Rean.

"First, let's meet the other members of our group," Rean quickly spoke. Kentucky and Essefy were still waiting for them.

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Chapter 2439: Go With The Flow

After hearing that Rean wanted to see his companions, Anfrou nodded and immediately left the hut with Rean.

Kafan looked at the hut door closing and couldn't help but sigh. 'Guess this is all I can do for the moment. Now then...' He turned his eyes in a certain direction and disappeared from the hut. A moment later, he appeared outside of the Universal Transition Organization, looking into the distance.

It was at that moment that a Spatial Gate opened, from which a few cultivators stepped out. They all were wearing the same type of robes, showing they belonged to the same power. They weren't surprised seeing Kafan there. The leader of the group was someone Rean, and Roan definitely would recognize. It was the same cultivator who fled after trying to ambush Rean's group, Grovan.

Nolui was right in the end. The Vruves did find the Pseudo-Temporal Path after he used it, knowing that they appeared in that location for a reason. The Vruves could already find the general location of such paths, and Nolui's group only made things easier. Even after losing, they didn't retreat completely and went out to look for the Path. In just a few days, they found the Pseudo-Temporal Path and immediately entered, as they had a much more important mission.

Grovan approached Kafan and quickly bowed in respect. He was one of the few beings in the Universe who knew about the experts at Kafan and Huban's level. His own Vruve Organization had someone like that, too. "Thank you for coming out to receive us, senior Kafan. My master, Lady Tuana, sent her regards."

"Hmph!" Kafan wasn't very welcome about that, though. "Is that brat still causing trouble to the other realms?"

Grovan quickly shook his head. "How could that be possible? Senior knows about the agreement between experts like you and my master. They can not intervene directly in the affairs of the three realms."

Kfan snorted. "Hehe! She can't act directly, but she can sure give orders."

Grovan just smiled and didn't answer. Obviously, Tuana had her own agenda, and used the Vruve Organization as she saw necessary.

Seeing that Grovan didn't speak, Kafan decided to put that matter aside. "Forget it. I don't like to get myself or my race involved in anything like that anyway."

"I thank you for your comprehension, senior Kafan," said Grovan. "Well then. Senior should know why we are here. Naturally, we have brought the payment as well."

Kafan nodded. "Come with me. It's not completely ready yet since we got a few visitors who disrupted the plans. By the way, weren't you supposed to protect the Pseudo-Temporal Paths that lead to this side of the Universe? Why were there some uninvited guests here?"

Grovan quickly bowed again. "Sorry, senior Kafan. It was our Vruve Organization's fault. My team underestimated the strength of the enemy, and we ended up having to flee while looking for the Pseudo-Temporal Path entrance. However, I've brought a lot more members of the Vruve Organization this time. As long as senior points out where these intruders are located, I'll make sure to get rid of them before we return to the other side."

"There is no need," Kafan obviously wouldn't let them do that. "I'll see what I will do with them. After all, they are at least a good source of information that rarely comes by."

Kafan then turned around and opened a Death Door. "Come with me. You can wait with me while I finish dealing with the rest of our business this time." Kafan entered the Death Door as he finished those words.

Grovan definitely wanted to be able to deal with Nolui and the twins' group on his own, especially after the humiliation he suffered. Unfortunately for him, now that Kafan said he was going to do it, he wouldn't challenge Kafan's decision. In the end, he sighed and entered the Death Door as well, followed by the rest of his group.

Meanwhile, Rean and Roan's group were brought to where Kentucky and Essefy were waiting. Not only were Kentucky and Essefy there, but they also found Nolui, Klimbei, and Kanglia, the Space-Time Realm experts of their group. There were also a few Elemental Space Realm members like Bacia and Culoj.

"Oh! It's Goku!" Nolui quickly came forward to greet them. "Have you also been caught?"

Rean bitterly smiled. How exactly would he explain this situation to them? But then again, he couldn't simply leave Nolui and the others behind and pretend they didn't exist. "It's more or less like that."

Rean couldn't see it, but he could feel the presence of a Divinity Realm Divine Sense. Sure enough, only a Death Spirit of this level could capture people like Nolui and Kinglei. Otherwise, those two would have

created havoc in this place already. Kanglia was also in the Space-Time Realm, but she was nowhere near as strong as those two.

Kinglei approached as well and didn't waste time with pleasantries. "What do you know? Why are you being scouted by this guy?"

Rean nodded and prepared his excuse. "I have made an agreement with these guys. So, I will have to leave for a while with my companions. If everything goes okay, we will be released in the end."

Nolui and Kinglei narrowed their eyes. "Agreement? How come we got nothing like that? Our cultivation is much higher than yours, so anything you could do, we probably could do much better. Yet, they asked us nothing and just kept us imprisoned in this place."

Surprisingly, the one to answer was Anfrou. "Hmph! And what do any of you have to do with our agreement? We asked him because he obviously can do something you can't. Now shut up and step aside. I'm taking the bird and the kid away."

Yet, Rean sent Nolui and Kinglei a Divine Sense Message. 'It's something related to Formations. As you know, I'm quite a high-level Formations Master. It's quite weird since the level of formations in this place isn't low, so I don't see why they would need my help. Nonetheless, I'm taking this chance to buy us a way out. Whether it will work, I don't know, but I'll try.'

Rean also deed. 'Of course, seniors should also keep their eyes open for any opportunity to escape. We must find a way out so that we can go back and tell everyone about what we found here.'

Kinglei and Nolui didn't know what to say. Yet, there wasn't much they could do either with their power. 'Very well, try to buy us time at least.'

Rean smiled and nodded. If they believed him or not didn't matter. What mattered was that they had to go with the flow.

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Chapter 2440: Last Chance

On their way out of the Universal Transition Organization, Kentucky couldn't help but comment. "They accepted this bullshit reason of yours? Anyone could tell that you were hiding something."

Rean shrugged his shoulders. "I made it look like I was hiding something on purpose too."

Kentucky and Essefy looked at Rean. "Why?"

"Because it would be meaningless to try to pretend otherwise," Rean answered. "There was no way I could bring you two out while meeting them at the same time. And if you are thinking I should have just brought you two out without making myself present, that would be even more suspicious. After all, everyone knows you two are part of my group. Even an idiot would be able to connect your sudden leave with me."

"So that's how it was," said Essefy. "What about when you decide to go back to the other side of the Universe? Are you planning to abandon Nolui and the others?"

"Of course not!" Rean immediately shook his head. "They are our companions, aren't they? How could I simply leave them behind to die? Don't worry, though. The Death Spirits won't do anything against them. Right, Anfrou?"

Anfrou narrowed his eyes. "Don't act as if we are some kind of friends or anything. I'm only doing all of this because Uncle Kafan ordered. I wasn't here back when the extinction sphere events happened, but I read about it. I don't trust your living races."

Kentucky and Essefy looked at Rean, confused. They didn't know anything about the past of this side, after all. Rean bitterly smiled and used his Divine Sense to explain everything that happened so far. Only then did they understand why Anfrou wasn't very happy with living beings like them. After all, the Living Beings tried to get rid of the Death Spirits in the past.

Rean then patted Anfrou's shoulder. "You say that, but aren't you treating your own race with just as much contempt? Death Spirit Copies aren't the same as real Death Spirits like you. However, they do possess a soul and mind of their own. Shouldn't you recognize their efforts that keep this side of the Universe secure?"

"Hmph!" Anfrou snorted. "Soul of their own? They are just tools we are using to keep this side of the Universe safe. They should thank us, the real Death Spirits, for them to even be alive. If not because of us, their souls would have been destroyed or turned into a Soul Devil. They better work till they disappear to pay for the magnanimity of us real Death Spirits."

"Sigh..." Rean shook his head. "To think that senior Kafan would have such a trash of a nephew like you... No wonder he said we could teach you a lesson if we wanted."

Anfrou looked at Rean and coldly smiled. "You, teach me a lesson? With this puny Peak Elemental Space Realm of yours? Do you even know the difference there is between the Space-Time Realm and the Elemental Space Realm? Just shut up and point the direction you want to go. I have all the information here with me, so I can bring you anywhere."

Rean smiled and finally asked. "Do you know a planet that goes by the name of Earth?"

Anfrou closed his eyes for a moment, seeming to be doing something with the Death Energy around him. After a few minutes, he opened his eyes again. "There is a total of 143 planets that call themselves 'Earth' in the Universal Transition Organization's database. Which one do you want?"

Rean was taken aback. But when he remembered they were talking about a whole half of a Universe, that number didn't seem that big. "Errr... just one second. I'm sure the planet had a specific number." Rean quickly asked Roan in the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm before returning his attention to Anfrou. "Oh! I got it. It's planet number VWT19832."

"That makes things a lot easier," Anfrou nodded, satisfied. In a few moments, he found that planet and where it was located. "Alright, come with me."

Right after, he opened a Death Door and entered inside. Rean, Kentucky, and Essefy followed right behind before the door closed and disappeared.

A few days' worth of time later, another Death Door appeared in midair. It opened, and sure enough, Rean's group came from inside it. Once out, they noticed a planet in the distance with a familiar blueish appearance. Rean immediately identified it as he had seen its pictures too many times. "It's Earth! To think I'm finally back!"

A few seconds later, another seven Death Doors appeared around them, from which seven other Death Spirits, this time copies, came from inside. Pretty much all of them had some weird forms, one being the famous skeleton with a black robe and a scythe often seen in Western movies and stories.

One must remember that Death Spirit Copies are influenced by the beings' thoughts of what 'death' should be. Thus, these Death Spirit Copies' appearance now that they were close to Earth.

One of the Death Spirits approached Rean's group, feeling nervous. "Who are you? How can you use the Death Door?"

Anfrou snorted before taking out an amulet from his Pocket Dimensional Realm. As soon as he did so, those Death Spirit Copies seemed to lose their power to think and stood there, doing nothing. "As if I would waste my time talking with these trashes."

Zush!

Suddenly, Roan appeared outside, looking at Anfrou with a cold expression. "Put this thing away."

Rean didn't expect Roan to appear, though. "Do you know these Death Spirits?"

Roan shook his head. "No. But they should be the Death Spirits taking care of this planet at the moment. The problem is not that. The problem is Anfrou's device. It is not just preventing these Death Spirits Copies from doing anything; it is also destroying their Death Energy. They will disappear soon if this continues."

Anfrou didn't seem to care, though. "So what? We have countless more of those from where they came from. Stop wasting my time and go do whatever you want on this planet. I'll wait here."

Roan moved forward after hearing that. "Last chance. Put this thing in your hands away."