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Chapter 901: Green Light

There was a reason why Rean took the first Soul Power humans into the sect. That's because one wouldn't understand how to use Soul Power without at least feeling it first. It's just like how Rean mentioned when he first got enough to use it. He would eventually have enough Soul Power on his own as time passed, thanks to his Light Element. But because he didn't know he had it, he might have lived his life without ever using that power.

The first humans found to have Soul Power were then brought into the Soul Hall, where they learned how to use it. Once they finished their training, they would be sent to the several countries taking form in Wringan Continent. All they needed to do was to let some Soul Power run inside those who had a score of above 20 points. Once that was done, those people would be able to feel their own Soul Power in their minds.

That being said, by the time a week had gone by, the Soul Hall's disciples were all gone from the Freedom Sect. They were all placed in cities where Rean's Healing Equipment had been on sale and are now ready to use their own Soul Power on others.

As for the reaction of the humans, they were obviously excited by the news. 99% of the humans were definitely ex-slaves under the Zafins' control. They knew about Soul Power, this foreign strength that allowed the Zafins to stay on top of the world for so long. How could they not be interested in it?

Because of that, the Freedom Healing SA business and its partners' profit suddenly skyrocketed. The number of Soul Measuring Orbs placed in various cities of the continent increased as well. Whether they were cultivators or ordinary humans, all of them wanted to awaken this amazing trait.

Rean, of course, followed all of that closely and was very happy with the result that came in the following weeks. "This is a necessary step for the human race. Or should we call ourselves Zafins as well? It will be hard to draw out the line since the main factor, Soul Power, is no longer exclusively for the Zafins."

Qia agreed with Rean, saying, "Indeed. However, our bodies still have their differences. I wonder if humans will now develop those crystal scales over their skins because of Soul Power."

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he said in response, "That I do not know. But if they do, so be it. That will be one more step into achieving coexistence between both races."

Roan was more interested in something else, though. "That's good and all. However, we have to see how the ZASFINS will react to it. Also, we don't know whether the Formation Guild will accept your offer or not. Don't forget that the Soul Rulers are still the rulers of the ZASFIN world. If they say no, the Formation Guild won't accept your offer even if they want to."

"Well, there's nothing I can do about it. Let's hope they're reasonable. After all, they won't have the communication system if they refuse it," Rean answered as if he was expecting such a question.

In any case, one thing was certain, the ZASFIN race also went into an uproar when they got the news.

"Humans with Soul Power? Bullshit!"

"Who the hell is spreading these lies?"

"I heard from a friend that lives in Freedom City that this is not a lie. He's a ZASFIN Merchant there, and he has seen a few humans with Soul Power appearing after the Freedom Sect's announcement."

"What?! That can't be! Soul Power should only be used by the ZASFIN race!"

"We need to get rid of all the humans with Soul Power straight away. We can't let that lowly race use the power of a superior race like ours!"

"And how exactly will you do that? We have an agreement with the demon beasts and humans to not touch Wringan Continent for the next thousand years! If we decide to attack, we will definitely suffer a lot more since we're at a disadvantage when it comes to combat power."

"What are the Soul Rulers doing? Are they going to let humans sully our divine power just like that?!"

Those kinds of statements were appearing all around the Zasfin continents. One must not forget that Rean also transmitted that broadcast to the Palif Empire's cities that had his antennas. Obviously, it would be impossible to cover that information with so many Zasfins listening.

In the Soul Rulers, the new Soul Rulers' Head Master, Sevinia, was currently having a headache. She had to call a meeting between the Zasfins of the Soul Rulers Organization. "I knew those twins had Soul Power. But I didn't expect that Rean's Light Element could awaken other humans' Soul Power. Things are definitely getting out of control."

However, Duran Hafel, the so-called new strongest Zasfin, didn't seem very concerned with that. "What are you afraid of? The humans only have a single continent, while our Zasfin race almost has half of the planet, just like the demon beasts. So what if they develop Soul Power? That only means we will have no need for Bloodline Soul Marks anymore. Don't forget, it was our reliance on those marks that made us look like a joke. Now that humans have Soul Power, we won't be able to use it anymore. Perhaps now the Zasfins will awaken from their dreams of superiority."

Duran wasn't the only Transition Realm Zasfin unconcerned with the situation. The other ancestors of the Soul Rulers Organization didn't seem to care that much either. "We've already drafted the new approach of our race regarding training and cultivation. Don't forget that with the humans now at Wringan Continent, we wouldn't need the Bloodline Soul Mark Formations anymore. Instead, we should focus on our forces. Humans have a very, very long path ahead to become any real threat to us," said Vance, another ancestor.

In the end, the ancestors simply didn't want to create a new problem. For them, the opening of the Bestial Sacred Land in a few weeks' time took precedence. Any possible conflict with the humans was completely out of the question until then, and it would still be uncertain if the demon beasts really succeeded in opening the path to the Realm of Gods.

Sevinia felt her headache growing as she thought, 'It's easy for you to say that when all of you are leaving. You know what? Fuck it all! I'm already busy enough trying to put the Zasfins back on track after losing the war. I won't care about the humans anymore.'

Sevinia then looked at one of the Soul Rulers' elders, a man who was also a member of the Formation Guild. "You guys do whatever you want. Just make sure it won't bring any harm to our Zasfin race. If what you said about this new communication system is really true, then I won't intervene."

Sure enough, she also received the report of the Formation Guild. Since she already decided to not care anymore, she simply left that task for them to resolve.

Naturally, the Formation Master was delighted to hear that. "Thank you, Headmaster."

And just like that, Rean's offer got the green light of the Soul Rulers and the Formation Master Guild.

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Chapter 902: Freedom City's Branch

There was a reason for the Formation Guild to accept Rean's offer. Naturally, it was Rean's introduction to the Circuitry Formations. In there, he had explained very simple runes that blew the Zasfin Formation Masters' minds. Of course, they immediately tried to add his ideas into their formations, and it really worked!

Because of that, the Formation Masters of the Zasfin territories didn't care about the integration plan anymore. They had to acquire more information about Rean's Circuitry Formations. The new methodology was simply world-changing for them. Whether they liked humans or not didn't matter anymore.

It was then that Rean received another visit from the Formations= Master Guild. This time, however, it wasn't just a representative. It was a member of the Soul Rulers Organization and someone Rean knew way too well!

"Oh! Long time no see, Senior Palaris." For those that had already forgotten what had happened in the past, Palaris was the Zasfin that asked Sevinia to allow Rean to work on formations back in the Soul Rulers headquarters. In a certain way, he was the one who helped Rean reach the Heaven-level as a Formation Master.

Palaris didn't look very happy to see Rean again, though. "Hmph! I'm only here because the Formation Masters of the organization insisted on having me come. If I could, I would never see your face again. Do you know how bad the backlash that Ophele and I received because of what you did?"

Rean scratched the back of his head, saying in response, "Well, I had no choice. I was trying to save the humans locked down there, and I did. If it were you, would you simply let your race become Soul Stones in the end?"

Palaris narrowed his eyes, telling Rean in response, "At least there wasn't any punishment, and that was because of our clan's help."

"And now one of your clan members has become the Head of the Soul Rulers Organization," Rean added. "I think I paid off what I did quite well."

Palaris was taken aback after hearing that. "What are you talking about?"

Rean was even more surprised to hear that, asking, "Wait! Didn't your clan tell you about what happened?"

Palaris immediately shook his head as he responded, "I know nothing. As far as I'm concerned, it was Senior Duran's efforts that put Sevinia there."

Rean laughed out loud in response, finally understanding what was happening. "Hahaha! Well, I guess it makes sense that they haven't told you. This secret would probably ruin their clan, after all." Rean then nodded. "Alright, it was thanks to Senior Duran's efforts that Sevinia became the Soul Rulers Organization's headmaster. I had nothing to do with it. Let's keep it at that."

Of course, Palaris wasn't an idiot. He understood that the twins definitely had something to do with the election of the new Soul Rulers' headmaster. However, he also understood that it wasn't something Rean could talk about. Thus, he made a mental note to ask Sevinia directly once he was back. "Anyways, I'm here because of the communication system. Our Formation Master Guild accepts your idea. There's an airship waiting outside Freedom City with quite a few Formation Masters in waiting. We can establish a Formation Master Guild branch in the city at any time."

Rean was delighted to hear that. "Great! And what about the Zasfins that will be sent to live in the human cities? Have you figured those out already? I've already selected the humans who will enter the Formation Master Guild branches in Palif Empire."

Palaris nodded, saying in response, "Yes, they should be heading to the cities mentioned in the agreement at this very moment. We will also build small Formation Guild branches in there so that they can accept humans and pass the formations to them. Of course, only a scant few have cultivation or side occupations. The majority are ordinary Zasfins. In total, we should have around a million and a half Zasfins being sent to your Wringan Continent's Fausec Country."

Rean didn't mind. "That's perfect. Zasfins are a lot more prideful when it comes to their cultivation. Ordinary Zasfins are easier to deal with and more open to new ideas. As I mentioned before, I will guarantee their safety AS LONG as they don't try to act high and mighty within our territories. Those who still think that we should be slaves will definitely have a hard time, though."

Palaris nodded, already expecting as much. "Now then, the reason they sent me here is that they believe I can get more from you than any other Formation Master. They think that we still have a relationship of some sort. I don't think it's possible, but I will ask anyway. Would you give me the rest of the methodology of the Circuitry Formations for what I taught you in the past?"

Rean smiled in response, saying, "To be honest, I would wait at least a few years before doing anything extra. However, since it's Senior Palaris, someone who helped me reach the Heaven-level, I will make an exception." Rean then took out a jade slip from the Dimensional Realm and threw it at Palaris, telling him, "Inside, there contains a few extra steps regarding the Circuitry Formations. I'm sure the Zasfins will take a long time working on them and finding their uses."

Palaris was taken aback from hearing that. "Is that true?"

Rean nodded, responding, "Yes. If your Formation Masters have a very open mind, they should be able to figure out a thing or two about the communication system. It will be impossible for them to build a communication system of their own with just that, but this is already a start. You can consider it as a token of faith that I will keep my promise in the years to come."

Palaris was more than satisfied with that. "That's good enough. The Formation Master Guild thought they would need to wait at least ten years before you gave them any extra information regarding the Circuitry Formations. With this, I can at least guarantee you that the Zasfins will keep working on your integration plan."

Rean was happy to hear that. "That's fine, then."

Palaris and Rean then talked for a while longer before Palaris decided to leave. However, just before he did that, he left a few words behind. "By the way, Ophele is one of the Formation Masters who will be teaching in the Freedom City's branch." Rean didn't even have time to say anything before Palaris disappeared from the room.

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Chapter 903: Why Did You Come Here?

Ophele was Palaris's granddaughter and also Sevinia's daughter. At the moment, she was the daughter of the Soul Rulers Organization's headmaster. That obviously surprised Rean. After all, would such an important person really come to become a teacher in the Formation Guild of Freedom City's branch?

However, Rean understood why the girl came here. Back then, he had noticed the girl's feelings for him. It's just that she had never admitted it out in the open. Well, Rean didn't have any interest in her since he already had Qia. Still, that should have been the only reason for Ophele to come here now. Otherwise, Palaris wouldn't have mentioned it either. 'Hmm...what should I do? Should I just ignore her?'

After pondering a bit, Rean decided to ask Qia's opinion, to which the latter exclaimed, "What?! There was actually such a thing? Wait! Why are you even asking for my opinion? You're not thinking about betraying me or asking me for my permission to take her, right? I'll kill you if you do!"

Rean found Qia's reaction ridiculous. "Where the hell did you get those ideas? Both Sunkan Planet and the planet I reincarnated from are worlds where it is mostly considered wrong to have more than one partner. Even if you told me that I could have more than one woman, I wouldn't do that. The reason I'm asking you is that you're a woman. Or do you think I should ask Roan instead regarding this?"

Qia had to admit he was right. "Hmph! It better be like that." She then pondered a bit before saying, "To be honest, I would prefer you to simply ignore her existence. However, if I was in her place, I would definitely want some kind of closure. She's the daughter of the Soul Rulers Organization's headmaster, but she still came all the way here to take such a lowly position. As a woman, I simply can't ignore her resolve either."

Rean scratched the back of his head in response. "It seems annoying..." Eventually, he decided. "Alright, I'll select the first option. Let's pretend I don't know anything and ignore her."

Pah!

Ouch!

Rean immediately looked at Qia. "Why did you hit me?"

"Did you hear what I said at all?!" Qia asked in response with a dark expression. "Head there and end this connection properly! She deserves that much, even if she's a Zasfin. No, you know what? I'll head there with you to show that you already have an owner. That's the fastest way."

Rean sighed after hearing that. "Well, if you say so, then so be it."

The couple didn't leave the sect straight away, though. The Freedom City's Formation Guild branch was still under construction, so all the Zasfins who came to build it were quite busy. Instead, they left the sect a few days later when the building was finally done.

Surprisingly, the attendants behind the counters inside the Formation Guild branches weren't only Zasfins. There were a few humans as well. "That's unexpected. I thought the Zasfins would keep every single position."

Qia nodded, saying, "Well, I guess this is what your integration plan is about, right? The Formation Guild might be trying to set an example to gain your trust."

Rean didn't mind that. "In any case, this is a good start. Let me ask the guy in that counter over there."

Rean then approached the attendant, asking, "Hi, are you working here?"

The man nodded in response. He didn't recognize Rean, so he simply thought this was just a curious fellow human. With that, he replied, "Hello. Yes, I am. Could it be that you wish to join the Formation Guild? I'm sorry, but the recruitment period only starts next week. The Zasfin Formations Masters are still busy preparing the building inside for the classes."

Rean shook his head, saying, "Oh, that's not it. This is a Formation Guild branch created by the Zasfins. Are you not against the idea of working here? Also, do you get any payment at all? Or are they forcing you to take this job?"

The man was a little surprised by those questions. However, he had to admit Rean's doubts made sense. Since the branch hadn't started to operate yet, he didn't have much to do, so he decided to answer. "Well, I'll admit I was a little concerned at first. However, I didn't have much choice since I needed to feed my family. I was one of the ex-slaves who didn't have anything when I arrived here, after all. However, it turns out that the payment is quite good, and I'm not really being forced to do anything."

The man then looked around before whispering in Rean's ear, telling him, "It's just that the Zasfin Formations Masters look at us humans with some contempt. I guess that's the only part that bothers me. Fortunately, as long as we do our job, they don't do anything against the other humans or me."

Rean and Qia didn't look too surprised at all. Those were Zasfins Formation Masters from the Formations Guild. It was obvious that they would feel like that about humans. The process of integration between humans and Zasfins needed a tremendously long amount of time. The fact that the humans weren't being mistreated here was already a huge win as far as Rean was concerned. "I see...well, as long as the job is good, I think you should keep working."

Qia then went to the main topic. "By the way, we came here to meet a friend of ours. Could you call Formation Master Ophele? Tell her that Qia and Rean came here to talk. She should know who we are."

The man was surprised to hear that. Nevertheless, he didn't ask anything and simply passed the message ahead. Rean and Qia then waited a few minutes before the man received an answer. "She will receive you, but she's busy right now. Can you wait?"

Rean and Qia looked at each other for a moment and then nodded. "Sure. Let us know when she's ready."

Rean and Qia... had to wait for three hours before they were finally called in. Rean, of course, immediately recognized Ophele when he saw her. "You sure took your time to receive us. It seems like this guild branch is keeping you very busy."

Ophele shook her head as she replied, "Not really. I just made you wait because I wanted to. Now then, why did you come here?"

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Chapter 904: Awkward

Rean shrugged his shoulders. He didn't really mind the fact that Ophele made him wait. "That's my question, isn't it? You're the daughter of the Soul Rulers Organization's headmaster. Why would you come to this human continent to be a teacher for the human cultivators?"

"That's none of your business. If that's all you have to ask, you can leave now." Ophele didn't make it any easy for Rean either.

Rean scratched the back of his head and simply nodded. If her arrival had nothing to do with him, then so be it. However, just as Rean was about to turn around to leave, Qia held his arm, shouting, "You aren't going anywhere." Right after, she looked at Ophele and said, "And you too! What bullshit is that? You can fool this idiot here since he isn't very good at these matters. Unfortunately for you, it's all too clear in my eyes. Don't you think I can't see the change in your eyes when you saw Rean entering the room? Even if the reason you came here isn't related to Rean, you definitely have something for him."

"And...who are you?" Ophele asked in response as she narrowed her eyes. She wasn't used to having humans talking back at her, so this was a first.

"I'm Rean's wife!" Qia said those words loud and clear.

Naturally, that also had an effect on Ophele. However, she quickly got ahold of her emotions before saying, "Is that so? Well, good for you, girl. Now, leave this place."

Pah!

Suddenly, the sound of a slap echoed in the room. Qia couldn't hold herself back and hit Ophele straight away.

Ophele, naturally, wouldn't take that down and tried to get back at Qia. Unfortunately, Qia's cultivation was higher even though they had similar ages. In the end, one couldn't underestimate Roan's training schedule and Sunkan's better cultivation techniques.

Bam, bam, bam!

In just a few exchanges, Ophele was pressed into a corner. As for Rean, he noticed a death glare coming from Qia, obviously telling him that he should not intervene.

The sounds of battle quickly caught the Zasfins' attention, and they headed straight into Ophele's room just to see Qia holding the girl against her will. "What are you doing?! Release Lady Ophele right now!" They knew very well who Ophele was, so they couldn't let anything happen to her.

Unfortunately for them, they were in the Freedom Sect's territory. The moment they tried to release their cultivations, they felt a Spiritual Energy pressure coming from somewhere. The Spiritual Pressure immediately pressed them against the ground, making it impossible for them to move. Obviously, the demon beasts were stationed there to make sure the agreement would still be in effect.

Well, Qia ignored all of that. Instead, she looked with an angry expression at Ophele, asking her, "How long are you going to pretend that there's nothing? Is that how a high and mighty Zasfin should act? The reaction you showed when I told you who I was proved everything. In the end, you're just a little girl who can't even muster the will to fight for what you want. Perhaps calling you a kid would be a lot more fitting."

Ophele looked away, trying to avoid Qia's gaze while she heard those words, stammering as she replied, "I don't know what you're talking about."

"You don't?" Qia found it even more irritating. "Alright then, how about I take your clothes off?"

Rean was taken aback. 'Why would she come up with such an idea out of nowhere?' Naturally, she asked for Qia's opinion. "Ahem... you have quite the weird taste, my wife. Should I take my leave first?"

"Who the hell has a weird taste?! Shut up and stay right there!" Qia exclaimed before she turned back to Ophele. "From what I know, Zasfins consider humans to be the same as other common animals. Even if

they get naked in front of a human, they won't feel anything. For them, it's just like taking their clothes off in front of a cat or dog, nothing to be bothered about. Now then, I wonder if you think the same thing about Rean over there."

Ophele's expression was already ugly. But when she heard about letting Rean see her naked as well, she finally couldn't hold back anymore. "Stop! Don't do that!"

Qia playfully smiled in response. "Why? The Formation Masters who came into the room are being held down by the demon beasts. Even if they wanted to, they wouldn't be able to see anything. The only ones who can see you are just two animals, two humans. A high and mighty Zasfin shouldn't care about that at all."

"Alright! Alright! I admit! I had some feelings for him before! Is that what you wanted to hear?! There you go, then! Now, let me g-" Before Ophele could even finish her words, Qia loosened her grip as Ophele was finally free once again. When Ophele looked at Qia, the girl was already heading back to Rean's side.

Ophele didn't know what to say anymore. She admitted the only thing she didn't want to. That was true. She came to Freedom City because she hoped to see Rean again. She kept telling herself that all she wanted was to take revenge for what Rean did to her clan and the Soul Rulers Organization. Unfortunately, that was nothing but an illusion she created herself. Her feelings back then were already obvious, and she knew it. Even after what happened in the organization, she simply couldn't forget the white-haired boy who far surpassed her performance in both cultivation and formations.

Qia, on the other hand, had a lot to say. "Although I said all of that, I have no intention whatsoever to give my husband to anyone else. Of course, you're welcome to try. I just know I won't lose anyway. Still, if you don't want to create a demon in your heart, something that would hinder your cultivation for life, you better clear up your own feelings. I just helped you take the first step. By the way, I wouldn't take your clothes off even if you denied everything. Hahaha!"

Ophele felt like dying already. She simply couldn't look into Rean's eyes at the moment. Well, Rean felt quite awkward with how the situation turned out as well.

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Chapter 905: Teach You a Secret

Seeing that the fight was over, Rean then used his Spiritual Sense to tell the demon beasts to release the Zafins on the ground. The Zafins didn't dare to make another move again and waited to see what Ophele had to say.

Ophele then took a deep breath before telling her, "All of you can leave. I want to talk with these two here."

"But Miss Ophele-"

"This is an order! Do you want me to tell mom about your insubordination?" Ophele didn't give them a chance at all.

As soon as they heard Ophele's words, the Zafins immediately stepped outside the room, leaving Rean, Qia, and Ophele inside. Only then did Ophele talk. "Yes, I do like him. I wanted to hate him for what he made my clan pass through, especially after we helped him so much. But in the end, I couldn't. Deep inside, I still had some hope when I came to Freedom City."

Rean sighed in response, telling her, "I knew about it, but I couldn't answer your feelings. That's why I kept pretending I didn't know anything. You were also afraid of what the Zafins would think if you came out clear, so we maintained that status quo. As you can see, I already have a wife, and she's someone I met way before I met you. Once again, I can't answer your feelings since I don't feel the same way towards you."

Ophele nodded, feeling quite sad. "It's fine. I guess it was all an illusion anyway. I don't regret having you as my first love, though. Other than the fact that you were a human, you were basically everything a formations maniac like me would want. I sure hope I can find someone like that again in the future." She finally got to say the things she had bottled inside for so long.

Qia nodded, satisfied with the outcome. "It's fine. He isn't the only Formation Master in existence, after all. You will find someone. After all, you never had a chance with him in the first place."

Ophele didn't quite like Qia, prompting her to say, "Hmph! You were just lucky to find him first. Don't act as if you're the superior choice here."

Soon after, Ophele remembered something. "Right! You still owe me for what you did to our Hafel Clan. If it wasn't for the fact we outperformed during the war and our ancestor revealed his existence, our Hafel Clan would be in a very bad position. How do you intend to apologize to me?"

Rean and Qia couldn't help but laugh out loud after that, with Rean saying, "Hahaha! Ignorance is bliss, or so they say."

"What do you mean by that?" Ophele asked as she narrowed her eyes.

Rean then shook his head in response, telling her, "It's nothing. If your mother feels like it, she can tell you in the future. So, how do you want me to apologize?"

Ophele felt like giving those two a beating. It was obvious that they were hiding something from her. "You're despicable." However, she had a very good idea right after, suggesting, "Oh, I know how you can apologize. How about you two teach me about those Circuitry Formations of yours?"

Rean pondered over it for a bit before agreeing. "Sure. However, I won't reveal anything further than what your grandfather got his hands on. The only advantage is that you will learn much faster those initial methodologies since it's me who's explaining them."

Qia couldn't help but ask Rean, "Isn't the Bestial Sacred Ground opening soon? Do you really have time to do that?"

Rean nodded, telling Qia, "It's fine. It shouldn't open for a few weeks more. Although the area should have stabilized, it's good to give it some extra time to prevent being caught off guard by some sudden changes. I already got someone to tell Phex's group about it as well."

"Is that so?" Qia had to admit it made sense. "In that case, I'll stay here and help you as well."

Ophele didn't like the idea, though. "I don't need you. Rean is enough."

Obviously, Qia wouldn't let that happen. "In your dreams. I wouldn't leave my husband alone with you. Besides, I'm very good at Circuitry Formations, so you have nothing to worry about while learning. Or could it be that you still haven't given up? If that's the case, this is one more reason for me to stay."

Ophele gritted her teeth but couldn't come up with a good excuse to get rid of the other girl. "Fine! But you two better teach me well the things you are allowed to. I want to become one of the head experts in Circuitry Formations when we receive the rest of the methodologies."

And just like that, the issue with Ophele had come to an end.

Back at Freedom Sect, Roan was still helping Zuo with his cultivation. One year had gone by, and nine months had passed since he took Zuo as his disciple.

*Clang, clang, clang, clang..."

The sound of metals hitting each other echoed in the arena as Roan fought his disciple head-on. At the moment, Roan held a common sword while Zuo did the same. However, those two weapons weren't the only ones in that battle. Five blades kept floating around, attacking Roan from all sides nonstop. Suddenly...

Bang!

Roan's leg hit Zuo's belly, sending him flying against the arena's wall. He had used an opening in Zuo's attack pattern, not giving him a chance to recall his floating blades. "Not bad. It has been just a few months since you started using your magnetism element to fight. Right now, you can control five blades at once even though you're still in the Energy Gathering Realm. I could also feel the pull of your magnetic field, trying to take my sword away every time we clashed. In a certain way, I don't think many disciples in the sect can fight you at the same level of cultivation. Your greatest rivals would probably be those who don't rely on weapons to start with, like Calina. She's a skill-type cultivator, after all."

Zuo got up from the ground as his body ached all over. However, he still felt excited from Roan's praise. "Thank you, master." Nevertheless, he wasn't satisfied. "Is there a way I can become stronger than skill-type cultivators?"

Roan nodded, telling him, "Yes. I guess it should be about time to teach you a secret before I leave for the Bestial Sacred Grounds."

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Chapter 906: I Won't Tell Anyone

Calina, who was also there, didn't know what Roan was talking about. "Secret? How come you didn't tell me anything about that?"

Roan snorted in response. "Hmph! Since when do you have magnetism as an element? Roan then pointed at Zuo, telling her, "Other than this kid, I don't think there's someone else who can pull this off, me included."

Those words only made Calina and Zuo even more curious. "What is it? What is it?!"

Roan shook his head before saying, "Before that, I want you to promise me one thing, Zuo." Roan had a very serious expression as he said that.

After he spent the last nine months with Roan, Zuo knew when his master was being more serious than usual by now. "Yes, Master! As long as it's something I can accomplish!"

Roan nodded, satisfied. "I want you to keep what I'm going to teach you right now a secret. I'm not sure if you will be able to pull it off, but in case you do, you should only use it in death and life situations. If not, you should keep this ability of yours hidden."

Zuo immediately nodded, saying in response, "I'll do as Master says."

"Very good. Now, sit down." Roan then looked at Calina, telling her, "You can listen as well. Just make sure you don't open your lips regarding this."

Calina felt offended after hearing that. "After so long, do you really think I would ever do such a thing? How many things do I know about you that I've never let escape outside?"

Roan nodded before turning his attention back to Zuo. "Your Elemental Affinity power is magnetism, and you can control any type of metal that reacts to it. That being said, what do you think is the most fearsome magnetic existence for you to control?"

Zuo was still a kid, so he immediately answered the first thing that came into his mind. "Weapons!"

Pah!

Ouch!

Zuo rubbed the back of his head after Roan slapped him. "Why did you hit me?"

"Because you didn't even try to think about it. You should have at least considered that the most obvious answer in your head had some issue after my question." Roan then looked at Calina. "What about you?"

Calina was taken aback. "Eh?! Me?!" To be honest, the first thing that popped up in Calina's head were weapons as well. However, she obviously knew that wasn't the case anymore. "Errr...the environment? Are you perhaps saying that we can find trace amounts of magnetic properties on everything?"

Roan nodded and then shook his head right after. "Your idea is good, but the answer is wrong. Not all things are magnetic. The correct answer is...blood!"

"Blood?!" Calina and Zuo were shocked to hear that. "Do you mean blood is made out of metal?"

"Not exactly." Roan shook his head as he explained, "To be honest, an adult man has around 4 grams of iron distributed all throughout their blood. From the point of view of magnetism, this is an incredibly small amount that can hardly be affected by common magnetism."

Roan then looked at Zuo before continuing, "However, your control over magnetism keeps increasing as your cultivation grows. At the moment, your power is far from enough to affect so little iron in the humans or any other race's blood. But the way it's going, I believe you will start to feel the magnetic

field in a human's body when you arrive at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm. At most, it should be possible for you to feel it in the Core Formation Realm."

Zuo was surprised to hear that. "Does that mean I can control my opponents like dolls?"

Roan shook his head. "That is way too little. Depending on the difference in cultivation, you can straight up kill someone."

Calina found it weird, though. "Wait! Would he be able to do so much with this little bit of iron?"

Roan understood that the concept of magnetism was still too foreign to Calina and Zuo. They were underestimating Zuo's Elemental Affinity way too much. "You don't get it. Magnetism isn't a kind of power that can be easily blocked. Spiritual Energy barrier? Useless! Magnetism is a different type of energy. It can pass through Spiritual Energy barriers as if they weren't even there."

Roan continued, "The only way I see to defend oneself against your Magnetism Elemental Affinity is to force the body's functions to continue working under the pressure of the magnetic field. That, of course, is easier said than done since no one knows that Zuo can reach this level."

Calina finally understood why Roan said to keep this special ability a secret at all costs. Soon after, she patted Zuo on the shoulder before saying, "Zuo, you absolutely can't let anyone know about this secret. This power of yours is just too dangerous. The ability to kill someone instantly by controlling the iron in their body is too terrifying. If others find out about it, you would definitely become a target to be killed as fast as possible by the whole world."

Roan nodded. "Even if someone knows they can force their bodies' blood to work normally by pushing them against the magnetic power, it would still be a huge burden to the other part. You can also use it as a surprise attack. The moment you and your opponent are about to clash, you could use your magnetism to stop his body for a moment. That would be enough for a fatal attack. All in all, this is a very dangerous power."

Roan then warned Zuo once more. "Zuo, I don't want you to rely on this power. The effect becomes more limited the higher the cultivation difference between you and your opponent. Don't let others find about it while you are still weak. There will be no lack of high-level cultivators trying to aim for your life before you grow."

Zuo couldn't help but feel scared after that. Telling a kid he could become everyone's enemy and die in the process was a very efficient method to stop their wild thoughts. "A-Alright, Ma-Master. I won't tell anyone."

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Chapter 907: Bestial Sacred Ground

Roan then worked out with Zuo to see if he was already able to feel the magnetic field of a human body and the iron contained in one's blood. Unfortunately, it was still too small. Zuo's perception of magnetic fields and his control over them wasn't even strong enough to do so. "Let's end it here. I devised your cultivation technique with the increase of your Elemental Affinity power as the base. Sooner or later, your perception and power will be sufficient enough to reach that point."

"Yes, Master!" Zuo answered with a tired expression. He was already used to having Roan work him to his bones, though.

"Alright, the Demon Beast Forest on the west side of Freedom Sect has been combed out to keep only Stage One and Two Demon Beasts. Your objective for the next few weeks is to survive there on your own. You can only return to the sect when you need to get food, but that's all."

This kind of training wasn't anything rare within the sect. Roan, Fizer, and Julia made sure that the sect's disciples would get plenty of battle experience. The only exceptions were the cultivators who were already above the Core and Soul Fusion Realm. In their cases, the demon beast regions around the sect weren't much of a challenge anymore. Instead, they got missions from the Mission Hall to head to more difficult places within the Wringan Mainland.

Well, that was another good thing about the communication system. Any mission request to the Freedom Sect arrived straight away before being listed on its boards. The only problem was that the sect had received more missions than it could possibly take care of. For that reason, the missions were combed out, with the majority being sent back after being rejected.

Well, it was not like lower-level disciples couldn't take missions in the mainland, of course. It's just that the sect put a minimum cultivation requirement to protect its disciples. One was only allowed to leave Freedom Island to take missions if one was at least in the Foundation Establishment Realm. Also, those below ten years old could only leave if they were part of a group with at least one member being above that age.

The few weeks that Rean talked about passed in a flash, and eventually, the time to enter the Bestial Sacred Ground had arrived. Phex had kept a close eye on it all this time, checking if it really stabilized or not. Fortunately, he hadn't seen any changes during that time. Only with that in mind did Phex finally send the message out to the demon beasts and Zasfins.

Duran, Phex, Vance, Pankun, Suria, Kumo, Darian, Gulan, Kentucky, Frin, Xaon, Celis, Red, Linton, etc...if it was a Stage Nine Demon Beast, a Transition Realm Zasfin, or a Divine Demon Beast, one could definitely find them in front of the Bestial Sacred Ground. All of them had something to do with the opening of the Bestial Sacred Ground's portal to the Realm of Gods.

Red looked at the entrance and couldn't help but remember the time he was inside, muttering, "This place was where everything started."

Well, there were two guys who didn't have much to do with it but were there as well, which were Rean and Roan. Roan was there to help Rean if necessary, and Rean was there because of his knowledge about formations from Sunkan Planet, which Phex's group knew to be much better than the formations of this world.

"You can't say this place is where everything started." Rean pointed out. "After all, you don't have memories from before you arrived there, right? Your start was definitely somewhere else. Perhaps it was even in the Realm of Gods itself."

Red shook his head, though. "That I do not know. I hope I can find the answer when we get in there."

Hearing that, Roan could not help but add, "We'll be relying on you when we get there since you're the only one who knows the place other than Phex's group."

Kentucky couldn't help but ask, "Can't we simply stay close to Phex's group? They will definitely try to protect us while we're there, won't they?"

Rean nodded, saying in response, "They probably will since it's also advantageous for them. The Zasfins are probably the only ones who want us to be dead. However, we never know what might happen. If it comes to a point where we need to flee, it's better to have Red on our side."

"Oh! So that's the plan." Kentucky liked the idea very much.

Celis was there as well. "This is definitely risky. However, I would prefer to have all the monster-level guys disappear off into the Realm of Gods. Otherwise, we will always be in a certain amount of danger if someone like Duran tries to kill us. We need to help them go away."

One might think that the Freedom Sect lost its source of Spiritual Energy absorption with Celis's presence. However, Celis's saplings could also do the job, just to a smaller extent. He also left his roots behind so that he wouldn't need to spread them again once he went back. That was an advantage that demon plants had.

Another thing was that Celis wasn't in his World Swallowing Cedar form. Instead, he was surprisingly in the shape of a treant. It still wasn't a fully-fledged man, though. He was still much bigger than Rean and Roan. Nevertheless, he could change his shape to adapt to the situation.

Roan, of course, agreed with Celis. That's why he wasn't against the plan to help open the portal for everyone. Besides, they might be able to use it in the future. "Celis is right. Also, don't forget we have a mission to complete."

-Side Quest: The World Beast Formation-

-Objective: Fully activate the World Beast Formation.-

That's right! They still had the Soul Gem System's mission to conclude. Celis, as someone directly connected to Kentucky, knew about it as well. "We will find out whether the World Beast Formation has anything to do with the Realm of Gods or not. In any case, we better take care of it."

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Chapter 908: First Time

Once everyone was ready, Phex's group finally decided to enter the Bestial Sacred Ground. "Alright, everyone. The time has finally come. Let's enter the cave." As mentioned in the past, it looked like a cave, except for the huge power preventing them from entering before. That power was still there, but it was a lot weaker now to the point that even people like Rean and Roan could enter.

Phex's group, of course, kept Rean's team close to them, enveloping them with a Spiritual Energy barrier just in case the Zasfins thought of attacking them. However, Duran's group seemed pretty unconcerned about Rean and Roan's presence. Even Celis, the World Swallowing Cedar, didn't deserve their attention at the moment. There were only two things they cared about. One, of course, was the portal to the Realm of Gods. The second thing was the danger related to this expedition. After all, there was still a risk that the demon beasts had prepared a trap for them in advance.

Nevertheless, the group made their way down the cave, passing through a few layers of protection. Those layers of protection were then deactivated by the Divine Demon Beasts using their blood in exchange. Sure enough, without the Divine Demon Beasts' approval, no one could enter this place.

At first, Phex's group didn't notice anything different. The passages they used were still the ones they knew. However, when it was time for them to open the last barrier that hindered them from entering the Bestial Sacred Ground, their expressions changed. "This..."

Duran immediately asked, maintaining vigilance, "What is it? Aren't you going to open the barrier?"

Phex glanced at Duran and shook his head, telling him, "That's not it. It's just that this place is different from what we remembered the last time we came here." Phex then pointed at the barrier, continuing, "Can you see the red light coming from behind? It wasn't there before. Something definitely happened to the Sacred Ground."

Vance, one of the Zasfin Ancestors, shrugged his shoulders as he said in response, "That's to be expected, right? We know that the Bestial Sacred Ground changed. We just don't know how it was affected. Open it already, and let's check what the change is."

Phex nodded after hearing that. "Alright. Everyone, be on your guard."

Soon after, Phex dropped some of his blood on a rock in front of the barrier protecting the entrance. The same type of rocks could be found on the other layers of protection, so everyone was used to seeing it absorbing the Divine Demon Beasts' Blood.

Sure enough, the same thing happened as Phex's blood was absorbed by the rock. However, that was it. "Uh? Why didn't it open?"

Phex looked at Darian, Frin, and Xaon, but they also shook their heads, with one of them telling him, "We don't know. Just try again."

Phex poured a little bit more blood, but not even a slight change appeared in the end. "What's happening here?"

It was obvious to everyone else that something had gone wrong. "Wasn't it like that before?"

Phex nodded, explaining to them, "Exactly. The last time we visited the Bestial Sacred Ground, the last barrier opened as soon as I dropped a bit of my blood over it. However, that isn't the case anymore."

Kumo couldn't help but ask with a dark expression, "You aren't trying to fool us here, right? If this is really a trap, don't expect us to go down without a fight."

Darian snorted in response, replying in a cold tone, "Hmph! As if we're afraid of your group." Still, he shook his head right after. "The problem is, this was not something we prepared. I also don't know why it isn't opening."

It was then that Sister Orb's voice echoed in Rean and Roan's minds, telling the two of them, [There is nothing wrong with the barrier. I can't analyze it due to its level. However, I can at least tell that it's working properly. If I'm not wrong, Phex's blood is simply not enough anymore to satisfy the requirements to open it.]

Rean and Roan then had the same idea. 'It's because we now have the right amount of Divine Demon Beasts present.'

Rean nodded at Roan, who then spoke to the group, telling the others, "I think the problem is with the number of Divine Demon Beasts we have. We conjectured that the Bestial Sacred Ground activated because of them, so it might require more than just Phex's blood."

Frin pondered over Roan's words for a bit and had to admit Roan's words made sense. "It's worth a shot. Alright, let's see what happens." Frin then made a cut on his arm before dropping a little of his blood on the rock. Obviously, it was absorbed as well.

As soon as that happened, the barrier blocking the entrance had gone under a slight change. It looked like it had lost some of its power. "It seems like Roan was right. The rest of you, drop some blood in as well."

Kentucky, Gulan, Xaon, Darian, Red, Celis, all of them, dropped some of their blood on the rock. Well, in Celis's case, it was more like sap than blood, but the rock accepted it nevertheless. The barrier got weaker with each drop of Divine Demon Blood that it received.

Bzzzzzz!

Shatter!

As if a glass window broke apart, the last barrier before the Bestial Sacred Ground had finally disappeared.

This time, however, Phex's group had become dumbfounded by the scene in front of them. In fact, Red felt the same way, muttering in wonder, "What is this place?"

"Huh?!" Naturally, those words attracted everyone's attention. "What do you mean?"

Phex then pointed at the land ahead of them. Everything inside was covered in red light. Although they were underground, the place looked more like they were on the surface. There was a sky, albeit crimson. Even the mountains, forests, rivers, everything was glowing with red light. "This isn't the Bestial Sacred Ground! The Bestial Sacred Ground was supposed to be a huge cave with the Bestial Blood Pond in its center. Behind it should be the old portal to the Realm of Gods. Of course, it hasn't worked for a very long time."

Darian agreed with Phex, continuing where he left off, "No world has existed before inside the Bestial Sacred Ground. At the very least, we didn't know there was one. We simply don't know where all of this area came from."

Rean then looked at Red, who nodded his head at him, telling him, "They're telling the truth. The Bestial Sacred Ground I remember was also the Blood Pond and the old thing they called the portal just behind. This isn't the place I visited before."

Pin!

[Energy from the higher realms has been detected.]

[The World Beast Formation Quest now enters its final stage.]

Rean and Roan were taken aback. That wasn't Sister Orb's voice, but the Soul Gem System itself.

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Chapter 909: What is this place?

Rean and Roan wanted to ask Sister Orb what was happening. However, before they could say anything, a huge wave of energy assaulted the group of demon beasts, humans, and Zafins. It was so powerful that even the Transition Realm Zafins and Stage Nine Demon Beasts couldn't fight against it.

Rean and Roan immediately braced themselves, preparing to fight against it with all their might. However, it was then that Sister Orb's voice echoed in their minds, telling them, [Don't resist. This is Higher Realm Energy, which no one in this place can fight against. The more you struggle, the worse it'll become. Just relax and wait and see what it's trying to do.]

Rean and Roan then used their Spiritual Senses to tell Red, Kentucky, and Phex the same thing, which made them stop struggling straight away. The other experts noticed that Rean's group wasn't doing anything and wasn't being affected. Thanks to that, they understood that there was no point in fighting against it. The energy then entered their bodies as well before they began to get lifted up in the air.

Vup, vup, vup, vup...

One after another, everyone began to disappear. Rean and Roan could immediately tell what was happening, instantly thinking, 'Spatial powers. All of them are being teleported away.'

Roan then looked at Celis, Red, and Kentucky before using his Spiritual Sense to talk, saying, 'Let's try to send them into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.'

Rean narrowed his eyes in response, asking, 'But the system won't allow them to enter during a dangerous situation, did you forget?'

Roan immediately answered, 'Of course not, idiot! The system's rules say that we can't send anyone into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm when we're in a dangerous situation. However, are we in a dangerous situation? That's up for the system to decide. If the system allows us to send them inside, then we at least know there's no danger ahead. If it doesn't, then you better brace yourself.'

Rean had to admit it was a very clever way of using the system's rules to detect danger. 'Alright!'

One must remember that Spiritual Sense messages were almost instantaneous, so not even a second had passed before the twins decided to do that. Unfortunately...

[Access denied!]

The Soul Gem System immediately blocked their attempt. In any case, that was enough for them to understand that whatever was coming would not be anything simple. 'Be prepared. We might instantly enter a fight once the teleportation is finished.'

Vup!

Suddenly, Roan disappeared.

Vup! Vup! Vup...!

Kentucky, Red, and Celis followed suit, leaving Rean last.

Vup!

Eventually, with a flash of silver and red light, Rean disappeared as well. In a matter of a few seconds, there wasn't a single Zasfin, human, or demon beast standing in front of the Bestial Sacred Ground's entrance anymore. Nevertheless, one thing was sure, they were definitely sent somewhere inside this new crimson world.

Rean's vision blurred for a moment, which only lasted a second or so. Once everything had returned to normal, he noticed that he was underwater, not able to breathe. Rean didn't panic, though. Cultivators at his level could already use Spiritual Energy to replace oxygen.

After doing that, he looked around and checked the surface above. Of course, everything still had a red glow to it. Rean then tried to use his Spiritual Energy to fly, just to find out that he couldn't move a single centimeter. 'I can't fly?' Even though he was underwater, he used the same method that cultivators use to fly, so he soon understood he couldn't do that. 'Let's get out of the water first.'

Rean then began to swim back up to the surface...or so he tried. Unfortunately, something grabbed his leg, trying to pull him down. 'What?!' Rean was shocked since he didn't feel anything with his Spiritual Sense. No, to be more specific, his Spiritual Sense couldn't even leave his body!

Rean was dragged down several meters before he finally took out his Black Star to attack the assailant.

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

Swish, swish, swish!

Roar!

Surprisingly, even though Rean was underwater, he could still hear sounds normally. That's why he heard the scream of the beast who tried to pull on his leg. Blood spread everywhere in the water, turning it even more red than it was before. Fortunately, Rean was able to find out what kind of creature had attacked him. 'That sure does look like those Krakens from those films back on earth.'

Of course, it was smaller than those in films. It's just that its size was still several times bigger than Rean. 'Hmm...now that I think about it, there was some kind of giant squid back on Earth as well. This guy looks quite similar in size.'

Of course, Rean quickly put those thoughts behind as the squid, or octopus, or Kraken or whatever, launched itself against him. Unfortunately for that squid-like creature, the difference in power between Rean and the monster was just too big.

'Death Style, Second Form, Crescent Moon!'

Because he was underwater, Rean didn't use any of his Life Fire Skills as they would have limited effect. Nevertheless, Crescent Moon was more than enough to leave a deep cut on the head of his opponent, as well as cut off a few of its tentacles.

The squid understood that it selected the wrong opponent and immediately turned around to flee. Rean didn't have anything against the squid either since it was pretty obvious that it had no sentience. It only thought of him as food and attacked to get a meal. That was all. He simply let it go as he made his way back to the surface.

Unfortunately for him, the monster's blood attracted a lot of attention. Several aquatic monsters began to arrive from everywhere, trying to find the source of the blood. 'Fuck!'

Rean immediately used his Enhancement Skill and Spiritual Energy to swim faster. Every movement of his legs propelled him several meters at once since it had the power of a Nascent Soul Realm cultivator behind it. Eventually, Rean shot out of the water just before a huge battle started below. Rean wasn't their only target. Instead, anything that could become a meal would be aimed at.

With that in mind, he asked himself inwardly, 'Just what is this place?'

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Chapter 910: Danger Everywhere

Rean then began to sink into the water again. However, as soon as he was about to be fully submerged, he circulated his Spiritual Energy and kicked the water. The strength of his kick was more than enough for him to launch himself above the water again. Rean then kept doing it as he looked at the demon beasts below. Even Core Formation Realm cultivators wouldn't have a problem doing that with their strength. Let alone a Nascent Soul Realm that had the power of a Soul Transformation Realm cultivator.

The killing spree continued until the confusion finally began to die out. However, Rean also noticed something different. Every time a demon beast died, it would start to disappear into specks of red lights. Even all the blood they spread before dying was no exception. 'So...these guys aren't living beings, but some kind of energy beast.'

Rean pondered over it for a moment as he kept kicking the water's surface to stay out. Suddenly, just as he was about to reach the surface of the water once again, he rotated his body and sent a punch below. That punch just so happened to hit a Sea Demon Beast that was passing by, knocking it out instantaneously. Rean then grabbed its rear and started to kick the water again to leave the water. This time, he put a lot more strength in the kick to be able to get the demon beast out of the water.

During the time Rean went up and down, he sent his Spiritual Energy inside the demon beast. 'So, it does have cultivation. This guy is a Middle Stage Three Demon Beast. It's just that I can't tell with my Spiritual Sense since it can't leave my body...wait, it also has a soul. Is this thing really dead?'

Rean then dropped the demon beast into the water, which was immediately assaulted by the others around it. Since it was unconscious, it was devoured within mere moments. Of course, the moment it died, it began to disappear as well...or at least the small bits and pieces that weren't eaten in time.

Rean then looked around, trying to guess where he was at the moment. Unfortunately, everything was just a huge crimson sea. He couldn't see any land in any of the directions he looked at. Well, Rean didn't mind it, though. He simply closed his eyes for an instant before he opened them again while looking in a certain direction. 'Roan's there. However, he's way over 3000 kilometers away from me at the moment, so I can't use the Soul Gem System's abilities. Now that I think about it, I feel like we should have bought the next Soul Connection Range upgrade from the system.'

Soon after, Rean tried to contact Sister Orb. Unfortunately, because he was out of range from Roan and his situation was considered 'dangerous,' the system blocked everything. He would need to first get close to Roan and use their own Soul Connection to talk to each other instead of using the Soul Gem System as a medium.

'Well, at least I know what direction I have to head to get closer to him. As for Kentucky...' Rean then looked in a different direction. Kentucky's presence, however, didn't work like Roan's. It had a limit to how far he could feel the Minokawa. 'The fact that I can at least tell which direction Kentucky can be found means that he's probably closer to me than Roan is.'

There wasn't much to think after that. 'Well, Kentucky it is then. Since I can't fly in this realm, I believe the others can't do it either. Having a flying demon beast to move around will make things a lot easier.'

Roarrrrr!

Suddenly, a heaven-shaking roar resounded from the distance. It was so loud that even Rean's body trembled. From the looks of it, all the carnage that had been happening in the water had caught the attention of something a lot more terrifying than the demon beasts Rean had been watching so far. Not only that, but the demon beasts that had been going on a rampage inside the water stopped fighting immediately as well. They quickly started to flee in all directions, afraid of the newcomer. 'Whatever it is, I'm definitely going to die if it decides to attack me. I'm out!'

Rean then landed another kick on the water's surface, but this time propelling himself in another direction.

Bang!

Like a bullet, Rean shot into the distance, leaving all the aftermath of the fight behind. Once he left the bloodied scene, the sea once again became calm, as if nothing had happened.

Far, far away, Roan was in the middle of a heated fight against what seemed to be a giant golem made out of lava.

'Death Style, Sixth Form, Destroyer!'

Destroyer was a skill made to fight opponents that were big and had high defense, usually demon beasts. The problem with the skill had always been the long time it took to get it ready. Also, the fact that it needed both Light and Dark Elements. Roan had to use Rean's White Star's Light Element gathering property to make up for the lack of their Element Exchange with Rean. That's why this fight had taken longer than necessary, as he had to dodge the attacks nonstop, which was almost as fast as his own movements even though the golem was enormous.

Boom!

Orrrrhhhhh!

With the impact, the golem's chest had a giant hole on it, showing something that looked like a very small red crystal at the center.

Roan, who seemed somewhat tired, immediately took the chance to attack.

'Death Style, Second Movement Form, Shadow Air!'

'Death Style, First Form, Stellar Piercer!'

Zing!

Crack, crack, crack...

Shatter!

The attack was as precise as it could be, piercing right through the crystal and shattering it instantly.

Crumble...

As if a chain reaction started, the golem began to break down into countless pieces until it was nothing more than a pile of rocks and molten lava. As for the shards of the red crystal Roan just shattered, they turned into specks of red light before completely disappearing.

Roan looked at that from the ground before ignoring it completely, thinking to himself, 'This is already the seventh one. These underground caves are just too hard to move across without Spiritual Sense.'
Roan then looked at a wall, knowing that he could feel Rean's presence from there. 'The idiot is somewhere in this direction, but I guess I have to find a way out of this place first.'