## Black Plain 2021

Chapter 2021 Entering The Enemy Base (2)

After Minos' words, the less exhausted of the group lifted their spirits, some returning to their true forms, others activating their avatars or changing their bodies to humanoid forms.

Hatred was in the eyes of many of the group who had either lost companions or been seriously injured by the enemy's actions.

Titus was one of the angriest, having just lost his old friend, Bella, who had tragically died while providing mental support to the group.

Bella, as well as other dead members of Minos' crew, had suffered from the remaining attacks of the enemy Protectors, but also from their space weapons.

While they had been destroyed by Minos and the strongest members of this crew, the enemy Protectors and the aliens' high-level weapons had done more damage than anyone could have imagined just by watching the main battles.

Titus had nearly died with Bella, watching his old friend go up in smoke next to him, as if her level 89 meant nothing.

Dunyxa had lost an eye and watched Bella die. She was also angry at the enemies she couldn't hurt because of their artificial, soulless existences.

But the enemies behind that grandiose barrier that was about to collapse looked like biological beings just like her. In other words, they had souls!

'Even though I've lost one of my eyes, I'm still fully capable of using my innate ability!' She thought as her eye glowed with hatred.

"Please, my friends, allow me to attack first." The Arctic Whale said as he floated ahead of the group in his humanoid form. "The enemy's defenses will soon fall, but I prefer that control of the battle be on our side. So allow me to attack first and knock the turtle shell off these bastards!

Prepare to attack after me!"

He did not wait for an answer. After he finished uttering these words, that being with the bulky body moved upwards, reaching a height of more than 2,000 meters in a single instant.

lightsNovel When he reached the ideal height, he transformed back into his bestial form, turning into a mountain of flesh even bigger than what was left of the enemy island.

"Look at the splendor of the whales, you damned invaders!" He shouted as he spun in the air, falling faster and faster toward the barrier beneath his being.

"Move!" The dragon roared as he saw the whale's movement, knowing that the best time to attack would be when the blue individual hit the barrier.

Hearing the warning of this hovering creature, the less exhausted and more vengeful ones moved, circulating their energies as they surrounded what was left of the core of the enemy territory.

Minos didn't join his companions, staying with Ruth and Grant, two survivors who weren't doing too badly, though they weren't the strongest.

Grant had almost died in the previous battle. But having held out until the moment the Black Hole Bomb detonated, his situation was now stable, and his chances of dying were practically nil.

Seeing the moment when the fin of that colossal creature collided with the top of the enemy's defensive barrier, Grant closed his eyes and sighed. 'Those who crippled me have probably been killed or will die today. But the future looks too dark for me to be happy.' He clenched his fists with mixed feelings in his heart.

Meanwhile, Minos tried to absorb the free spiritual energy around him, watching the movement of his allies as he stood next to the two people supporting him.
'Let's see how powerful you aliens are.'
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At that moment, a huge crack erupted as the level 92 Arctic Whale hit the enemy's defense barrier hard, causing the many cracks in the barrier to instantly double in size.
Then, as more than half of Minos' group moved, parts of the barrier exploded as if made of glass, finally opening up space for both sides of the conflict to attack each other.
"Minos, take your punishment!" Commander Iktun shouted, flying quickly towards his main enemy as the sword in his hands caught fire, and he passed several of the first enemies in his path.
"Not so fast, green worm!" The sole survivor of the Sea Folk shouted as she appeared in front of this level 91 enemy's path.
Strong winds and columns of water formed in the environment at the will of this level 92 woman, attacking the man in armor that made him look like a smaller version of the Protectors.
At the same time, the last Phoenix of the group joined the woman, forming a sea of flames behind the back of the level 91 alien.
"You bastard! That is for what you did to us!" The burning bird shouted as Dunyxa joined him and the Sea Folk woman.
"Turn to stone, you bastard!"

Some of the strongest wanted to take action against the enemy leader since almost all of the other opponents were Sages.

Minos' other strong companions, who didn't attack the base commander, soon took action against the other demigods in the enemy group, while a minority dealt with the dozens of enemy Sages.

As much as the difference in numbers was against Minos' group, this time, they had the advantage in level.

Also, once they started fighting their opponents, they realized how weak those beings really were, even considering their armor.

Without their armor, they were practically as strong and skilled as human beings with Black-grade talents.

But each member of Minos' crew had powers comparable to those of humans of their own level with Silver-grade or Golden-grade talents!

The armor of these creatures was powerful and could provide them with a solid defense against enemies. Still, in the hands of these low-talent beings, it was of little use to them.

"What a waste. These armors will work better on the people in my group." Minos commented as he watched Iktun withstand several attacks while counterattacking and even putting a little pressure on the three beings that were pressing him.

That might sound impressive, but it wasn't. Withstanding those three while wearing that armor was simply too little to be amazing. Minos thought if he were in Iktun's place, he could fight his entire crew on equal terms, even without using his innate ability to increase his cultivation base!

However, that man's fighting power was only a little higher than level 92, just enough to temporarily withstand the many attacks of those three creatures.

Meanwhile, the other space explorers of the Mechanic Empire suffered much more because their levels were lower, and their opponents were just as vicious as those three!
Chapter 2022 Time To Understand The Aliens
"Die, green bugs!" One of the level 90 human mercenaries charged full force at three level 89 Sages, causing them to retreat immediately.
"Damned primitives! You're going to die sooner or later!" One of the attacked beings said as he flew towards the raging sea.
"Accept your death, primitive beast!" Another of those high-ranking Sages, dressed in the armor of the Mechanic Empire group, brandished a sabre-shaped weapon at a beast that was oppressing another of his companions.
"Aaaagh!"
As strong as the members of Minos' group were, they were still suffering from some enemies capable of hurting them as they fought on the outskirts of the enemy headquarters at the beginning of this second part of the North Sea battle.
"Invaders, die!" The great dragon saw the creature with a saber in his hands and didn't hesitate to move, opening his mouth as he bit down on a group of a dozen aliens between levels 87 and 89.
When they saw that giant, badly wounded creature, they felt terrible, seeing an enemy so big and crazy that it would try to kill them like that.
"You will pay for this! Listen to me. This will happen very soon!" Some of those within the dragon's jaws wailed, unable to escape their fate.

Although they were much smaller than the dragon, and one might have thought that these beings could escape the terrible teeth of this gigantic creature, it wasn't that simple. Dragons were great at spatial manipulation, as well as being very resistant and having many ways to kill.

The moment he closed his huge mouth, the dragon would control the space around those people, making it impossible for them to escape.

lightsnovel Some of them died immediately when the dragon's huge teeth pierced their bodies, but others escaped into the large space of the dragon's mouth.

Unfortunately for the latter, this dragon could spit fire!

The moment his mouth closed completely and the sounds of breaking bones and armor rang out, scorching flames formed inside his mouth.

At the same time, the strongest mercenary in Minos' group used his techniques to defeat several enemies with the help of Titus and the mermaids.

While the invading beings from the Spiritual World had excellent physical defenses due to their armor, the same wasn't true when it came to their minds.

Working together, the mermaids and Titus quickly affected more than a dozen of these enemies, putting them into a state of inattention.

At the same time, the level 92 mercenary attacked with enough force to destroy the souls of those creatures but not their bodies.

At this rate, the battle soon became desperate for the Mechanic Empire's group, and the first 30 aliens died within moments of the Arctic Whale's attack.

Of the original Demigods, half fell to Minos' group without much resistance, while the other half quickly lost some of their strength and were wounded.

Minos' party was even more worn down in this battle against the biological beings invading this world, but no one died in this part of the battle.

None of Iktun's men, not even he, managed to get close to Minos during the first part of the confrontation when the groups didn't have an overwhelming advantage over each other.

But after several falls of his men, Iktun saw his people dying faster and faster, while the people in Minos' group found it easier to act.

He felt angry, but there was nothing he or his men could do.lightsnovel

By the end of the next seven minutes, more than 90% of the warriors who hadn't been sent to the cryogenic chambers had died at the hands of the natives under Minos' command!

Only Iktun and two Demigods were left alive while Minos' men immobilized them.

"Minos! You wretched! Kill me if you dare!" Iktun shouted as he was pinned to the ground by the level 93 dragon's cultivation pressure.

"I will, but not today," Minos said, still very weak but able to think very clearly.

But he wasn't surprised the enemy knew his name, let alone would ask for it now. Any questions he and his group had would be answered when they took these three enemy survivors to Abby to force them to tell the truth.

On the other hand, it was quite obvious that these alien creatures knew about him because they were watching what was happening in the Spiritual World.

Minos then told his group. "Remove the armor from the bodies of the dead enemies and bring them to me. We'll divide them according to our influence in this battle but also according to your strength in the Spiritual World.

We'll do the same with their bodies, so don't destroy them any more than we already have. Let's study the technology of these beings and how their bodies work.

The least injured or tired of them quickly left to carry out this mission, while the most important stayed on the side of Minos and the living enemies.

"Minos!"

"Silence these vermin. They need to talk, but not now." Minos said as Grant and Ruth helped him to walk, and he and his group were already on the surface of the island that the enemy barrier hadn't completely destroyed.

Someone quickly did what they were supposed to do and put the three of them into a state of deep sleep.

"What do we do now?" Ruth asked.

"We will recover. We don't know if we'll be able to send long-range communications to our forces outside the North Sea, so we'll stay here for now." Minos replied. "We have much to find out about the enemies, so let's search every inch of this headquarters."

Everyone in the group looked at the place, which looked like a volcano but was full of overdeveloped buildings under the rocky walls of the area.

Meanwhile, they began to move cautiously, aware that there might be enemy traps anywhere.

Now, it was finally time for them to explore the home of the aliens who had long controlled the fearsome North Sea!

Being in this place with the enemy bodies, their armor, and even the bodies of some of the Protectors, they had all the evidence they needed to attract worldwide attention!

Not only that, but considering how advanced the alien civilization was, now was the chance for the forces behind these brave explorers to take advantage of the technology left behind!

And so, the group would soon survey the entire enemy base without delving too deeply into mysterious things, just mapping the place while finding places to rest.

From now on, this would be their home until Minos felt ready to return to the continent and begin the worldwide effort against the invaders that supported the group they had defeated!

Chapter 2023 Impossible To Enter

Two weeks later...

After the events in the central area of the North Sea, experts from various parts of the Spiritual World noticed signs or news of a high-level explosion emanating from that area.

Places as far away as the Continent of Beasts, for example, didn't feel the explosion of the most potent Black Hole Bomb ever created by Minos. But places like the north of the Central Continent, the northwest of the Divine Continent, and the Elves Island had received part of the shock waves from that great explosion.

These three areas were hit at different times. Still, they all received impacts and other natural phenomena caused by the terrific detonation of Minos' bomb.

The Elves Island and the north of the Central Continent experienced great storms and rough seas in the first days after the battle of Minos and realized that something had happened.

After the beings from these two places realized that something had happened in the North Sea, the Divine Continent also felt the signs of the bomb's detonation, and those who knew of Minos' plans quickly connected the dots.

As a result, several powers worldwide sent experts to the North Sea, fearing that Minos' terrifying theories were true.

That was the case with the imperial family of the Grinia Empire and the Elven Tribe, who sent level 95 and 96 Demigods to investigate the situation in the North Sea a week after the major incident.

Other powers also began to move as soon as they discovered that something had happened in the North Sea that might be related to Minos Stuart.

However, not all of them were that close to the area. Since some of these forces would take months to reach that place, even with high-level beings flying at high speed, many of Minos' contacts would take time to move.

But near or far, whoever reached the North Sea would have problems on their way!

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A group of four elves in a ship of their race were now stopped about 50 kilometers away from the border between the North Sea and the Elven Sea.

The Elves Island was about the same distance from the North Sea as the end of Minos' territory was. However, just as they reached the border of their sea and the area this group was heading for, the four high elves there were forced to stop.

"We can't go any further." The strongest of the elves there, level 96, said with a terrible expression as he looked ahead and saw dark clouds in the sky, very rough waves, several whirlpools, but also a lot of lightning and unstable spaces ahead.

From what he felt, the area ahead might be deadly even for his group!

'If we continue like this, we'll be dead in less than an hour.' The level 96 elf thought, feeling goosebumps on his body but also an incomprehensible fear.

The members of his tribe knew how challenging the North Sea had been, especially in recent centuries. But what he saw and felt was completely out of reality.

That elf couldn't help but feel that someone compelling was trying to prevent humans from entering the North Sea, looking at the place in front of him!

His crewmates weren't as strong and talented as that man, but they could all feel the threat to their lives from the sea ahead.

However, there was no one like that in the world, so he couldn't help but find the situation strange.

"What are we going to do?" A level 95 woman asked. "We have a mission to accomplish. If we can't see the North Sea's core, we will fail." lightsnovel

"Yes, but even high-level elders would take considerable risks trying to pass through that area as it is now." Another man, level 95, commented pessimistically but correctly. "If we try, we'll die."

"But that doesn't mean we can't act. Why don't we turn around? Maybe the situation is better in other parts of the border." The fourth elf suggested.

Hearing this, the strongest of them all agreed, as it was the only alternative. "We'll send a message to the island to let them know what we've encountered on our way and how we'll try to solve it. For now, we'll travel along the border areas of the North Sea until we find a minimally secure entrance."

With this agreement, they would soon change their route and head for the border of the North Sea and the vicinity of the central continent.

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A few days later...

Another group of explorers arrived at one of the borders of the North Sea and immediately encountered the same situation as the group of elves.

However, after deciding to follow basically the same plan as the elves, this group from the Divine Continent would soon find groups of observers from the Elven Tribe stationed around the border of the North Sea.

After the warning from the previous group, the Elven Island quickly turned its attention to the North Sea, and while the first group was still searching for a passage, the phenomenon in this area was already being studied by more specialized elves.

Not only was part of the North Sea in the same state as the point the first group of elves had found a few days before. Tens of thousands of kilometers of the already-tested border were in the same situation!

That worried not only the elves but also the high-level humans who had just discovered the theory of the pointy-eared creatures.

"Do you think such instabilities surround the entire North Sea?" Asked a level 96 Demigod from an empire allied with Minos, just after hearing his suspicions from some elves.

Meanwhile, his entire crew of 15 expressed concern, feeling how absurd it would be if true but also how worrying it was.

"So Minos was really right?"

"We don't know. But it's possible." An elf commented in a negative tone. "Some elders have been making rather pessimistic predictions about the future lately. If they have anything to do with what happened to the North Sea, then he might be right!"

"What does the Black Plain Empire have to say about this? What is the life situation of their leader?" The strongest of the group asked, somewhat concerned about Minos' vital status.

Considering what was happening in the North Sea and the fact that he had left for that place months ago, neither he nor anyone else in his crew had any good omens about his situation!

But one of the elves standing on an observation ship surprised them. "We don't know exactly how Minos Stuart is doing. But his vital signs are still active. A few days ago, we communicated with the Black Plain Empire, and we were told about it at that time."

"What will they do?"

"Nothing. The Black Plain Empire says they are confident in their leader's mission and will wait for his return."

Chapter 2024 The Group's Situation

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While the Elves Island and some of the first envoys from the Divine Continent could not enter the North Sea, the situation in Dry City was somewhat tense.

The local government had been one of the first to notice signs of the detonation of Minos' Black Hole Bomb weeks ago. Hence, the government and the Stuart family knew their leader had recently fought.

Minos' soul signal was still active, but no one knew what his situation was. He could be from fine, investigating his enemies and the core of the North Sea, to be held hostage by his enemies or seriously injured.

There was no way of knowing his situation, but it was a fact that he was alive, along with Ruth, while several of his party had died.

Before leaving for the North Sea, Minos' companions had left items with his vital signs so that the imperial government would have an idea of what was going on.

Several deaths had occurred on the day of the explosion, so the group in Dry City knew something big had happened. But whether or not their people had succeeded was a question no one could answer.

But after the elves had contacted them a few days ago about the situation on the North Sea border, local concern had risen a few notches.

From the looks of things, the North Sea was completely inaccessible, which might indicate the enemy had sensed trouble and was taking cover. Such a sign was awful because it meant that there was a high probability that the enemy had won the battle against Minos' group!

So Minos' wives, Gloria and Abby, had been under a lot of stress in the last few days, while the part of the family that wasn't in the Spatial Kingdom had had almost daily conversations about what might have happened and how they should act.

At this very moment, another such meeting was taking place in the imperial palace!

"All we can do is wait," Gloria commented as she looked at several of Ruth's family members, Abby and herself, in the hall, along with key members of the army and local government. "I know that some fear that Minos has been taken by the enemies, but don't forget the means of escape he has at his disposal.

There is a strong possibility that he and his group have lost and fled to the Spatial Kingdom. If that's the case, he could go months or years without communicating with us. So we have to stay calm."

Abby agreed. "Gloria is right. I know everyone is worried. She and I are the ones who have the most reason to be. But we can't stay like this. If he's in the Spatial Kingdom, he's preparing to act against the enemies and return home. Let's trust Minos and wait for his return."

Dillian nodded and said. "In the meantime, we must continue with His Majesty's plans. As much as we have to worry about the North Sea, we can't interfere.

We've already communicated with the elves and shared everything we know with the Pantheon of Honor. We're also trying to

communicate with the Dragon and Phoenix tribes, so we should let them deal with the North Sea.

They are the ones who have the power to intervene in the situation. In the meantime, let's focus on fulfilling His Majesty's expectations to carry out the many agreements we've made in recent years." The people there continued to worry but agreed that there really wasn't much they could do. The North Sea was inaccessible even to high-level cultivators at the 10th stage, so they should leave it to the experts.

In the meantime, all they could do was pray for their families and comrades while doing their best to develop the Black Plain Empire!

While the powers outside the North Sea were in the dark about the recent events in those vast areas of the Spiritual World's North Pole, Minos' group was still on the island that had previously been the headquarters of the world invaders.

After weeks there, their group had largely recovered from the previous battle. Some of those who had lost body parts were still not doing so well, as they needed specialized doctors to recover fully.

But even they were no longer in danger of dying, while the others had fully recovered, with Minos having returned to his peak the day before.

But while they were slowly recovering in that relatively quiet place in the North Sea, the group had been exploring the gigantic enemy installation.

The place was huge. Despite being built inside a volcano, it was anything but simple and could easily contain a city of 10,000 inhabitants.

However, many of the rooms in this place were not human dwellings but laboratories, assembly lines, and training areas.

From what the group had discovered, the enemies were producing new robots here, as well as special warships, spaceships, and much more.

They could develop much of their technology with the minerals in the Spiritual World, which is why they wanted this world so badly.

Yes, they wanted this world for its minerals, which Minos' group had recently discovered after analyzing what was left behind.

Unfortunately, there wasn't much information about the enemy, such as their reinforcements, where they came from, how to get there, and so on. There wasn't that kind of information because Iktun had predicted his group's possible defeat and had skillfully erased the essentials.

But he didn't destroy everything because if his group had won, they would have needed information and methods to produce and repair their weapons and robots because all their specialists were not available after entering the cryogenic chambers.

Because of this, Minos' group found some blueprints and important information on how to repair the armor they had taken from their enemies' bodies!

That was very important to them!

Therefore, Minos had brought some of his experts from the Spatial Kingdom to this place to take care of the education of their young children.

Given the situation, he saw no problem in revealing the truth about his Spatial Kingdom to his allies. Then, he brought people with skills to study and learn how to manipulate the enemy's technology.

However, not all good things had happened to them while studying the enemy's headquarters!

A few days ago, Minos had ordered some of the group's sea creatures to vascularize the depths of the North Sea to understand better the area they were in.

That led them to discover many underwater mines where the enemy's resources came from, but it also made them realize the current situation of a large part of the North Sea!

Chapter 2025 Time to Take Advantage

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After the previous battle, the enemy headquarters had lost control of the many special formations around the North Sea. Now, those circles around the entire region were activated to the maximum.

From what Minos' group had discovered so far, it would be impossible to enter or leave the North Sea in the short term, which meant that they were trapped in this area!

Knowing that enemy reinforcements would definitely come to this world to deal with them, the group was already at work trying to find a way to control the enemy defenses around the North Sea. Amidst this, they had also discovered the situation of the many alien beings in the cryogenic chambers of this facility and were attempting to break into those urns.

If they could force those individuals to work for them and control the special phenomena in that region, they could more easily return home and warn the rest of the world about the problems approaching the Spiritual World.

Unfortunately for them, these were high-level devices that were virtually indestructible. The cryogenic chambers were programmed not to open until the activation time set when they were closed had elapsed.

Iktun and his group had programmed this to happen in about 30 years, about the same period their group of reinforcements would arrive in the Spiritual World.

Getting these people out of their cryo-chambers before then would be almost impossible!

But the group would soon discover that this would not be the method for them to leave this innermost area of the North Sea!

On the final level of the alien installation on the last remaining island in the area...

Minos, Ruth, and some of the men he had brought from the Spatial Kingdom were now in the area where the hundreds of alien cryogenic units were located.

After everyone in the group had tried to open these chambers with their skills, it was left to Minos to try to use the black hole to deal with them.

Nothing the enemies had left behind was of any use against these special units. At the same time, the group knew there was no way they could wait for these units to open up on their own.

By the time they did, the enemy reinforcements would probably already be in this world!

Either they would break into those units and get access to aliens capable of controlling the situation in the North Sea, or they would have to handle it themselves!

Then, while the seven people there with Minos looked at him tensely, he combined two of his techniques and formed a rotating, lightless sphere in front of him.

Attempting to do the same thing he had done to the first enemy robot he had gotten his hands on, Minos tried to devour the outermost parts of this structure with his black hole.

While controlling his black hole to do so, he noticed a problem.

"Hmm?" His eyes narrowed as his eyebrows knitted together.

"What is it, Minos?" Ruth asked, looking at the serious expression her husband had just made.

After a moment of silence, Minos said. "This device is really special... I can't open it like this. If I try to 'eat' the sides of this urn, my black hole will swallow the whole urn".

As he spoke, he tested what he had just realized and felt what he had said.

He said. "Strangely enough, the metal alloy in this urn can't have just a part of it swallowed. Either all of it is consumed, or none of it is consumed."

"What? That's very strange!" One of the experts Minos had brought from the Spatial Kingdom said, feeling this didn't make sense.

"Yes, but that's the way it is," Minos said. "This alloy can't withstand the power of the black hole, but either I obliterate it, or I do nothing. Any attempt to degrade just one piece of it will cause the whole unit to enter the singularity of my black hole."

"If that's the case, it will be impossible for us to get any of these aliens out of their urns. So what do we do?" Ruth said in a pessimistic tone.

Everyone was silent momentarily until an array master raised his voice. "I think we can only try to understand a little of the enemy's technology. If we can at least learn to manipulate these energy circles, we might be able to get out of here before the enemy reinforcements reach us."

That was a logical thought. Unfortunately, the professionals Minos had left in the Spatial Kingdom were only grade-3 individuals since he didn't need more skilled professionals to teach the children in their families.

As much as these professionals were better qualified than him and the rest of the crew to understand enemy technologies, it wouldn't be enough for his group to master high-level things that were compatible with mid- and high-level Demigods!

Minos clenched his fists and said. "I have an alternative, but I can't guarantee that it will work."

"What do you have in mind?" Grant, standing next to Ruth, asked with interest.

"I can use my black hole to devour all these cryogenic chambers and then use it to create a Black Hole Bomb." He looked around and did some quick calculations. "Considering the enemy's strength and the level of these urns, I think I'll be able to get a slightly stronger bomb than the one I used recently."

"Your idea is to detonate this bomb in a border area of the North Sea to clear the way for our group?" Ruth understood Minos' idea.

"Yes. Several of the energy circles over this island disappeared after the Black Hole Bomb I detonated. Maybe we can do the same on our way back to the mainland." He said as he looked into his wife's beautiful eyes.

The people there pondered for a moment, feeling that Minos' alternative was better than nothing.

Besides, Minos' strategy wouldn't stop their other plans. Since they couldn't reach the people in the cryogenic urns, they might as well kill them to avoid further problems. Meanwhile, part of the group could try to understand the alien technologies while the rest prepared to test Minos' plan.

"So when are we going to try this?" Someone asked.

There were only members of Minos' family, government, or friends there. So he told them. "We will hold our position on this island and try to understand as much of the enemy's technology as possible until I reach level 88.

Surely, there are people outside the North Sea who have noticed the signs of the previous battle. I'm afraid that some powerful experts are interested in the North Sea and will join us as soon as we open the way for them.

So, let's make sure that the empire secures as much of the enemy's technology as possible before we allow others access to it."

Minos was no fool. Siding with the other powers of the world against the alien threat did not mean that he would give up power and the chance to understand enemy technologies first.

He had a genuine interest in protecting the Spiritual World. But he also had priorities to protect his state and his friends before helping others.

He wanted to stay in this place as long as possible to ensure the best for his people!

Chapter 2026 Learning The Alien Technologies

According to Minos' decision, he used his black hole to swallow all the cryogenic urns in the alien military facility, forming a black hole capable of threatening even the existence of level 96 beings.

By storing such a region of space in a high-level grade-4 array he had previously purchased on the Divine Continent, Minos had secured the mass destruction weapon he intended to use to lead his people out of the North Sea.

However, he kept his plans a secret from most of his crew after explaining the situation they were in to the rest of the group and asking for everyone's cooperation in understanding the technologies left behind by the enemies.

But even without giving the rest of his crew all the details, Minos didn't keep everything from all. He told them he had one last alternative to try to leave this area in a few years and that he was even willing to use his supreme weapon if necessary.

However, before using his highest-level cards, he wanted to try everything within the group's reach.

Understanding the enemy technology, mastering the special armor, and understanding the robots were some things they had to try to master before leaving this place, as it was not so far out of their reach and could contribute to their successful escape in the future.

Since everyone in the crew trusted Minos very much, he had no problem convincing them to focus on learning the things left behind by the enemies.

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Six weeks after Minos used the black hole to devour all the alien cryogenic urns, his group had made some progress with the artifacts left behind by the enemies.

The nature of the robots and how the aliens used them to keep them stable in this world without being hit by the Black Lightning still remained a mystery to the group. However, Minos' people had made progress on the armor used by the aliens in their last confrontation.

After many days of studying the armor, its structure, how the aliens maintained it, and how their enemies had used it in the previous battle, some of the group managed to use it for the first time!

It wasn't that they had mastered the technology. However, a few days ago, a mercenary had managed to harness the power of one of the armors and integrate it into his power.

He still needed to learn a lot and gain more experience with such a thing. Still, after some training, he could already use such armor at the same level as his natural abilities.

It wasn't much, but if he continued to improve his mastery of the armor, he might be able to achieve something vital in the future!

With this person's success, the other members of Minos' group were able to make faster progress in this regard, and now practically everyone in the group had been able to use it at least once.

Some needed more training than others, and at the moment, the armor was more of a hindrance than a help. But people like Minos and the most talented of the group were finding it easier rather than harder.

Because of this progress, everyone was more confident in mastering the enemy's technology, even if they only understood a little about the armor so far.

Minos was particularly impressed by what the enemies could do with these wonders and thought that if he had the chance to master more of the things the enemies left behind, he could strengthen his empire much faster.

After another training session with the armor he had chosen for himself at the enemy base, he kept it on his body before going to the detention facility where the enemy survivors were lightsnovel

lightsnovel Iktun and the other two Demigods were still with the group since Minos wanted to use Abby's innate ability to interrogate them in the future.

So, for the time being, they lived in detention at this headquarters, a place where they had kept several guinea pigs in the past.

Arriving at this place, Minos immediately caught the attention of the three by showing them that he was trying to master their technologies.

"Tsk! Minos, wearing that armor is no big deal. Are you just trying to scare us?" Iktun laughed provocatively. "When children from my state start studying, they can master armor of your level in a matter of hours... How long did it take you to do the same? A month? More than that?"

Minos wasn't bothered by this comment and laughed. "So that's why you're so weak without your weapons. You've been relying on weapons that don't depend on your levels since childhood."

"Weak? We can build mechanical warriors capable of killing the strongest in your world, you ignorant fool!" One of the three brandished angrily.

"I don't doubt it. But that's not all. You have your advantages, I admit. But we have our strengths, too!" Minos clenched his fists before releasing the armor, causing its components to open up and give him room to walk out of it.

As he stowed it away in his spatial ring, Minos asked curiously. "Iktun, answer me a question. Why are you still alive?"

"Why?" Iktun looked at Minos and thought that this human was playing with him.

"I mean, why does the Lightning Tribulation allow you to breathe the air of the Spiritual World? You are beings that break our rules. At least, that's the case with your robots. So why don't you suffer the same way they do when they are exposed?"

"Oh, so that's what you want to know." Iktun and the other two understood.

They looked at each other and smiled at Minos' ignorance.

"And why should I answer that? Find out for yourself, Minos." Iktun replied, not wanting to help his enemy at all.

Hearing this, Minos did nothing, only regretted that there was nothing he could do for the time being. These aliens weren't the strongest when it came to combat skills, but their mental strength was impressive for their level.

Even if he tried to torture them with the Infinite Dream, Minos was sure that until he reached level 90, he wouldn't be able to put enough pressure on them with this technique to force them to tell the truth.

'Unfortunately, I'll have to wait until I get back to Dry City.' He thought, confident Abby's ability would work on the aliens since it didn't depend on the mental but on the physical side.

"You'll talk sooner or later. But you're right. I'll find out some things myself." Minos said as he left the place and headed towards the construction site of this gigantic facility.

Chapter 2027 Path Of Development

After a brief conversation with his captives, Minos went to the robot construction area of the alien facility.

Arriving at the site after walking around for a few minutes, Minos came across a place that could easily accommodate the body of the group's level 93 dragon.

This place was huge, with several different assembly lines, assembly areas, casting areas, and maintenance areas. In short, there was a little bit of everything in this enormous place where several robot bodies were being built before.

At the same time, spaceships and ships were there, some of which were nearing completion, while others were at the beginning of their construction.

The aliens were preparing to dominate the Spiritual World, along with the reinforcements that would come to this planet when the universal wormhole was ready. But that didn't mean they weren't taking care to prepare for that moment.

Some of the items they needed to finish building had components that didn't exist in the Spiritual World. But their people would bring these things to them, so they created the troops and transportation for their group to use to rule this world and later to send resources to the Mechanic Empire.

So there were several structures in this large area, some that Minos' group wanted to find ways to use and others that they wanted to learn how to build.

Passing many of these alien technologies, Minos soon arrived where those most capable of understanding them were working with what little they had.

"So, what have you discovered so far?" He asked as he stopped next to a large robot that was 50% complete.

The grade-3 blacksmith, who was there along with an array master of the same grade and some of Minos' 10th-stage crewmates, said. "Your Majesty, we are far from understanding the enemy robots. Their methods are very complicated. I myself have no idea how they can create this kind of armor on their robots."

Minos saw the man tapping on the outside of an already completed part of the robot.

The array master said. "They seem to have found a way to combine very high-level forging skills with special inscriptions. However, I haven't been able to understand how these structures work together."

A mermaid who was there, someone with great mental ability and learning capacity, then said. "I don't dare talk about the forging or inscriptions that may or may not be related to the construction of these robots. But Minos, it's clear that they won't work without that special essence you got your hands on months ago."

Minos remembered the golden thing he had taken from the head of the first enemy he had destroyed.

The mermaid continued. "Without these essences, these robots don't have the intelligence of the beings we have faced. In fact, without them, they're practically big armors with no room for humans to wear them."

"The enemy is probably bringing in more of that essence to give life to these beings in production," Minos muttered, understanding that there would be reinforcements, but they wouldn't necessarily come to the Spiritual World in full force.

Part of the invaders' previous plans had been to create an army there!

But those plans would surely change since so much had happened!

'We have to consider that the enemy might have the means to know what has happened here. In that case, they will come with more force than they would have if we had not acted.' Minos closed his eyes, worried.lightsnovel

But he did not regret what he had done. If he had not acted against the enemies, there would have been no way for Minos to know the opposing forces and the nature of the threat he faced, let alone ways to counterattack.

He had done something that would have had negative consequences, but there were no alternatives. Either they had to ignore everything and face an utterly mysterious enemy, or they would have to do what they did and end up provoking their enemies to put even more force into their plans.

Minos looked at these people and said. "Let's continue to study the robots. It may be impossible to figure out how they work for the most part. But if we can understand how they form these superresistant metals, how they protect the essence of their armor so that lightning strikes won't destroy it, we will have made great progress.

We don't need to completely master the enemy's technology. As long as we can learn a few things from them, we'll strengthen what we already have. This will increase our chances in the future war!"

lightsnovel Upon hearing Minos' words, the people nodded in agreement, knowing that they really didn't need to understand everything.

Anything they understood and were able to combine with what they already knew would have a great positive effect on strengthening themselves and their power.

While some were looking more enthusiastically at this 50% complete robot, another person approached Minos and said. "Your Majesty, as much as robots are a mystery to us, enemy ships and spaceships seem less complex to understand.

Like alien armor, they are easier to learn how to control. We are still in the early stages of controlling these ships, but we are making encouraging progress."

"Oh?" Minos walked next to this man while the Sea Folk woman was currently on one of the 100% ready ships in this area.

She said to him. "I used to think that my Sea Empire was the most advanced in the world when it came to ships... But I have to admit that we're a long way from our enemies' naval technology, Minos.

I've only understood 10% of what this alien ship can do, but I can tell you that it easily surpasses my people's most advanced ships.

To give you an idea, if we had made the voyage we have made since we met using this shit, we would have saved more than 60% of our time on the high seas. With ships like this, the enemy could reach the major points of the Spiritual World before our forces moved, which could give them many advantages in a war of conquest."

That was exactly the purpose of the spaceships and ships being built by Iktun's group: to create the tools that would give their state victory in the war of conquest of this world!

Someone else said. "They really are fantastic. Not only that, we can certainly learn to control and maintain them within the next few months. The only problem is learning how to build more like them. Assembling them isn't a problem, but building them from scratch, without off-the-shelf parts, will be a problem."

The problem was that they didn't know how to build the components of these vehicles. If they did, they could have hope. But without those methods, it would be virtually impossible to build anything from scratch.

"That's good. Keep working." Minos said before asking. "But are you really able to finish assembling some of these ships?"

The man thought for a moment and said. "It is possible. If we use the remaining parts and the unfinished ships, we may be able to do it once we've learned more."

Chapter 2028 Don't Get Attached

For the next three months, a lot would happen in the inner parts of the North Sea.

Minos' group of about 40 creatures, humans and beasts, focused practically all of their time on understanding the enemy's technology without having to leave the old enemy headquarters.

Even the strongest members of the group who didn't have much useful knowledge of enemy technology, such as the great dragon, immersed themselves in exploring what the enemies had left behind.

During the three months that passed, they focused on better understanding the enemy's armor and fought many battles with each other to test it and improve their speed in mastering these structures.

At the same time, the group led by the Sea Folk survivor had developed much of their ability to control ships and even enemy spacecraft.

They could now navigate the alien ships while they were close to understanding how to control the spaceships.

They still needed time to understand everything about these two modes of transportation. Still, with each passing day, they became more confident in what they were doing.

In the midst of this, some of the group studied the aliens' special cannons thoroughly, trying to understand how to replicate those armaments and how to use the technologies behind them to strengthen their own powers.

The power of those cannons was fantastic. Since they were based on laws that cultivators could learn on their own, it was possible to use the operation of these cannons to create new techniques or even to develop old ones.

Some in the group had similar powers, some based on flames, some based on sounds, and so these more compatible ones had tried to learn how the enemy's cannons worked to strengthen themselves.

They didn't intend to use artifacts like those cannons but to strengthen their spiritual fighting methods!

However, some of them obviously wanted to replicate such cannons because, as much as it wasn't interesting to rely on a power that wasn't yours, weaker people could make good use of such things.

Not everyone in the world had a chance to reach the top level. But many might be able to control such powerful weapons, which could greatly help a state like the Black Plain Empire.

As for the robots, Minos' group had made almost no progress with them. These robot creatures were still almost 100% mysterious to the group.

However, Minos' group of blacksmiths was well on its way to understanding how some of the robots' special metal alloys were made.

That was definitely the least relevant thing of all to these creatures, but for the blacksmiths, who were excited about the possibility of learning how to develop more resistant metals, this in itself was incredible.

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While the survivors of Minos' group worked on their experiments, trying to understand more about the enemy technology, he was at the side of his two wives, Ruth and Isabella.

Since he didn't intend to leave this place anytime soon, Minos had brought Isabella from the Spatial Kingdom, where their children were still with the rest of the humans.

He wouldn't bring children to an enemy base he wasn't sure he could control!

But his wives were strong enough to be there with him and help him understand the place better, but also to control the group's situation.

By now, the three of them were in the botanical area of the grand enemy facility, where there was a large greenhouse with various types of plants unknown in the Spiritual World.lightsnovel

Upon their arrival there, Isabella looked at the plants and asked. "They are like medicines... Do you know if we can eat them?"

"No. We have no idea where these alien resources might take us. Even though they seem stable, we don't know if they won't be destroyed by lightning outside of this special chamber." Minos commented.

In this headquarters, there were not only robots, spaceships, armor, ships, and weapons among the many interesting alien technologies to study. There were also greenhouses with plants that didn't exist in the Spiritual World, a medical area with equipment that no one in the group had ever seen before, and various artifacts that didn't exist on this planet.

In short, the entire enemy base was full of technologies that could revolutionize the world if they could be replicated.

Unfortunately, most of these technologies could only be studied by people with special skills. These people were not part of Minos' current group, nor were they part of his family's Spatial Kingdom.

Until they left the North Sea and found ways to send their experts to study this place, much of what was there was temporarily out of their reach.

"This... We have to test them. Some of these medicines feel better than the Saint-grade medicines of our world!" Isabella said, feeling that this had a lot of value.

"Hmm, unfortunately, we don't have any guinea pigs with us." Ruth smiled bitterly.

"You'd better not get attached to the things in this place. What we can't master by the time we leave will probably be mastered by high-level powers from the Spiritual World." Minos commented nonchalantly.

As much as he wanted to use all the technologies there to his advantage, he was aware that he couldn't do so. At the same time, considering the short time it would take for enemy reinforcements to arrive, he couldn't be stingy and try to keep this place for himself.

Once he had mastered what was within his reach, he would leave the place and make room for other powers from the world to come and study the technologies there.

Some things other powers would take over and would never reach Minos' hands. But others would become the property of the Spiritual World and might reach his hands indirectly.

Either way, he saw no problem in letting other powers in the Spiritual World learn many things that were there and that he probably couldn't bring back to his empire.

Ruth and Isabella looked at Minos hard because it was tough to give up so many good things. But they knew there was no way they could convince the strongest powers in the world to share these things with them.

As much as Minos had his treaties and great influence, the moment others found out about the potential of this place, his whole good history would be forgotten.

With the ice age approaching and now the alien invasion, everyone would try to strengthen themselves and not have a 9th-stage junior as their hope!

"Anyway, concentrate on what we can. When the time comes, we'll leave this place, and high-level Demigods will most likely dominate this alien facility. We may never have the chance to come back here again." Minos said quietly.
The two agreed and would soon leave him to try to understand the enemy technologies for themselves.
And so a few weeks passed.
By then, the powers of the world would know what was happening in the North Sea!
Chapter 2029 Many Observers
After another 2 months, the outside of the North Sea was already much more 'hectic' than it had been weeks ago when the elves had first moved to the edge of the area.
Nearly a year after Minos and his crew had left Dry City and about six months after the great detonation of the Black Hole Bomb, powers from the farthest reaches of the Spiritual World had sent representatives to this area.
While a few had yet to arrive in this area, most of the groups were already studying and surveying the outskirts of the North Sea.
There were already groups from the three Divine Continent states, the Pantheon of Honor, Elves Island, at least five Central Continent states, as well as the Ancestral Sea and the East Sea.

The Sea Folk and some tribes from the southernmost part of the Continent of Beast were still on their way. The same was true for the Dragon Tribe and the Sky Whales, who had not yet reached the North Sea area but had sent representatives.

But even if there were still people to reach that region, which passed near the End area in the territory of the Black Plain Empire, tens of hundreds of kilometers of sea could already be observed. At least 30 different crews were at this very moment at the edge of that sea, as far as they could go without taking too many risks, observing the 'intensification' of the 'natural' phenomena in the area.

Among the groups was a crew from the Western Empire, where the First Princess of that state was together with some representatives of her family.

Amber Quinn, currently level 93, was with the mid- and high-level Demigods of her family, having come from her state to this place to investigate her father's doubts.

After decades of believing that there was something in the north, Emperor Quinn had finally found the space to send a really strong group to the North Sea after even the Spiritual Church had moved like this.

With the strongest powers in the world turning their eyes to the North Sea, the conflicts around the Spiritual World suddenly cooled down a few months ago, and everyone sent groups to observe that area to the north.

At first, the detonation of Minos' Black Hole Bomb might not have seemed all that relevant. After all, it was powerful enough to "only" affect Demigods at level 96 or lower.

The problem was that the explosion, something compelling and rarely seen in the world, had happened at an awful time when the world's seers were predicting bad times for their powers, but also just before the beginning of the ice age. At the same time, virtually all of Minos' allies, who were no longer few at this point in his journey, knew of his fears.

Knowing that he was going to the North Sea, various powers connected one point to another. They realized that there was a problem they needed to watch out for in that place.

If Minos' theories were correct, powerful enemies were hiding in this area!

His allies knew they had to check what was going on, so they moved.

But as several powers began to move north, other forces that had nothing to do with the situation began to move as well, worried about what these other powers might be doing.

As a result, more groups had moved into the North Sea than anyone had originally expected.

In addition to the Quinn family's boat, there were boats from the Evergreen Empire, the Eastern Empire, and, of course, the observers from the Black Plain Empire and the forces from outside the Central Continent.

Many groups were separated from each other, observing what was happening, while others were clustered together, trying to understand the situation.lightsnovel

That was the case with the powers of the Divine Continent, who had gathered not far from the elves.

The strongest of this group was Julian, level 97, who had been sent as a representative of the Pantheon of Honor to deal with this problem.

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"Elder Julian, what do you think? What are our chances if we venture into the area ahead?" A level 96 Demigod asked as he looked out at the frightening storms of the sea a few hundred kilometers ahead of them.

Julian narrowed his eyes and said in a pessimistic tone. "Our chances would be small, minimal. I don't know what's going on, but this climatic and spatial instability in the vicinity could endanger the lives of even high-ranking Demigods."

"What?" The people in the nearby boats shouted together, feeling this was very difficult to be true.

But these were the last defenses of the aliens in the North Sea, something they had built with everything they had more than 500 years ago.

These were special formations that every group of special explorers of the Mechanic Empire would carry with them to ensure the security of their bases on distant and unknown worlds.

These defenses weren't very useful in battle, but they were instrumental in protecting occupied territories.

That's why even a group that couldn't deal with teams like Minos could leave such complicated things behind.

'It seems that Minos' fears were indeed true. There is an extraterritorial civilization in the North Sea.' Julian pondered with a terrible expression on his face.

He didn't need any proof other than what he saw. There couldn't be natural phenomena in the world that were so powerful that they would manifest themselves in how he and everyone else around him were seeing.

That is to say, the phenomena in front of them were not only capable of killing high-level Demigods, but they also seemed to be controlled by something or someone who wanted to drive them all out of the North Sea!

A natural phenomenon would never work like that, so the only possible explanation was Minos' theory!

'But if they're able to do that, we have to assume that they're stronger than us.' Julian swallowed his saliva in awe, having just arrived at this place but already understanding that the great problem of his generation was right in front of him.

Unlike the ice age everyone feared, the worst they would face was yet to show itself to the world!

He then ordered his group. "Send this message to the temple: Minos was right. There are alien forces in the Spiritual World. Prepare for war!"

Chapter 2030 Level 100

A whole year has passed in the blink of an eye!

Nothing had changed around the North Sea. It was still inaccessible to enter or leave this area, and the forces that had been watching it before were still there.

The last ones to join the 'party' had arrived and started their work of study and observation.

Meanwhile, the powers around the world were beginning to understand what was happening in the north.

Extraterrestrial forces had arrived in the world and were hiding in the central part of the North Sea. These invading forces were not peaceful and would attack everyone in the Spiritual World in the near future.

As for the phenomena around the North Sea, they were part of the enemy's defense system, a protection that prevented the local forces from entering that sea area to understand better what was going on.

Aware of this, the most powerful forces in the world were full of uncertainty about the future, unsure if they would still have to worry about the ice age.

No one needed to see the alien robots to understand that they were more technologically advanced than the forces of the Spiritual World. Just observing how the aliens could control the entire North Sea was enough for everyone to understand.

The enemies had powerful methods of controlling territory, and they probably had powers that were harder to fight than the forces of this world!

Thus, powers such as the Pantheon of Honor were already preparing for the war to defend the world, and talks had already begun among the major powers of the Divine Continent to form a coalition.

At the same time, more powerful groups were sent to the North Sea during this time, with each power monitoring the area and preparing to confront their enemies.

If they were hiding now, it meant that they would act sooner or later. When that time came, it would be time for the strongest in the world to act together!

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While more than 200 Demigods between levels 93 and 98 were watching him at various places in the North Sea, a golden flash of lightning appeared in the sky above the capital of the Eastern Empire.

When that happened, the sky, which had been blue with a few white clouds here and there, suddenly changed color and became completely golden, while the density of spiritual energy over that city suddenly increased.

A rainbow appeared in the sky, and the Nature Laws difficult to absorb in most of the Spiritual World suddenly condensed over this city and made their way to the imperial palace.

The people in the streets of that city felt that everything around them suddenly changed, and they looked up to the sky and saw golden rays of light coming from the heavens toward the imperial palace.

Sensing the spiritual richness of the environment, the most talented and intelligent people didn't care whether they were standing in the middle of the street or going out to do something meaningful. Many just sat where they were and began to meditate!

Meanwhile, on the outskirts of the palace, all the guard members at that moment were on their knees, looking in the direction where the rainbow and the golden ray of light were going.

If you followed the direction of those two special phenomena, you would end up in the main garden of the imperial palace, where there was a kind of portal in the middle of the garden, and space was distorted in the middle of it.

On the outskirts, all the soldiers and family members who were there at that moment were facing the direction of the portal's exit, all with their knees bent as they looked in that direction with eyes full of emotion.

Just as the special effects around the place began to fade, the portal vibrated, and a blond man stepped out.

"Your Majesty, welcome back!" Everyone said at the same time. "Congratulations on reaching level 100!!"

Upon hearing this, the young-looking blond man smiled while a golden, semi-transparent spiritual fluctuation covered his body, radiating the cultivation pressure of a God!

After years of trying, Vico Travisani had become the first of this generation to reach level 100, the first God in the Spiritual World since the last of them disappeared tens of thousands of years ago! Vico was thrilled with himself, but he was more interested in the war with Maximillian, whom he wanted to eliminate immediately. So he asked. "How is the war going? Where is Maximillian?"

"Your Majesty, Maximilian Flamen is in the Seraphim Spatial Kingdom still trying to reach the 11th stage. As for the war, a lot has happened in the past few years, so I'm afraid Your Majesty needs to catch it up." A level 98 man said as he stood up and threw something in Vico's direction.

He saw that Demigod threw him a copy of his most important memories, which could be absorbed and quickly make someone like him understand years of events in a single moment.

Closing his eyes for a moment, Vico understood many things that had happened since he began his seclusion, from the ice age that was about to happen to the most recent event at the North Pole.

Seeing this last part of what his trusted subordinate had told him, Vico became more serious, for even to him, the situation in the North Sea seemed rather strange.

"Minos Stuart... Involved in another disaster? That brat really has a rotten finger. Everything he gets involved in turns out to be terrible." He muttered as he clenched his fists, a little undecided about what he should do now that he had this information.

On the one hand, this seemed like the ideal time to end the war and kill Maximilian. On the other hand, the situation in the North Sea seemed to demand his full attention.

There was also the information that the strongest elf in the world was trying to reach level 100, and a Divine Medicine matured in the depths of the South Sea.

Considering this, Vico felt that he was only the first of the Gods of this new generation and could not act grandly or carelessly.

'First, I'll look at the North Sea. Then I'll see you, Maximilian. He decided before looking at his people and floating into the air.

"I will visit the North Sea. I'll see what exactly is behind these intense spiritual phenomena in that area."

After saying these words, Vico moved so fast that no one there could follow what he had done. They just watched him disappear into thin air.

But everyone who stayed behind was more confident about the future. With a God leading them, everything would be easier for them and their state!

While they stayed behind, Vico quickly crossed the Central Continent, arriving in the Black Plain Empire's End area in just a few minutes.

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