

## **C Immortality 531**

Cursed Immortality

Chapter 531: First Phase: Third Stage

Jacob was extremely ecstatic, seeing he had taken another step towards immortality and a new stage had been unlocked!

[Cursed Immortality: Cursed Immortal Physique (Nine Phases)]

[Current Phase: First Phase]

-First Phase: Body Transformation

-Stages of Body Transformation: Three

-First Stage: Cursed Heart Emergence (Compete)

-Second Stage: Cursed Blood Condensing (Complete)

-Third Stage: Cursed Bone Marrow Amalgamation (Incomplete)

-Inheritor: Jacob Steve

-Current Phase: First (Body Transformation)

-First Stage Progress: Complete

-Second Stage Progress: Complete

-Third Stage Progress: 0%

-Lifespan: 750 Years (All Youthful)

[First Phase of Body Transformation: Cursed Bone Marrow Amalgamation (Third Stage)]

-Cursed Bone Marrow Amalgamation: 00.00%

[Description: Amalgamate your Cursed Blood into Bones to change your Bone Marrow into Cursed Bone Marrow by Sculpting Longevity Schema on your Bones.]

[Longevity Schema: Picture]

-Completion of this stage will result in 5000 Years of Lifespan & Genesis of Cursed Immortal Bloodline

Jacob was shocked to see the description of the next stage, especially the picture of the longevity schema. It was a three-

dimensional picture of a human skeleton filled with mysterious runic lines, and he had no idea how he was supposed to sculpt them on his own skeleton!

Still, he was excited about the lifespan he would earn after this, which was ten times greater than the previous stage!

Five thousand years was an extremely long time in his view, and to live that long was any mortal's dream.

Taking a deep breath, he quickly flipped to the empty page and said, "Well, what are you waiting for?"

"Hehehe... congratulations, you are finally at the final stage of the first phase, and you've reached it quite quicker than I'd expected. I'll start then; first, my summoning time has been increased from 3

hours to 12 hours, and the infinity pendant's 25 cubic meters space has been increased to 100 cubic meters. I bet you've been waiting for this for a long time."

Jacob's eyes shimmered with excitement as he knew this meant his hex mana had increased, and now he should be able to use his hexes against a Unique Rank Being.

"What about the physical aspect? What did I awake? Especially that vision, it wasn't just normal, right?" He questioned as he still felt a faint headache from that strange vision.

"Hehehe, you've awakened three physical aspects. A unique rank agility from the Winged Serpent, it's like your wyvern's endurance.

"Second, a Unique Rank Ability called Mortal Danger Sense from the Infant Mortal Giant. This ability isn't at the level of your fighting giant spirit, but still useful nonetheless. It can allow you to sense life-threatening danger two seconds prior to its arrival. You can even consider an ability that could help you look two seconds into the future, but only when that danger could claim your life.

"The third physical aspect actually didn't have anything to do with other bloodlines at all; instead, the optical vision ability you had just used is awakened from your very bloodline, the Faery Human, the Eyes of Judge!

"When your entire blood changed into cursed blood, your Faery Human blood was also fully integrated with it, which helped you awake the most ancient and powerful ability of Faery Human Race or, should I say, the Arch Justice Human Race.

"Even among the royal bloodline of the Arch Justice Human Race, the Eyes of Judge is only a legend, as they all have various variants of this ancient optical ability. But since you are cultivating me, you naturally awakened the original one.

"You got an ancient ability from a trash bloodline; now, this is what we call luck. Anyway, Eyes of Judge is one of the twelve ancient and most powerful optical eye abilities of the zodiac plains.

"It can instantly see through anything, and nothing can hide from it, and the stronger you become, the more mysterious you'll be able to see, not to mention you'll be able to understand the mechanism of

anything and comprehend the core of many things that no one can understand. Illusions won't work against it, and lies will reveal.

"The Eyes of Judge are extremely powerful and can see myriad lies with a signal glance and then pass judgment with a blink!

"But you are still far too away from using it to its full potential, and I can't help you with that because everyone has their own unique approach to it. Nonetheless, I will give a warning: don't use it for too long, or you might go blind or, worse, become a vegetable.

"Because it draws power from your mind, and without a strong mind, you have no chance of exploring its mysticism. Right now, you can only open it for about five seconds anymore, and don't blame me for what happens next. Hehehe..."

Jacob was shocked when he heard about awakening the Eyes of Judge from his own bloodline. This was the last thing he was expected to awake, or he never thought his bloodline had such a power hidden in it.

But the aforementioned drawbacks were quite serious, so he took that warning to heart.

"You just said my bloodline has been fully integrated with the cursed blood. Does this mean I'm no longer the Faery Human?" Jacob questioned with scrutiny.

"In a sense, until your bone marrow changes, you will remain a Faery Human. But outsiders won't be able to tell your bloodline origin anymore unless they take the sample from your bone marrow directly.

"And before you ask, once you eat all that meat and digest it, you'll be as strong as an Uniuq-Tier-9 Rank, and your fluid acceleration will go up to 70X acceleration." Immortika wrote.

Jacob's eyes narrowed, 'I still have no idea about the origin of this body and why it was abandoned. I guess it's a good thing now that my bloodline won't be able to make any waves. I don't want to have anything to do with them. Who knows what kind of trouble they will bring.'

He felt a sense of relief before he finally got to the main point, "What about the third stage, Cursed Bone Marrow Amalgamation? How am I supposed to carve my bones? Please don't tell me I have to peel my own skill and tendons to carve my own bone?"

Just thinking about it made Jacob shudder since it was too inhumane, and when he saw Immortika's maniacal laughter, he felt a sudden chill running down his spine!

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Chapter 533: Free Food Delivery

On the western shore of the Epic Plains, a medium-sized ship was sailing closer. On this ship were eight giant figures giving a powerful aura; they were all Horned Ogre, and two of them were dwarfs, they were sent here by Captain Free Sword!

The Vice-Captain Harold was in command of this group and the mission.

"Vice-Captain, do you really think this would be fine to enter the Epic Plains?" An ogre with a stern expression questioned.

Harold replied confidently, "Don't worry, the Star Void Server no longer exists in the epic plains. Now, it's just like a continent without the Star Network's protection. We'll be fine."

"Sixth Brother, you're worrying about nothing. We are not going to claim the epic plains but just to plunder the Dark City before going home. Aren't you feeling suffocating breathing in this thin air?" Another ogre snickered.

The sixth brother spoke uncertainly, "Sigh... going against Dark City is nothing but trouble."

"Heh, don't worry, they won't even know what hit them. They would've even dreamt about a bunch of Uniques raiding their turtle den in the epic plains. I've always wanted to drink those conceited bastards' blood." Another ogre chuckled with bloodlust in his eyes.

Everyone began to smile as they were all extremely confident in this endeavor despite some minor misgivings.

"Tell me about this slave. He's the one receiving us, right, and the source of our information?" A dwarf asked as her voice was extremely pleasant.

Harold replied, "Heh, he's just an ant used by us. Not worth anything. We are ordered to bury him once we're done with the mission."

"He seemed quite interesting, though. He was able to get this information so quickly. Won't it be a waste?" The dwarf replied.

Harold shook his head, "It's all because of the captain's mercy, nothing much. Without the treasures bestowed by the captain, he wouldn't be able to do anything. In the end, he's just an epic, and it would be too much trouble to take him back. We don't have a lack of people like him in the unique plains. In the grand, unique plains, he's just a speck of dust not worth a dime."

Everyone chuckled maliciously since they completely agreed with this statement. In their eyes, Epic Plains wasn't anything, and the amount they had plundered could topple any power in the Epic Plains.

In the end, Jacob was just an expendable pawn of Captain Free Sword, nothing else.

"Well, you're right. But I'm more worried about Masha, she's been acting weirdly of late." Another ogre said with concern.

"Don't worry she's probably fantasizing about some gruesome experiment on that traitor. She's always like this, and just like always, she won't care about you, old eighth." The Sixth Brother teased, making the Old Eighth blush.

"You're just playing with fire. That woman is completely anomalous and not worth your affection. If you want beauty, there are plenty of them out there. Stop lusting after that lunatic, or the next thing you know, she's experimenting with your dick." Harold teasingly stated, making everyone burst into laughter.

They were more like family than just a crew and always teased each other.

At this moment, the second dwarf, who was also a sorcerer beside the woman dwarf, blurted, "Someone is flying above us!"

Everyone was startled and quickly approached the deck and looked at the starry sky, but there was no one. However, they trust this dwarf senses because he is a powerful spirit user, and his senses are for show unless a treasure that could surpass his level nothing can hide from him.

"Show yourself!" Harold coldly uttered as his aura skyrocketed. He was a unique-tier-7 combatant just below Captain Free Sword.

"As expected of unique ranks, my rare rank disc's stealth is worth nothing in front of your bunch." A cold, sneering voice rang before a figure was revealed in the sky, and his shadow covered the entire ship. Even the giant ogres looked like ants in front of this gigantic figure.

"Who are you?" Harold asked as he had a very bad feeling seeing this 19-meter-tall giant. He had only seen this size of a giant once in the unique plains, and the person could inflict fear even on the captain.

Their natural size always measured the Giants' prowess, and any giant above 15 meters in size was a confirmed unique rank. Still, there were also magical abilities that could increase size, so they were uncertain.

Furthermore, it was epic plains, so how could a unique rank giant be here? Still, as notorious star pirates, they were all extremely cautious.

The giant stood on a gray disc like a small mountain as his long dark hair fluttered in the wind and his emotionless blue eyes were locked on the group.

He finally spoke, "I guess you can't identify me with this mask, eh Harold? I suppose I was just a powerful ant in your eyes that day, not worth remembering. But so what? You see, I'm a little bit hungry, and you all delivered yourselves at a perfect time. Don't worry, I'll send my regards to Captain for this free food delivery soon."

His words were like devil wisper, sending chills to everyone's spins, and Harold's eyes opened wide in disbelief as a terrifying notion surfaced in his mind.

"YOU! No impossible..." He was appalled, but before he could do anything, his eyelids suddenly turned heavy as a mountain, and the next moment he began to fall back.

"It's an enemy attack!" The sixth brother, who was second in command, yelled in horror as he didn't even see what happened before Vice-Captain Harold was down!

Alas, it was too late since the next moment, he also fell victim to the same hex and fell on the deck.

Appalled, the others quickly tried using their spells, but the next moment, both dwarfs who were the sorcerers and another powerful ogre suddenly gripped their heads and began to scream.

"Ahhhhh... he's in my head...."

The remaining ogres were scared out of their minds instead of fighting, they all decided to jump in the ocean. This person was simply too terrifying, as he took down the most powerful members of their group in a heartbeat.

They all thought that this was a huge trap!

Alas, they realized it too late as swords appeared in Jacob's hands before green flames ignited on sharp blades, and the next moment, he had already vanished from his spot.

On the ogre who was still in the air felt his heart palpitated, and the next moment a green streak flashed past his neck.

The others who were in the ocean began to dive.

But how could they be matched with Jacob in water?

His eyes shimmered with a blue hue, and the next moment, four thick water pillars rose from the ocean, and within those pillars were trapped the remaining four ogres like caged rats.



Without wasting a signal movement, Jacob easily decapitated them all as their blood dyed the ocean before collecting their corpse. He landed on the ship's deck, where the two dwarves and another ogre were still clenching their heads and scheming.

Jacob sneered, "It seemed your ability worked on unique rank quite effectively."

A jolly voice replied in his mind, "Hehe, I'm nothing in front of you, my master!"

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Chapter 534: Unique-Tier-9!

Jacob merely chuckled before knocking down the three victims of Nyx. He had no intention of killing them until Nyx was done with them.

"So, how long would it take for you to devour their dreamscape realms and lifespan?" Jacob asked as he took control of the ship, which was actually a basic, unique rank ship!

"Hmmm... the seeds have already taken root in their dreamscape realm. The two short fellows would take around six or seven days, while the big fellow would only take around two or three days." Nyx replied with some uncertainty.

Jacob was surprised, "It only takes you half a day to devour a dark being's nightmare realm, and the same goes for the living the other day. But two days for this ogre and seven days for those dwarfs? Why is that?"

"I don't know. Those two dwarfs have stronger minds than that ogre thing." She replied hesitantly.

Jacob suddenly thought about something, "It might be because those two dwarfs are sorcerers and had awakened their spirit, while that ogre is an aura user. Don't tell me spirit also affects mind prowess?"

Jacob was startled when he thought about it, since he had been thinking about ways to increase his mental strength to use his eyes of judge. But it was far easier said than done, since even the witch palace didn't have such records.

So, he mused, he might find something in the unique plains. After all, the topic of mind and soul was extremely complex. But now, he suddenly thought about this possibility because the dreamscape realm was directly related to soul and mind.

The spirit users were those who were well versed in magic and research, while the aura users were more inclined towards battles and killing techniques. There was a clear reason for this discrimination between aura and spirit, and that might be related to cognitive prowess.

Although he didn't have proof, he might be able to confirm his theory with Nyx.

"Oh, the two categories of races you explained to me, the combatant and sorcerers, right? I don't know, but you might be right. Because he is clearly stronger than them, yet his mind is not. How about you found me more of such creatures so we can confirm this theory." Nyx excitedly said. She had turned into a hungry academic in two days, and she still liked gunsmithing the most, as it completely fascinated her to no end.

Jacob nodded, "Let's do this experiment with the epic rank races first in these upcoming few days. If this turns out to be true, then I think strengthening my dreamscape realm might also strengthen my mind. What do you think?"

"Of course, it would. Since your dreamscape realm is now merged with me, it would naturally affect your mind as well. The ability to resist negative mind effects is also related to this fact. If I get enough data, I can even begin experiments in the realm." She excitedly stated.

"Alright, once we're done here. I'm going back to the alive plains to finish some unfinished business. In the meanwhile, I'm going to lead their captain by the nose before I claim his life. Only then can we move towards the unique plains. It's going to be a long journey." Jacob stated his plan before he cut off Nyx's vision and began to eat those ogres without leaving anything.

Jacob had never expected that all that meat he bought would not be able to quench his hunger, and despite devouring everything, he was still thirty percent hungry.

Furthermore, the Wyvern's endurance was losing effect as he no longer felt lethargic but hungry again. This was clearly related to his growing power, and now he was going to be on the same rank as the endurance, so it would lose its effect.

Before, he planned to lead these ogres into the epic plains and use them to wreak havoc, but after he found that his second had been completed, and he had reached the final tier of the unique rank, he changed his mind and decided to use them as a very much needed food source.

Even though those ogres were far from the direct bloodline of legendary beings, they were still Uniques nonetheless, and his hunger greatly subdued while he was only an inch away from reaching twenty meters in height.

This was probably the only complaint he had now, his growing height. Right now, he was like a small walking mountain, and he was afraid his size would reach unimaginable heights, and he didn't know what to do or feel about it.

At this moment, he again thinks about the gluttony mask. Since he had mental immunity from Nyx now, he should be fine, but the thing was, he was still lacking the mystic signature.

Another thing worth mentioning is that now, with a hundred cubic meters of space in the infinity pendant, his hexes can be used against four epics and two Uniques, which gave Jacob the confidence to get rid of Captain Free Sword as long as he wished it.

That's why he no longer needed to scheme when he could overwhelm him with power. The only problem was now the Slave Rune, which was still in effect. Although he could resist a little now, it was still a hindrance as long as his magic ability didn't surpass Masha.

After feeding on those five ogres, Jacob dragged the three of the Nyx's victims into the basement and cut off their four limbs before closing their wounds by burning them. Strangely, they didn't react at all, as they were all sleeping peacefully. He knew Nyx was probably having the time of her life.

Once he left them, he dragged Harold and the Sixth Brother, named Anival, into the captain's cabin, which was a luxurious room. He used his hexes on them and put them in slumber for two reasons.

The first one, he wanted some information on Captain Free Sword and what they were doing here. Second, how did Captain Free Sword determine the second traitor's identity back then?

However, he knew once Masha was under Autarch's control, he would get all the information he needed, and Autarch would reach the epic rank as well. But it would still take more years, and Jacob wasn't going to wait, since Captain Free Sword might suspect something.

Thereafter, Jacob directly planted a few parasite gems into their skulls. He didn't have a unique rank one, and they wouldn't be enough to enslave them completely. But they were perfect to restrain them as long as he wouldn't give them a chance to take them out or gather their strength.

To achieve this, he punched right above their magic cores' positions and directly cracked them!

Once all the preparations were done, he sat comfortably on a couch and ended the hex.

The moment Harold and Anival's eyes opened, they went wide, and their faces turned pale as ghosts when deadly pain attacked their minds and bodies like a tsunami.

The next moment, horrifying screams rang in the calm ocean like wails of suffering souls in hell!

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Chapter 535: What Do You Want?

Eight days later, Jacob appeared on the deck of the ship as he basked in the sunlight with a lazy expression.

At this moment, a vermin transponder appeared in his hand, and with a sly smile, he activated it.

Captain Free Sword's gloomy voice rang, "Where are you, and what happened to my men?!"

It wasn't the first time he received this call. It was just that he didn't respond, and he was pretty sure Harold and others would've also received this same call but to no avail, which made Captain Free Sword panic.

Jacob was also helpless, since he couldn't open those guys' space rings because of the mystic signature. Nonetheless, it was according to his plan, so it didn't matter if he could access their rings or not. He wanted to make Captain Free Sword panic, for he had already got what he wanted from Harold, and they had turned into Jacob's nutrition.

Jacob pretended to be panicked and agitatedly said as if he was wounded and running for his life, "Ca...captain! I-I don't know! Six days ago, we entered the dark city with the Vice-Captain, and when we found the Dark Marquise and tried to subdue him, suddenly a blinding white light appeared, and I lost consciousness, and I just awakened in a gloomy place! I... I don't know what happened to the others! Please save me, captain!"

A grave, silent descent, but Jacob merely smiled and waited for Captain Free Sword's response.

"So, you're saying something was strong enough to overwhelm my men, and somehow they let you live, and not only that, they even left you with your transponder!? Did you take me for a freaking fool?!!" Captain Free Sword bellowed furiously.

Jacob was already prepared for this as he quickly responded, "I-I... please believe me, I have no idea what happened, but I woke in this strange place, and my space ring was still there. Oh, no! There are skeletons here, captain! You must save me!"

"If this is true, then I need more information! Search for Harold and others! You better make it fast, or I'll show my other side, and even if you were able to escape alive, you won't be able to escape me!" Captain Free Sword then directly cut off the call.

Jacob couldn't help but sneer, "We'll see about that, don't we?"

Storing away the transponder, Jacob also stored the entire ship away since it was extremely useful to him before he used his gray disc to fly towards the epic plains.

A few hundred miles away from the epic plains was Captain Free Sword's gigantic ship, completely hidden from others because of its terrifying stealth.

Captain Free Sword, at this moment, was extremely livid, and another ogre was standing beside him with a dark expression.

"Was he telling the truth?" The ogre who was below Harold in seniority questioned, everyone called him Vile Horn.

Captain Free Sword furiously retorted, "Or what do you think he is capable of handling ten unique ranks!?"

Vile Horn also winced his browns as he knew how silly this question was, and he knew better than anyone just how treacherous Harold was, so an epic rank slave can't even scratch him, much less inflict any harm to ten of them.

"Going after Dark City was a bad idea." He muttered, since he knew just how mysterious and dangerous the dark cities were, and underestimating them was a huge mistake.

Captain Free Sword ground his teeth, "You think I don't know that? There was only a signal shot for us to return home, and I had to take it. But it still doesn't make any sense. Not to mention us, no unique rank person could stay in the epic plains. So, the only explanation is there was an extremely powerful magic scroll in the dark city possession as its trump card. But why did they leave that slave alive?"

Vile Horn's expression changed as he said ponderously, "The information about this came from that salve, right? So could it be he's working with the dark city against us? They might've gotten rid of his slave rune for his loyalty!"

Captain Free Sword's eyes shimmered with dangerous light, as the chance of this happening was very high if it was the dark city.

"Summon Masha, we'll know if it's true or not!" He ordered coldly.

A few minutes later, Masha appeared looking gorgeous in a red dress, but neither Captain Free Sword nor Vile Horn was in the mood to admire her enthralling features.

Masha also read the room and asked, "What happened?"

Without replying to her question, Captain Free Sword coldly asked, "The slave rune on Jacob S. King, is it still intact?"

Masha didn't tarry and quickly closed her eyes before she mumbled in incomprehensible language, and the next moment, a crimson rune shimmered on her forehead.

Looking at that rune, Captain Free Sword's expression eased a little, while Vile Horn frowned deeply.

Masha opened her eyes at this moment, and that rune vanished as she said confidently, "It is still active, Captain!"

Captain Free Sword sighed, "It appears Mr. King is telling the truth. The Dark City was really able to retaliate against our men."

"What is going on?" Masha tried asking again, as she wasn't completely unaware of Captain Free Sword's plan.

Captain Free Sword didn't hide and told her about what happened to the group.

Masha's expression shifted as she was also shocked, "What do we do?"

"Let's wait for Mr. King's further findings. Since the enemy left him be, they are clearly confident against him and might want something." Captain Free Sword replied in a grave tone.

A few hours later, this time, Jacob sent Captain Free Sword a call, and Vile Horn and Masha were also present.

Captain Free Sword activated the transponder, and a woman's voice sounded filled with mockery, "So you must be the mastermind behind that little mishap. I know leaving this guy alone would gain your attention."

Captain Free Sword narrowed his eyes as he coldly questioned, "Who might you be?"

"I'm someone you don't want to mess with. Oh, my mistake, you have already messed with me. Tell me, how should I punish your group of misfits?" She asked dismissively, sounding extremely arrogant.

Captain Free Sword and others' expressions went extremely dark, as they never expected someone from the epic plains to dare to talk to them like this.

But Captain Free Sword controlled his boiling fury as he asked coldly, "I admit I've underestimated the Dark City of Epic Plains. But since you're talking to me, I can presume you have something in mind. I'm a very reasonable man, and I can admit my fault and accept responsibility. So, let's be frank and cut to the chase. What do you want?"

"Hehehe... as expected from a star pirate. Alright, I'm also easy to talk with. Your men are completely fine and under my care. But how long it will last depends on you. If you want to deal with me and free your men, come to the epic plains. I don't like to talk business on calls."

Done saying she cut the call making Captain Free Sword even more pessimistic and enraged!

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Chapter 536: S-Augmented Reality Lane (1)

In the Vile Witch Valley, the core city of this region No. 492, in the headquarters of the Alchemy Guild, Jacob was sitting comfortably, and in front of him was none other Basic Elder Grandmaster Sofie holding Jacob's Vermin Transponder.

When Jacob showed up out of the blue, she was shocked since she didn't remember Faceless Ancient being a massive twenty-meter-tall giant. Furthermore, he had turned even more unfathomable than the last time, as if his power had no depth, and she felt like an ant.

Afterward, he had her read a script to trick Captain Free Sword. She now looked at Jacob with dread as she had no idea who she was talking to, but the other party seemed quite furious and wondered how that person had offended this dark star, and that person thought she belonged to a dark city.



One thing was clear, though: Jacob was planning something big.

Jacob looked at Sofie's apprehensive expression and chuckled, "You did great. Even I almost believe you."

Sofie pulled a bitter smile as she appeared even more beautiful, "Lord, what are you truly planning, really?"

Although he was still apprehensive of her, she had worked for him now enough to understand him slightly and ask questions.

Jacob merely smiled as he replied, "Just spreading a net to catch a big fish. Don't worry, though; your life is completely guaranteed as long as you follow me. After this, you'll get your freedom."

Sofie eyes shimmered with happiness before she hesitated and said sheepishly, "C-can I say something?"

"Go ahead." Jacob dismissively said, as he no longer put anyone in the epic plains in his eyes because he was already at the peak of unique rank. Not even Captain Free Sword can threaten him now.

If not for Masha's slave rune, he would've already gone to him to settle his score.

Sofie took a deep breath and resolutely said, "I...I want to follow you!"

Jacob narrowed his eyes upon hearing this unexpected answer, making Sofie quiver as she lowered her head.

"Are you serious? Following me means forfeiting your authority and even your luxurious life as a member of the Alchemy Guild. Moreover, you might die at any moment, or I might sacrifice you." Jacob plainly stated, and he wasn't joking.

Sofie took a deep breath to calm her widely beating heart, "If I remain here, I think this would be the limit of my achievements. B-but following you means I might achieve something. As an alchemist, my goal should be to pursue the mysteries, not living comfortably.

"When I became an alchemist, my goal was to unravel the mysteries of magic. But as time passed, my goal became blurry, and with all the authority and riches, I didn't know what I was doing anymore.

"But when my lord ensl... I-I mean, when you took me in, I finally understood how I took my freedom for granted, and my little power and authority didn't mean anything in front of a true master." She looked deeply into Jacob's eyes as she stated, "Please give me a chance, and I should prove my worth. In return, all I want is a place by your side."

Jacob narrowed his eyes, looking at the beautiful elf full of convictions and a new fire in her that wasn't present when he enslaved her that day.

"It's not like I look down on you or anything. But without your authority, what other use do you have for me? Furthermore, your strength is nothing in the place which I'm aiming for. You are nothing but a burden." Jacob mercilessly stated without holding back.

Sofie was slightly pale, but it wasn't like she hadn't expected this response. She inhaled deeply and said, "I-I know I'm useless in your eyes, but I'm still willing to be your maid. You need someone to take care of your business... and... you."

She begins to blush at this point, "Please let me serve you, and if I die, I won't blame anyone. You can use me as a sacrificial pawn!"

Jacob looked deeply at the elf, as he knew it would take all the willpower to state one's desire and submit to someone.

"I'll think about it. You are dismissed for now. If you receive another call, report me to first before doing anything." He stated impassively.

Sofie smiled brightly. Although Jacob didn't accept her, he didn't reject her either. She quickly bowed before she left the room, which was actually hers.

Jacob couldn't help but sigh, 'A follower, huh? In the long journey to immortality, do I even need to consider it when everyone will just die before me? Am I even capable of caring about others anymore?'

He didn't know why he was thinking but dismissed those strange thoughts since he knew, in the end, he would be alone, and he couldn't tarry from this path for anything or anyone...

At this moment, outside the waterfall in the core area of the Vile Witch Valley, where one of the entrances of the Witch Palace was located once, two giant figures appeared.

"This is the place?" Star-Lord asked emotionally with great pain.

The Vice Star-Lord, also his wife, replied with a quavering voice, "Yes, this is the place where some vile brute murdered our children!" There was endless hate in her voice.

Star-Lord took a deep breath to calm his boiling hatred, and a white brocade box appeared in his hand.

He emotionally said while creasing the smooth jade like surface of the box, "It took them five months to deliver this S-

Augmented Reality Lane to us. Now, we can finally find the murderer of our children.

"But we are only given two more weeks before the Containment Unit of Destiny Star Corporation would arrive here. My star ID might've already been exposed, so we need to change our identities before departing. So, I want you to be open-minded. Just in case we can't track down the killer, we'll leave. We can't die. We have to live for our children." He sternly said.

The Vice Star Lord closed her eyes as tears began to stream down before she nodded, "I know. I don't want to die before killing that vile brute. Even if he could escape our revenge now, once we climb the ladder at the Unique Plains, it would not be too late to destroy the entire epic plains!"

The Star Lord nodded in stratification and gently said, "Now that's my wife. But I don't plan on giving up this time!"

The next moment, he opened the brocade box, and a blinding crimson light suddenly gushed out like a stream of endless water and quickly began to cover the core region of the Vile Witch Valley!

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Chapter 537: S-Augmented Reality Lane (2)

As the crimson light covered the entire core area of the Vile Witch Valley in front of Star-Lord and his wife, time seemed to be played in reverse as images of beasts being to appeared drinking water from this place.

It continued to go backward until the virtual images of Vice Star Lord and her people came into play from her last visit.

Both of them continued to stare with killing as the time continued to go backward until they saw a group of people emerging from the water. Immediately, Star-Lord tapped on the brocade box, and the time reverse slowed down.

Although they can see these things, they can't hear anything.

Soon, they instantly spotted a lone figure from the group walking backward in the forest, and they looked at each other before following this hooded figure. After following him deep into the forest, they saw this person waving his hand in reverse, and a giant figure suddenly emerged on the ground!

This was the same scene when Jacob hexed Frugal when he was on a call with Star-Lord.

"Frugal!" The Vice Star Lord cried emotionally, "He's the one who killed him!" She roared with hatred.

The Star Lord didn't hesitate and tapped on the box again, and this time, augmented reality suddenly stopped.

The Star Lord then took out a small rectangular device and activated it while placing it close to the mysterious hooded figure, and then a white scanning light began to scan this person from head to toe.

A static voice rang from the device, "An inactive Star Watch detected!"

Both husband and wife's expressions warped upon hearing it, as they didn't expect this at all. In their mind, as long as they could use the S-Augmented Reality Lane to reverse the time period to when their children died and use this special device of the organization to scan this murderer's star watch, they could get his star ID.

But the murderer was even more cunning than they had thought as he didn't wear his active star watch but an inactive one.

The S-Augmented Reality Lane would work by hacking into the SAAI's observation database, which monitored all the activities in the Epic Plains. Nothing could hide from it.

But unlike SAAI, the S-Augmented Reality Lane could only cover a small region, and it could only be used once in that area, not again if they don't want to infuriate the SAAI and activate its killing protocols.

Furthermore, they can't hear sounds, and the limit to this augmented reality was 999 days, and they can only go back once. They can not play it forward.

They had already turned back time to 997 days just to reach this point, and they only had one use of this thing before it would teleport back to whence it came. It was a security measure to keep this extremely precious device safe and not be used by another unauthorized person.

However, now things were going south.

"I don't believe it! I can't accept it!" Vice Star-Lord was on the verge of a mental breakdown at this moment.

"Let's use the remaining time and hope that bastard left some clues." Star-Lord took a deep breath to calm down and played it again.

They watch the murderer jumping back on the tree while Frugal turns back and begins to talk with Star-Lord before they begin to turn back again.

They both walked with them, and this time, they saw the person headed back into the forest again while Frugal was still present there, and they knew this was the time when he got rid of Aven.

So, they followed him and soon arrived where Jacob dealt with Aven and Vice Star-Lord, who couldn't hold back her tears seeing her precious daughter.

The Star Lord tried again, but the result was the same: Jacob was still not wearing his star watch. So, they continued to play the keeping, watching how it all played out.

They even saw Jacob going into the water with another mercenary and coming back alone before the group again walked back into the forest.

As the time of the S-Augmented Reality Lane was coming to an end, they saw them camping, and for the last time, the Star-

Lord tried to scan Jacob again, and the result was still the same.

At this point, they were filled with despair and helplessness and once the S-Augmented Reality Lane time was up, the brocade box in his vanished with a flash.

"Hateful!" Star-Lord roared fully of unwillingness. Despite getting the S-Augmented Reality Lane, they still weren't able to get another on their children's murderer. It was like someone had ripped open their barely healed wound again.

In the end, Star-Lord tries to console his wife and says, "Although we didn't manage to catch the killer, I'd observe the way he took them. They weren't given the chance to fight before they were killed. This person has an extremely bizarre magic, and he knew who he was targeting. Even we might not be able to take him down easily. This kind of person and magic is very rare. Let's search for him this way. He can't hide forever!"

The Vice Star Lord nodded with teary eyes, "...I know. I would never let this go until I flay his skin, pull his tendon, grind his bones, and drink his blood!" Her very word was from her heart, which was filled with hatred and vengeance.

Both of them then left dejectedly. They came with hope, yet they left with even more despair.

Jacob had no idea his decision to switch his star watch back then had suddenly saved him from becoming the enemy of the Star Hackers, or his star ID would've been on their blacklist as well.

Although he might not care about the Star-Lord and Vice Star Lord of the Epic Plains, the ATLAS in the Unique Plains was not something to be underestimated. Even the Star Network can't do anything to them as they are simply too discreet, and the powers there also have secret dealings since their gadgets are simply too helpful and unique.

They were far above the Killer Skull Society, and being their target was not something that even Dark City could handle.

Right now, he was still waiting for Captain Free Sword's response before taking another step to take down the notorious group of star pirates that had even evaded the pursued big powers from the Unique Plains.

In the meanwhile, he finally got the chance to pay attention to the Hunter's Legacy he earns in the trial plain, the Night Hunter's Aura and Spirit, a Universal Scripture of Unique Rank!

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Chapter 538: Scripture of Blank

The Night Hunter's Aura and Spirit was an extremely rare Universal Scripture that could be cultivated with all the elements and compatible with both aura and spirit paths.

This universal scripture was a stealth-type scripture with five abilities for both spirit and aura, and the rectified stars needed for them were 900.

Jacob was really fascinated by this scripture and wanted to cultivate those abilities. Still, he needed to have either aura or spirit glyph to cultivate it, which poured cold water on his expectations.

Then he put it away and checked the Scripture of Blank that he got from Nelsen, which was also like the Night Hunter and compatible with every element.

However, when he started to read the details of the Scripture of Blank, he was startled because it was not what he was expecting it to be.

The Scripture of Blank is actually a magic ability scripture that could help a person gain a fake aura or spirit glyph called the Blank Aura Glyph or Blank Spirit Glyph!

However, unlike the realm Aura and Spirit Glyphs, this Blank Glyph would emerge within a magic core, not etch on the skull, and this glyph can't etch any abilities like the real one. Its only purpose was to provide either aura or spirit!

But for Jacob, the ability to etch was not as important as having aura and spirit because the only disadvantage he had over unique rank is they had either aura and spirit while he only had plain mana.

If he could have an aura or spirit, that disadvantage would vanish in smoke, and he could be a true unique rank and also raise his power to new heights!

Jacob also suspected that Nelsen had already cultivated this scripture and had either aura or spirit, and that's why he was able to hunt down a unique rank beast in the trial!

'That old fox was really hiding it well. Just where did he get this? Furthermore, this scripture could grant any type of glyph one desires. This means that if someone had an innate aura glyph, they could also have a spirit glyph, and they also didn't need to be a unique rank at all. Even star or epic star-rank magic cores could form these glyphs.

'It is even more advantageous to me since I have three magic cores. I can have three types of auras or spirits or either have both. No, wait, I might also have a natural spirit glyph from the hex core, so it should have four glyphs. And once I cultivate the Art of Nature to its full potential, I would have six magic cores...'



Just thinking about it made Jacob's heart race, as the Scripture of Blank, was tailor-made for him, and he could do wonders with it.

A content smile appeared on his face, 'It seemed the old fox was really sincerer about making amends. Although the zodiac oath is not in effect, I know it would be nigh impossible to find that old fox since he would flee with Ellie the moment he came out from the champion space, so hunting them would be akin to searching a needle in a haystack.

'But now it seemed I could forgive them a little and give them a chance to run. However, if they ever appeared before me, I'll eat them alive. As for Lucy, she has been AWOL since the trial ended, which means she is also hiding. Even though I got some of her hideouts out from her guard in the trial, she is not as important as that ogre bastard.'

Jacob smiled coldly as he still wanted to hunt down both Ellie and Lucy, but he knew it would take too much time to search for them, especially after meeting with Nelsen.

They might be hiding in the star ocean, so he didn't bother and focused on the target in the view.

So, without any further ado, he begins to cultivate the Scripture of Blank with his fire core first. He chose to form the Blank Aura Glyph of Fire because of fire's destructive properties, and it would directly raise his attacking power.

But forming this blank aura glyph would take about six to twelve months, and he needed to meditate while channeling his mana into the fire core. Still, he wasn't in any hurry since he had already played the dice, and now it was Captain Free Sword's turn.

Furthermore, he was also planning someone before starting his voyage to unique plains after dealing with Captain Free Sword.

Four days later, when Jacob was meditating while channeling his mana into the fire core with Scripture of Blank, Sofie's voice rang outside the room, "My lord, he's calling."

Jacob opened his eyes, and a fiery green lightning flashed past his eyes and said, "Come in."

Sofie appeared in a violet dress, looking extremely beautiful as she had specially dressed up for someone.

She flaunts her sexy curves while walking, but Jacob remains expressionless, making her secretly depressed. But she didn't dare to show it and get to the point, "This device was just blinking, but I didn't activate it."

Jacob nodded, "Good, now call him back and just listen. You just need to say, as I wrote in the star watch like the last time. You just need to keep your image as the representative of the Dark City, and you need to be absolutely confident there is no room for error."

Sofie solemnly nodded before she activated the vermin transponder.

Soon, Captain Free Sword's cold voice sounded, "I've thought about our last chat and since you want to meet and discuss business with me in person, I would be a disrespect on my part since the fault lies with me.

"But forgive me for lack of courage. You see, I'm a pirate and timid by nature, and Dark City is not to be trifled with. You made it very clear last time. So, how about we choose to meet in the star ocean close to the epic plains? I'll come alone, and you do the same.

"Since you have my men, I won't try anything. In fact, I'm very interested in forming a partnership with the Dark City, for it only brings endless benefits for both of us. There is no need to turn hostile for that little skirmish. What do you think, Miss?"

'Just as I expected.' Jacob's lips curled in disdain as he knew Captain Free Sword won't dare to enter the Dark City after what happened with his men.

That guy might appear to be arrogant, but he wasn't a fool. The star ocean was Captain Free Sword's territory, so he would only feel safer there, and if he could really form a friendly relationship with Dark City, he would not let this chance pass by either.

So, he won't do anything unless he wants to rot in the epic plains forever or find another Jacob to do his bidding, which was no longer an option since he knew that plan was filled with flaws after what happened to his men. He would no longer trust another pawn.

A display appeared on Jacob's star watch before words began to appear, and Sofie's eyes shimmered as she replied.

"Alright, since you are willing to listen, I'll give you a chance. But I'm not coming alone and bringing one of my close assistants with me. You can also bring another person, just to be fair.

"Let's meet on the boundary of epic star ocean in seven days. Oh, and don't you dare send an imposter since I've already obtained your appearance from one of your men. What do you think?" Sofie calmly stated what Jacob wrote.

Captain Free Sword didn't reject either and replied in agreement, "Very well, I'll see you there, miss!

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### Chapter 539: Freedom or Profit?

In the boundary of Epic Star Ocean, a ship was cutting through the water and approaching another big ship, which seemed to be stopped and waiting for their arrival.

In this moving ship, Jacob, in a dark cloak, stood behind Sofie, who was also hiding her appearance. But Jacob stuck out like a sore thumb because of obvious reasons. He looked at the big ship with hidden killing intent. He's been waiting for this day for a long time now.

After his first meeting with Captain Free Sword, he had come a long way from being a tier-1 epic to tier-9 unique, and he was finally at this point where he looked down on the other guy for being utterly helpless.

"What is your plan?" Sofie asked with a hint of apprehension. She had no idea what kind of scheme Jacob was hatching, but she knew if even Jacob was so careful, then the other party was to be trifled with.

She also knew her role was very important in this, and if she messed up, she might be the first one to die. However, she didn't complain. She wanted to show her resolve to follow Jacob through thick and thin so he could accept her.

Jacob plainly said, "If the person I'm aiming for is really in that ship, then I'm going to put him to sleep. But if it is not, then I'm afraid it'll be a bloodbath. In fact, I'm not afraid of him, but there is a person who can affect my movement, so capturing him would make it even easier to deal with that person.

"I'm even hoping he would be foolish enough to take that person with him here, which would free me from those restraints. Then there's no need to play tricks, and it seemed luck is on my side." He said ambiguously.

Sofie was astounded and asked, "What kind of restrain?"

Jacob merely glanced at her and replied, "It doesn't matter anymore."

Sofie didn't pry further if Jacob was unwilling to reveal it.

At this moment, Jacob's eyes narrowed as he spotted a figure covered in a cloak like them standing on the dock of the ship, and he seemed to have spotted them as well.

'Who do you bring, and did you dare to come yourself?' Jacob wondered as he was hoping it would be Masha since Harold was already gone, and he had a feeling that Masha should be next in command, and her ability of charm would make her an ideal candidate for this trip.

As for Captain Free Sword, as long as he appeared, he was as good as Jacob's dinner tonight, and Masha would be imprisoned until Autarch was done with her.

Lastly, Jacob would get rid of the entire crew of Captain Free Sword and take over his massive ship and all the treasures they had ever plundered. This was for revenge as well as for the unimaginable profit he would get from it.

Furthermore, Jacob wanted Captain Free Sword's ship because that ship has sailed the star ocean of unique plains, and it might be the safest ship in the entire epic plains for the voyage towards the Unique Plains.

Jacob stopped the ship at some distance from the other ship before the other person on the other deck beckoned them to come. His heart raced as he sensed something now that he was this close.

They both jumped on the ship and landed on the wide deck.

The cloaked person seemed to be looking at the unusually granitic figure of Jacob with astonishment and great interest.

Jacob's heart thumped when he appeared so close to this figure, and his lips curled up, 'She's really here!' He instantly knew it was Masha because he could sense Autarch's presence in her head as clear as day.

Now, all that was left was to confirm if his other target was here or not.

"You, my friend, are really a giant!" A familiar, jolly voice of Captain Free Sword rang as he walked out from the cabin and looked at Jacob with fascination. Even he wasn't as tall as him.

From that familiar snarky voice, Jacob glared at Captain Free Sword icily, but he didn't react and summoned his trump card, Cursed Immortality, to make a final confirmation!

"Tell me, is this ogre tier-8 unique or not? And this other person, is it a Charm Siren Race?" He directly questioned since he clearly remembered Captain Free Sword and Masha's traits.

Although he was clear about Masha, it couldn't be said the same for Captain Free Sword because that guy might play some trick.

Immortika laughed as usual before playfully wrote, "Oh how long you've waited for this, huh? Revenge is a dish best served cold; what a good way to put it.

"But I'm afraid you have to wait more to get it even colder. This ogre is not tier-8. In fact, it isn't an ogre at all. Heck, there isn't even a second person present in this place. All you see is a puppet made with runes and wearing a very well-

crafted skin, and to make it even more real, the Charm Siren is using her bloodline ability to cast a charm on the puppet, which makes it look as good as the real thing.

"As for the actions, this puppet is voice and controlled by a real person far away from here. Hahaahahaha, I had to admit this guy is really something. He's even wary of someone whom he considers an ant. Now, what will you do? If you take down this woman, you'll be free, but this might scare away the guy, and your plans will fall apart. I love this kind of choice..."

Jacob's expression changed as killing intent flashed past his eyes. He never expected Captain Free Sword to be such a turtle. But he was also impressed by his cowardliness. He knew his ten men had been captured, which meant even he wasn't a match for his enemy, so he decided to remain hidden and send Masha to make this puppet appear even more realistic.

Now, if he dealt with Masha and this puppet quickly, Captain Free Sword might really be scared away, and it would be very hard for him to find him in the star ocean.

However, when it comes to his freedom, he is very decisive, and profit means nothing. Besides, it's not like he wasn't prepared for the worst already. He still has another method to draw Captain Free Sword's ship.

So, without hesitation, he looked at Masha with killing intent, sending chills down her spine, and both Captain Free Sword and she sensed the strange atmosphere with Sofie and Jacob's lack of reaction.

Alas, before they could do anything, Masha was already falling on the deck while Jacob appeared in front of the puppet and threw a full power punch, blasting it into smithereens!

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Chapter 540: Second Chance

In the main ship of Carefree Sword Star Pirates, an enraged roar reverberated like thunder, shaking the entire ship.

"Bastards! You dare to stab me in the back!"

In the captain's room, Captain Free Sword's complexion was pale as blood was trickling down from the corner of his mouth, and his bloodshot eyes were emitting bloodlust. It was the result of losing connection with the puppet, which held a trace of his blood and connected to him by mystic signature.

Not only did he lose an extremely valuable, advanced, unique rank, Mimic Puppet, but he also lost Masha, who was more useful than the other members of the crew right now.

But what Captain Free Sword couldn't understand was how Masha suddenly lost consciousness without even being able to activate her teleportation talisman. No, more importantly, who did those two see through their guise?

Furthermore, when Captain Free Sword thought about how that giant blew off the Mimic Puppet with a signal punch, he felt a chill running down his spine.

"He is a peak rank, unique! Just what in the hell is Dark City doing here?" He muttered with coldness creeping over his skin.

Vile Horn was also silent with an ugly expression. He didn't think they would encounter this kind of situation in the epic plains, of all places. Not even unique plains had ever dealt this kind of damage to them.

Now, they had lost eleven strong men in just two weeks, which was completely unacceptable. Furthermore, they were still in completely dark about their enemy's might and trapped in this place.

At this moment, Captain Free Sword finally calmed down and frowned darkly when he sensed something, and the next moment, a glowing vermin transponder appeared in his hand.

His expression grew extremely ugly because this call was from his enemy. Grinding his teeth, he activated it.

"I'm very disappointed in you, Mr. Pirate. I thought we had an understanding between us, yet you dare to trick me with some puppet? Do you think, since I'm from epic plains, I'm easy to deceive?" Sofie's cold voice rang.

Captain Free Sword and Vile Horn's expressions went even more ugly as they knew their opponent had really seen through their tricks. They had really underestimated the Dark City, and they finally understood why no one dared to mess with them.

Now all they could do was to blame their own damn poor judgment to poke this hornet nest.

"I'm willing to compensate you for this transgression, and I still want to negotiate with you. Please give me another chance, and this time, there will be no tricks." Captain Free Sword stated with suppressed killing intent in his eyes. He felt an ant of epic plains had shattered his pride. He has been bested!

"Hehe, so you seek forgiveness again? It is your second offense, yet you still dare to seek partnership with me? What a shameless little coward you are." Sofie's voice was filled with disdain and mockery.

Vile Horn trembled with rage, while Captain Free Sword was on the verge of spitting blood with anger. No one had dared to ever talk with him like that.

"Sigh... I really need a coward like you this time, so I'm willing to give you another chance. Come here, I'm waiting for you in the same spot, but you have an hour before you won't get another chance.

"Don't make me send information about you back to the unique plains. I know, since you guys are hiding like cowards here, you had a pretty nasty enemy back there. I wonder if they hate you enough to cross the star ocean to hunt you down. Furthermore, I'll get rewards the same so, this is really your last chance. Hehehe..." The call ended with her mocking laughter.

Captain Free Sword and Vile Horn's expressions changed when they heard about the last part. They didn't think about this problem until now.

"This bitch is too much!" Vile Horn gritted his teeth as he never expected he would feel like this for someone from the epic plains.



Captain Free Sword muttered darkly, "We are dealing with a true big wig. Whether it's in epic plains or unique plains, these people had minds of crooks, and they never let benefits go. This woman knows what she's doing, and from start to end, everything is under her control.

"She even dared to stay, and this time, she didn't say to come alone or with my entire crew. She just said to come. At least this confirms that she is not afraid of our crew and really needs something from us."

Vile Horn's eyes narrowed as he felt a sense of danger, "So, is it really okay to go there? What if she is just baiting you there?"

Captain Free Sword's eyes when deadly cold as he replied, "Yes, there are high chances of this as well. But we have no enmity between us, and she knew I needed something from her, so she probably wanted to take advantage of our situation. We are more useful alive than dead to her. So, there is a 70% chance she will talk.

"But if she's really just trying to play hunter, she's too green to make me her prey. Go, sail the ship in her direction. Let's meet this wily bitch and find what she's after." He ordered Vile Horn while he left toward a secret room to prepare for this meeting.

Captain Free Sword wasn't an idiot, and he cherished his life more than anyone else, so he had to make sure nothing happened to him. If he sensed even a trace of danger there, he'd escape without hesitation!

On Masha's ship, Jacob smiled looking at blushing Sofie as she felt embarrassed from her acting in front of Jacob. But she tried her best, and it seemed the other party really fell for it as well.

"You did great. Now, let's see if he comes alone or with his entire ship. If it's the former it would be troublesome a little, but if it's the latter, I need you to escape through the sea. I'm going to claim that ship for myself, and this battle is not something you could participate in. I'll find you once I'm done." Jacob ordered.

Sofie hesitated for a moment before she nodded and agreed to this arrangement. After all, earlier, she felt Jacob's power when he blasted that puppet for a moment, and she knew this man was probably invincible!