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### Cursed Immortality

#### Chapter 551: Dark Marquis Decisiveness

The epic Dark City has the same structure as the rare plains. The difference was its size was ten times grander than the rare plains one.

At this moment, in a luxurious hall, Jacob sat in front of a masked woman adorned in a blue dress, but her face was hidden.

However, her curvaceous body, long silky green hair, and creamy white hands showed she was a beauty. Her calm emerald eyes were looking at giant Jacob with a hint of shock. This was naturally the administrator of Dark City and held the highest dark noble rank, Dark Marquis!

Although she had heard Jacob was a giant, his height didn't match any report, and he wasn't wearing any mask, but his hair was black, and his eyes were blue; he was extremely handsome, not like the stories at all.

As for Sofie, who was calmly standing behind him, she didn't know who she was, but since she was with Jacob, she had to pay more attention to her. Moreover, she felt apprehensive of Jacob, as if he was a slumbering beast with terrifying might.

She was extremely sensitive toward danger because of her unique bloodline, and Jacob gave her a sense of danger like she had never experienced before that she didn't dare to look down on him.

Nonetheless, she didn't pry and was thrilled about Jacob appearing here since it meant he was serious about joining their side.

"Thank you for coming." She finally breaks the silence.

Jacob coolly nodded and replied, "The honor is mine. I hate talking in roundabout ways. So, let's not waste each other time; before joining the Dark City, I want to confirm something: if I become a personal member, will I have to hand over the medallion?"

He directly gets to the point since his main concern in coming here was to confirm what the Society Killer said. If he really had to hand over his medallion, then he would instantly leave since there was no room for discussion. He won't give away his medallion no matter what, especially since it was connected to higher plains.

"This..." Dark Marquis was startled hearing this since the last time Jacob didn't ask this.

But this time, he sounded quite cold. She replied hesitantly, "Mr. Ancient, this matter is far more complicated than you think."

Jacob shook his head, "No matter how complicated it is, I won't hand over the medallion no matter what. I'm quite confident in handling myself, and joining the dark city is for convenience's sake. But if I were required to give away the medallion, then I would rather try my luck alone. This is not negotiable. Now, you can decide how to proceed. Don't blame me for being boorish."

Now it was confirmed that the Unique Star Ocean Medallion really held importance even in the Dark City eyes, so the Society Killer's words were true. Jacob is even more determined to keep it now.

Dark Marquis really didn't expect Jacob to be so stubborn, and she wanted to pursue him, "Mr. Ancient I know you earn the medallion through risking your life. But it involved too many variables. Besides, you don't even need it, so why put your life at risk?"

Jacob smiled coldly, "Variables like the Zodiac Night Guardians, right? How about you let me worry about them? You just tell me if Dark City would let me in with medallion or not."

Dark Marquis's eyes widened when she heard that name, as she didn't expect Jacob to know about the Zodiac Night Guardians. But despite knowing he was still being nonchalant about them. She had clearly underestimated Jacob's resourcefulness and even suspected that he knew about the medallion's mystery.

She took a deep breath and deeply looked at Jacob's impassive expression as she gravely said, "Since you know, very well. You can join the Dark City, and to tell you the truth, Dark City will never ask their members to hand over anything, especially treasures they put their lives at risk to acquire. So please don't misjudge me. It's just that people's greed knows no bounds, and I'm very helpless in this matter as well. So, I hope you won't blame me for hiding the truth."

Jacob's eyes narrowed as he thought of something from her last words, "Don't tell me someone from the higher plains is after this medallion, and they belonged to the Dark City."

Dark Marquis's heart raced slightly as she didn't expect Jacob to guess the crux of the matter easily, 'No wonder those three wanted to eliminate him. He's too sly for his own good, but he has the power to back it up. I wonder if he could shine in the unique plains as well. Dark Duke will definitely make things hard on us, but this is also an opportunity...'

In the end, she nodded with resolve before a triangular black mirror appeared in her hand and placed it on the table in front of them.

"Since you think it through, I don't need to worry about anything. I'm not a coward either, and Dark City is not a place where anyone can run amok as they wish. This is the Dark Registration Codex; it will record your entry in the Dark City, and you'll be a personal member.

"By putting your hand on it, you will be agreeing to all the dark city rules and vow never to betray it. You can't kill fellow members of Dark City as long as you don't have proof of their crimes. You can't disclose sensitive information or secrets of Dark City to anyone. In times of crisis, you will help the Dark City the best you can. You can't leave the Dark City until Dark City betrays your trust, and you can't scheme against it.

"If you agree, then place your hand on it." She solemnly moved the mirror towards Jacob.

Jacob was surprised as he didn't expect Dark Marquis to be so decisive, even Sofie were moved by her determination. Despite knowing Jacob would trouble her, she still dared to accept it.

'This woman is not so bad.' Jacob thought, it was his first time encountering such a person in the Zodiac Plains.

Without hesitation, he placed his hand on the Dark Registration Codex. The mirror was warm, and suddenly, its surface rippled like water before gentle red light covered his hand.

Dark Rose's static voice sounded, "Do you accept Dark City Rules and Regulations for Personal Members? Please note, if you continue, you won't be able to back off."

Jacob suddenly felt something gripping his heart. This sensation was just like the Zodiac Oath Contract. This surprised him and also made his smile grow slightly, and he answered, "I accept!"

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Chapter 552: Joining the Dark City

"Personal Member Registration Start!

"Detecting life signatures...

"Star ID: Faceless Ancient (Life Faction Honorary Member)

"Star Privilege: 3-Star

"Star Criminal Record: NONE

"Bloodline: Unknown

"Power Rank: Above Epic Rank

"Magic Rank: Above Epic Rank

"Registration Successful!

"Congratulations, Faceless Ancient, you are now a Personal Member of Dark City.

"Dark Noble Rank Anointed: Dark Baron

"More information about Dark Baron privileges has been sent to your Star ID!"

After Jacob accepted, Dark Rose's voice continued to ring, and Dark Marquis and Sofie were shocked when they heard about Jacob's special title, his unknown bloodline, and his shocking prowess.

Dark Marquis was especially shocked because Jacob directly acquired the title of Dark Baron, not the Lower Dark Noble, which he was expecting.

Even Jacob was surprised since he was caught off guard by Dark Rose's evaluation of his prowess, but he was surprised about the title as well and looked at Dark Marquis for an explanation.

The mirror also stopped shimmering and turned to normal at this point.

"Do you have an honorary badge from life faction and your power...?" She couldn't help but ask. This was too shocking, even more than a three-star privilege, especially his prowess.

It shouldn't have been possible for Jacob to enter the epic plains if he was above the epic rank, and Jacob wasn't even from Unique Plains from the past records she had gathered. If Dark Rose hadn't confirmed Jacob's ID, she would've suspected he was an imposter.

Jacob impassively replied, "I do have an honorary badge. As for my prowess, it is an effect of a special privilege of this badge."

Jacob knows about the special effect of these honorary badges now, so he made this up to cover up for his abnormal existence. He didn't need to explain any further.

Realization dawns upon Dark Marquis and Sofie.

Dark Marquis replied with self-mockery, "No wonder you were able to clear the epic trial and aren't afraid of Zodiac Night Guardian. So that's how it is. If you have told me this before, I don't have to embarrass myself."

She then looked at Sofie, who was now looking at Jacob's worship, and said, "Miss, do you want to join as well? If not, I have to apologize and ask you to leave since you can't participate in our next conversation."

In fact, if not for Jacob, Sofie wasn't even qualified to be here; Dark Marquis was just giving Jacob face. But now that Jacob is a personal member, she needs to discuss the matter of Dark City, which includes too much core information, so Sofie needs to leave.

Sofie hesitated as she looked at Jacob for his opinion. She clearly won't do anything without his approval.

Jacob coolly said, "Do as you please."

"Then, I would like to join, but I'm a core member of Alchemy Guild. Would it be the problem?" asked Sofie hesitantly. She was still an alchemist of the Alchemy Guild, so she didn't know what would happen if she tried to join the Dark City as a personal member.

A hint of surprise flashed past Dark Marquis's eyes as she replied, "It is no problem. Once you join the Dark City as a personal member, your membership in the Guild will be revoked on its own. There is no problem, but you can't do the same with Dark City. If you agree, then just do as Mr. Ancient and place your hand on the Dark Registration Codex."

Jacob and Sofie were surprised since they didn't expect Dark City to have such power to directly snatch away the three hegemonies' core members without giving them any explanation.

'It seemed the Dark City is even more unfathomable than I expected.' Jacob thought with a sharp look.

Sofie didn't hesitate any longer and did as Jacob and quickly accepted the oath, and afterward, the same process happened.

"Personal Member Registration Start!"

"Detecting life signatures...

"Star ID: Crownless Alchemist89

"Star Privilege: 1-Star

"Star Criminal Record: NONE

"Bloodline: Wise Wood Elf

"Power Rank: Tier-7 Epic Rank

"Magic Rank: Epic-Star-8 Rank

"Registration Successful!

"Congratulations, Crownless Alchemist89, you are now a Personal Member of Dark City.

"Dark Noble Rank Anointed: Lower Rank Dark Noble

"More information about Lower Rank Dark Noble privileges has been sent to your Star ID!"

This time, there wasn't any surprise for Dark Marquis as she secretly sighed in relief. She took back the Dark Registration Codex and said, "Congratulations, you both, you are no longer outsiders. You can now buy properties in the inner dark city and even start your business here."

"I don't have time for such a thing. Now, you should start talking since there is no need to hold back." Jacob stated that he didn't have any more reason to stay in the epic plains.

Dark Marquis didn't tarry any longer since she wouldn't be punished if she said another out of the line anymore.

"First, let me reintroduce myself. My name is Zoe Heartfelt, and I'm from Spirit Tree Race of Unique Plains. I was sent here by my family over three hundred years ago to climb up the ranks and become the administrator of the Epic Dark City to prove myself.

"My clan is also in charge of Unique Dark City, and I'm one of their successors. If I want to fight the Unique Dark City administrator position, I need to go through many hardships.

"The Dark Duke of the Unique Dark City is also my Grandfather, and he's also the one who asked me to get the medallion from you. In return, he offers his protection, so I had to ask again if you want to take the deal. My grandfather has vast influence all over the Unique Plains, and if you take this deal, no one will make things difficult for you." Dark Marquis or Zoe stated solemnly.

Jacob was surprised since he wasn't expecting this twist. But he replied firmly, "My decision is the same. On the other hand, I want to ask you something: are you really willing to do your grandfather's bidding? I can tell you're an ambitious and daring woman, and since you were able to come here for the experience, you also want to rule the Unique Plains' Dark City as well, right?"

Sofie was shocked as she looked at Jacob, for he was too direct.

Dark Marquis's eyes narrowed slightly since Jacob didn't say anything wrong!

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Chapter 553: Three Absolute Factions

In the end, she nodded, "Indeed, I want that position as well. But it's not so easy to become an administrator since you need achievements and merit worthy of this position. The higher the plain, the more difficult it is. Just the requirement of Dark Duke rank can put people in despair.

"Furthermore, in the Unique Dark City, there are three Dark Duke Clans, and despite our clan being in the leading position, the other two clans won't remain still as anyone can fight for the city administrator position as long as they meet the requirements.



"Just my own clan has eight possible successors, not to mention the other two clans. The competition in Dark City is very fierce, and my chance of succession is very low. But after meeting you, if you are willing to lend me a hand, I think I might be able to pull it off!" She revealed as she looked at impassive Jacob.

Jacob lightly nodded as he got to the crux of the matter, "I never thought there was an internal struggle in the Dark Cities on this level. But you guys never let it show, huh? I'm impressed. Tell me your plan; where do I fit in this?"

Zoe had just told him about the internal structure of the Unique Dark City and where she stands. But the main point was what she wanted from Jacob. Although her clan was powerful, she wasn't the only successor, and from her tone, it was also clear that the Dark City was unbiased towards them.

As long as someone meets the requirements, anyone can fight for a high position, but people in power won't allow that easily. Jacob could understand this better than anyone.

The taste of power was simply too addictive, and it was the hardest addition to get rid of.

Zoe candidly replied, "Mr. Ancient is really straightforward. Until a few minutes ago, I didn't even think about it, but after meeting you, I decided to take my chance. Before, I was told to take the medallion, and then I was cleared to return to my clan.

"But now that I've taken your side, I'm willing to break free from my clan's control. Since you are confident, I'm going to abdicate my position in the Epic Dark City and take the Plain Ascending Trial with you. You should be aware of it."

Jacob instantly thought about the trial by fire Halberd hired him for in the rare plains, but in the end, he backstabbed him for his own benefit and laid a trap.

"Will you be promoted to Dark Duke Rank if you take this trial?" Jacob asked.

Zoe shook her head, "It's not so simple to promote to Dark Duke Rank. But I'll be very close to it. On the other hand, you will be promoted if you take this trial. As a personal member, you will receive Secret Dark Missions of Dark Baron Rank.

"Only by competing in these SDMs can you increase your rank or rack achievements like your honorary title, star privileges, or donate something noteworthy to the Dark City. Since you are already prepared for the journey, you should also take this trial since it is available for every personal member.

"Since you are a Dark Baron, you can take four outside helpers while Miss Crownless can take ten while I, on the other hand, can't even take one. But I can be one helper from the inside as long as their dark, noble ranks are below me. What do you think?" She meaningfully looked at Jacob.

Jacob chuckled, "I'm not here to reject you. I'm here to work together with you. You becoming Dark Duke would be beneficial for me, so I have no qualms. But since we are working together, I have a few suggestions."

"Please speak freely."

"First, we need to pacify your clan. You don't need to go against them, or I don't need to offend them since this would be troublesome for both of us. Tell me, can your Grandfather, Dark Duke, see my information or know that I have joined?" Jacob asked.

"No, this is only possible for the dark nobles below Dark Baron rank or outer members. Once someone reached Dark Baron as a personal member, their information would be strictly locked. Even Dark Duke can't access it." Zoe replied as she didn't know what Jacob was planning.

Jacob was pleased when he heard it, and then he asked another question, "How is Dark Cities' relationship with the Zodiac Night Guardians?"

"The Zodiac Night Guardians are from origination called Zodiac Night Federation. Oh, you might not know this, but the Dark Cities didn't belong to any faction. Like us, they are also not part of a life faction or a dead faction. We are one of the three great neutral powers of the Zodiac Plains.

"Meaning, we deal with both life and dead factions and won't interfere with any of them. You know the difference in the Unique Plains since the Unique Dark City allowed even Dark Being to enter.

"The reason you had never seen such a thing happening in the epic or lower plains is because of an ancient contract between the Dark Cities and Life Faction. Their members in the lower plains are too pitifully weak.

"Even Dark Beings of these plains are unaware of this fact. But the Zodiac Night Federation is different. They accept both living and dead. But they didn't accept their members from the Conflict Plains." Zoe revealed top-secret information that was only available to the Unique Plain's top powers.

Both Jacob and Sofie were shocked as this was absolutely stunning.

"What do you mean Conflict Plains?" Jacob quickly asked.

"We called the plains under the protection of SAAI Conflict Plains. Because these plains are the only ones that have plain trials, life zones, dead zones, and neutral zones, these plains are filled with endless resources, and both life and dead factions do their utmost to keep the balance.

"But there are other inhabitant plains besides the Conflict Plains, and they are either under the protection of life or dead faction. Each faction attacks each other on those areas for domination and resources.

"The Star Ocean is too big, and both factions are always in contestant search for such plains to increase their territories. As for our neutral powers, we mind our own business and stay away from their territories since we have our own.

"Together, Life, Dead, and Neutral Faction, we made three Absolute Faction. Only in the Unique Plains, you'll know about these matters.

"Now you should know just how massive this maelstrom named Zodiac Plains is," Zoe revealed solemnly!

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Chapter 554: Zodiac Night Guardian

The discussion and planning with Zoe lasted for over an hour before Jacob directly left the Dark City with Sofie. Zoe wanted to introduce Jacob to the Dark Council, but he declined since time was pressing.

He gave Zoe the coordinates of his ship, and she'll come when she is ready to depart. If anything, he directly bought all the titan iron from the Dark City since he's going to need it soon.

"What a mysterious man." Zoe couldn't help but mutter as she found Jacob quite terrifying after hearing about his plan. Even she didn't think of it like this.

Once she returned after bidding Jacob temporary farewell, she headed directly to a secret room and called someone.

Soon, a blurry, dark projection appeared in front of her, and a husky voice rang, "How did it go?" This person was one of the top figures of the Unique Plains and also Zoe's Grandfather, Dark Duke Tomas.

Tomas was the one who told Zoe to confiscate the medallion from Jacob by any means necessary, and he knew without even Zoe telling him about it. At that time Zoe was quite thrilled since Tomas contacted her on his own for the first time ever.

But she was only disappointed when she learned he didn't contact her to learn about her granddaughter's struggles or ask her to come back. Even her parents never contacted her.

However, she still foolishly followed his instructions, hoping to prove her worth. But after meeting Jacob, it was like a veil had been lifted over her eyes. She understands she was just a pawn of her family to be moved as they wish.

She replied respectfully, "I just met him, and he didn't have it."

"What?" Tomas's voice was icy, "Don't you make yourself clear enough? Don't tell me you don't even know how to handle this little matter. What were you even doing here all this time?"

Zoe's heart turned cold hearing Tomas's harsh voice. She coldly replied, "According to him, he was approached by a middle-aged man with a moon symbol on his forehead; I don't need to tell you what he was referring to. Furthermore, that man wasn't alone; he had surrounded himself with fifty people.

"He had no choice but to exchange it with a passage to the Unique Plains. How was I supposed to do then? You should know the Zodiac Night Federation is fastest in the Star Ocean, it's not my fault."

She responded according to what she had discussed with Jacob. Not only would Jacob overthrow the target on his back to the Zodiac Night Federation, but they would have a perfect reason that no one can find fault with. Now, if Dark Duke or anyone wanted that medallion, they could find the Zodiac Night Federation.

Just as they planned, Dark Duke's anger subdued a bit as he cursed, "Those unscrupulous bastards have no restraint! Again, they meddled in this matter. It seemed my dark cities are silent for too long, and they think we are toothless tigers."

After venting his frustration, he asked about Jacob, "What about that guy face whatever? How did you handle him?"

"He was pretty shaken up after his encounter with Zodiac Night Federation, so he begged him to join the Dark City for protection. So, didn't refuse him." Zoe stated.

"What a coward." Tomas scoffed, "You did the right thing. Since he's proficient in causing trouble, he'll be useful here as well. When will he leave?"

Zoe eyes shimmered coldly as she replied, "In a few months I guess, the Zodiac Night Federation gave him a specific time and route. Oh, and I'm going to come with him as well."

"No, there is no need for you to come. You have failed your mission, which means you still have not experienced enough." Tomas directly rejected her without hesitation.

"There is nothing here to experience anymore. I'm already at the border of unique rank, if I stay here I'll waste my time and talent." Zoe retorted with resentment.

Actually, she was in this state for decades now but never had the guts to say it. Her talent would be ruined in a few more years if she didn't grab this chance, and that was also one of the main reasons she agreed to work with Jacob.

"You will be at the bottom if you return. Think about it." Tomas coldly said as he clearly wasn't happy about Zoe talking back. He could sense she was different from before and more daring.

"I can live with that, but there is nothing for me here. I can do more there, and I won't be a burden to the clan." She replied without hesitation.

Even if Tomas had not agreed to this, she was going to do it. She didn't want to live in suppression anymore. Furthermore, Jacob's existence gave her confidence.

Tomas remained silent for a few moments before he impassively asked, "What if I won't allow it?"

Zoe's heart sank as Tomas was clearly bullying her; she took a deep breath and said, "Even without your support, I've already accepted the mission, and I'll leave with Faceless Ancient. I'm no longer a child, and I can make my decision."

"Hahaha..." Tomas suddenly burst into laughter, "Good! You at least have guts now. Very well come, I'll be waiting for you!"

Without waiting for Zoe's reply, the projection vanished. It was still not clear if Tomas was happy or furious. But Zoe didn't care and left to prepare. She still had many matters to tend to, like appointing a new city administrator. There were two people who were close to Dark Marquis's title, and whoever became first would succeed in her position.

After Jacob left the Dark City, he headed towards the Star Ocean direction. The epic plains right now were filled with chaos because of radiation and the Dark Beings' sudden war declaration. Many people were fleeing the epic plains.

Half a day later, Jacob and Sofie suddenly stopped because someone had blocked their path.

It was an old man in silvery robes with long white hair and gray skin filled with fish-like scales. His blue eyes were without any pupils and icy, and he had a crescent black moon symbol on his forehead.

Jacob was astounded since he instantly recognized that black moon symbol, 'He's a Zodiac Night Guardian Dark Marquis warned me about. But how did he find me?'

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Chapter 555: A Dangerous Game

Jacob could sense this old man was at the peak of epic rank, so he wasn't worried. But he still pretended to be surprised as he coldly said, "Who are you?"

Sofie kept her mouth shut as she knew Jacob would handle it.

Zodiac Night Guardian suddenly put on an amiable smile, bowed towards Jacob, and said in his elderly voice, "Mr. Faceless Ancient, you are really hard to get in touch with. Please forgive my crassness to meet you this way; I hope you won't judge me for this."

Jacob was surprised as he expected this guy to be arrogant, but he was quite polite so that he couldn't slap a smiling face. Still, he had already planned for this with Zoe, so he was ready.

"We'll see about that, won't we? How did you find me and know it was me?" Jacob asked coldly.

The Zodiac Night Guardian didn't mind Jacob's tone and said amiably, "We were looking for you, and Dark City is also under our radar. Since the Dark Marquis sent an escort to greet you, I don't think of anyone else but the famous Faceless Ancient to be worthy of such grandeur."

'They had eyes all over the place. Furthermore, they just guessed that it was me but weren't sure before, so they took the risk.' Jacob mused.

"You still don't tell me who you are?" Jacob asked again as this guy was avoiding this question.

"Didn't Dark Marquis tell you?" He asked smilingly.

"I still want to hear it since I don't work well with speculations," Jacob replied.

The Zodiac Night Guardian's smile grew as he nodded, "You are just as the legends described you. Let me formally introduce myself; I'm Black Moon Rank Zodiac Night Guardian from Zodiac Night Federation, Brogan!"

"Faceless Ancient, you can call me Jack." Jacob nodded in acknowledgment.

From Zoe, he learned that the Zodiac Night Guardians are divided into five known ranks in public, from the lowest Black to Purple, Red, Violet, and highest White. They can be easily identified by the color of the moon symbol on their forehead.

The Black Zodiac Night Guardians were the lowest rank, and they were in charge of the outer world matter of the federation, while the upper ranks would rarely take action and meddled in material affairs.

"Mr. Jack, I would be straight with you. I'm here to make a deal with you. The Zodiac Night Federation will provide you with safe passage to the unique plains. We will even allocate an escort to you and guarantee your safety all the way to the unique plains.

"In return, we'll ask you for the Unique Star Ocean Medallion. Moreover, to show our sincerity, we will also tell you the position of your enemies as they had already left the Epic Plains or, more accurately, fled.

"Like the former Guild President Nelsen and his daughter, the Bank Manager Lucy, and even the Alliance Chairman Gunnar and his family. You can intervene in their way if you want. But if they reach the unique plains, you might not get another chance because they all had backgrounds there, especially Nelsen. He belonged to an extremely powerful clan." Brogan stated with confidence. He had already investigated Jacob before coming here, and he knew about Jacob's conflicts with the three leaders.

This was an offer he probably wouldn't be able to refuse, and there was also a hidden warning that even if he had a medallion, the Zodiac Night Federation knew all the passages, so he was bound to bump into them. They were extremely confident when it came to sea battles.



They had thousands of ways to obstruct Jacob's way and take his life. He was nothing in front of them.

But Jacob was known for his destructive weaponry, and maybe that's the reason they were trying to talk with him since it might not be good for them if he launched those weapons in desperation.

They didn't fear Jacob, but his weapons!

How could Jacob not know their implication? But he was quite surprised hearing about the current situation of three leaders and these guys even exchanging their lives for the medallion. Now he understands why the Society Killer called them hypocrites. They didn't have any morals, and all they cared about was their benefits.

"Sorry, but you are a step late; I have already exchanged the medallion with the Dark Duke of the Unique Plains for the same deal, and now I'm a personal member of Dark City. I can't help you with this matter. On the other hand, if you are still interested in selling me the information on the three leaders, I'm quite interested." Jacob calmly revealed.

This was his plan to sow discord between the two organizations or whoever wanted the medallion. By making the Dark City his scapegoat, he would escape their watch. The Dark Duke will be helpless to take action against the Zodiac Night Guardians, while the same could be said for them.

Even if they found the truth in the future, it would be already too late for them to do anything to Jacob.

Brogan's smile vanished as he frowned after hearing Jacob's words, "Are you telling the truth?" It would be quite troublesome if it were really the case since the Dark City was on par with them and part of the neutral faction.

If it was three hegemonies who represented the life faction, maybe they could still think of a way to get the medallion because they were not as united as the Dark Cities.

"I don't have a reason to lie to you. This was also the point of my visit to the Dark City. I hope you guys won't make things hard on me. I'm just trying to survive in any way I can." Jacob sighed ruefully as if he was extremely helpless against these organizations.

Brogan looked deeply at Jacob and didn't find his expression fake; in the end, he nodded, "Since this is the case, sorry to waste your time. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to report it back to my superiors. As for the positions of the three leaders, I have to apologize since we won't sell the information of our clients.

"I hope we don't have any reason to meet again, Mr. Jack, for both of our sakes. Farewell and safe journey."

Done saying he directly left without waiting for Jacob's reply. He was very displeased.

After confirming Brogan has left, Jacob snickered with derision, "He still leaves behind a threat. I guess I should add another enemy to my list. What a treacherous world."

Sofie didn't say anything and only sighed. She knew Jacob was playing a very dangerous game by tricking terrifying existences, but she didn't have any right to advise him and could only follow.

In the end, they both left!

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Chapter 556: Inscrutable Immortal

After the small incident with the Zodiac Night Guardian, Jacob didn't directly return to the ship, but he waited for the night before taking different paths just in case someone was monitoring him.

Furthermore, he doesn't use any ship to travel in the star ocean; instead, he directly dives in and uses his water magic to head back with Sofie. This way, no one would be able to find him.

At this moment, Brogan's figure appeared above the calm ocean, and with him was a small figure. Furthermore, they were standing on a small flying ship, which was completely invisible. This kind of technology was unheard of in the epic plains.

"He's too careful. What should we do now, Grandpa? We won't be able to find his hideout." The small figure stated with unwillingness.

If Jacob were here, he would instantly identify this person because he was the same person who escaped Jacob's clutches in the forest of the epic plains trial by using a teleportation talisman and also revealed its existence.

Brogan's expression was dark before he sighed, "He's really careful. I was hoping to confirm if he had given away the medallion or not since the device didn't pick up anything on his person.

"So, there is a chance that he left it somewhere else. But now, we can't go after him since it might expose our flying ship. Let's go back; I'll report it to the higher-ups. What they do after that has nothing to do with us."

"It's all that bastard Nelsen's fault; if he hadn't forfeited, we wouldn't be having this trouble." The person said hatefully.

"That guy was only protecting his own family, and we can't do anything to him since his clan has some ties with us. Forget about it, you were almost died in that place, it's time for you to increase your power in our territory. You are my hope to escape the Lesser Grand Absolute Galaxy of Taurus and enter the middle plains." Brogan looked at his grandson gently.

"I won't disappoint you, Grandpa. Let that bastard dance in the lesser plains. He won't be able to escape the conflict plains." He sneered with disdain.

Almost dying by Jacob's hand was the biggest humiliation of his life, and the most hateful thing was he still didn't know what happened that day. That's why both Brogan, and he didn't take excessive action against Jacob because they were afraid of that exact power.

Thereafter, both of them left and vanished on the horizon.

A few hours later, Jacob finally returned to the island where the old crew was camping, and he told Mic he was going into seclusion to prepare for their long journey, and the Dark City's higher-ups were also coming with them.

In truth, Jacob was waiting for Autarch to be done with Masha, and this would also give Nyx the time to absorb all the people's lifespans here.

After knowing about the absolute factions and the zodiac plains, he knew he was still just a drop in the ocean, so he needed to get stronger constantly. At least he needed the strength of legend rank, which was too far away from him.

There was no information on this rank in Epic Plains. Maybe he found some clues in the dark city of the unique plains. Still, the star ocean was filled with unknown, so he needed all the power he could muster up.

The only way was the Cursed Immortality or the Art of Nature. But the third meditation exercise, the Lightning Meditation, required an environment filled with lightning, just like the fire desert, and he didn't know any such place. Hence, he had to put all his attention on the Immortal Chapter of the Cursed Immortality.

Jacob opened the cursed immortality's immortal chapter and stared at the blood drop, and after an hour, he still didn't find any profundity.

In the end, Jacob carefully opened his eyes of judge, and the moment he laid his eyes on the blood drop, he suddenly saw he was surrounded by nothing but crimson blood, and in this strange place, he saw shining glyphs floating.

But just as he was about to look at those glyphs closely, a piercing pain attacked his head, and his vision darkened; the next moment, he appeared in his room, pale and sweating profusely with sharp pain in his head and eyes.

A few minutes later, the pain finally went away, and their vision returned to normal, but he felt extreme fatigue. He began to eat some meat he prepared before as he looked at the drop of blood profoundly.

"So, that's what you're hiding." He muttered as he finally saw what Immortika was talking about, and without the eyes of judge, he might never have been able to see through this drop of blood in his lifetime.

The page on the cursed immortality turned, and Immortika wrote, "Hehe, you're quite daring to use your eyes, which aren't even the initial stage of their awakening, to peer into the immortal chapter. Do this ten more times, and you'll be forever blind. Then don't blame me for not warning you, hahaha."

Jacob was shocked as his expression grew dark, "Initial stage? Can you please just explain what I need to do to awake them?"

"I can't help you with that. You need to figure these things out on your own. All I can do is give you subtle hints and warnings. You better start taking it more seriously. You are very lucky to have the eyes of judge, so don't ruin them, or even your ancestors would cry blood if they found out about it. Hahahaha..." Immortika laughed in relish.

Jacob frowned when suddenly a realization struck him, "My ancestors... don't tell me I need to investigate this bloodline to learn their secrets. I was really stupid, all I have to do is to look into my bloodline, and I'll know the answer."

"Hahaha... I didn't say anything." Immortika still didn't admit it, but it had clearly given Jacob a very precious hint, like always.

Jacob didn't mind since this was all he needed. He couldn't help but sigh, "I guess my confrontation with the Faery Humans of the Unique Plains is unavoidable, huh?"

Since he can't see through the immortal chapter, he decides not to waste time and focus on the scripture of blank to increase his power.

Time passed, and on this day, Jacob waved his sleeve, and Masha appeared in front of him.

She suddenly opened her bewitching eyes, which were completely emotionless, and seeing smiling Jacob in front of her, she kneeled in front of him and emotionlessly said, her, she kneeled in front of him and emotionlessly said, "Autarch, greets Sir!"

Cursed Immortality

Chapter 557: Next Victim of Autarch

Looking at Masha kneeling, who was now nothing but an empty husk for Autarch, Jacob still feels very pleased seeing this vicious woman meet this cruel end.

"Did you advance?" Jacob asked.

Autarch nodded, "I'm now at the epic rank, and it's all thanks to Sir."

"We both took a gamble that day, and it paid off handsomely. Without risk, there is no reward. I've learned it the hard way." Jacob sighed emotionally.

Although he took that risk to save his own life that day, he was still able to escape without even using this trump card. Still, Autarch's advance means another powerful trump card in his arsenal, and with Nyx in the mix, he probably didn't need to be afraid of anything below legendary rank.

"How's your gains?" He asked.

"My abilities had all been powered up by another level, and now I can handle Unique Rank beings. Furthermore, I've awakened another new ability after reaching the epic rank just now, Undead Control.

"I can now refine ten Dark Beings up to unique rank into Undead Puppets. But I still won't be able to get their memories, and I also need to absorb the strong brains of the living to advance." Autarch revealed without hesitation.

Jacob was surprised since this new ability was quite useful if used carefully. He can infiltrate the Dark Beings ranks and get their secrets. Even to this day, he still doesn't know much about the Dark Beings' inner structure and how they communicate with each other.

He never discovers any star watches on the dark beings but the SAAI acknowledged them. This could only mean there was a unique method like the star network they used to communicate with higher plains.

Although he wasn't overly interested in Dark Beings' secrets, learning them would only increase his chance of survival against them. After all, he needed to kill them to increase his hex core's rank.

"Is there anything worth reporting from Masha's memories?" Jacob asked.

Even though he already knew everything he wanted to know about the Unique Plains and many secret matters from Captain Free Sword, he still wanted to know if that bastard hid anything.

Autarch then begins to tell Jacob about Masha's entire life and how she joined Captain Free Sword, including the unique plains.

What surprised Jacob was Masha's Charm Siren Race didn't belong to the lands; instead, they lived within the star ocean, and they were the only race there. People called them Ocean Races, and they were as terrifying as the land dwellers.

Masha was exiled from her clan because of her twisted nature, and that's how she met with the pirates and ended up with Captain Free Sword's crew.

Autarch also told him about the ocean races that avoid the lands and don't interfere with their matters, but they also won't allow any land dwellers within their territories. The offenders would meet instant retaliation and death.

Furthermore, these ocean races were extremely vengeful as they were easily provoked, and if someone killed their members, they wouldn't stop until they got revenge, and they went as far as to declare war. So, no one wanted to provoke them, whether they were living or dead.

"I get it. We need to be careful of these ocean races now." Jacob sighed as his eyes were slowly opening to the new world now, "Alright, remove this slave mark on me."

Although his physical body had broken the limit of the epic rank, his magic rank was still not sufficient so he was waiting for this for a long time now. That's also why he didn't dare to let Masha out before Autarch fully devoured her.

If Autarch weren't fully loyal to him, he would've directly killed her without taking any chances.

Autarch didn't hesitate and combined her hands together before a crimson rune lit up on Masha's forehead. Simultaneously, Jacob also felt a burning sensation on his back as the slave rune appeared.

"Break!" Autarch coldly stated before the rune on Masha's forehead vanished, and Jacob also felt that burning sensation go away.

He felt instantly refreshed and light-headed, as if some huge burden had been lifted from his back. He was finally free from the damn slave rune.

"Good." Jacob nodded with a refreshed smile, "I have another mission for you: record all Masha's runic techniques like the slave rune for me. Other than that, once you're done, I have another fellow for you to devour. Afterward, I'll give you all the titan tears I've been refining for you to increase your rank. This shall be your reward for your server."

Jacob had been collecting all the epic rank titan iron he could get for Autarch because it could grow rapidly by absorbing it and didn't need to devour brains. After Jacob's body enters the unique rank, epic titan tears have minimum effect on him, so giving it to Autarch was the best option.

Furthermore, he now only had a formula for the unique rank titan tears. There was no legendary rank formula. So, he needed the unique rank titan iron to refine unique titan tears, which would also spell the end of this miraculous potion he got from the common plains.

He was also hoping that the unique titan tears could help Autarch enter the Legendary Rank since he knew just how ridiculous the requirements were for its advanced.

Autarch didn't tarry and bowed before she left to complete this mission. Many crew members were surprised to see Masha appearing again, and some even tried to talk with her, but she seemed completely different and cold and didn't reply to their greeting.

Once Autarch left, Jacob's eyes shone sharply, 'Now that my fire aura glyph is about to condense completely. I should create a water spirit glyph next. Fire for fighting and water for defense and healing, perfect combination...'

Just like that, days passed, and, on this day, Autarch returned with a thick book and handed it to Jacob. Upon skimming through it, Jacob was elated as all Masha's runic knowledge of talismans, arrays, and formations was in there.



Keeping the book, he then takes out a barrel filled with dark liquid. It was titan tears, and seeing it, Autarch's emotionless eyes shimmered with desire.

"Alright, you discard this body now and start absorbing this barrel. I still have 28 more of them. In the meanwhile, I'll summon your next target!" Jacob ordered coolly.

Autarch nodded before a dark streak flashed past Masha's ear and vanished into the barrel, and the next moment, Masha's lifeless body began to fall on the floor.

Jacob sneered coldly and threw a green flame ball on her body, incinerating it into ashes.

Thereafter, he called someone, and a jolly voice rang, "Is it time?"

Jacob's lips curled up wickedly, "Of course, I'm sending you my coordinates. Hurry over, we'll be leaving in three days!"

Cursed Immortality

Chapter 558: Never Trust a Goblin

A day later, Jacob stood at the beach of the island as a cold sea breeze brushed past his body. At this moment, a ship's silhouette appeared in his view as his lips curled up.

"He really came." He muttered.

"Do you need my help?" Nyx's voice sounded in his head as she was done with the ogres and others, and she was busy learning different things Jacob had taught her. Still, she was a predator and couldn't help but get hungry when she saw fresh prey.

"Let's see, if he's alone, then let Autarch handle it, and if he's bringing others with him, you can have the rest." Jacob chuckled as he had his own plans.

"I never thought you were an insect person," Nyx replied with a hint of displeasure.

When she learned about Autarch's existence and its talent, she was clearly jealous since she thought Jacob only had her and didn't need anyone else.

"Don't make a fuss. Autarch has its own uniqueness, and you have yours. It can absorb the memories of others, which is extremely helpful for me. As for you, you are still learning to control your abilities." Said Jacob impassively.

"Hmph, who do you like more, me or that insect?" Nyx asked as she didn't like being put in the same category as an insect. She had her own pride, and her background was probably bigger than fantastic insects.

Jacob shook his head helplessly as he didn't expect Nyx to react this way; she was like a brat, while Autarch was very obedient. He clearly likes the latter more.

"Of course, I like you more since you have more potential than Autarch. Still, we have to use every available tool in our arsenal to get what we want. Don't forget what I teach you." Jacob coolly answered.

"Hehe, you should've said this sooner." Nyx instantly becomes happy.

Jacob chuckled as Nyx was very easy to trick.

Soon, the ship finally reached the beach, and three cloaked persons landed on the sand.

Jacob's eyes turned golden for a moment before returning to normal, and no one noticed it.

'He's testing me.' Jacob's lips curled up as he didn't expect anything less from the Society Killer, who was as infamous as him and even more resourceful.

"I thought you were coming alone?" Jacob coldly said while looking at the three persons in front of him.

They were all tiny in front of him, and their power level was peak epics.

"Now, don't get angry. They are my trusted men, and they are very useful. I'm not like you, who can overpower the entire epic plains. But I have to say, damn, you're massive." The Society Killer's voice rang from the figure in the center as he removed the hood. A smiling barbarian's face was revealed with tattoos on his bronze skin.

However, Jacob didn't even look at him and coldly stared at the ship, "Don't play tricks with me with a puppet. I might take it as if you're thinking of me as a fool. Your true body is hiding in that ship. If you want to cooperate with me sincerely, then come out or scram." He coldly said.

How could he not be on high alert in front of the Society Killer? He didn't even need Immortika to see through this façade as just activating his eyes of judge for a moment could tell him everything.

He instantly saw all three of these people in front of him were attached through strings of magic, and the source was hidden in that ship. Furthermore, Nyx instantly told me these three didn't have any dreamscape realms, which meant they were dead.

Jacob never expected someone other than Autarch to have such abilities to control puppets like this, and without Nyx or the eyes of a judge, he might never be able to tell on his own. The Society Killer was really sly.

"Oh?" The Society Killer's startling voice sounded before the barbarian's expression turned static, "I never thought you were so capable. Please forgive me for the offense; I was just joking." Said the Society Killer.

At this moment, a small cloaked figure appeared on the ship, and he was the true Society Killer.

Once he landed in front of the three puppets, he waved his sleeve, and those three puppets vanished into his storage ring.

Then, he removed his hood, and a gray goblin face was revealed. His ash-colored eyes were filled with astuteness and a hint of shock.

"Nice to meet you. I'm the Society Killer; you can call me Ten." He bowed towards Jacob's polity.

It was Jacob's first encounter with a peak epic rank goblin, and he was far from normal because he could sense this guy was very close to the unique rank and awakened his spirit glyph. He even saw a vague outline on his skull when he opened his eyes of judge.

"Jack." Jacob nodded in acknowledgment.

At this moment, the Society Killer, Ten, didn't even notice a black streak vanishing into his pointy ear.

Ten smiled, revealing his sharp teeth, "I hope you won't take any offense. You see, I'm just a weak researcher and very afraid of dying, and I won't trust anyone so easily. I hope you understand it better than anyone. Still, I never expected you would see through my puppet art so easily. You are really not easy to mess with."

His ash-colored eyes shimmered in a deep light as he looked at the towering Jacob.

"Oh, an invisible force is trying to invade your mind. Should I burn him? I promise it'll hurt very much!" Nyx's surprised voice sounded. She was extremely sensitive to mind attacks and Jacob's defense against them.

Jacob's eyes went cold, "He's trying to use those puppet arts on me? I guess you can't trust a goblin, no matter what. No worries, it's not like I have pure intentions either. Just keep blocking it, and don't retaliate; it will be over very soon. He might have some other tricks to preserve his life, like the teleportation talisman. I'm too lazy to find his corpse." He ordered Nyx.

"Just like you, I'm also someone who is afraid of dying. So, I won't take offense. Let's head back and discuss our plan for departure. I want to hear your opinion."

Jacob nodded before he turned around, and Ten followed behind with his eyes still shimmering brightly!

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Chapter 559: The Fall of The Society Killer

Jacob leads Ten towards a camp on the island. In truth, this was a fake base on the other side of the island. The ogres and Sofie were on the other side. He deliberately made it for the Society Killer just to be safe.

"Did you encounter the Zodiac Night Guardians?" Ten suddenly asked as he was quite curious.

"Do you think they can find me?" Jacob replied with a question.

"Hahaha, sorry to ask the oblivious." Ten laughed sinisterly, "Those hypocrites are probably searching for you in the epic plains. You did well hiding on this remote island."

"I'm quite curious about how you came in contact with them. Even the Dark Marquis was unwilling to tell me about them. Care to share?" Jacob couldn't help but ask.

Ten grinned, "I'm not bound by any laws, and I sincerely wish to cooperate with you, so I naturally have to show my sincerity. I once encountered trash from the Zodiac Night Guardian when I was buying some research material. We have some small skirmish between us, not worth mentioning. He was just a loose mouth idiot."

Suddenly, Ten felt something and frowned, 'Why do I feel drowsy all of a sudden? And why isn't I made a connection with his mind?' He thought.

He was secretly using his bloodline ability to corrode Jacob's mind and try to make the mind connection. Once the connection was established, he slowly took control of it without Jacob realizing it.

But it was taking too long, and he suddenly started to feel like his mind was shutting down. This was quite strange since he was fully prepared, and Jacob didn't do anything as he was just walking in front, and he was extremely confident in his mental attacks and defense against them.

Furthermore, he had a powerful treasure that could protect his mind, so he didn't suspect Jacob was capable of affecting his mind or protecting against his mental attacks. After all, the giants' biggest weakness was their weak mental defenses.

Moreover, even if Jacob could bypass all of his defenses, he has a life-saving talisman that could bring him away the moment his life falls into danger. That's the only reason he dared to show his face here.

"You are quite lucky. Thank you for your warning, or I would've exchanged the medallion already. You are a true friend." Jacob 'sincerely' stated.

"N-no need to mention it. I was... was just trying to be helpful for old-time sake. After all... after all, we have uprooted the scum society." Ten replied, but his voice began to falter.

Jacob suddenly turned around and looked at him frowningly, "What happened to your voice? Are you feeling alright?"

Even Ten was frowning as a feeling of exhaustion overcame him, "I-I, it seemed I'm tired from the journey... g-give... give me a moment."

Without waiting for Jacob's reply, he hurried toward the other direction and vanished.

"Hahaha, that ugly guy sure is loathsome. He deserved it!" Nyx's disdainful voice rang.

Jacob's lips curled up in a vicious smile, "Just a schemer who thinks he has everything under control. He's just like me, but I win this time. Now you get why I said Autarch is important? He didn't even notice it despite his powerful mental capabilities."

"Hmph, I admit that bug has some skill. Still, he's no match for me." Nyx unhappily stated.

Jacob shook his head wryly, "Don't compare yourself with others. The winner is always the one who is last standing. You can take me as an example. I'm not a match for both of you, but I'm still your master.

"Never judge others by their appearance; what counts is their intellect and power. The former is a must-have, while the latter can topple over the former in many ways. Intellect can bring confidence, while power brings arrogance.

"But if you lack any of them, both of them are like slow poison which will make you blind, and you'll fall sooner or later. But both of them made deadly combinations, but not everyone can have them." Jacob sighed with a hint of melancholia.

He remembered saying the same thing to his children, but they never seemed to grasp it.

"Are you sad?" Nyx suddenly asked as she was connected to Jacob.

Jacob chuckled, "Just lamenting about past nothing much. Emotions are ephemeral, always fleeting and ever-

changing."

At this moment, Ten walked out of the forest, but this time, the sly light in his eyes was gone, and he was completely emotionless.

Seeing the familiar emotionless gaze, Jacob merely smiled, "Let's go. We have many things to discuss."

Ten silently followed Jacob towards the camp and once they were inside, he sat down and looked at him and asked, "What is your name?"

"Autarch." He replied emotionlessly.

"You were pretty quick this time." Jacob smilingly commented.

"He was weak." Autarch plainly stated.

Nodding, Jacob's expression becomes serious, "Tell me about his life story without leaving anything."

Autarch nodded and began to reveal the truth behind Ten.

He belonged to a unique goblin race, Puppeteer Goblin, who was captured by slave traders in the epic plains and later bought by S-0 of the Killer Skull Society. He was her test subject for many years before she set him free and instated in the Killer Skull Society's ranks.

Although he appeared obedient on the surface, he hated S-0 and the Killer Skull Society to the core, especially when he later found that those slave traders had a close relationship with the Killer Skull Society.

He worked for them for twenty years before he awakened his bloodline, got rid of the brain chip, and gained his freedom. It was mostly because they had underestimated his bloodline and abilities.

By doing this, he was hunted by the Killer Skull Society because he knew many of their secrets. But he was extremely cunning, and his special abilities allowed him to control others, so he was never found and became a thorn in the Killer Skull Society way.

He killed many of their members, uprooted their hideouts, and spread their weakness all over the star network. It was his life's goal to uproot the Killer Skull Society completely.

But later, he found that the Killer Skull Society was not so simple, and he almost lost his life.

Thereby, he was forced to flee in a no-return zone. But that calamity brings him a huge fortune. He found a mysterious inheritance in the no-return zone, and his abilities soared after that.

When he returned, he wanted to continue with his revenge, but alas, the Killer Skull Society was not a den of fools, as they had completely changed their structures and hideouts by the time he returned.

It was extremely hard to hunt them down, so he began to make connections and money by selling alchemy pills all over the epic plains in secret. He has also dealt with the ATLAS.

Furthermore, he slowly investigated the Killer Skull Society's new structure and even managed to plant a puppet in their two-digit s-ranks. He was really patient as he slowly gathered all the information and waited for a chance to strike at once.



He got that chance when Jacob arrived, and his weapons were the exact thing he needed to start his revenge and deal a killing blow to the Killer Skull Society, and he succeeded!

Cursed Immortality

Chapter 560: Greed is Curse

Not only did Ten completely uproot the Killer Skull Society in the Epic Plains with Jacob's weaponry help, but just before contacting Jacob, he even managed to kill S-0 when she was trying to flee the epic plains after trial; he hated her the most in the entire world since bought him into this mess.

Furthermore, he also got the entire treasury of the Killer Skull Society from their headquarters.

But greed knows no bounds, as right after competing for his revenge, he sets his sights on Jacob and his secret. He had done deep research on Jacob, and by adding the information the Killer Skull Society had gathered on him, he found that Jacob was ascending from the Common Plains.

So, he instantly thought that Jacob was like him, who had discovered some kind of inheritance that helped him reach this point, and it was most likely even more profound than his own.

That's why he made a plan to target Jacob, and once he succeeded, all Jacob's secrets will be his to take. Moreover, he becomes even more determined when he discovers the medallion secret from the Killer Skull Society.

He found a record that the medallion was the key to escaping the lesser plains, which were a combination of Common, Rare, Epic, and Unique Plains. But to use it, one had first to discover the gateway, which was hidden in the unique plains.

The Killer Skull Society has been researching it for the Dark Beings for years now, and they were also the ones who captured a Zodiac Night Guardian. In truth, all the information comes from the Killer Skull Society.

Lastly, Ten also found that the Killer Skull Society was established by the Dark Beings to infiltrate the ranks of the Life faction and gather information. But it has another purpose, which was to research artificial life inspired by none other than the ATLAS!

However, they were never able to succeed until recently when they had a breakthrough in the common plains, which was later ruined by none other than Jacob when he took all their data.

In the end, they weren't able to reclaim it, so the Dark Beings stopped paying attention to them and even cut off their support. The final straw breaks when Jacob becomes the unique Plains trial sole champion, and the Dark Beings completely give up on them.

That's the main reason Ten got the chance to uproot them completely, and now there was no longer any Killer Skull Society in the epic plains. Furthermore, the unique plains also didn't have any Killer Skull Society. It wasn't like they didn't try to create one, but the powers there never allowed it to rise and always took care of them before they could dip their fingers into the deep waters of the Unique Plains.

All in all, the Killer Skull Society was now over as for their lower plains branches, they will also be exterminated sooner or later without the Dark Beings or higher plains support.

Anyhow, Ten came here for Jacob to get a new start so he could shine in the Unique Plains with Jacob's secret. But alas, he had never imagined that Jacob was even more ruthless and cautious than them, and he ended up becoming the prey.

After listening to all of this, Jacob was quite moved by Ten's tenacity and determination. But he also scoffed in the end since he picked up the wrong target, and now everything he had belonged to Jacob.

'So, lesser plains are the combination of four conflict plains. If combined with all the uncharted territories scattered throughout the star ocean, then this should also be considered a lesser galaxy of Taurus.

'Still, a gateway to the higher plains exists in the conflict plains, which means if someone wanted to go to the legendary plains, they had to go through the unique plains first. What a mess these zodiac plains are, and I seemed to be in the epicenter of them.' Jacob sighed as he mulled over all the information he got from Autarch.

At least he knew the journey ahead wouldn't be so simple.

"What kind of fortuitous opportunity does this guy get?" Jacob asked as he was quite interested in this since this opportunity helped Ten to become the Society Killer of today.

"He discovered a ruin of some ancient civilization of a race called Cosmic Goblins. He only managed to find a broken totem, which, upon touching, merged with his brain. It was because of this totem that his bloodline showed signs of atavism, and he awakened the bloodline abilities of his race.

"But for some reason, he was stuck at the peak of epic rank, and he felt that something was missing. That was one of his reasons to capture you, sir, for he thinks you also have some kind of totem." Autarch emotionlessly replied.

Jacob was surprised, and realization dawned upon him, "A mysterious totem, huh? Whatever, since it is gone, it's useless to us. But his puppeteer art was quite astounding. You should see if you can learn them since your abilities are quite compatible."

"Indeed, they are quite insightful, especially his research on making substitute puppets, which sir saw upon his arrival." Autarch nodded in agreement.

"Alright, leave his space ring behind and transfer all his money into my account. Then, you can continue with the absorption of titan tears. You have reached the tier-7 of epic magic rank with 4 barrels. Once you're done, I want you to turn all the crewmates except Sofie into your puppets.

"They seemed to have noticed that they can't sleep anymore. So, getting rid of them now will save up some inconvenience, and we don't have to worry about their loyalty." Jacob commanded coldly.

Autarch didn't hesitate to give Ten's space ring to Jacob and then transfer all his wealth to Jacob as well, which was a staggering 188 billion ZC!

He then left to complete his new task, leaving Jacob alone.

'Since this is out of the way. All that is left is to invite the Dark Marquis. I'll start once Autarch is done!'

Jacob's eyes shimmered with anticipation. He was about to start his voyage to the Unique Plains!

