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Within the cave in the snow mountain, a giant's violet ice sculpture lay without any movement, but there seemed to be a faint violet glow pulsing over this giant's head like a heartbeat.

Suddenly, the violet pulse vanished, and the violet ice around his body started to tremble before cracks appeared all over it. The next moment, 'boom,' with a blast, the ice shattered like glass, and the person within was freed!

Jacob's breathing was rigid, and faint blue ice breath was coming out of his mouth and nose. 'That was extremely dangerous!'

He thought with a lingering fear as he almost felt like he was going to freeze to death, and the reason for it was his own carelessness. But he never expected that by touching that exotic plant with his soul force would have such a reaction.

Not only was his entire body frozen, and even his mind nearly went blank, but he quickly reacted by accelerating his blood and somehow preserving thought in that torturous coldness.

Furthermore, once he was in equilibrium with that iciness, he found that his soul force started to increase, and many things he didn't understand from the blood glyph became clear to him.

It was an extremely strange state, and if he had another choice, he might do the same thing. But he knew that the exotic plant might be one of its kind and that he might never find it again.

Just now, he was finally able to regain his senses and break free from that strange state. Instead of feeling tired or having a strangely light head, except for the empty stomach because of the use of fluid acceleration, he was completely fine, even better.

Jacob quickly crawled out of the small cave. When he looked around, he was surprised to find that his vision was no longer obstructed or limited by that strange fog; in fact, he could see everything clearly!

This was evident in the increase in his soul force, which is reflected in his vision.

'What an unexpected gain. I wonder how my soul force is now compared to that of a real Fable Legendary State expert. I will be able to stay longer in the immortal chapter now, and the telekinesis also seems to have become more powerful.

'I was only able to lift around fifty kg of weight before; I wonder what my new limit is. Nonetheless, I better recover that key first. Furthermore, I can't be careless in this place, after all. With this kind of treasure, those two beyond unique rank magic beasts, and lastly, that thing in the sky, this place is not to be underestimated!

'And I can't use my soul force to pick things that I don't understand anymore. I'd rather use my hands since the soul is a person's core, and if I accidentally pick up something poisonous, I won't have my life to regret it.'

Jacob still felt lingering fear about the incident, so he vowed not to use his soul force just to protect his body. The telekinesis, after all, wasn't what he was expecting. This ability was directly connected with his soul, and he didn't dare take a risk with his soul.

Afterward, he took out a frozen wolf belonging to the giant white wolf faction, directly melted the ice with his fire and then skinned the peak unique rank beast, and then roasted the entire eight-meter beast and ate it, including bones!

It took him only ten minutes to complete all this, and then he was finally full. Then, using the flying disc, he again began to descend the mountain carefully.

'This rare rank disc is too slow for me now; it's only useful for this kind of thing now. Although I had managed to deduct its materials and even make it, I couldn't seem to find the optimal materials to make a unique rank disc. I can't find a good replacement for the rare rank soft aluminum used in its base. Then there's another strange material that even Nyx can't analyze yet; my knowledge is not enough.

'I wonder if that mysterious assassin organization is really part of the ATLAS since I never heard or found any clues about them again...' Jacob mused as he remembered those faceless assassins he encountered in the rare plains.

Thereupon, Jacob soon reached the base of the mountain, and the fog was extremely thin. However, he was astounded when he found that a tree forest surrounded the mountain.

Those trees were completely white, and the leaves on them were sky blue, just like translucent crystals, and extremely beautiful.

Jacob didn't stay to admire the beauty of this place; even from this distance, he could see different shades of particles rising within this forest, which was filled with magic beasts.

So, he decided to stop using the flying disc because its slow speed and stealth form were easily detectable. He confirmed the direction on the map, which was still around eight hundred miles away from his position, and he quickly darted towards it while avoiding the magic beasts.

Soon, Jacob noticed the sky of this place was filled with fog that he saw on the mountain, and when the sun started to rise, the light passed thought that the fog was extremely dim.

Furthermore, the white tree forest stretched for several hundred miles, and when he exited it, he found himself on a barren rocky plain covered with frost. Far away, he could see a wall of dense gray mist that was completely out of place.

Jacob frowned because the location of the legendary key was somewhere in that mist wall and mused, 'Just how did Free Sword enter this place with all those vicious beasts more powerful than them wandering around? Or since I arrived with the flying ship, I ended up in the core area, and the key is hidden in the outskirts? If I had used the water pathway instead, maybe I would've arrived here from the other side...'

This was the only explanation he could think of, so he didn't stop and continued towards the mist wall. The rocky plain seemed empty, and if someone saw them from the sky, it would look like a line between the forest and the mist wall.

When he reached the mist wall, Jacob didn't find any particles in the mist, so he was less worried. The path ahead was the same as the rocky plain, so he entered without hesitation.

But when he was a few miles inside this dense mist, he stopped because in front of him appeared a vast frozen river, and not too far away was a frozen waterfall!

However, what made Jacob stop was the sense of danger suddenly arousing upon reaching this place!

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Hidden in the dense fog, the colossal silhouette that Jacob saw that day was actually a floating island, the origin of the fog surrounding the plain below and in the air.

This floating island was probably the only one in the entire Unique Plains and a wonder of nature, but no one had ever been able to see it, and those who did were never able to live to tell the tale.

Because this No Return Zone was one of the most dangerous zones in the entire Unique Plains, known as the Vicious Calamity Fog Zone, not even Inspection Legend Rank experts dared venture into its depth.

As for why was this name given? Rumor has it that there is a strange Fog somewhere in this zone that can devour anything and everything. No one knows the origin of that fog.

At this moment, above the ice plains, the phantom island drifted through the swirling mists. This, however, was a horrific illusion. It was no ordinary landmass; it was a churning, undulating carpet of what appeared to be pristine snow.

The 'snow' was a grotesque mockery of winter's gentle touch. It writhed and pulsed with a faint, bluish luminescence, a colony of countless insects!

These monstrous insects were no larger than a man's hand, but their forms were a nightmare amalgamation of locust and spider. Their bodies, segmented and obsidian black, were encased in a carapace of translucent ice. Eight spindly legs, tipped with razor-sharp claws, twitched incessantly. Two pairs of iridescent wings, membranous and skeletal, hung limp at their sides, capable of unleashing a hurricane when unleashed.

The most chilling feature, however, was their face. It was dominated by a single, multifaceted eye the color of a glacier, devoid of warmth or life yet filled with a cold, calculating intelligence.

At the island's heart, nestled in a caldera of volcanic ice, resided the Mother of these insects. Unlike its brethren, it was colossal, its form dwarfing the surrounding swarm. Its carapace was a mesmerizing swirl of blues and whites, reflecting the spectral glow of its children.

Its singular eye, however, was different. It pulsed with a fiery crimson, a beacon of malevolent intelligence. It had slumbered for who knows how long, its vast treasure of stolen starlight fueling its dreams. However, this slumber was abruptly shattered at this moment.

"The Frigid Soul Saxifrage is gone!?" A guttural screech, like glaciers scraping against bedrock, erupted from its maw, a sound that resonated through the island and sent shivers down the very spine of the world.

Seemingly, an unseen hand had pilfered its hoard, leaving the Mother Insect enraged. The Ice Fiend Locusts stirred, a collective tremor rippling through their mass. At this moment, their wings unfolded, catching the dim light and transforming the island into a shimmering shroud of death.

"Go, my children, spare no one. Bring me back the thief's body!"

With a final, ear-splitting shriek from the Mother Insect, the swarm surged forth, a tide of ravenous insects descending upon the unsuspecting ice plains below, ready to unleash their frigid fury and reclaim this Frigid Soul Saxifrage!

At this moment, Jacob started to feel extremely uneasy, as if a calamity was about to befall him. He abruptly looked behind and opened the Eyes of the Judge and was horrified.

Despite the distance, he saw a huge storm of purple particles rising from the horizon like angry flames.

'What the hell is that?' His heart palpitated.

Although he couldn't tell what it was because he was still hundreds of miles away, he was sure that it was most likely the reason behind this sense of deadly crisis.

Without hesitation, he darted at full speed in the direction of the legendary key. He wanted to leave this ghastly place quickly, especially before strange phenomena caught up to him.

Like a streak of lightning, Jacob's speed reached Mach-10 as he used his full power to bolt in the direction of the legendary key. He didn't dare to save any more energy.

Jacob also noticed that within this mist, powerful magic fluctuations were hidden, and their power might not be any lesser than that of wolf and fox, if not stronger. Not only that but within a few minutes, those calm fluctuations started to stir as if they also sensed the incoming crisis.

A few powerful roars rang in the vicinity before the ground began to shake, and a stampede occurred.

Jacob was now even more sure that whatever had awakened back in the snow mountain was nothing but bad news. He avoided all the obstructions, and within half an hour, Jacob reached a cliff at the end of this thick mist!

He quickly followed the map because the final location of the legendary key was nearby. Thereupon, he reached a tree that was just like the other trees in this place, and without hesitation, he used his Eyes of Judge to scan through it.

'Finally!' Jacob felt relief and dread at the same time as the incoming crisis was getting closer.

He directly punched through the tree routes, where a grove was hidden and protected by an array. But against his full strength, that array shattered, and he finally grabbed the hidden box within this grove.

"Buzzz..."

At this moment, powering buzzing sounds filled with air, sending powerful vibrations that had a powerful effect on the mind.

Jacob finally turned around, paled with fright, when he saw those locust-like insects swarming towards him like a giant dark cloud. Furthermore, their numbers were probably in the tens of millions, and the ghost insect swarm that he encountered in the Dead Faction was nothing but a speck of dust in front of this one.

Those locusts were leaving behind nothing but a trail of desolated ice layer, for anything, whether it was a tree or a living being, would vanish without a trace.

Without hesitation, Jacob stowed away the box and immediately jumped off the cliff, for the ocean was right below it. He knew if he stayed here, even if he launched an atomic bomb, those insects would be simply too many, and he would be affected as well.

So, since he had the option to flee within the ocean, he was not going to take meaningless risks.

But Jacob had overestimated the tenacity of those insects!

Chapter 643 Ice Fiend Locust

Jacob didn't know that the scene of him jumping off the cliff, despite the mist and his stealth, was visible to those insects' single multifaceted eye, and those visions were equally shared by none other than Mother Insect!

The Mother Insect had a terrifying cognitive ability to see everything without leaving behind anything, and she saw Jacob's figure, which was infrared red in the insect's eye, jumping off the cliff.

But unlike those insects, the mother insect could see something that they can't. She instantly noticed a faint violet aura around Jacob's red silhouette, making her eye shimmer with viciousness.

She directly issued a command, "He has the aura of Frigid Soul Saxifrage. He's the thief! Go, my children, and bring this thief to me!"

Like electricity, her command instantly passed through millions of insects, and like a waterfall, they directly dived after Jacob!

The moment Jacob touched the water's surface, he instantly used the Water Spirit Escape and escaped toward the depth of the ocean.

But then, very soon, he noticed power ripples from behind. When he looked behind, he was shocked because all those insects were coming right after him like gigantic maw.

'They can see through my stealth!! ' Jacob's expression turned grim. 'But why are they coming after me so relentlessly? Did I provoke them somehow by venturing into their territory?'

Jacob thought that they might give up after some time, but even after he reached the hundred-mile depth of the star ocean, those insects were still hot on his heels, just a menace.

"Cursed Immortality!"

Jacob now had no choice but to call Immortika and waste this chance. He had really started to feel worried, as his water mana was going to run out in a few minutes.

"What the hell are those?" He quickly asked agitatedly.

"Hahahahaha... now this is what I call entertainment!" Immortika wrote in relish, completely disregarding Jacob's current situation.

"Do you really have time to fuck around?" Jacob roared with indignation.

"Hehehehe, alright, alright. Those insects, as you might've guessed, belong to the Fantastic Insect race and are naturally born in Purple Ice Essene. They are called the Snow Acrididae, commonly known as the Ice Fiend Locusts, and they are not in the top hundred fantastic insects list.

"Here, things become interesting. You see, the Ice Fiend Locusts didn't have the ability to reproduce, but this was only until a 'Queen Ice Fiend Locust' was born among them.

"The chances of a Queen Ice Fiend Locust being born are less than 1% because the moment a Queen Ice Fiend Locust, she will be ranked 33rd on the list of top hundred fantastic insects!

"This is because a Queen Ice Fiend Locust is like a Queen Ant who has absolute control over the ant colony, in this case, the Ice Fiend Locust colony. She can breed 100,000 Tier-1 Common Rank Ice Fiend Locusts while being herself in Tier-9 Common

Rank, 1 million in Tier-1 Rare Rank at the peak of Rare Rank, 10 Million Tier-1 Epic at the peak of Epic Rank, and 100 million at the Tier-1 Unique at the peak of Unique Rank!

"Not only that, but she has almost perfect sensory abilities that let her share the vision with every Ice Fiend Locust she births. Not to mention, her congestive abilities can rival even legendary existences, and she is no less intelligent than you. All in all, she is a perfect controller!

"Although an Ice Fiend Locust only has the ability to devour physical matter and turn it into Yin Snow, with Queen Ice Fiend Locust in command, they are like an army that can maneuver with just a thought without caring about their lives!

"But despite her intelligence, she had a huge flaw, just like any other fantastic insect: her vengeful, greedy nature! You see if the Queen claimed something to be hers, she would protect it until she died, and if she felt provoked, she would not stop until she took her vengeance, hence the name Fiend!

"If we start to go into the arrangement of Ice Fiend Locust Colony, our time will not be enough. Lastly, despite the Queen Ice Fiend Locust's powerful mentality, she has almost zero defense, and even a normal mortal can kill her. But this is only if you manage to reach her and her guards are not around.

"Now, you should understand what kind of existence you have provoked. Oh, and even if you manage to evade those Ice Fiend Locusts somehow, the Queen has already marked you with her most powerful connate ability, which can only be awakened after she goes beyond the unique rank, the Fiend Mark!

"All I can tell is that this Fiend Mark will remain with you unless you can completely get rid of any kind of magic you have. The more you use the magic, the more she'll be able to deduce your location and even tell if you are in a location that can threaten her or is good enough to hunt you down.

"To summarize it, she will never stop coming after you as long as she's alive. This is her true flaw and your doom if you can't kill her. Hahahahaha, I'll advise you never ever to underestimate the Queen Ice Fiend Locust; she's like a vengeful spirit and always finds a way towards you because the more you evade her, the deeper her hatred for you grows. It's almost romantic! Hahahaha...!"

Jacob has an ugly expression at this moment, and at this moment, he feels nothing but utterly speechless!

"Isn't it too excessive? I just invaded her territory, and I didn't even kill any of her damn minions, yet you're telling me she'll not stop hunting me until she or I die?" Jacob asked with indignation as he felt this was simply too ridiculous.

He was just here to pick up the legendary key. He never had any intention of provoking this calamity star, but somehow, he ended up doing exactly that.

"Hahahaha, just invade her territory? Maybe you'll understand after hearing this; you see, the Ice Fiend Locust can only evolve by absorbing soul-type natural treasures. Hahahahaha...!"

Realization finally struck Jacob at this moment, and he was utterly baffled when he remembered that exotic plant that evaluated his soul.

"Fuck my life!" He couldn't help but curse furiously and no longer found that 'free fortune' likable anymore.

"Hahahaha..." Immortika laughed with relish as if it was having the best time of its life.

"You literally cut off her path of legend when you unbeknownst devoured that Inspection Legend Rank Frigid Soul Saxifrage. Even if it were someone else, they would do anything to hack you in millions of pieces!"

Jacob's expression grew even darker since Immortika directly confirmed it, and couldn't help but look behind, the army of millions of Ice Fiend Locusts were relentlessly pursuing him.

"There has to be a way to get rid of this Fiend Mark, right?" Jacob asked after calming down, but his expression was gloomy to the extreme.

"Didn't I've already told you? Just kill her, and those locusts will lose their intelligence and be scattered throughout the unique plains. Furthermore, you might be able to get a very useful reward for your efforts. While the other method is too far away from you. Hehehehe..."

Jacob sighed ruefully in resignation as he knew his life was going to be extremely harsh from now on!

Chapter 644 Planet Destroyer

After he realized what kind of trouble he was in, Jacob stopped paying attention to the laughing, cursed book, and his eyes flashed with decisiveness!

Although it was hard to accept that an owner of a 100 million unique rank army was bloody for him, he wasn't going to wait for death. He had reached this point by undermining many powerful originations, so another bug added to his troubles was not a big deal.

Although it might be inconvenient for him to chase around, it wasn't like he didn't have ways to make the Queen Ice Fiend Locust pay the price for chasing him around.

While diving deeper into the star ocean, Jacob already started to feel the gravity incursion, yet the army of locusts behind him seemed to have no intention of giving up.

'My water mana can only last for another two or three minutes before this spell breaks. But my speed of descending is continuing to increase, and with this pressure around, I can use some drastic measures to get rid of these bugs.'

After making his decision, Jacob stopped using the water spirit escape and appeared within the water. The ice fiend locust army was only over a mile away from him.

"I'll let you be the first one to experience my new weapon!" Jacob cruelly muttered.

The next moment, a black knuckle armor ring filled with exquisite sapphire gemstones and pristine tiny white runes appears on his right-hand middle finger!

Not only that, but the star watched on his wrist activated, and with his will, a peculiar application opened, and Jacob issued a cold command, "Active the Planet Destroyer's Third Form: Rocket Launcher!"

The next moment, a few sapphire gems suddenly lit up with runes, creating a peculiar pattern around the biggest gemstone engraved in the center of this knuckle armor ring.

Almost instantly, a finger-nail-sized, glowing violet crimson-colored integral octonion appeared right above the gemstone in the center. The next moment, different black metallic parts started to appear and assembled around this integral octonion, taking the shape of a long barrier rocket launcher!

Within three seconds, Jacob's empty hand was now holding a black triple-barrel rocket launcher with beautiful glowing neon lines on its slick body.

Then Jacob issued another cold command, "Load three White-Sun Atomic Rockets, and set the blast timer to 10 seconds!"

The neon lines on the rocket launcher instantly lit up. Right where the rocket launcher's scoop was located, there was a small digital screen, and a '3' number appeared on it.

Jacob didn't waste a second and mounted the rocket launcher's barrels towards the swarm of Ice Fiend Locusts. Killing intent flashed past Jacob's eyes before he pulled the neon trigger!

With a huge sonic wave, three white lighting streaks shot out from the barrels and headed straight toward the swarm before quickly vanishing within them like flaming kindles in darkness.

"Disassemble!" Jacob didn't tarry and quickly issued a command through the star watch before the rocket launcher quickly disassembled and turned back into the knuckle armor ring just as quickly as it appeared.

"Water Spirit Escape!" Jacob turned around and fled into the depths of the ocean, using internal fluid acceleration. With the help of Gravely, he was almost like a light streak.

The Ice Fiend Locust Army clearly didn't have any idea what kind of calamity was waiting for them within those three white light streaks as they relentlessly followed after Jacob.

Ten seconds later, within the sounds of buzzing, three faints 'beeps' rang as quickly as they vanished before. Within the darkness, three white lights began to bloom like supernovas in dark space.

Because of the water pressure, there wasn't a sound, but when a supersonic wave appeared, the swarm of the Ice Fiend Locusts that seemed unbreakable finally crumbled as white light engulfed them in their entirety!

It was like a white sun had suddenly appeared in the middle of the dark ocean as everything was illuminated in white light, and powerful shock waves stirred massive areas of the ocean. Even on the surface, huge tide waves began to rise in huge numbers.

Jacob, who managed to distance himself from the swarm, was also caught up by the first shockwave. Despite the icy cold ocean water, for a moment, he felt like he was in love.

But this time, he wasn't as effective as the last time when he was too close to the blast radius, and those white sun rockets weren't as powerful as that missile. Still, they had 50% of its destructive might.

Enduring the heat waves, he continued diving until he was finally out of the blast radius. Because of the depth of the ocean and gravity, he was competently fine this time around.

Furthermore, there was no longer an Ice Fiend Locust swarm following right behind him. At this moment, he finally ran out of the water mana as his body appeared again, and even without doing anything, he was still going down.

'Sigh... it seemed I have to live under the ocean for some time now. That bug bitch would be seeking her own death if she sent that army down here. I can live under this pressure, and the place is kind of perfect for me to comprehend the Immortal Chapter in peace.

'If I go back to the surface, and since the comprehension of the Immortal Chapter depends on magic, I'll have to look over my shoulders because of this fiend mark.' Jacob sighed in resignation and also vowed to kill the Queen Ice Fiend Locust once he comprehended the Immortal Chapter or reached the Quasi Legend Rank.

So, without wasting more time, he begins to recover his energy and magic power while he continues to descend into the depths of the ocean.

Furthermore, as Jacob was getting deeper and deeper, he noticed that this time, the bottom of the star ocean was even deeper than last time, making him gloomy. His mana was still not begging to replenish because he first had to recover the physical energy that he used with fluid acceleration. So, he couldn't stop his descent.

Just when Jacob started to get worried, his heart churned as he looked below, and his eyes winded with disbelief because he saw a few peculiar creatures riding a huge ocean beast headed right towards him!

Chapter 645 Encountering the Ocean Races

Jacob was startled when he saw those novel creatures riding on a whale-like ocean beast were coming in his way. This was his first witnessing this scene, and even from here, he could tell that the ocean beast was at the peak of its unique rank.

'Don't tell me they are from the ocean races?' He speculated.

Autarch had already told me about ocean races because Masha also belonged to an ocean race, but she was a runaway because she was experimenting on her own race members.

Furthermore, the ocean races were very mysterious, and most of the natives of the Unique Plains were unaware of their existence because they rarely left the ocean and came to the surface.

Jacob has no idea that he had unknowingly trespassed into the territory of ocean races while fleeing from the swarm of Ice Fiend Locusts.

He still hadn't unsummoned Immoritka because he was afraid those persistent insects would still come after him and because he might run into such a situation. After all, when it came to sniffing out enemies or hidden dangers, Immoritka had never disappointed him.

"You know what I want to know, right?" He questioned gravely.

He was still calm because those newcomers were at the same rank as him, and since they could move freely under this heavy gravity, he now wanted to know more about them.

Furthermore, even if he tries to flee, he won't be able to outrun them before his mana gives up on him. Lastly, he has no plan of going back to the surface because of the Queen Ice Fiend Locust.

"Hehehe, those small fries are not worth mentioning, aren't they?" Immoritka cackled before finally getting to the point, "The three fish-face humanoids are Orange Sturgeons of Unique Tier-9 Rank, a very common ocean race with no unique, innate abilities except for their ability to use sound waves to attack the minds of their prey.

"But that Unique Tier-9 ocean magic beast they are riding is quite rare. It is a Water Lightning Whale that can move within water like lightning under any pressure!"

Jacob nodded slightly, as this information was enough. Now, he was coldly looking at the Water Lightning Whale as it approached him, while those three Orange Sturgeon, who had orange-scale skin and the head of a sturgeon, were already viciously opening their sharp mouths at him with killing intent.

They were clearly not here with kind intentions, and Jacob wanted to know how they found him or if it was just a coincidence. But when they were about a hundred meters away from him, he saw those three Orange Sturgeon's faces suddenly light up, and his expression darkened when he saw the magic energy gathering around their mouth.

They were about to attack him without any intention of interrogating him. A ruthless glint flashed past his eyes, and since he was more than half recovered, he stopped playing dead.

"Slumber Hex!" Jacob directly targeted the Water Lightning Whale since those guys were using it to mount an attack.

Although he wasn't sure if they were moving so fast in this gravity because of the Water Lightning Whale, they would be fishes on a chopping board if they were relying on it.

Just as he predicted, the moment the Water Lightning Whale was cursed, those sturgeons suddenly lost their balance, and with the Water Lightning Whale, they began to sink like a stone in water.

The Orange Sturgeons were baffled by this sudden turn of events. One of them even tried to kick the Water Lightning Whale to awaken it but gained no reaction. One of them cried furiously, using strange gibberish, and the other two nodded before they finally jumped off the whale body and directly bolted towards Jacob, leaving behind powerful wave shockwaves.

Although their speed was not as fast as that of the Water Lightning Whale, they were still moving very agilely. But what they hadn't thought was that Jacob could also move like them within the water.

The three Orange Sturgeons quickly surrounded Jacob in a triangular formation, and they again began to cast their spells as the surrounding water began to churn. But how could Jacob give them any chance?

At this moment, using the water spirit escape, he turned into a blue streak and darted towards one of the Orange Sturgeons. Those guys were again shocked. Jacob's target tried to dodge him, but Jacob's speed was almost at the same level as the Water Lightning Whale when he used the water spirit escape.

The Orange Sturgeon had just started flapping its fins like feet when Jacob abruptly appeared in front of him like a ghost. The next moment, a dark streak flashed past the Orange Sturgeon's neck.

Jacob again turned into a blue streak and bolted in the other Orange Sturgeon's direction. The Orange Sturgeons were shocked, and by the time they realized what had happened, they saw their companion's head start to separate from his neck as crimson blood tainted the clear water.

Jacob didn't give them any chance, and like a phantom, he approached the second Orange Sturgeon, who was now horrified and started to flee desperately. But he was still too slow, and Jacob directly grabbed his slippery leg and cut him in half, as they were only about half his size.

The last one was already running deeper into the ocean, but Jacob had no plan of killing him, he locked on him, and his eyes flashed with crimson lightning, "Slumber Hex!"

The last Orange Sturgeon turned motionless the next moment, and Jacob went after him directly, grabbing his body before stowing him away in his pendant alive. He then finally looked towards the Water Lightning Whale and dived towards it.

The whale was around twenty-five meters in size, but Jacob had enough space for it as well. Now that he knew this whale could swim opposite to gravity, he had a different plan for it.

He also didn't leave behind any corpses since he wasn't sure what kind of power the ocean races held. He had heard that they were very protective of their own, so he didn't want to reveal his existence or provoke some three steps of legend.

Afterward, he fully focused on recovering while using stealth, and after around half an hour of descending, he was finally able to see the ocean floor.

But what surprised him was not too far away from his location, there were huge glowing buildings with strange shapes that he had never seen before, and he saw many Orange Sturgeons swimming around those buildings and even other ocean races that he had never seen before.

It was an underwater city that belonged to the elusive Ocean Races!

Chapter 646 Seclusion Under Star Ocean

Jacob observed the city from a distance. He didn't dare get too close since his appearance didn't match the Orange Sturgeon at all, and if he were spotted, everyone would notice him.

Furthermore, with his eyes, he could see a huge glob around the entire city emitting faint color particles.

'There is an array formation around that place. How peculiar...' He mused before he averted his eyes and decided to find another secluded place.

He had no intention of going there, and he was not interested in the ocean races, as they were of little allure to him. Since he was already on the ocean floor and had already spotted the inhabitants of the star ocean, he knew he couldn't be reckless.

Unlike last time, this part of the star ocean wasn't barren and filled with ocean weeds and all kinds of ocean fauna and flora. He even found some small creatures hidden among them, and they were epic rank, at least.

The gravity here is around 600 times greater than the surface, and if someone didn't have a physique like Jacob's that had undergone powerful gravity before, they would be absolutely crushed in this place.

After the city was no longer in sight, Jacob looked around and found a dark mountain in the distance. When he reached close enough, he found that it was a black coral with long threads sawing in the water like tentacles!

'It's a good place and excellent hideout...' Jacob mused before swords appeared in his hands.

He directly approached the mountain-like corral and, using the water mana, he started slashing its body like he was carving a sculpture; the entire mountain trembled for a moment before going dormant again.

Jacob knew this corral was a Unique Rank creature, but under his dominant attacks, it didn't stand a chance.

Soon, Jacob opened a cave in the corral. Although it was somewhat disgusting and a potent poison was leaking from its body, he was completely fine. He then used the outer part that he carved out like a door to block the entrance, and now it looked the same. No one would be able to tell that someone was living within this corral unless they tried to destroy it or had intentions like Jacob's.

After opening a large space, Jacob also set an array that he had prepared beforehand since he had the intention of doing the same thing from the start. This array was an alarm array that would instantly alert him if someone entered its fifty-radius range.

'Now, I should get rid of this poison...' He clapped his hands together and started to cast a spell of Whammy Poison, "Poison Gather!"

The black water around him suddenly churned, and the next moment, a glowing black dot appeared above Jacob's hands. Thereafter, the tiny dot suddenly began to expand, and strangely, the black water started to turn transparent again.

Soon, an inky glob around a meter in size was in front of him, and all the poison in the water was completely purified. He then took out a glass bottle, and using the water magic, he controlled the glob as he filled the bottle and stowed it away.

Now that there was no more poison in the water, he moved to the next step for what he did all this. The Orange Sturgeon that he captured, still in slumber, appeared in front of him.

Although he wasn't going to move around the ocean race territory, he wanted to collect information from this guy. After all, knowing this place will have a greater advantage to him without any disadvantage.

Before lifting the curse, Jacob made sure that the Orange Sturgeon wouldn't cause any trouble. He used his eyes to find the location where all the magic in the Orange Sturgeon was compressed.

After locating the magic core, he placed his finger above his belly. The next moment, the finger suddenly lit up in a green sheen, and the surrounding water suddenly began to heat up, and sizzling bubbles appeared.

'Tsk, my fire energy consumption is triple underwater as expected.' Jacob sighed as he knew the fire mana was almost useless underwater, and just to keep it activated, he required more than the usual amount of energy to sustain it, not to mention it was still weakened by half.

Jacob then stopped lamenting and directly stabbed his finger right where the Orange Sturgeon's magic core was. He carefully cracked the magic core, and the magic energy stowed within the Orange Sturgeon suddenly leaked out.

This was one of the ways to make someone magically crippled without killing them. If he had destroyed the magic core, the Orange Sturgeon would've been dead.

Furthermore, Jacob also noticed that this Orange Sturgeon's body was far sturdier than the people on the surface, slightly worse than his own. This was most likely because of the gravity they lived under.

After making sure the Orange Sturgeon wouldn't be able to retaliate, he bound him with special ropes he bought in the dark city that could restrain even a giant, and only then did he release the cure.

The Orange Sturgeon's eyes snapped open in bewilderment before horrifying pain replaced them. He wailed loudly in pain, and when he saw the giant in front of him, his bloodshot eyes shone with hatred and killing intent. If looks could kill, Jacob would've died thousands of times under such a murderous glare.

Jacob completely ignores the furious fish and tries to speak by using water magic to convert sound waves to vibrations that travel through water. He got this inspiration from these guys when he saw them communicate using the same method before.

With his excitement control over mana and soul force, it wasn't hard for him to imitate the same thing.

"C-can... y.y-you under...stand...me?" Jacob's voice was almost like a broken radio since he had never done this before, but he was still able to convert the vibrations into words, which was the crux of this method.

The Orange Sturgeon was startled when he saw Jacob using the same method as them to communicate before he furiously began to make strange gibberish noises, "Hpqoikc, lhjlilj kjlioqqqv..."

Jacob frowned as he knew what was going on and mused, 'It seemed the ocean races had their own unique language, just like the dark beings, and since these guys seldom encountered the surface, only their higher-ups might know the common language.

'I can't get anything if I don't understand what the hell is he saying. If only Autarch were awake, he could've easily gotten the language and information and then taught it to me. I should keep this guy for now, and once he awakes, it would be easier.'

After getting nowhere on his own, he didn't waste time and punched the furious Orange Sturgeon unconscious before stowing him back in the infinity pendant.

Jacob's eyes then flashed with anticipation before a box appeared in his hand, 'Now, let's see what this legendary key looks like; that made me offend that bug bitch looks like!'

Chapter 647 Legendary Key in Hand

'This box seemed to be encrypted with runes. This should be the runic lock that relies on magic runes, and if someone tries to open it without the runic key, the item inside will be destroyed. But I don't think the legendary key is so feeble that it could be destroyed with an advanced unique rank runic lock,' Jacob mused as he observed the box with scrutiny.

If it had been before, he might've been stumped and tried to break this box, but after he deepened his knowledge of the magic runes in the dark city and created the Planet Destroyer, he was very familiar with this kind of runic lock.

He also had Free Sword's entire treasury, so he quickly searched among his treasures and soon found what he was looking for. It was a small pentagon, which perfectly matched the pentagon grove above the box.

Jacob quickly inserted this small pentagon in the grove. When it was perfectly fit, the runes on the box lit up, and with a faint click, the box opened.

When he opened the lid, a glowing light lit the surroundings. The thing inside the box was not a standard key with a flat head and teeth.

It resembles a stylized celestial compass. A smooth, circular disk forms the body, with intricate constellations etched on its surface. It was not made with any conventional material.

It shimmers with an otherworldly, ethereal light, constantly shifting between hues of violet, indigo, and gold. When Jacob lifted it up, it felt weightless in his hand yet held a solidity that defied its ethereal appearance. It was slightly warm to the touch, radiating a comforting yet powerful energy.

Extending from the center is a single, slender point that curves gracefully upwards. This point doesn't resemble a traditional keyhole prong but rather seems to yearn to touch the sky.

Twelve faint symbols were engraved along the rim of the circular disk, and only one symbol was extremely lifelike and different from the other eleven.

Shockingly, Jacob instantly recognized them and muttered, "They are the twelve symbols of the zodiac, and this more visible symbol represents the symbol of the Taurus Constellation, the same as the lesser galaxy that I'm in!"

"Could the other function of this key be to track down those twelve legendary visages? Since this compass is found in the lesser galaxy of Taurus, it can only show the way towards the Legendary Visage of Taurus.

"But then why are these other eleven symbols also here? Just what kind of mysteries are hidden in this key? If I can have another key from another galaxy, I might be able to figure it out more accurately. Right now, I can only assume that the other legendary keys should also have ways to lead towards their own corresponding legendary visage..."

Jacob conjectured while he looked at the faintly glowing ethereal disc which was the legendary key, although he didn't know how to use it or its true functions, he was sure that the person who held with would have a huge advantage over those without it.

After some more observation, Jacob finally stowed away the legendary key, but he was surprised again when he wanted to keep it in the space ring he was unable to do it.

He wanted to do this because he was afraid that the pedant might cut off its connection with the path of legend and key, just like everything else. If he wanted to be alerted, then he had to make sure the key remained connected.

But now it seemed that this key couldn't be stored in a space ring at all, and when he tried to put it inside the pendant, he succeeded. This made Jacob grimace because if his conjecture was correct, he couldn't keep it inside the pedant or might miss the time of the path of the legend's opening.

'Did I have to keep it on my body all the time now?'

Jacob sighed in frustration before he put the key back into his pendant. Although he knew it was not a good choice, he couldn't leave it outside, so he decided to check on it from time to time. After all, there was no safer place than the infinity pendant.

After he had finished with the legendary key, Jacob was finally done with all the trivial matters. Now that the legendary key was also in his hand, he looked at the cursed immortality that was still in front of him.

He didn't want to waste this chance and then wait for another cooldown period, so he kept it activated just in case something happened, or he found the hideout before the summoning time was over.

As for asking Immoritka about the legendary key, he didn't even bother as he had already tried too long ago but never got anything useful. Immoritka was very tight-lipped about the path of legend and never even dropped the faintest clue.

After he opened the Immortal Chapter, he didn't use the Eyes of Judge directly but tried to use the passive ability judgment gaze to see if he could enter it on his own. After all, his soul was also elevated, so he wanted to try using his own capabilities.

After a few minutes, Jacob found that there was indeed something different this time around as he sensed a strange force within the drop of blood on the immortal chapter, but he failed to enter.

At least, it was far easier with the Eyes of Judge, but this was still a little progress, so he wasn't discouraged. He activated the Eyes of Judge and appeared in the crimson world of blood glyphs.

Jacob didn't waste his time on those large glyphs and found the smallest one again since he wanted to fully comprehend it before he moved on to the others. Furthermore, after his last success, he was now sure that he had to start with the smallest one, and only after he comprehended it could he move on to the others.

This time, as Jacob approached the smallest blood glyph, he was surprised and elated when he found that the repulsive force was no longer as powerful as before, but he struggled nonetheless.

However, this time, he reached the blood glyph without losing consciousness, but when he touched it, his mind went blank again.

Strangely, Jacob was still fully focused. The next moment, he felt as if a sea of knowledge had appeared in front of him, and not only that, but strange images began to play in his head.

The amount was simply too much, and he felt like his brain was too small to absorb them all at once.

However, for some reason, as his mind wandered in the sea of knowledge and those images, he was able to observe them slightly.

Just like that, Jacob's journey to become the Cursed Blood Progenitor started!

Chapter 648 Blood Manipulation Levels

The first day of Jacob's seclusion passed, but this time, he didn't know how long he had been within the immortal chapter; his entire focus was on the myriad images and information that were exposed to him.

Even after an unknown time passed, Jacob remained in a daze as he tried to comprehend those images. After spending an unknown amount of time, Jacob was

finally able to comprehend one of those images. In that image, he found a silhouette entirely made of blood, and it seemed to be manipulating a drop of blood.

As time passed, Jacob was able to comprehend another image in which the same silhouette seemed to be separating the blood drop on a cellular level. Furthermore, as he started to understand the images and was able to 'see' them, that huge amount of information also began to assimilate into his brain.

Every time he snapped out of his comprehensive state, he would first check on the legendary key, then open Cursed Immortality's immortal chapter, and again start to comprehend the smallest rune.

This was Jacob's first time doing nothing but learning and comprehending something; it was almost like he had returned to his past life and started doing research on the weapons without any care about time. So, it wasn't boring for Jacob at all.

Like this, a year passed by, and Jacob didn't do anything but follow the same routine again and again while the ocean remained peaceful. Jacob didn't know that a year had passed, and he was starting to understand the smallest blood glyph of Cursed Blood Progenitor. His hard work and devotion didn't go to waste either.

After his year of devotion, Jacob found that the immortal chapter holds mysterious concepts of blood, and if they had their own categories, he would divide them into three levels.

The first Cellular Level: The concept of this level was related to blood cell creation, mutation, and function.

The second level is the Energetic Level, which is related to manipulating blood's life force and the magical properties hidden within it.

The third Structural Level was related to shaping and sculpting blood vessels and bone marrow. This level also holds the secret he needs to comprehend to complete the last stage of phase one.

But despite progressing this much, Jacob found that these three levels were not within this smallest blood glyph at all. In fact, this blood glyph seemed to be just an introduction to the blood chapter.

Upon further research and comprehension over another two years, he discovered that this smallest glyph was all about the basics of these three levels, and they called the Blood Manipulation Levels!

Only by understanding this smallest blood glyph will he be able to use the initial blood manipulation, which was manipulating blood through his cursed heart!

But this was still far from enough to completely comprehend the first blood glyph, if anything within these three years he was only able to comprehend about 30% of the glyph.

However, this didn't discourage him, if anything, he was thrilled and more motivated than ever because he could tell that he was starting to feel a close connection with his cursed heart more than he ever had.

After finally arranging the mystery of the Blood Manipulation levels, he can finally focus on increasing his knowledge and even start practicing blood manipulation by using his cursed heart to take control over his own cursed blood.

Time seems to have lost its effect on Jacob. He was fully immersed in the smallest glyph and able to spend more and more time within the Immortal Chapter as he comprehended the blood glyph.

On this day, in the seventh year after Jacob started his seclusion, Jacob had the corpse of the snow fox of unique rank in front of him as he placed his hand on its icy body, and his cursed heart pulsing even without using the fluid acceleration.

The fox's corpse seemed stoic, but if someone looked carefully, blood veins bulged all over its body while Jacob's expression was solemn. Jacob was trying to manipulate the blood in this corpse using the cursed heart because he didn't dare try to do the same thing with his own blood.

He found that blood manipulation was not as simple as he thought it would be. Everything was going fine at first, as he was able to use the cursed heart to circulate the cursed blood within his body.

This was the initial mastery of the cellular level of blood manipulation and the limit of knowledge within this blood glyph.

But when he tried to move on to the energetic level where he could manipulate the blood's life force and magic properties, he almost self-destructed, as if he had provoked something in his blood and lost control!

Jacob's steady progress suddenly halted at this point. He didn't dare experiment on himself, so he finally decided to experiment on others. He had numerous corpses from the no-return zone.

So, he started to practice on them, but it was even harder since he had to start from the beginning and find a way to manipulate others' blood. But with fluid acceleration help in the beginning, he was able to quickly the cellular level control on blood other than his own.

Now, he was again trying to practice the energetic level on this fox, and at this moment, he felt a peculiar power hidden in the fox's blood.

'Boom!'

The fox's corpse blasted like a small bomb!

Jacob was completely fine and didn't care about the bloody mess in the water, but his expression was gloomy as he mused, 'Is this related to the life force and magic properties hidden within the blood that stops me from peering into its mysteries?'

'I can tell the life force is completely preserved because I kept this corpse in the pendant, so it's not about its being dead for a long time. Just why am I getting this kind of reaction from the energetic level?'

Jacob was about to take out another corpse and start to experiment again when he suddenly sensed something stirring inside him, and his eyes flashed with surprise.

Jacob flipped his hand, and above it, a small egg-sized black cocoon appeared, glowing in a dark light as cracks were spreading on it. It was an indication that the thing within was about to break free.

Jacob's eyes flashed with anticipation and ecstasy as he looked deeply at the cracking cocoon and mused, 'Autarch is finally about to complete his evolution!'

Chapter 649 Living Marionette

Jacob looked at the restless, glistening, pulsating cocoon. It emits an eerie bioluminescence. Inside, something tiny writhes, its form shifting and growing as it seems to devour the energy stored within the cocoon.

Suddenly, a tremor runs through the cocoon. More cracks begin to spiderweb across its surface, glowing brighter with each pulse. With a final surge of energy, the cocoon explodes outwards in a shower of shimmering shards.

Autarch appeared in its place. It retains the basic centipede form but is now only nine centimeters long, and its body is as thin as fine black hair. Its exoskeleton is sleek, obsidian black, polished to a mirror sheen.

Along its back run glowing red lines, pulsing with a faint light that seems to emanate from within. Each segment of its body is tipped with a razor-sharp claw, glinting ominously.

Autarch's head had also completely transformed. Now, it was a segmented carapace with six glowing red eyes that could focus independently, allowing Autarch a wide field of view. Two long, whip-like antennae twitched in the air, picking up on every sound and scent.

Autarch stands tall on its numerous legs, its entire form radiating an aura of power and menace. Despite its insectoid features, there's something vaguely humanoid in its posture and stance, hinting at the vast intelligence that resides within.

Jacob was astounded when he saw Autarch's completely changed form. He hadn't expected that the change would be so big in unique rank evolution. Furthermore, Autarch didn't have eyes before, but now it had six of them, and they were exempt from any emotions and completely icy cold.

"Thank you for looking after me, Sir!" Autarch impassively showed its gratitude with its eerie, stoic voice by using the mental connection with Jacob.

Jacob smiled slightly, as despite Autarch's huge change in appearance, it remained the same: cold and emotionless.

"It is what I should do for your excellent services, and I hope you continue to perform well in the future. Now, tell me about your gains this time?" Jacob asked in anticipation.

He was looking forward to what Autarch was capable of now. After all, Immoritka had once said that a brain hunter had once turned an entire nation into its puppets. He thought that this kind of ability would only appear at a unique rank, so he was looking forward to it.

Autarch revealed without hesitation, "My Brain Analysis, Puppet Possession, and Brain Devourer have been enhanced ten times, and I should be able to possess someone at the unique rank within a minute. Furthermore, the side effects of the brain devourer that rot the body have been reduced by ten percent.

"The Undead Control can now refine 100 Dark Beings into Undead Puppets. But I still won't be able to get their memories. The control's range has increased up to 500 miles!

"My Puppet Poison Magic can now be used remotely by spreading an invisible poisonous mist in the air. I don't need to inject the puppet poison directly through my bits to create a Magic Puppet.

"The Magic Puppets can't leave a 500-mile radius perimeter, or they will become free from my puppet poison magic in twelve hours or if they become a full rank more powerful than me. Now I can also have 1000 Magic Puppets!

"But the puppet poison still can only remain in the air for five minutes before it will lose its potency and effect.

"Lastly, I have also awakened a new ability called the Living Marionette that complements my puppet poison magic and grants me an aspect of Enhanced Puppet Mastery.

"With it, I can use puppet poison magic to cast an innate spell called the Marionette Dispersal. This spell will release around 1 million Marionette Micros in the air, and anyone who breathes these Marionette Micros will be vulnerable to Living Marionette.

"Using these Marionette Micros, I can not only read their minds, but I can affect and manipulate their thoughts and cognitive abilities of a living being without killing them. This creates a Living Marionette. Living Marionettes retain their own consciousness and abilities while they are vulnerable to my manipulation.

"But there is a drawback that the Living Marionettes may resist control, especially if the intentions are harmful. The chances of altering their thoughts and manipulating them into doing what I want can also be greatly reduced if they have strong wills. The mind reading has the same drawbacks.

"Lastly, a Living Marionette can completely escape my control once they leave a 500-mile radius area from me, in this case the Marionette Micro in them will be destroyed. But they will not be able to find anything wrong with them. Living Marionette is also useless on the Dark Beings for now." Autarch was done explaining at this moment.

Jacob's eyes shimmered with astonishment, 'This Living Marionette didn't appear as powerful as Autarch's other abilities, but in truth, they are far more terrifying than all the abilities he has. If he can manipulate the thoughts of millions and influence their actions, the effect would be terrifying.

'It's like dancing in someone else's palms without even knowing anything. No wonder the fantastic insects all have ridiculous restraints. But I can use these abilities to my advantage.'

Jacob's lips curled up in a dark smile as he waved his hand. The Orange Sturgeon he was keeping in his pendant appeared again. He was still the same despite the seven years that had passed; time seemed to have stopped for him.

"Here is your first task after your advancement. I want you to possess him and then teach me the ocean races' language and give me all the information about the ocean races.

"Then you have to infuriate their city not too far away from this place and take over it. I'm in the middle of an extremely important experiment so that I might need some living subjects in the future. I want you to help me with it if the need arises.

"Even if I don't encounter the need, I want you to gather more information about them while also using them to increase your rank up to the peak of the unique rank. Our enemies are not just at the unique rank.

"We still do not know if you can possess someone in the three steps of legend rank or influence their thoughts, so this is also a test to get familiar with the full extent of your abilities."

Autarch slightly shook its menacing head, "I understand."

The next moment, Autarch moved with such speed that even Jacob could only see a faint dark crimson streak. Autarch was simply too thin to be noticed. Furthermore, the deep ocean didn't seem to have any effect on Autarch either.

Within a minute, the unconscious Orange Sturgeon opened its eyes, which were now completely icy cold and mirroring Autarch's emotionless eyes!

Chapter 650 Timeless City

In the treacherous southeast quadrant of the Star Ocean, there is a No-Return Zone called the Riddle Archipelago, one of the three most dangerous no-return zones in the Star Ocean.

This Riddle Archipelago was proclaimed as such for two reasons. The first one was that in this place, any magic equipment starts to decay, and this strange decay also affects the beings with magic. Their magic power slowly dissipates before their magic orbits rot, and they eventually meet the fate of death.

The second reason no one wanted to tread anywhere near this place was that if someone were to enter this no-return zone unknowingly, they would find that no matter how much they came closer to one of these islands, they would never be able to reach it.

Not only that, but they will also not be able to return, and they will fall into this strange conundrum until they run out of resources and die helplessly.

Even to this day, the Riddle Archipelago holds its secrets close. In a sense, it was even more dangerous than the Vicious Calamity Fog Zone!

Yet, within the heart of Riddle Archipelago, on this seemingly unremarkable island, nestled beneath this strange illusion, shielded by an extremely rare, anti-magic obsidian, lay a Hidden City!

Unlike the bleached archipelago, this city pulsed with an otherworldly vibrancy. Buildings, sleek and metallic, shimmered with an internal glow powered by harnessed geothermal vents and captured magical anomalies. Razor-sharp wind turbines, defying the still air, siphoned residual energy from the warped magic field. A network of glowing pathways snaked between structures, humming with a low, rhythmic pulse.

Here, within the archipelago's suffocating embrace, a secret society thrived, a testament to the ingenuity and a flicker of defiance against this ghastly environment.

The people of this hidden city all wore white cloaks with the symbol of a black hourglass, and despite its dense population, an eerie silence loomed in its streets.

In the center of this Hidden City, a cathedral of anti-magic obsidian rose amidst the tech. Towering arches pulsed with arcane light, leading to a vast hall lined with aged, light-devouring bookshelves.

In the heart of this cathedral was a colossal hourglass, its obsidian frame holding an impossible flow of black sand—defying gravity, ever-flowing upwards. This enigmatic timepiece, a stark contrast to the library's comforting familiarity, pulsed with the city's strange magic.

Suddenly, within this empty hall, a static voice rang.

"Immunity Period (20 years) of Iron Streak Breaker Faceless Ancient has been ended!"

"Gathering new information on Faceless Ancient from Star Network..."

"Task Completed!"

"Faceless Ancient is now presumably a Unique Rank and personal member of Dark City. Gathering data from the Dark City's server..."

"Dark Battle Arena records are found, gathering fighting data and reevaluating Faceless Ancient prowess..."

"Task Completed!"

"Final evaluation, Faceless Ancient true battle prowess analysis: 100% Beyond Unique, 70% Inception Legend, & 20% Quasi Legend

"The target prowess is beyond the range of the system's initial analysis!"

"The initial Bronze Class Streak Breaker Bounty has been terminated!"

"The Silver Class Kill Order is also insufficient for the target; hence, the auto bounty has been permanently terminated!"

The static voice went dormant after this, but all of a sudden, it rang again.

"Beep... found data in Star Hackers server on Faceless Ancient!

"Gathering data...

"Task Completed!

"A Golden Constant Rank information is found within the data.

"Sending information to Golden Constant-51,117!"

Within a few minutes of this notification, below the hourglass, a white phantom of a hominoid figure appeared.

"Connect me to all the Golden Constants active within the Taurus Lesser Galaxy!" His voice was overlapping between a male and a female and completely emotionless.

"Establishing Contact!" The static voice sounded in affirmation.

Soon, around the black hourglass, tiny golden light particles started to appear one by one like stars in the dark sky, and soon, the number reached thousands.

"All the Golden Constants are present!" The static voice rang again.

"My fellow Timeless Wanderers, today, as the Lord of Timeless City of the Taurus Lesser Galaxy, I contacted you all because the clues about the Legendary Key have been found!

"Those among you who qualify to become Constant Nobles can stay while the others are free to leave and get back to your refinement of time!

"Please note that according to the Timeless Credo, only those at the pinnacle of golden constant rank are allowed to cross the Unique Plains!"

After this white phantom's announcement, many golden particles around the hourglass started to vanish one after another, and after a few minutes, only around two thousand of them remained.

The white phantom spoke again after no more golden particles were vanishing: "Since you are here, this means that you have reached the pinnacle of Golden Constant Rank. My fellow Timeless Wanderers, I must congratulate you on taking another step towards true immortality!

"Now, I'm going to send you the information we have on the legendary key, and you are free to use your accumulated Timeless Sand to search for the Taurus Legendary Key.

"Like in the past, those who find the Legendary Key will be rewarded with 1 Gram of Timeless Sand and automatically become the leader of our Taurus Lesser Galaxy group.

"Furthermore, after the winner of the Legendary Key is decided, those who bring the Star Ocean Medallion will also be rewarded with 10 Milligrams of Timeless Sand for each Star Ocean Medallion.

"This event occurs only whenever the path of legend opens in all twelve galaxies, and it is a chance to increase your Timeless Sand for your journey beyond the Golden Constant Rank.

"I will also not tell you to kill each other since it isn't prohibited, and the path of immortality is riddled with all kinds of dangers. Still, you must work together once the legendary key is found since there are many heretics who stand in your path of immortality.

"Still, for those who meet their end in the pursuit of True Immortality, fear not, for you can start your journey again if you hold firm to your beliefs; death is but a dream for us Timeless Wanderers.

"Last but not least, like always, I will again emphasize our only goal; if any of you ever come across any clue about the lost scripture of Immortality, you will be heavily rewarded, and the person who finds it will be the true lord of ATLAS!"