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In the middle of a clear patch of starry land, surrounded by a gloomy swamp with air filled with poisonous gray fog, Jacob's two-meter-tall figure appeared at this moment wearing his dark windbreaker and a long hood over his head.

At this moment, Jacob looked at the Legendary Master Key in his hand. The symbol of Capricorn that had vanished before on the key was now present again in the shape of a thunder goat face. He had finally achieved his purpose after paying five thousand years of his lifespan.

Stowing the Legendary Master Key away, Jacob looked around and mused, 'This must be where the tower of Capricorn was located before...' However, he didn't dwell on it for long. He opened the Cursed Immortality and directly stated, "Infinity Blood Sacrifice!"

The very next moment, the cursed book's pages began to turn until the pitch-black page appeared again. After this event with the Tower of Capricorn, Jacob realized that he couldn't hesitate any longer. If someone else cleared the tower trial again, he would have to waste more time as he did with the Tower of Capricorn to correct his mistake.

So, he had already decided to use the Infinity Blood Sacrifice to gather all the Vestiges before the others could. Still, before that, he needed to retrieve the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn!

"I wish to collect the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn, sent me a hundred meters away from the person who has it!"

The moment Jacob uttered his wish, it jolted down on the pitch-black page like before. He could've wished to directly retrieve the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn, but he knew that would cost him more lifespan, so he decided to simply retrieve it from the person who took it. Since he was confident in going against them, there was no need to waste his precious lifespan on them. Furthermore, Jacob thought the person who had completed the trial might've taken the Star Warrior difficulty level trial like the Grim Lich, and that's why they were able to pass the final trial since he never thought that someone could beat the Star King Difficulty Wisp of Capricorn. Still, he didn't let his guard down since there was still some chance he could be wrong.

At this moment, the cost of the lifespan appeared for this wish fulfillment. _____

Wish: I wish to collect the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn, sent me a hundred meters away from the person who has it!!

Cost: 10% Infinity Blood or Only 105 Years of Lifespan

Jacob's eyes flared when he saw the cost. Although it was nothing compared to what he had paid to enter the Tower of Capricorn, it was still relatively high since this was the lifespan of a human.

'10% infinity blood is still manageable. I should be able to recover it with all the blood I had gathered, and if I also include the blood of that person who took the Cosmic Vestige, if it is not a dark being, then it won't hurt me much...'

Jacob instantly decided to pay with the infinity blood instead of using his lifespan as he uttered, "Carry through!"

The next moment, Jacob instantly felt a change occurring in his body as the runic lines on his skeleton suddenly metalized. His blood started to vanish, and the glowing runic lines dimmed greatly.

Jacob only felt somewhat weak. Although he thought 10% infinity blood wasn't much to affect his prowess, it still weakened him by around 5%. However, Jacob didn't have time to react when he suddenly vanished from his spot!

The next moment, Jacob appeared in a lush forest. Not far away was a ravine, and the sound of running water could be heard. But Jacob didn't pay any attention to it since he knew, according to his wish, he should be a hundred meters away from the person who took the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn!

"Who else is in the vicinity besides me?" Jacob instantly asked Immortika without wasting time to use his Eyes of Judge since it was more convenient, and he would also get accurate information about this person.

"Hahahahaha..." Immortika suddenly burst into wanton laughter filled with amusement, "And here I thought it was avoidable...hahahaha!"

Jacob suddenly sensed something amiss in Immortika's words since it wasn't the response he was expecting: "What the hell are you talking about?"

"Hehehehe... man, this is too amusing... Oh, here it comes!" Immortika mischievously warned.

Jacob clearly had no idea what Immortika was talking about and was about to retort when he sensed imminent danger. Without hesitation, Jacob jumped back with full power. He leaped almost a hundred meters away from his initial spot.

But Jacob's eyes were fixed on the spot where he was standing just now, and the next moment, ethereal pitch-black tentacles suddenly shot out from the ground like an abyssal maw!

However, they had clearly missed their target, and an astonishing, eerie voice with a strange charm rang, "You dodged it?"

For some reason, Jacob felt uneasy as he looked at the ethereal dark tentacles, which were also the source of this voice. But the next moment, the dark tentacles suddenly twisted together, forming a hominoid figure of darkness before a 2-meter-tall cloaked figure suddenly metalized.

Furthermore, what surprised Jacob even more was that Cursed Immortality had vanished. At the same time, he was busy dodging that sneak attack, and from what Immortika had said, he knew this person had an extraordinary background or that damn book won't hide like this since there weren't many things that could make the cursed book react like this.

The first thought that came to Jacob's mind was that this person was a Zodiac Enforcer or someone like Furcas since he had personally witnessed how they were able to descend in the Unique Plains.

'Don't tell me this person is here for me?' Jacob's heart sank before suddenly thinking about something else, 'No... if it's here for me, then why would it go after a cosmic vestige? I'm sure the wish has sent me to the location of the person who had claimed the Cosmic Vestige, and she should be the one, and I don't think this is just a projection. Then why would Immortika react this way...'

Furthermore, what made Jacob extremely agitated was the woman's appearance in his Eyes of Judge were utterly black; there was nothing but darkness, and that darkness sent a chill down his spine since he had never experienced something like this before from a living being or dark being as a matter of fact. "How did you discover me so quickly? Are you one of those idiots who want to snatch my Legendary Vestige?" The woman suddenly uttered, her voice filled with disdain and overwhelming confidence.

However, her words also confirmed Jacob's conjecture; now, he was sure this was a coincidence. Yet Immortika's words and actions still irked him, and he wanted to get away from this mysterious woman. But even if he wanted to, he knew he had to get the Cosmic Vestige from her.

But before he could make up his mind, another sense of crisis suddenly enveloped him. This time, the danger was even greater, as his vision suddenly darkened, blinding him completely, and a desolated sense gripped his mind.

Without hesitation, Jacob used his soul force to empower the Eyes of Judge, and the darkness finally shattered. But his heart trembled when his vision returned, and he saw

the woman right in front of him, extending her hand, which was ethereal black, just like the tentacles he had seen before.

Purple lightning suddenly burst out from his body, "Huh...?!"

The woman was also shocked at this moment because she wasn't expecting Jacob to break out of her almost unbreakable ability. This purple lightning also gave her a sense of danger that she only experienced from the Wisp of Capricorn. She wasn't expecting to encounter someone who could match her prowess, just like Jacob.

However, she also reacted fast, and before the storm of purple lightning could hit her, she turned into ethereal dark mist and vanished, her reaction speed was as fast as Jacob's!

Jacob retracts his mana as his eyes are icy. He looks towards a tree crown. The next moment, a dark mist suddenly gathers on the tree branch, and the woman in the dark cloak appears again.

"You are not ordinary, aren't you? If you leave now, I won't pursue this matter anymore!" The woman spoke again in a cold tone; she no longer sounded disdainful or carefree like before.

But Jacob wasn't planning to do it because, after this exchange, he realized that this woman was not some hidden powerhouse. If anything, they were equally matched, and the thing was, Jacob hadn't even used his full power yet.

This gave Jacob the confidence to go against her or at least flee if things turned out not to be in his favor since he still couldn't figure out the reason for Immortika's reaction.

He coldly asked, "Who are you?"

Chapter 822 Another Universal Godly Scripture!

"Who are you?" The woman didn't answer Jacob's question; she sneered, "Someone you don't want to mess with. Now, leave while I'm being reasonable and tell whoever sent you if they dare to continue coming after me, I'll start a massacre in the entire Path of Legend. I don't care if you're from the middle or even upper galaxies. As long as we are in the Path of Legend, no one will come to save you!"

Jacob was momentarily speechless, as he could tell this woman was too full of herself. But after their brief exchange, he knew she had the power to back her claims. Nonetheless, the more she spoke, the more Jacob became confused about her background, and now he wondered if she was even from the middle galaxies.

Nonetheless, Jacob needed the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn, and after witnessing her prowess, he also started to believe that she might've cleared the Star King Difficulty trial. This means she might also have a Legendary King State treasure or legacy and an ascension permit.

Although Jacob didn't care about the ascension permit anymore since he already had two, the legacy or treasure of a Legendary King State Rank was another story, and he knew she couldn't use both. The former was because she didn't have time to study it, and the latter was because it required a vast amount of resources and soul force. She was in a similar situation to him.

In the end, Jacob has no reason to leave as his flaming eyes contracted as he uses, 'Slumber Hex!'

Jacob had already realized her dark magic was quite strange and troublesome, so he decided to use the hex to see if it worked on her since he didn't see or sense any presence of legendary treasure on her at that moment.

The woman standing on the branch of the tree suddenly sensed something amiss the moment Jacob cast his slumber hex on her, and she felt lethargic before her eyes began to close.

Jacob instantly knew it had worked and quickly vanished from his spot. He was about to grab her by the neck when his instincts suddenly rang in alarm. Without hesitation, a huge lightning aura blast occurred under his feet as he made his distance between them. But as he was blasted away, his hand suddenly touched her hood, which was lifted!

The next moment, the woman's figure suddenly exploded with eerie dark flames, and the tree she was standing on was instantly obliterated.

Jacob was shocked when he sensed that those dark flames weren't some variation of fire magic but some kind of ability, and they seemed as powerful as his own magic—even more power, maybe!

But the main point was that she had broken his Slumber Hex instantly, and he knew the Hex was successfully cast because his Hex mana was used. This also proved another point: this woman wasn't a Fable Legendary Rank Being.

However, this only makes her even more terrifying in Jacob's view because no one has ever managed to break his hex before, not to mention in an instant.

Nonetheless, while Jacob was reevaluating the woman's prowess, she was also doing the same, and she was even more terrified because of the Slumber Hex that worked on it. Because she was immune to all Soul Attacks, even Fable Legendary Rank's soul attacks wouldn't work on her.

Yet Jacob's 'soul attack' not only worked on her, but she also had to use the foundation of her entire existence that triggered her automatically to break free from it. She had never experienced anything like this before, and if she had only thought of Jacob as another powerful idiot who was after her treasures, now she completely acknowledged him as an equal opponent who could really harm her!

The pitch-black flames surrounding her entire body instantly retracted, but her face was no longer hidden, as her hood had been lifted off.

Her face was the embodiment of ethereal beauty, yet touched with an aura of darkness that set her apart from anything mortal. Her skin was pale, almost luminous, as though it absorbed the surrounding light, making her seem like a figure carved from the moon itself.

Her delicate features were flawless, and her perfect symmetry transcended beauty, yet there was something otherworldly and intimidating about her presence.

Her eyes were the most striking—twin orbs of pitch-black, bottomless and endless like the void of the cosmos. There was no reflection, no glimmer of light in those eyes; they seemed to absorb everything, pulling in anyone who dared meet her gaze into an abyss of eternal night.

Her gaze was intense and unsettling, as though she could peer into the deepest corners of one's soul, where the darkest secrets lay hidden.

Her hair cascaded down her back like strands of pure night, blacker than shadows, gleaming faintly with a subtle, ethereal sheen. It flowed as though alive as if the strands themselves were woven from darkness, constantly shifting like a slow, flowing river of midnight.

When the light touched her hair, it shimmered with hints of starlight as though the cosmos had lent its brilliance to her.

Her lips were a deep, dusky hue, accentuating the quiet power of her beauty. She radiated an aura of dark allure—regal, untouchable, yet drawing all eyes irresistibly toward her.

Her presence was magnetic, but her beauty contained a warning, a promise that stepping too close to this dark goddess would mean surrendering to the very shadows she embodied.

In every line of her face, in the depths of her dark, hypnotic eyes, she was darkness personified—beautiful, enchanting, and dangerous.

At this moment, when Jacob landed on another tree, his eyes never left her. When he saw her face, he was momentarily stunned by her charm, but he quickly became Stoic again.

Although her beauty was unmatched, Nyx's appearance wasn't lost on her in any way, and he was already immune to this kind of thing because of Nyx. Furthermore, ever since he had seen Nyx's appearance, he knew higher level beings had strange charm and those with weak mentality would instantly surrender themselves. Even his appearance was like this.

As he looked at her with the same icy yet vigilant gaze, she also didn't avert her eyes, afraid he would use another 'soul attack.'

However, when she noticed that her face was revealed and Jacob didn't seem to be bothered by it at all, she was astounded because whoever saw her face would always have two reactions, either terror or reverence, and she could sense those feelings.

But Jacob has neither as if she was just a frame of bones!

She realized this person was nothing like anyone she had encountered throughout her journey, and without hesitation, she used a command with her thought, "Old Chaos! What is the deal with this guy?!"

The next moment, on her pale glabella, a symbol like a black hole with an ethereal white glyph appeared, and it seemed to swirl in the center of this black hole.

The moment the symbol appeared, an ethereal voice rang in her mind, "If you want my advice, then get away from him. I can't see through him!"

"What?!" The woman was shocked, as this was the first time she had heard this kind of response from this voice.

However, the woman and the voice failed to notice that the black hole symbol, which should be invisible under everyone's gaze, was completely visible in Jacob's eyes, and the white glyph was also readable.

With Jacob's excellent vision, he thought it was some attack when he noticed that black hole symbol with a white glyph emerging on the woman's glabella. But when he saw the tiny white glyph, his body trembled because it read...

'Chaotic Darkness!?'

Chapter 823 Impossible to Trick!

'Chaotic Darkness?!'

Jacob's mind reeled as his eyes were struck on the glyph, and to make sure he wasn't hallucinating, he repeatedly confirmed it again and again.

A sudden chill ran down Jacob's spine at this moment as everything became clear to him: Immortika's strange response, this woman's incomprehensible prowess, everything!

'She has a Universal Godly Scripture! Although it's different from Cursed Immortality, I'm sure of it! And I can see it and read its name because it's written in the same language as the Cursed Immortality! Not only that, but it seemed Immortika had vanished because if I could see her Universal Godly Scripture, she'd be able to see mine as well!

'Furthermore, it seemed Immortika also knew all along that another inheritor of a Universal Godly Scripture was in the Path of Legend, and that's why it said, 'And here I thought it was avoidable!' That bastard book clearly didn't want me to encounter her. 'Still, it should have told me before instead of running away on me... or could this scripture be even more powerful than Cursed Immortality? After all, Cursed Immortality is not a magic type scripture...'

The more Jacob thought about it, the more it made sense, but he didn't have time to dwell on this topic further because this revelation was simply too huge. Now that he knew this woman had a Universal Godly Scripture that might be stronger than Cursed Immortality, he lost his will to fight.

Because he knew better than anyone how unreasonable the prowess of a Universal Godly Scripture can be, he had no idea what abilities this Chaotic Darkness could grant its inheritor or how much progress she had made.

Nonetheless, one thing was clear after she was affected by the Slumber Hex: She should be someone like him who had only gotten her hands on the Chaotic Darkness not long ago since she wasn't a Fable Legendary Rank yet.

But Jacob was still not willing to fight her for the exact reason that he had no clue what kind of abilities the Chaotic Darkness had. He hated to admit it, but he was glad that Cursed Immortality had taken the initiative to unsummon itself.

If she could really see the Cursed Immortality as he could see the Chaotic Darkness, she would know that he has a Universal Godly Scripture. His biggest secret would be revealed, and she might've fled with this information and become vigilant about it, and he would have no idea about it!

Jacob didn't dare to imagine the consequence of this information falling into someone like her hands. Although he didn't know if someone could inherit more than one Universal Godly Scripture, he wasn't greedy enough to put it to the test by trying to snatch it away from someone acknowledged by one.

Furthermore, Jacob still vividly remembered just how much allure a Universal Godly Scripture held and just the possibility of someone having it, which could draw the full attention of someone like Furcas!

Lastly, Jacob was unsure if the Chaotic Darkness was as unpredictable as Immortika and would go out of its way to protect its inheritor. But he sure didn't want to find out.

Still, Jacob suddenly thought about something as he looked at the woman still standing on her spot, completely oblivious to the fact that her biggest secret had been revealed in front of him. He mused that she might be talking with the Chaotic Darkness.

"I'm willing to back down, but can you tell me if you're from a lesser galaxy? Because I'm also from the lesser Galaxy of Taurus." Jacob suddenly spoke as he lost his fighting stance, but he was still fully alert, and at any sign of attack, he would flee.

But he wanted to take this chance to see if he could get more information out of her and if he could make her let her guard down. However, he wasn't optimistic about it because if she were someone like him, she wouldn't trust anyone.

Still, despite her earlier haughty attitude and disdain for the people from the higher galaxies, he was sure that she hadn't encountered dangers like him, and she seemed to blindly trust her Universal Godly Scripture's might.

Not only that, but he instantly thought about how she didn't get acknowledged by the Wisp of Capricorn despite having a Universal Godly Scripture because if she had, he wouldn't have gotten another piece of Legendary Master Key, which made Jacob somewhat uneasy yet curious about why Cursed Immortality has such an effect. The woman was about to flee after heeding Chaotic Darkness's advice when she suddenly looked at Jacob with a hint of surprise. Jacob's change in attitude was beyond her expectations, and she thought he would chase after her, so she needed to use one of her trump cards to escape this mysterious opponent.

Truth be told, as someone who hadn't encountered an actual opponent who could rival or harm her under the same realm and make her Chaotic Darkness react in such a way and failed to see through him, she was also curious about Jacob.

"Is he telling the truth?" She quickly asked Chaotic Darkness before she said anything to Jacob.

"I didn't sense any lies from him, but you should be careful. This person is wearing the skin of a Dark Being yet has a powerful Life Signature. Furthermore, from your earlier exchange with him, he released his soul force for a moment, and I'm sure he also has a Spiritual Nebula far stronger than yours.

"He might be a Legendary Rank who somehow crossed the Middle Galaxies with his soul totem and then possessed someone from the lesser galaxies. Now, he's trying to

reignite his soul totem to make this body enter the Legendary Rank. But it still does not make his existence clear; instead, it makes him even more of an anomaly. "Lastly, his Eyes are very special; they might be the closest variant of three ancient optical abilities. But for some reason, I can't see through them, just like his origin, and that's why I'm telling you to avoid him if you can. You're not strong enough, and he might be planning something. But it is your decision to make; I won't interfere!" Chaotic Darkness impassively replied.

The woman was even more shocked as she looked at Jacob and finally spoke, "I'm indeed hailed a lesser galaxy. But why do you ask?"

Then she quickly asked Chaotic Darkness, "Don't you say your Universal Godly Artifact is in the Path of Legend, and you even sensed it before you suddenly lost connection? You've told me your artifact can block any and all probing. So, since you can't see through him, do you think he had it?"

Chaotic Darkness replied without hesitation, "Impossible! If he's using my Universal Godly Artifact right in front of me, I'll be the first to know. Furthermore, a Universal Godly Artifact without its Universal Godly Scripture can't showcase its true abilities.

"Although it will still hold power beyond any treasure, its true form and abilities will only be revealed when it's united with its Universal Godly Scripture. If he really had the Visor of Chaos, then it'll be in the form of a Soul Artifact Gluttony Mask, and it only has two abilities.

"And I'm sure he's not using any of those. But since his very existence is a mystery to me, there is a 1% possibility that he might have it. However, you didn't have the ability to confirm it yet!" Chaotic Darkness solemnly replied.

At this moment, Jacob also spoke, unaware of the conversation between the two, "I'm asking because you seemed to have encountered the people from the middle galaxies and had experienced how unreasonable they are.

"Now that you have claimed a Legendary Vestige, once they discover it, they'll come after you with full force, especially those who are still searching for legendary keys.

"So, I was wondering if you have a way to leave the Path of Legend? I can pay you with a Fable Legendary Rank Treasure if you can take me with you!"

Jacob's words again surprised her, and she wondered if this guy was playing some kind of trick to get her to let her guard down. But his reasoning made sense.

However, at this moment, Chaotic Darkness's impassive voice rang, "He's lying about the last part!"

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The woman's expression didn't change much, but her mind raced as she coldly stared at Jacob and questioned Chaotic Darkness, "Which part exactly? About the legendary treasure or leaving this place?"

"The latter."

A hint of surprise flashed past her pitch-black eyes, "So, does this mean he really has a Fable Legendary Treasure?"

"If he can't lie in front of me, then yes, he has it!"

The woman looked at Jacob thoughtfully. She didn't think this person would give her so many surprises, and she wondered if he was really from the Lesser Galaxy of Taurus.

But since Chaotic Darkness had confirmed it, she believed it. A legendary rank treasure holds quite an allure to someone like her, and she had already claimed a Legendary King State Legacy from the Tower of Capricorn and knew how powerful it was.

She also wanted a legendary king state treasure, but she couldn't choose both, so she was in sullen mode at that time. However, that legacy was more important, so she chose it after an intense internal struggle.

However, now Jacob was offering her a Fable Legendary State Treasure. Although she didn't know why he was lying about the other part, she still wanted that Fable Legendary State Treasure and Chaotic Darkness just confirmed that he really had it.

If it had been someone else, she would've already attacked them and snatched it, but since Jacob was so mysterious, she didn't have that confidence anymore, which made her somewhat depressed.

Nonetheless, she wasn't going to back down, and since Jacob was clearly scheming against her, she wanted to do the same because she was confident in coming on top!

"I don't have a way to leave here, but I do know that when all the Legendary Vestige are claimed, the Path of Legend will be closed and sent everyone away to the Middle Galaxies." She impassively replied at this moment.

She was about to continue making a 'deal' with him to get the Fable Legendary State Treasure when suddenly, Jacob's figure vanished from his spot, leaving behind an afterimage!

The first thought that came into her mind was that he was attacking her, so she quickly channeled her magic power. After a moment, she was dumbfounded because she didn't

sense any kind of danger, and Jacob had left her detection range as well, which meant he was gone!

"What in the world..." She was bewildered since this wasn't how she had imagined it would be played out.

She thought Jacob would continue to try chatting with her and appear friendly to trick her, but he would never know she could easily detect his lies, so she would play along until she got a chance to strike back. She would not only get the treasure but also confirm whether Jacob really had the Universal Godly Artifact that she'd been searching for or not. Yet Jacob instantly left after she told him about the truth, and it wasn't a big deal since this was known to many. However, this only made her angry because it meant Jacob had no respect for her. He didn't seem to be scheming against her at all, or he had simply run away to get back up. But it didn't make any sense at all.

"That stinky skeleton probably ran away because he probably realized scheming against me would only backfire. But if he thinks I'm done with him, then he's thoroughly wrong, not until I confirm if he really had the Visor of Chaos!" She resentfully declared to Chaotic Darkness.

"I've rarely seen you so worked up like this; it seemed he left a deep impression on you. Still, he's more powerful than you for now, and it is not confirmed if he really has the Visor of Chaos yet, so don't act recklessly. You should focus on gathering the remaining Vestiges, and your paths might cross again if he still wants to search for another vestige!" Chaotic Darkness impassively stated. A hostile glint flashed past her eyes, "Hmph, next time I see him, I'll make sure he pays for his arrogance. Many more people are still here, including those hidden creatures with powerful souls. I'll become more powerful than him in no time!" ---

Jacob, who had abruptly left, was now miles away from that woman, and he continued at full speed. As for why he left, he wasn't planning on staying in the first place; he just wanted to confirm if she had any intention of leaving this place after she acquired the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn.

Just like she had Chaotic Darkness to detect lies, Jacob had the Judgement Gaze to do the same, despite lacking in front of a Universal Godly Scripture. But he instantly knew that she was telling the truth, and that was enough to give him more information to work with.

So, without announcing, he instantly left because he was observing how she hadn't unsummoned the Chaotic Darkness after she summoned it. Her delay in reply also made Jacob sure that she was in discussion with the Chaotic Darkness in the midst of their conversation.

Jacob knew that if the Chaotic Darkness were like Cursed Immortality that could detect other origins, he'd be in big trouble. But since that woman didn't react much, Jacob

became doubtful. With how Immortika reacts, he mused that as long as he didn't show Cursed Immortality, the Chaotic Darkness might be unable to tell his true origin.

If that woman learned who he really was, she wouldn't be chatting with him with that kind of confidence. If it was him, and he found that there was an opponent who was stronger than him and also possessed a Universal Godly Scripture, he would run away without hesitation and not stay there for a chat.

Even though he felt that he was stronger than that woman, he didn't want to test this theory because he knew that woman had not used any of her trump cards, and if he hadn't started chatting, she was also preparing to retreat.

Jacob had no intention of opposing any inheritors of Universal Godly Scripture unless he was ridiculously stronger than them or they had just acquired them. The main reason was, of course, the unpredictable Immortika! Furthermore, Jacob speculated that the woman with Chaotic Darkness might also be after the remaining Cosmic Vestiges. He needs them to progress with Chaotic Darkness as he needs them for Cursed Immortality.

After all, Immortika had told him only the Cosmic Vestiges were worthy of a Universal Godly Scripture, but he didn't know if every scripture had been used for them.

Nonetheless, Jacob wouldn't give up even if he had another competitor. He also had a way to claim back the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn in that woman's hand, and if he succeeded, he'd use everything he had to quickly gather all the remaining vestiges and get the hell out of this place!

But first, Jacob needed some answers. Once he felt he was far enough and that the woman wasn't chasing after him, he coldly thought, "Cursed Immortality! We have a lot to discuss!"

Chapter 825 Universal Godly Artifacts! (1)

The cursed book finally appeared in front of Jacob at this moment, and the eerie voice filled with wanton laughter rang, "Hahahahaha... man, I thought I would see a good show, and you'll try to seduce her once you discover who she really was, but what a letdown. It was still amusing nonetheless, and I approved of your action and not overestimating yourself!"

Jacob's eyes flickered with rage when he heard those words, but he wasn't surprised that the damn book was amused; in fact, he knew it would be like this since he understood too well how Immortika gets its kicks.

Nonetheless, he was furious and felt like pushing the cursed book, but he knew he couldn't and suppressed his anger as he coldly said, "I'm happy that you're amused, but unfortunately, I'm not! So, can you please explain why you didn't warn me about it? And I'm expecting a damn good reason!" "Hah, didn't you already figure it out?" Immortika asked playfully. "Hmph, I sure did, but it still doesn't explain why you didn't tell me from the start if you knew there was another inheritor of a Universal Godly Scripture roaming around the Path of Legend! And I'm even more confused about why it can't do the same with you. If you can detect the Chaotic Darkness, why can't it do the same for you? Just what are you hiding, and what is so special about you?!"

"And don't you dare try to deny it or bullshit your way out of it because I swear I'll fucking stop following your instructions and find another way to reach Immortality! We're through!" Jacob asked with a deep sense of vigilant yet unbreakable determination in his tone.

From the moment he found the truth behind that woman's existence, he knew Immortika already knew who she was, but for some reason, the Chaotic Darkness didn't because if it did, that exchange would be completely different.

Not to mention, with what was going on with all the Zodiac Wisps, he was now sure that Cursed Immortality was different from the Chaotic Darkness or probably all the Universal Godly Scriptures, and he wanted to know what it was, or he wouldn't be at peace and continue to walk on the path of Cursed Immortality!

"Hahahahaha..." Immortika burst into laughter, and there wasn't any hint of panic or anger in it; it was more like laughter filled with hilarity.

"You know you got some balls to say something like that and the courage and determination to abandon a Universal Godly Scripture. No one would've even thought about it unless they didn't know what they were giving up.

"It's like outright denying the reality and wanting to create your own. Very, very few people have such a mindset to question everything, denying the facts and even the existence of the Universe, or simply put, it's true Atheism!"

"However, this is the exact attitude that required someone to complete me, Cursed Immortality. You need to question everything and anything that you find wrong, doubt your own existence to get to the truth, and don't take even the slightest risk if it threatens your entire existence!"

"I know you've been suppressing these thoughts for a long time because you don't have the courage to face reality, and you were afraid that things would have turned out exactly how you suspected them. I want to see how long it would take you to face it or if you even have it in you.

"But it seemed I was worried about nothing, and you realized that you have to face it before you still have a chance to overcome it. This was also the last mental barrier you needed to cross to continue forward. Your fear of death is one thing, but you can't have the fear of the unknown because you need to face it to reach the truth, and you'll know soon how much this change in your mindset will affect you!"

Jacob was bewildered by Immortika's profound words. He wasn't expecting this kind of response, and he thought Immortika would either try to pursue him or outright try to deny everything with some excuse.

However, now that he had thought about it, just as Immortika said, he had had these thoughts for a long time, and he was terrified that everything would turn out to be a lie or worse, Immortika's scheme to turn him into its puppet or use him to achieve its own goal.

Now that he had finally gathered the courage to go through with this, confront his fears while abandoning the clear path of Immortality and searching for his own if his fear became the truth, he felt a huge burden had lifted from his mind. "I'm flattered that you think so highly of me, but if this is your explanation for what is happening, then I'm afraid it's not enough!" Jacob coldly stated without hesitation.

"Hehehe, even if I want to explain, you won't understand, and the truth is I really can't explain anything. You just have to find the truth yourself, or it won't be the truth if told because my truth might differ from yours.

"This is the thing, actually; you have to face the unknown, and only then will you become what you want, or everything is meaningless. Still, let me clear your misunderstanding a little, and then you can decide on your own how to proceed forward.

"From the start, I've told you that it is your journey towards the truth, and nothing can change that. First, I've warned you many times that you can't speak a Universal Godly Scripture or even think about it so often, especially now that you have learned another Scripture's name. You need to be very careful, or it'll instantly guess everything.

"Second, the reason it wasn't able to detect me or see through you is because it didn't have its Universal Godly Artifact united with it. A Universal Godly Scripture is born born with its Universal Godly Artifact, and without its Universal Godly Artifact, you can say that it can't showcase its full abilities, and it's incomplete!" Immortika revealed.

Jacob was shocked at this moment and asked, "Wait a moment, Universal Godly Artifact? Why am I only hearing about this name now? You never told me anything about it!"

"It wasn't important since you already had my Universal Godly Artifact with you since the start. A Universal Godly Artifact is part of a Universal Godly Scripture despite being

a separate entity, so since you already got it, what is the point of knowing about it?" Immortika asked mischievously.

Jacob was speechless and didn't know how to react before he retorted, "Are you kidding me? I always thought that Infinity Pendant was an inseparable part of you since your true form can't exist outside it. But now you're telling me the Infinity Pendant is a Universal Godly Artifact, and it can exist separately from you like that woman's scripture!? Does this also mean every scripture has an artifact like the Infinity Pendant?"

Jacob continued coldly, as he simply had too many questions, "Furthermore, I also remembered you telling me when we first met that the Infinity Pendant will always return to you no matter where it is. Then why does it seem different from that scripture!?"

Chapter 826 Universal Godly Artifacts! (2)

"Hahaha... artifacts like Infinity Pendant? Although you're right about the part that every scripture has its own artifact, you're wrong about every scripture having the same type of artifact or at the same level.

"Universal Godly Artifacts are unique, just like their scriptures, and each has different abilities and functions. Only when united with their scriptures can Universal Godly Artifacts reach their full potential and showcase their entire capabilities!

"As for your second question, you are again wrong because every Universal Godly Artifact will return its scripture in one way or another, and there is nothing stopping it.

"Because someone can only snatch away or separate a Universal Godly Artifact from its scripture if there is no inheritor and both the scripture and artifact are in their dormant state.

"But even then, the artifact will always end up with the scripture by countless coincidences; it's also one of the wonders of the Zodiac Plains. However, this process will be intensified once a scripture has an inheritor because not only can the scripture sense the presence of its Universal Godly Artifact, but the inheritor will also have a high chance of stumbling on it or somehow ending up close to it.

"Still, in the end, it's up to the inheritor's capability to snatch it back from whoever has it. But I can assure you that no one can see through the Universal Godly Artifact's dormant form unless someone has the information about it beforehand or the inheritor is an idiot and ends up revealing it. "Lastly, if the inheritor can cultivate the scripture to a certain level, they will also gain the ability to sense the Universal Godly Artifact and also have a higher chance of ending up close to it or even directly acquiring it back!" Immortika explained with a roguishness.

Jacob was silent, as this information was quite huge. He never expected there would be such a massive secret behind the Universal Godly Artifacts. He suddenly felt glad that he got the Infinity Pendant with Immortika, or he would be in the same position as the inheritor of Chaotic Darkness.

But at this moment, something suddenly came into his mind as he asked, "Then how did the infinity pendant lose two components? Shouldn't it be indestructible like the scripture, even if it's in its dormant state?"

"Hehehe, you are half right this time. You see, the scripture is indestructible no matter what form; the same goes for the Universal Godly Artifacts. However, if the Universal Godly Artifacts are separated from its scripture and taken away to a very, very long distance away from it, there is a possibility of breaking them.

"But only breaking them, not destroying them since once the scripture gains an inheritor, they can be mended back as long as their parts are found and pieced together.

"However, not just any random wannabe can break a Universal Godly Artifact, and there are consequences for such action. Even if someone of that level is bored enough to try it, the most they can do is to break it into two or three parts.

"Now, you should be able to guess what happened with the Infinity Pendant. But still, only the most unimportant parts of the infinity pendant were dislocated, not the pendant itself.

"But I can't tell you the entire story since I'll be revealing too much, but you'll understand once you acquire the last component of the infinity pendant," Immortika dismissively stated, as if revealing something trifled.

But Jacob was still absorbing all this astonishing information, so he didn't pay any attention to the tone of the cursed book. Still, he got many answers to some of the most perplexing questions.

However, Jacob wasn't satisfied. He asked, "This still does not explain the Zodiac Wisps' reactions unless this has something to do with scripture with its Universal Godly Artifact as well? Furthermore, you seemed to know that woman's presence even before I encountered her. Don't tell me all the scriptures, united with their Universal Godly Artifacts, can do the same thing.

"If it's true, then doesn't this mean that some inheritor with both Universal Godly Artifact and scripture will also be able to detect me, especially if they are far more powerful than me?"

Although this conversation started with Jacob's doubts, now that he knew the truth, he was concerned since he knew the more he grew, the higher the chances of encountering another inheritor of a Universal Godly Scripture. He didn't think he would

always be lucky enough to run into the inheritor of Universal Godly Scriptures who didn't have their Universal Godly Artifacts.

Even though Jacob knew the chances of this happening were extremely low, almost close to none, after all, there are only nine scriptures and nine artifacts. He already had one, and he now knew who had another one, but there were still seven left.

Even if there were only the slightest chance of this happening, Jacob would always have to look over his shoulders.

"Hahahaha... I've already told you about the Zodiacs; you'll know when the times come. As for how I know about her presence, hehehehe... it's because you have precisely the Universal Godly Artifact of that scripture on you!

"So, I can detect its corresponding scripture the moment it comes into my range of detection! It is another ability of a Universal Godly Scripture united with its Universal Godly Artifact! Hahahahaha!" Immortika burst into a laughter filled with mirth and hidden mockery.

"WHAT?!" Jacob's calm expression instantly changed when he heard this unexpected answer. He thought Immortika was joking, but he knew the cursed book didn't need to lie about something like this.

Jacob's mind instantly raced as he started to think of every unusual treasure in his possession, and at this moment, the flames in his hollow sockets instantly flared intensely.

"Which one is it? That pendant I got from Sebastian's body or the Gluttony Mask?" Jacob asked with a hint of agitation.

He could only think about these two mysterious treasures, especially the pendant he got from Sebastian's body, which can't be stored in ordinary space treasure. The Gluttony Mask was also very strange since it could grow without limit and had a terrifying ability of disguise that could fool even Star Network. "Hahahaha, of course, it's the Gluttony Mask. It's in its dormant state, or you can say in its deteriorated state since it's not the inheritor of its corresponding scripture.

"But the moment you make it acknowledged you as its master, its scripture knew. But it's still loyal to only its scripture, and the moment you entered the Path of Legend and entered a specific range, it tried to send an invisible signal.

"If it were another else, they wouldn't be able to feel it, but you did, and your will is still stronger than the Gluttony Mask, and you have me, so you can easily suppress it in due time. But the scripture should've already known about its presence in the Path of Legend.

"And as you've experienced, you still ended up meeting with the inheritor of that scripture. If not for my presence with the infinity pendant and your strong will, that scripture would've already sensed it on you and can even claim it back after establishing a connection!"

Jacob trembled ever so slightly as he finally understood everything. He didn't know if he was feeling rage or relief at this moment because he never expected the Gluttony Mask that he had acquired from the Vile Witch's layer to have such a background.

Furthermore, from what Immortika revealed, he could guess that even the Vile Witch didn't know the Gluttony Mask was actually one of the most powerful treasures in existence or that no matter how terrifying and vile the mask was, she should've never abandoned it!

But the thing was, now, this wasn't the Vile Witch's problem but his, and he cursed, "Bastard! You're only telling me something so important now!?! Shouldn't you have told me this since the beginning?!"

"Hahahahaha... I can't tell you something like this unless you meet certain conditions. Furthermore, even if you knew, would you have given up on the Gluttony Mask and abandoned it?"

"After all, despite not being in its true form, it is still a one-of-a-kind treasure that can fool anyone but its scripture. Furthermore, as long as your will is stronger than the mask and the power difference between your scripture and that inheritors won't change to a certain degree, it will never escape your grasp.

"So, let me ask you, are you still going to abandon it? Because if you did, you'd only be gifting power to counter you to your potential enemy! Hahahahahaha!"

Chapter 827 The Mysterious of Universal Godly Scriptures!

Jacob became silent after hearing Immortika's derided question because, just as Immortika articulated, even if he knew the true origin of the Gluttony Mask, he wasn't going to give it up. In fact, he would be over the moon after discovering that he had acquired a Universal Godly Artifact!

However, now that he knew the entire story and relationship behind a Universal Godly Scripture and the Universal Godly Artifact, he knew that as long as he had it, he'd eventually run into that woman.

If he had known this, he would've been more hesitant to use the Gluttony Mask, but alas, he had already become its master, and now that he knew what kind of treasure it was, he was even more unwilling to give it up or stop using it.

Still, there were too many risks involved, especially if this mask became too strong and alerted the Chaotic Darkness. After all, the mask was an advanced, unique rank treasure right now, and he didn't know what would happen if it became a Fable Legendary or even a Legendary King State Treasure!

After mulling it over for a while, Jacob finally speaks again, "At which rank can the Gluttony Mask escape my will?"

"Hehehehe... see, you're unwilling to give up a Universal Godly Artifact. Well, not like I'm blaming you since only a fool would give it up and leave for that woman to take it back since once it landed in her hand, she'll be almost unstoppable and become an untraceable ghost!

"Only in someone like your hand is there a chance that she won't be able to acquire it. As for how to keep it that way, you need to ensure the Gluttony Mask never surpasses your soul rank by an entire rank.

"Like you can't let it become a Gravitational Collapse/Legendary Noble State Treasure before your soul reaches the Gravitational Collapse state. Furthermore, once the little nightmare awakens, your soul defense will also rise, so the limit should increase as well. In the end, it all depends on how strong your will is, and the will originate from your soul and your determination!"

Jacob nodded in realization before his eyes flickered coldly as he asked, "What if I killed her? Would I be able to get that scripture for myself? Can someone have more than one Universal Godly Scriptures?"

"Whao... you sure have ambition. I don't think there is someone in the entirety of the Zodiac Plains who had ever come in contact with two Universal Godly Scriptures, much less claimed them.

"But let me burst your bubble. It's impossible because once you kill an inheritor of a scripture, the scripture will vanish with its inheritor's death, and there is no stopping it unless you can go against the Will of Zodiac Plains.

"The only way to get it is if the Inheritor of that scripture is willing to transfer it, and even then, the scripture has to be willing as well. As for if someone can develop in more than one scripture at the same time, we'll talk about it once you have it.

"Besides, cultivating a single scripture is already impossible, and each scripture has its own unique way to progress, and here you want to add another one in the mix? Hehehehe...you should consider what you're wishing for!" Immortika stated in an ambiguous yet humorous tone.

Jacob was astounded, as this was another thing he didn't know about. He was always under the impression that if others killed the inheritor of a Universal Divine Scripture,

they'd be able to claim it for themselves. Yet it wasn't the case at all, and he had again underestimated the existence of these scriptures.

Furthermore, Immortika's last words quickly shattered his ambition since, as Immortika said, he already had his hands full with cursed immortality. Even if he could acquire and cultivate another scripture, he might not be able to handle it. Nonetheless, this didn't change the fact that the other inheritors of the scriptures weren't on friendly terms with him. In fact, they were enemies with the power to go against him, and he knew they would also have the same point of view. Furthermore, Jacob's many doubts were answered today, and he learned a great deal about the scriptures and their artifacts. Still, some questions remained unanswered and became an even bigger mystery in his mind, especially about the Zodiacs.

"What kind of power does that scripture have?" Jacob asked.

"This is the only thing I can't tell you; in fact, any scripture will have the same answer because the scriptures didn't know about each other core legacy, or what's the point in having different scriptures if other scripture knows about each other prowess and secrets? All the scriptures know about what kind of power we hold, and that's it. But I can't tell you even that unless you want to pay the price and alert 'it' too!"

Jacob's eyes dilated, but he didn't pursue the matter since Immortika's words made sense, and he had already guessed this much on his own.

"Alright, I'm satisfied with your explanation, and if you had just told me all this from the start, we wouldn't have this little skirmish between us. I want to trust you, but you don't give me the chance. In fact, you seemed to want me to doubt you, and even if you're doing it for some sick reason or to help me understand something, trust me, it'll only affect both of us negatively!" Jacob solemnly stated as he was sincere with his words.

However, Immortika replied devilishly, "Hahahahaha... what's the fun in that?" "What was I expecting from this vexatious book?" Jacob shook his head as he decided to drop this matter since he knew he was barking up the wrong tree and speak with a hint of anticipation, "Last question, will the Infinity Blood Sacrifice work on a Universal Godly Scripture or its inheritor?"

"Of course, it'll work! But the thing is, do you have the price to pay for it?" Immortika asked playfully.

Jacob's eyes flared. He didn't think this was possible, and he quickly said, "Even if I wish to destroy a scripture or directly cut off its connection with its artifact and change the rules for it?"

"Hahahahahahaha.... Again, can you handle the cost for this kind of wish?" Immortika asked again without denying anything.

However, Jacob didn't care since he had already confirmed what he wanted. He was more excited, and without hesitation, he activated...

"Infinity Blood Sacrifice!"

Chapter 828 Getting Rid of Competitor!

Jacob looked at the pitch-black page and made a wish, "I wish..."

The moment Jacob made his wish, it instantly appeared on the page.

Wish: I wish that the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn directly appeared in my hand! Cost: 100% Infinity Blood & 8,500 Years of Lifespan or Only 10,000 Years of Lifespan

Looking at the cost of this simple wish, Jacob's eyes flickered with a hint of pain before he shook his head in resignation. He had already expected this much.

After all, this wish was directly related to an inheritor of a Universal Godly Scripture, and he knew that if he wanted to do it the old-fashioned way by snatching it from her, it would turn into a huge fight that he wasn't confident of winning, and he might still end up empty-handed.

So, this was the only way to get his hands on the Vestige of Capricorn without a fight or revealing his prowess.

"Carry through!"

The moment he issued the final confirmation while deciding to simply pay entirely with his lifespan, Jacob felt the feeling of someone stripping away from his body again, and this time, this feeling was slightly intense.

-Lifespan: 885,350 Years (All Youthful)

_____ Nonetheless, he waited patiently as his eyes deadly cold, and soon, what he had been waiting for happened!

A lowing crystalline prism, with jagged edges resembling the shape of a lightning bolt frozen in time, appeared in front of him.

Its surface was smooth and glassy, yet it hummed with latent energy, crackling faintly with arcs of silver-blue lightning that danced along its edges. The prism's interior contained swirling storms, with flashes of light occasionally illuminating its depths like distant thunderheads. This ever-shifting light gave it a feeling of immense power barely contained within.

As the vestige levitates in mid-air, a subtle aura of authority and grandeur emanates from it. The air around the vestige crackles with static energy, occasionally producing a low rumble reminiscent of distant thunder on the horizon.

Jacob pulled a toothy smile as he grabbed the Cosmic Vestige of Capricorn and then stowed it away in his infinity pendant. Although he had paid ten thousand years of his lifespan, it was worth it since he didn't have to fight the Inheritor of Chaotic Darkness.

What that woman thought happened wasn't his business, and he knew there was also a chance that the Chaotic Darkness might discover the power behind it. But since Immortika had told him that no scripture knew about each other's core powers and abilities, it was highly unlikely.

Furthermore, Jacob wasn't done yet, and he again made another wish with determination in his eyes.

Wish: I wish to send the Inheritor of Chaotic Darkness in the Depths of Star Ocean Boundary! Cost: 100% Infinity Blood & 9,998,500 Years of Lifespan or Only 10 Million Years of Lifespan!

"Shit!" Jacob instantly cursed when he saw the lifespan requirement for this wish.

Although he was expecting to pay a higher price since sending her into the depths of Star Ocean Boundary meant certain death since that place was the most dangerous and mysterious place of the entire Zodiac Plains and was crawling with zodiac beasts, he wasn't expecting it would cost him ten million years of his lifespan, which he didn't have, and even if he had them, he wasn't going to use them!

Jacob quickly erased the wish with a simple thought and wished again. _____

Wish: I wish to send the Inheritor of Chaotic Darkness to the Lesser Galaxies! Cost: 100% Infinity Blood & 998,500 Years of Lifespan or Only 1 Million Years of Lifespan!

'It still required a million years of lifespan?!' Jacob was astounded and somewhat depressed. He finally understood why Immortika was ridiculing him with the 'cost' of his wishes against a universal godly scripture. Heck, he wasn't even directly targeting it but only its inheritor.

He didn't dare imagine the cost of directly wishing against a Universal Godly Scripture.

"Hahhahahaha..." Immortika's laughter suddenly rang at this moment.

"Let me clarify another thing before you go on your usual tantrum once you discover it on your own. The cost of a wish can be increased or decreased depending on the power level and importance of the thing you are wishing for, while your power also counts whenever you make a wish.

"What I'm saying is that this cost will be increased the more she makes progress with her scripture in the future. So, don't complain to me in the future, hehehehee!"

Jacob's eyes dilated when he heard it, but he wasn't surprised much since it was common sense. He also seemed to sense the hidden meaning behind Immortika's words.

"Since everything is taken into consideration, does this mean the location and how it'll impact her also taken into consideration, right? After all, the Star Ocean Boundary requires ten million years of lifespan because it's hazardous. "In comparison, the Lesser Galaxies demand a million years of lifespan because even though it's not dangerous, it'll probably trap her there until the next path of legends opens and stagnate her progress unless she directly crosses the Star Ocean Boundary or finds another way to the Middle Galaxies.

"Moreover, the Path of Legend is also taken into consideration since it is also important for her. That's why my wish to send her away is so expensive, but what if..."

Jacob's eyes shimmered with a malicious glint as he made another wish to test his theory. _____

Wish: I wish to send the Inheritor of Chaotic Darkness to a safe location in the Middle Galaxies! Cost: 100% Infinity Blood & 48,500 Years of Lifespan or Only 50,000 Years of Lifespan!

Jacob's eyes flared instantly when he saw that the cost had been reduced again—this time by 95%!

"Hahahaha, you're finally learning how to use your ability correctly. See, I told you that only by using the tool you'll understand how to use it correctly and efficiently. Not to mention, you still have an entire Immortika Chapter to learn!"

Immortika sounded pleased, yet a hint of anticipation was present in its eerie voice as if it wanted to see what Jacob would do now with this wish and what kind of expression the woman and her scripture would have.

Jacob didn't refute, and after thinking for a moment, he made his decision, "Carry through!" _____

-Lifespan: 835,350 Years (All Youthful)

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Hundreds of miles away from Jacob's position, the Inheritor of Chaotic Darkness named Alexandra was going crazy because...

"Where did the cosmic vestige of Capricorn go!?" She shrieked with disbelief and killing intent.

"There is a higher power involved!" Chaotic Darkness's solemn voice rang at this moment.

Alexandra's eyes widened slightly as a hint of panic surfaced in them, "What kind of power? The Cosmic Vestige was already stored in my Chaotic Soul, yet it suddenly vanished!? Don't tell me something on your level is involved in this. Are we exposed?" "Impossible!" Chaotic Darkness retorted, "If something like me were involved, I would've been able to sense it. But...wait, it's here again!"

"Wha..."

Alexandra was instantly alarmed as she was going to use her entire power to fight against this invisible enemy when suddenly a pitch-black vortex appeared right behind her, and without giving her any time or power to resist, it directly sucked her into it before it vanished!

The area became peaceful again as if nothing happened!

Chapter 829 Tower of Aries!

"Is it done?" Jacob asked Immortika with great expectation, as he couldn't verify the result of this abstract wish.

"If your lifespan is deducted according to the cost of the wish, then there is no stopping it even if you want to. So, it is done!" Immortika dismissively replied. Jacob instantly felt relieved because he didn't have to worry about that woman anymore and could focus on getting the rest of the Cosmic Vestiges.

However, this time, he wasn't going to waste his time by searching cluelessly; he had already learned his lesson, and he made another wish.

Wish: I wish all the Legendary Keys that are not being used by anyone to appear before me!

Cost: 100% Infinity Blood & 5,000 Years of Lifespan or Only 7,500 Years of Lifespan!

Looking at the cost of this wish, he mused, 'This wish will allow me to get all the unused legendary keys, which means I'll have clear targets once I know which key is being used. As for how many of them are not being used, let's hope I get all of them...'

"Carry through!"

-Lifespan: 827,850 Years (All Youthful)

_____ The moment the lifespan was deducted, the space in front of them suddenly wrapped, and the next moment thereafter, four glowing Legendary Keys appeared in front of Jacob!

Jacob quickly grabbed them and looked at the glowing zodiac symbols on each one. They were the Legendary Keys of Gemini, Cancer, Scorpio, and Sagittarius, respectively!

This means the Legendary Keys of Aries, Libra, and Pisces were already being used by the others at this moment. Still, Jacob had five unused legendary keys, which means he was the only one who could enter the trial towers, while the chances of someone using the Star Ocean Medallion were very slim. So, in total, he now has four cosmic vestiges and five keys for other vestiges.

Jacob stowed away the four new legendary keys, chose his first target, and made a wish.

Wish: I wish to enter the final trial of the Tower of Aries!

Cost: 100% Infinity Blood or Only 1,500 Years of Lifespan!

"Carry through!"

-Lifespan: 826,350 Years (All Youthful)

_____ Just like before, the moment his wish was carried through, the surrounding space shifted, and then, the next moment, Jacob found himself in a long, dark hallway.

The first thing Jacob felt here was extremely high temperature. Jacob stood at a threshold, the air around him thick with an oppressive heat that carried the distinct scent of smoldering embers.

As he moved forward, each step he took into the passageway was accompanied by the quiet crackle of invisible flames dancing just beyond his sight, which seemed to threaten him with flickers of light.

The temperature continued to rise as he ventured deeper. At this moment, his instincts suddenly warned him that he was nearing something powerful, something ancient.

At last, the hallway opened into a colossal chamber—the heart of the Tower of Aries—and immediately, Jacob was struck by its overwhelming grandeur.

Jacob mused coldly, 'So, I'm the first one here? Or is that person before me already dead or probably still taking the trial? Well, it still depends on what kind of difficulty that person has chosen. Nonetheless, it doesn't matter since as long as I clear this, I'll get everything!'

The chamber was circular, with walls lined by fiery murals depicting a forgotten tale just like the other towers.

The murals seemed to glow with an inner flame as if they were alive. Jacob's eyes were drawn to the first mural: it showed a towering figure cloaked in flames, a horned warrior wielding twin blades of fire. His presence was fierce and unyielding, his eyes alight with a fiery determination. This was probably Aries, the embodiment of unrelenting fire.

Moving along the mural, the next scene shows Aries leading a great battle. Flames leaped from his weapons, scorching armies of shadowy figures. The enemies in the mural were obscured, faceless, and dark, representing the chaotic forces Aries fought

against. Yet, the mural was vague, leaving much to Jacob's imagination about what or who these shadows truly were, and he was expecting it.

As Jacob continued observing, the final mural showed Aries alone on a throne of flames, his form partially consumed by the very fire he wielded. In his outstretched hand hovered a sphere of pure flame, representing his essence, the fire that had both empowered and destroyed him. It was a reminder that even the mightiest flames could burn out if not controlled.

Jacob's gaze lingered on that final image—the lonely, fiery throne—and he couldn't shake the feeling that this was not what it seemed, and these murals were somewhat different from the other zodiacs.

But he didn't have a chance to mull it over because suddenly, the room began to rumble. The temperature spiked as the murals glowed brighter, their flames flaring outward, casting eerie shadows across the chamber.

Jacob instinctively raised his guard, and his aura surged with a hint of solemnity in his eyes as he knew what was coming.

The very air around him shimmered with heat as the ground beneath his feet split open, releasing streams of molten lava that flowed into intricate patterns, forming a glowing circle in the chamber's center.

From this fiery rune, a low, rumbling sound echoed, like the deep roar of an awakening beast. The flames in the chamber coalesced, spiraling toward the rune. With a sudden eruption, the Wisp of Aries emerged!

A pillar of fire shot upward from the rune, and from within the flames, a shape took form. At first, it was nothing more than a blur of blazing light, but as the flames settled, Jacob saw it—a humanoid figure wreathed in fire, its body composed entirely of molten flames. Its head bore the unmistakable curved horns of a ram, and its eyes glowed like two smoldering coals, burning with ancient, primal rage.

The Wisp's form crackled and hissed with raw power. Its flames flickered constantly as though it was barely contained within its own blazing form. Streams of fire cascaded from its arms and legs, pooling around it like molten rivers.

Every movement it made sent arcs of fire through the air, filling the chamber with the oppressive, suffocating heat of a raging inferno.

The aura of the Wisp of Aries was that of pure destruction. As it floated toward Jacob, the very stone beneath it melted, leaving molten footprints in its wake. Yet, there was something regal about it, a presence that demanded respect and awe.

This was not merely an entity of fire but the very essence of Aries himself, the fire that could both destroy and create.

The chamber was deathly silent for a moment, save for the crackling of flames. Jacob was waiting patiently for the Wisp of Aries to decide what it wanted to do.

But whether it was to fight or directly acknowledge him, he was ready for both!

Chapter 830 The Dark Being of Blood!

The Wisp of Aires remained standing a few meters away from Jacob as the flames on its figure continued to blaze and flicker powerfully. There was deadly silence as both of them seemed to be in a deadlock. Jacob was naturally waiting for the Wisp of Aries to make its move since he didn't want to attack it if there was a chance that it could all be resolved peacefully. However, after encountering the Wisp of Capricorn, he wasn't sure and was fully on alert just in case the Wisp of Aries turned out to be the same.

However, at this moment, the Wisp of Aries unexpectedly nodded at him before the surrounding flames intensified, making the whole chamber brightly illuminated, and the temperature increased to a ridiculous degree.

Jacob instantly gathered the lightning mana around his palms, thinking that this was some kind of warning before the attack. But the next moment, no attack came, and the Wisp of Aries's incomprehensible voice buzzed in his head.

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However, this time, Jacob didn't feel as much pain as before and remained steady. A hint of relief flashed past his burning eyes as he knew this was over, and just as he thought the next moment, he appeared in the same blank space.

Jacob knew that he had earned the Wisp of Aries's acknowledgment, and he was glad. But unexpectedly, he instantly sensed someone else's presence, and he knew what that meant.

Jacob turned around and saw a crimson mist surrounding a figure. To his surprise, this mist was actually made with Soul Force!

"What happened?" A startled, charming voice rang from the mist as if surprised by this sudden turn of events.

The owner of this voice also noticed Jacob's hooded figure, "Is this part of the trial?" She mutters before the mist parted, revealing a figure standing amidst the darkness.

She was tall, like a specter from a nightmare, with a slender, curvaceous form that was both alluring and dangerous. Her skin was pale, almost translucent white, with an unnatural glow that made her appear ethereal as if she were barely tethered to the mortal realm.

Her long, raven-crimson hair cascaded down her shoulders like a bloody waterfall, contrasting sharply against her ghostly complexion.

Her eyes, a deep crimson, locked onto Jacob's with a predatory glint. They shimmered with an unholy light, exuding an unnatural hunger that made him feel as though his very soul was targeted.

The outfit she wore clung to her body. It was a dark, intricate dress made of sheer lace and flowing silk that seemed to blend into the surrounding shadows. The fabric was barely there in places, revealing the curves of her body in an almost provocative manner. Sharp, onyx-like accessories adorned her wrists and neck, giving her the look of a gothic temptress.

Her presence was intoxicating, like the sweet scent of a poisonous flower luring its prey closer. The eerie aura around her seemed to pulse, mingling darkness and desire in a way that was both hypnotic and terrifying.

Suddenly, her lips, stained a deep shade of red, curled into a faint, teasing smile that was equal parts seductive and menacing as she spoke. Two long fangs were revealed. Her voice was a velvety whisper, soft yet carrying a faint echo that resonated in the empty space. "Are you my next opponent?"

Jacob looked at the pale woman with scrutiny because although she may have looked like a human or elf, he knew she wasn't. The surrounding aura was something that only a dark being should have, yet it was unique because he could feel intense blood vitality from her!

Furthermore, because of his own attainment in blood manipulation, he felt this woman could also control blood, which was unexpected.

Nonetheless, Jacob knew that this woman should have used the Legendary Key of Aries to enter the tower. Since he had directly entered the final floor and cleared it, she appeared here with him as well, and she seemed to be fighting in a trial when he cleared the tower.

Now, she seemed to be unaware that Jacob had cleared the trial and thought of him as his next opponent.

But at this moment, the tower's voice rang unexpectedly.

"Congratulations, Trialist!

"You have passed the Star King difficulty level Tower Trial of the Tower of Aires!

"The Rewards of Star King difficulty Trial will be granted!

"First Reward: The Legendary Vestige of Aries has been given!"

The woman's nonchalant expression instantly changed when she heard the unexpected announcement, and so did Jacob's because this was the exact scenario he didn't want to face.

He thought that the tower would wait for them to duke it out among each other before it announced the final winner, but it seemed that wasn't the case, and now the reward had appeared, and whoever claimed it would be the winner.

At this moment, the Cosmic Vestige of Aries emerged in a burst of fiery energy, illuminating the vast, dark space with a radiant and intense crimson glow.

Its form was like a spiral ram's horn. Its surface was made of a shimmering, translucent material resembling polished ruby, with flecks of gold and fiery red veins running through it.

The horn emanates a soft, radiant glow, pulsating with energy that flickers like embers within. Its curves are graceful, and the edges appear razor-sharp, giving off an aura of primal power and determination. The vestige levitates slightly above the ground, surrounded by a faint, swirling mist that glimmers with stardust, embodying the cosmic essence of fire.

The moment the Legendary Vestige appeared, the pale woman instantly snapped out of her daze. The next moment, she turned into crimson mist as she bolted towards the Vestige without hesitation!

However, Jacob was a step ahead and closest to the vestige. By the time the woman reacted, which was extremely fast, Jacob had already grabbed the Vestige, and the next moment, it vanished into his Infinity Pendant!

"Thief! Hand it over!" The woman's enraged voice rang with a hint of disbelief since she never expected Jacob to be so fast, and she was still clueless about how this person appeared in this place and completed this trial even before her.

Nothing made sense to her despite her vast knowledge; this entire scenario was out of her wildest dreams.

"Hmph!" Jacob merely sneered when he saw that the crimson mist had changed its target for him, and he felt pure soul force and blood energy from it.

The next moment, lightning energy and soul force took the shape of two swords in Jacob's hands, and he instantly slashed them into the mist using his mighty power!

Although this woman was strong, and he knew she was wearing a piece of legendary rank treasure, after he encountered the inheritor of the Chaotic Darkness, this pale woman seemed insignificant.

The crimson mist suddenly trembled under the incoming attack of purple ethereal lightning as if she also sensed the danger behind that attack, and instantly a magic runs suddenly appeared just in time when Jacob's attack collided with the mist!

"Bang..." A powerful energy blast rang in the space, filled with crackling lightning and crimson mist as a powerful soul force ripple spread.

But Jacob remained unaffected while his burning eyes were staring at the blast point, and he couldn't help but mutter, "You have some skill to utilize your space-type treasure just in time..."

Just as his voice trailed off, a few hundred meters away, the crimson mist began to gather, and the woman appeared again, but this time, there was an apparent terror in her eyes as she looked at Jacob.

At this moment, she quickly spoke, "Who, might I ask, is the one before me? I'm Gracey Val Doom, the daughter of Legendary King, Vampire Marquis Wilbur!"

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Jacob was astounded when he heard 'vampire' from Gracey's mouth. Although he was new to this world, even his old world had stories and legends about vampires. They were the most famous and recognized mystical beings related to blood, especially their legendary, indefinite lifespan, but he didn't know if it was the truth in this place.

However, he wasn't expecting them to be authentic and part of the middle galaxies of the Zodiac Plains, not to mention part of the Dark Beings' dead faction.

Furthermore, Gracey was the daughter of a Vampire Marquis, a legendary king-state dark being. Although he didn't know about the vampire hierarchy, he knew enough not to underestimate them.

Up until now, he had seen many races of Dark Beings, mostly skeletons, zombies, wraiths, wights, midgets, and undead, even ghosts, and knew about their evolution path, but Gracey was the first Vampire he had encountered.

However, in this brief encounter, he witnessed the Vampire race's abilities, and he knew there were more he didn't know yet. However, what interested him was Gracey's affinity with blood magic and her powerful blood vitality.

He was already planning on researching the life crystals and hoping to learn the ability of dark beings to absorb them. Now, after witnessing Gracey using blood magic, he knew she could be a great experiment subject!

However, that vampire won't agree to it willingly since, from her tone, he could tell she was arrogant yet cautious. The moment she realized that Jacob was stronger than her, or at least he went toe to toe against her, she instantly changed her tone and brought out her background to deter him.

Furthermore, with the legendary treasure on her body, he was sure that his hex would be missed, so he didn't bother to use it.

As Jacob was thinking and Gracey was waiting for Jacob's reply while thinking that she might be able to get what she wanted, the tower's voice rang again at this moment, "The Second Reward: Legendary King State Legacy or Legendary King State Treasure!"

Jacob instantly snapped out of his thoughts as he looked at Gracey, who was alarmed.

'How would the tower go with this reward since only one treasure or legacy can be given, and since she entered the trial, yet I was the one who cleared the final trial, will it judge both of us as winners? I don't think so...'

Just as Jacob thought, a display containing the claimable treasures and legacies appeared —only a single display, and it appeared right in front of... Jacob!

Gracey's expression fell even more when she saw this, and she finally understood that this person had somehow entered the trial and completed it before her. She even suspected he had used the Star Ocean Medallion, which no one cared about.

But what made her even more vexed was that her servants outside allowed Jacob to disrupt and enter the trial. Yet, this also made her fear him because she knew how powerful her servants were, and since he could overcome them and the tower trials despite her early entry, he was terrifyingly strong.

However, the thing was, she couldn't give up the vestige or the legendary treasure/legacy. She was willing to give them up because they were hers since she entered here first and worked to acquire the legendary key after paying a massive cost.

Not to mention, it was always hers. Whoever snatched others' things, not the other way around! But she wasn't confident she could take down Jacob after their brief exchange. She knew that if she fought him, she would pay a high price, and her chances of victory were only fifty-fifty, especially now that her soul force was depleted."

'I'll deal with him once I get out of this place...' She thought with hidden killing intent.

"Sir! I'm willing to compromise the Legendary Vestige and Legendary Treasure/Legacy, but I must have the Ascension Permit!" She spoke in a somewhat stiff yet solemn tone, "That Ascension Permit is something my father needs, and if he knew that I failed, not only I will be harshly punished, but you'll also get implicated, and if you know what the Ascension Permit is, then I don't need to tell you what kind of length a Legendary King will go to acquire it even if he has to turn every stone in the middle galaxies! "So, I'm willing to surrender both of the treasures to you, but I must have the Ascension Permit. In return, you'll earn not only the goodwill of my clan and Vampire Marquis, but he'll even reward you once I tell him about your generosity!"

"I can see that you are also part of the Dead Faction and belonged to the Skeleton Race, so you will also get a high position and your own territory. But if it really comes to it, and we fight, no one will benefit from it.

"What do you think?" She asked as she closely observed Jacob's hooded face. The only thing she could see was the bright, flaming golden eyes and shadow of Jacob's skeletal face.

Although her words were very reasonable, and she seemed very submissive, she was only compromising because she couldn't beat Jacob and was planning on tricking him into handing over the ascension permit. Once she was out of there and gave the ascension permit to her father, she would earn huge merits and her father's favor.

At that time, she could easily utilize vast resources under her clan to get back everything that Jacob acquired here. She knew her father would also agree to this once he knew Jacob had a legendary king state treasure or legacy from the Path of Legend in his possession.

At that time, even if Jacob had the entire skeleton race behind him, they would have to hand him over because the Vampire Race was far stronger and more terrifying than the skeleton race despite their low numbers because they didn't have a Legendary King amidst their ranks!

But she hadn't expected that Jacob had one of the three ancient optical abilities, the sources of all the optical abilities in the Zodiac Plains, the Eyes of Judge, and her lies were easily seen by Jacob! Furthermore, even if Jacob couldn't see through her lies, he wasn't going to believe her. He knew better than to believe anyone in this place, nor did he fear the Dead, Life, or Neutral Factions because once he got his hands on all the

legendary vestiges, he was sure that he would become equal to a Legendary King if not stronger.

"Her Highness sure knows how to win someone over..." Jacob finally uttered impassively, "Alright, I don't want to make an enemy out of a Legendary King since I know my limit. But please forgive my bluntness; these two things are still insufficient in front of an Ascension Permit."

Gracey sighed in relief when she heard Jacob's early speech, but her expression darkened when she heard the latter part, 'Greedy bones, I'll make sure to torture you once I get my hand on you! You can only be arrogant in here. Once you leave, I'll let your entire race know why we Vampires are your master!'

Concealing her honest thoughts, she asked, "What else did you want, Sir? Anything is negotiable as long as I can have the Ascension Permit!" Jacob nodded, saying, "I don't dare ask for much from Her Highness. All I want is the legendary treasure you're carrying on her body! If you agree, we can sign any sort of contract to make sure no one will go against their words!"

Chapter 832 Stratagem against the Vampire Princess! (2)

Gracey's expression was icy cold when she heard Jacob's bold demand. As the princess of the Vampire Clans, she had never suffered such humiliation or been in a situation where she had to compromise.

Even in the Path of Legend, she only has a handful of people who could make her wary, but even they won't dare to go overboard like Jacob did now. The most infuriating thing was that Jacob was a 'dark being' or that she thought, which means that he should be submissive to her, yet he was not only opposing her but also coveting her treasures! Furthermore, no matter how she wrecks her brain, she cannot figure out who Jacob is or when the skeleton race has such a talented person among them who can control lightning. Not to mention, she knows the people from the dead factions sent here, and Jacob doesn't match any of their descriptions.

However, now that things have escalated to this point, Jacob is holding the initiated against her, and his power level is unknown. But she still thinks that it was only until they were in the Path of Legend; once they get out, she'll have a payback with interest.

As for suspecting him from a person from the lesser galaxies, her arrogance simply didn't allow her to think this way because she or anyone from the middle galaxies looked down on the lesser galaxies and treated them like their pawns and prey.

Lastly, she suppressed her urge to cast a forbidden spell on Jacob because he somehow managed to not only infiltrate but also become the winner of this trial. She

didn't know if she managed to kill me, but she would still get the Ascension Permit since only the winner could claim the rewards. This was the biggest reason she wasn't going on a rampage.

At this moment, her crimson eyes shone, and a strange power suddenly surfaced in them, making her appearance even more alluring and charming. "Can you please reconsider? I'll be helpless after you take my treasure..." Her voice was gentle and filled with fear as if she were a weak woman in distress.

But in Jacob's eyes, she was disgusting as he instantly saw a magic ripple emitting from her and her voice; she was clearly trying to use some kind of charm ability on him, which clearly wouldn't work on him even if he didn't have the cursed heart, just his spiritual nebula was enough was to block this kind of ability from a Quasi Legend.

"Your Highness, these small tricks won't work on me. So, if you don't want to make a deal, then how about you try snatching the Ascension Permit from me? I'll give you a fair chance, but please don't blame me for being merciless!" Jacob's mocking tone was overbearing yet filled with confidence.

Gracey instantly dropped the act while she was secretly alarmed. She thought she would at least give Jacob some trouble, but from the looks of it, he didn't even flinch. "Sir, there is no need for that; I was just testing you. Since you are this powerful, I don't have any more misgivings. I'm willing to part with my Domanial Neckless as long as you're willing to sign a Zodiac Soul Contract. Just as you say, this is the perfect way to ensure no one between us will go back on our words, and we'll also ensure both of our safety." She finally conceded after she sensed that things were going south, and Jacob struck another blow to her confidence. "Sir, there is no need for that; I was just testing you. Since you are this powerful, I don't have any more misgivings. I'm willing to part with my Domanial Neckless as long as you're willing to sign a Zodiac Soul Contract. Just as you say, this is the perfect way to ensure no one between us will go back on our words, and we'll also ensure both of our safety." She finally conceded after she sensed that things were going south, and Jacob struck another blow to her confidence. 'Zodiac Soul Contract?' Jacob's eyes flickered ever so slightly.

Although he had never come in contact with the Zodiac Soul Contract, Autarch had acquired knowledge about them. The Zodiac Soul Contracts were different from Zodiac Contracts because, according to the information he had, the Zodiac Contracts weren't strong enough to pose a threat to a Legendary Rank Being! Because the Legendary Beings have the Soul Totems, which means powerful souls, and despite the potency of the Zodiac Contracts' punishment, it can only harm or damage the soul totem of a legendary being, not completely kill them!

This was especially true for a Legendary Lord and Legendary King, for they can use their law-based abilities to directly nullify the Zodiac Contracts. That's where the Zodiac Soul Contracts came in, for they can bind soul totems or simply souls of any soul-based being.

It doesn't matter how powerful or what kind of tricks the other party had; there was no escaping from the penalty of the Zodiac Soul Contract.

However, a Zodiac Soul Contract was far more expensive than a Zodiac Contract, and only people like Gracey could afford it.

Still, Jacob was unafraid, and his purpose in doing this was to give Gracey a false sense of security.

"Alright, you can prepare it while I take care of this." Jacob agreed before he finally looked at the list. Since the fish had already taken the bait, it was only a matter of time before she found herself entrapped on a hook. Gracey's expression fell when she saw how casual Jacob was, as if she were no threat to him. She silently noted this offense in her mind as well. But she didn't do anything and started to make the soul contact with an icy look.

"Legendary King State Legacies:

"-1. Inferno Giant's Wrath

General Introduction: This legacy originates from the Inferno Giant, a Legendary King known for wielding explosive and destructive flame-based attacks. The legacy focuses on harnessing and amplifying raw firepower through intense soul force and the law of Fire, granting unparalleled offensive strength and area control.

(More information after selecting this option!)

"-2. Infernal Ram's Charge

General Introduction: This legacy derives from a mystical Zodiac Beast. It blends aura prowess and flame elemental manipulation, emphasizing physical enhancement and explosive bursts of fire energy. Ideal for close combatants who seek to dominate the battlefield through speed and power.

(More information after selecting this option!)

"-3. Scorching Blades of Aries

General Introduction: This legacy was developed by a legendary dual-sword expert who revered the Aries Zodiac. It centers on utilizing the twin swords to channel intense fire energy, combining martial arts mastery with elemental power. Perfect for those who seek to dominate the battlefield with speed, aggression, and precision.

(More information after selecting this option!)

"-4. Zodiac Soul Stellar Formation (Aries Constellation Volume)

"General Introduction: This legacy held the secrets of creating the Zodiac Soul Stellar Formation and starting the path of Zodiac Soul Evolution!

"Disclaimer: This legacy is only a part of the true legacy of Zodiac! If you select this legacy, you must search for the other parts before you can utilize this Legacy!

(More information after selecting this option!)

"Legendary King State Treasures:

"-1. Burning Aegis

General Description: A blazing, translucent shield that radiates searing heat. The Burning Aegis can absorb enemy attacks and release them as explosive flames, making it both a defensive and offensive tool.

(More information after selecting this option!)

"-2. Aries' Will (Twin Sword Set)

General Description: A pair of elegant crimson blades forged from the fiery essence of the heart of an Inferno Galaxy based on Ares's Weapons by a follower. The Aries' Will are perfectly balanced, designed for dual-wielding, and enhance the wielder's speed, power, and precision. When used together, they can generate fiery slashes and unleash flame-based techniques that scorch enemies and space in a wide area.

(More information after selecting this option!)

"-3. Ember Mantle

General Description: A flowing, crimson cloak crafted from the essence of eternal fire. The Ember Mantle enhances flame-based magic and offers protection against other elemental attacks, making it ideal for mages and warriors alike.

(More information after selecting this option!)

"-4. Map of the Blazing Constellation

General Description: Legends say this map was left behind by the Aries Zodiac itself and marks the path to the fabled Yang Flames, an ancient fire essence known for its unmatched purity and destructive power over all elements!"

Chapter 833 A Crooked Deal!

Jacob looked at the reward list with glowing curiosity, and his eyes stopped on the Scorching Blades of Aries Legacy and Aries' Will Twin Sword Set. He had personally witnessed the twin swords in Aries' hands in the murals. From both general descriptions, he could only imagine how powerful this legacy and treasure were since they were created after Aries and probably complement each other.

Furthermore, he was a dual wielder himself, but his Deceptive Swords Style was rather unique. It was created in ancient times during the era of martial arts in his world and passed down from generation to generation in his wife's clan, the Proulx Clan.

If not for his talent, Mr. V wouldn't have passed it down to him, and only he knew how much hardship he had to go through before that old man was willing to teach it to him.

Moreover, his wife was even more proficient than him in this sword style, but because of his dreams, his priorities weren't martial arts. He only learned martial arts out of his needs and to earn money in his youth when he was poor yet proud and didn't want an easy way to the top.

Because of his obsession, he wanted to create everything himself without any help, but as he grew old, he learned the ways of the world and changed himself. But his obsessions and pride never changed.

This was also Jacob's biggest regret in his final years. He had been blinded by his obsessions and pride and ignored everything until nothing was left, and everything he ever wanted to be seemed meaningless to him. In the end, all he wanted was to live another for 'that' promise.

Jacob's eyes remained on the Scorching Blades of Aries Legacy for some time before he decided to look away. Even if this was a King State Legacy, his Deceptive Swords Style was enough for him, and he also wanted to stick with it and even surpass it, even to the same heights as Aries's sword style.

The next thing that caught his attention was the Map of the Blazing Constellation, and when he read its description, his eyes instantly glowed when he read the 'Yang Fire' on it.

Jacob still remembers when he came in contact with the Yin Ice. Immortika also mentioned Yang Fire and how rare they were. Furthermore, the yin ice was still assimilating his water magic core, changing it.

'If Yang Fire is also the same, then it'll be extremely beneficial for my fire magic core. Not to mention, since this map is in the section of a legendary king state treasures, the Yang Fire has to be even more powerful. I've already had many treasures and with the legendary keys, I'll get more. So, I should pay attention to special items like the Astral Lightseed...'

"I chose the Map of the Blazing Constellation!" Jacob quickly made his choice, as he declared before he glanced at the Vampire Princess, who was not far away; she happened to be looking his way and paying attention to him.

Resentment and envy shone in her eyes furiously when she heard Jacob choosing a treasure that should've been her without his interference. But he quickly suppressed it when she saw Jacob was looking her way and focused on the translucent white parchment in her hand as dark words continued to appear on following her will and soul force. It was a soul contract.

At this moment, a crimson scroll suddenly appeared in front of him, and with his quick reaction, he stowed it away without giving Gracey any chance to take a careful look. He decided to study it once he was alone, and then he looked at the information on the projection, which had changed.

"Map of the Blazing Constellation (Treasure Map): Advanced Legendary King State Rank

"Introduction: Legends say this map was left behind by the Aries Zodiac itself and marks the path to the fabled Yang Flames, an ancient fire essence known for its unmatched purity and destructive power over all elements!

"Treasure Map: Only those who have mastered the law of fire and possess the fiery indomitable will can fully decipher its secrets. The map will also react to the holder's soul force, revealing hidden secrets and the exact coordinates of the Yang Fire!

"Additional Effect: Meditating with this map can help the holder comprehend the Fire Law up to Legendary King State Proficiency!" Jacob was astounded when he saw the exact details of this map, and when he saw its additional effect, he was even more surprised. Although he didn't know yet about the laws, he could easily guess that just this single ability was enough to make this map a priceless treasure, even if someone couldn't decipher it. He was even more pleased with this choice.

At this moment, another announcement was made, drawing Jacob and Gracey's attention instantaneously. "The Third Reward: An Ascension Permit has been given!"

At this moment, the Ascension Permit, in the shape of a ring, appeared. This was the true object of interest and also the reason for Gracey's willingness to compromise so much since she didn't want to take any risk with this.

Jacob didn't directly take it but merely glanced at Gracey, and he couldn't help but admire her control over her emotions. She was probably suppressing her urge to attack him and take the ascension permit, which was right in front of her eyes. But their early exchange and Jacob's confidence served as a great deterrent.

"Soul Contract is ready; please check it," Gracey impassively said as she flickered the translucent parchment filled with words toward Jacob. Her eyes were affixed on the ascension permit, and since Jacob hadn't directly grabbed it yet, she felt somewhat relieved that he was willing to follow through with this deal.

Jacob easily caught the soul contract and skimmed through it. The terms and conditions were the same, and he even caught sight of a loophole: They would not harm each other in the 'Path of Legend,' not 'Ever' or after 'leaving' the path of legend. He knew this woman was planning her revenge, but he didn't mind, nor did he expose her since things were going exactly as planned.

The next moment, Jacob input his soul force into the contract; it was the only way to sign a soul contract, and the translucent contract instantly started to shimmer with a mystical white light.

Gracey's eyes flashed with a hint of surprise, 'He didn't find that loophole? I guess he's too drunk on his power and victory. What a fool... to think I have to yield to him?'

Although she was relieved, she was more furious, and her determination to hunt Jacob down once they left the path of legend became even more solid, almost her obsession.

Jacob then sent the soul contract on her way since now it was Gracey's turn to input her soul force before the soul contract took effect. If she tries to change anything on it, it'll be destroyed. This means that the content of the contract was absolute once one party signed it.

Gracey didn't hesitate, either. She directly used her soul force on the contract, and the next moment, the contract shone brilliantly before it burst into white particles. Afterward, two ethereal white streaks bolted in Jacob and Gracey's direction.

No one dodged them, as they both allowed them to land on their glabella before they vanished into their souls. Gracey didn't react much, but Jacob was closely paying attention as he observed the moment the soul contact entered his spiritual nebula. A powerful, mysterious power suddenly started to take effect.

But at this moment, his cursed heart suddenly came alive and started to pulse with crimson light on its own. Suddenly, that strange power seemed to be with a predator, and it instantly erased before the cursed heart went dormant again as if nothing had happened!

Although Jacob had expected this much, he was amazed and delighted when he witnessed his cursed heart in action for the first time.

But he didn't have time to celebrate. He looked at Gracey and saw her calm, which meant she didn't discover it at all.

Jacob then quickly acted, pushing the ascension permit towards Gracey without any hint of worry and saying, "This is yours now."

Gracey was again astounded by Jacob's move. She expected him to demand her Domanial Neckless first, but when she thought about the soul contract establishment, she knew neither she nor Jacob could go back on their words.

Glaring indignantly, she grabbed the ascension permit and felt a huge weight lifted from her shoulder. But it soon turned into unwillingness and resentment as she removed a black necklace with a gray crystal etch on it. It was the Domanial Neckless, a Legendary Noble Rank Treasure!

"Hand it over!" Jacob coldly said when he saw her hesitation and reluctance.

"Fine!" Gracey murderously retorted before she sent it towards.

The moment he grabbed it, Jacob directly sent it to his infinity pendant, so even if she had some connection with it, it would break directly.

The very next moment, Jacob noticed a change in Gracey's eyes, but it was too late for her as he directly uttered, "Slumber Hex!"

Chapter 834 The Wisp of Libra! (1)

At this moment, in the middle of a volcanic landscape surrounded by rivers of lava, a few armored beings stood like immovable statues, waiting for someone.

"The tower has vanished?" A heavy voice rang from an armored being with a hint of ecstasy.

"Her Highness has indeed cleared the tower trial!" The other soldiers started exclaiming as they cheered.

But at this moment, the head guard suddenly saw a dark figure appearing at the place where the tower of Aries had vanished, and no matter how he looked at this hooded figure, it was not their princess at all.

A foreboding feeling rose in their minds as he roared, "Who are you?! Where is Her Highness!?" His voice was filled with mana and soul force, sending powerful shockwaves towards Jacob!

Jacob had long assumed this kind of scenario since he didn't think a person like Gracey would come alone in the Path of Legend. Furthermore, looking at those guards and this sudden sound attack, he knew they weren't easy to deal with.

But no matter what, they were still no match for him, and he had no intention of entertaining them because they were dark beings, probably Vampires as well. Since he had already collected a 'specimen' and obtained everything in the Tower of Aries, he didn't waste any time and vanished from his spot.

The head guard was instantly alarmed when he saw this mysterious person wasn't restrained by his sound attack at all. However, he didn't have time to reflect because the tower had vanished, Gracey was nowhere to be seen, and this mysterious person was the only one who knew the truth.

He knew if he couldn't bring this person back or if something happened to Gracey, their heads would roll. Furthermore, since this person fled instead of confronting them, it made it even clearer that he was the culprit behind whatever had happened to Gracey! He roared furiously, "Chase!"

Jacob was already far away by the time the head guard reacted, and he wasn't afraid of them; he just didn't want to be surrounded by them. At this moment, without wasting any time, he activated the Infinity Blood Sacrifice. _____

Wish: I wish to enter the final trial of the Tower of Libra!

Cost: 100% Infinity Blood or Only 1,500 Years of Lifespan!

Jacob wasn't surprised when he saw the exact cost of the wish to enter the tower of Aries and, without hesitation, "Carry through!"

-Lifespan: 824,850 Years (All Youthful)

_____ The next moment, Jacob vanished, and Gracey's guards, who caught up, were shocked as they desperately tried to find Jacob's trace using all kinds of spells and treasures, but to no avail. It was as if he had vanished into thin air!

--- As Jacob felt the familiar pull, his vision blurred and distorted, like being pulled through a swirling vortex of shadows.

In the blink of an eye, he emerged inside the final trial chamber of the Tower of Libra. The air was unnervingly still, and an eerie silence enveloped him.

The chamber was vast, its architecture stark and cold, with walls that seemed to fade into an endless black void. It was as if the space itself existed on the edge of reality, caught between dimensions.

A soft, silvery glow emanated from the center of the chamber, where floating shards of obsidian-like material formed a large scales symbol, the emblem of Libra. This faint light illuminated the walls, revealing murals etched into the onyx surface.

Jacob's eyes traced the story told by the murals. The first depicted a towering figure, Libra, whose face was obscured by a blindfold, its eyes covered by the void itself—a black, swirling emptiness that seemed to stretch infinitely.

Libra's hands were outstretched, each holding one side of an enormous scale, and seemed to be balancing between darkness and light. On one side, a bright star burned intensely; on the other, an abyssal orb sucked all light into its depths.

The next mural showed Libra standing at the boundary of existence, overseeing a cosmic conflict between mystical beings. It held its scales aloft as if mediating the battle with absolute impartiality, its blindfold a symbol of its unwavering neutrality.

But the mural's details were deliberately vague, the figures mere shadows and silhouettes, as if to convey that Libra's judgment transcended the mortal understanding of good and evil.

The final mural depicted Libra as a solitary figure, standing alone in the midst of a vast emptiness. Its scales remained balanced, even as the cosmos itself crumbled around it.

It seemed to signify Libra's eternal role: an arbiter who maintained equilibrium, even in the face of total annihilation. For some reason, Jacob could feel the weight of its duty, the burden of maintaining balance against forces that sought chaos.

As Jacob moved closer to the glowing symbol in the center, the air began to hum with energy. The scales started to tremble, and the entire chamber darkened further, the void around him deepening until it felt like he was floating in an endless abyss. His senses heightened, and he knew what was coming.

Suddenly, a cold breeze swept through the chamber, and the scales dissolved into countless fragments that scattered into the air. From the darkness emerged the Wisp of Libra.

It manifested as a mystical entity, its form both humanoid and formless, as if carved from the very void itself. Its eyes were covered by a blindfold, but this was no ordinary cloth; it was an endless darkness, swirling and churning like an open gateway into nothingness.

Its arms extended outward, and where its hands should have been, there were instead ethereal scales, each side tilting and shifting as if constantly measuring the weight of invisible forces.

The scales glowed faintly with a ghostly light, casting long shadows across the chamber. The Wisp's movements were slow and deliberate, and with each step, the darkness around it seemed to ripple like disturbed water, bending the very fabric of the chamber.

Jacob stood ready, his eyes cold and calculating as he analyzed the entity before him. He could feel the oppressive presence of the Wisp's aura—a power that spoke of judgment and equilibrium. His senses warned him that this was not an opponent he could simply overpower; this feeling of danger was far more overbearing than any other Zodiac Wisp he had encountered to this point.

But what happened next thoroughly shocked Jacob because...

"The scales await," the Wisp's overlapping ethereal voice echoed through the chamber, like the sound of a distant chime carried through a void. It was the first time any Wisp had spoken or, more accurately, spoken in a language that he understood!

But the Wisp of Libra wasn't done as its voice echoed again, both powerful and mystical, "What is taken must be given. What is given must be taken. Do you seek the balance, or shall you be weighed and found wanting?"

The moment the Wisp's voice faded, the scales on its hands glowed brighter, and the air around Jacob grew heavy as if the very gravity of the chamber shifted on him.

Just as he was still recovering from this unexpected surprise and prepared to step forward and confront the Wisp of Libra, a sudden gust of wind swirled through the chamber, dispersing the darkness momentarily.

Out of the shadows, another figure emerged, their silhouette sharp and agile; Jacob knew the real trialist was here!

835 The Wisp of Libra! (2)

The newcomer wore flowing golden archbishop robes and held a golden staff shining in golden light, illuminating the chamber in its gentle light. Moreover, with his handsome face and long silver hair, he had the air of a benevolent saint.

His presence disrupted the balance of the chamber, and the Wisp of Libra tilted its head slightly as if acknowledging this unexpected arrival.

But the next moment, it looked back at Jacob, whose eyes flickered coldly when he saw the silver-haired man's appearance because he knew it was a Faery Human and a very powerful one at that.

Furthermore, his getup was exactly like the Cardinal Spirit Temple, if not slightly different. Jacob instantly knew that this Faery was either from another lesser galaxy or from the middle galaxies, and the chances of him being from the latter were much higher.

However, he didn't have time to entertain himself since the Wisp of Libra was completely unpredictable, like the Wisp of Capricorn, if not more. Although the Wisp of Libra hadn't attacked, it was speaking in cryptic words, which made Jacob even more uneasy. Especially after it asked that cryptic question, a strange power seemed to have locked onto him.

The Faery Human was an Archbishop of the Cardinal Spirit Temple named Otis. He had just entered and was shocked when he saw the hooded figure standing in front of the ghostly entity, the Wisp of Libra. Although he didn't know what was going on, he wasn't fooled, and he knew something had gone wrong.

Furthermore, he could feel an incomprehensible aura around the Wisp of Libra that didn't seem evil despite its appearance or good, which made Otis confused and wary. Otis suppressed the urge to attack and looked at Jacob because no matter how he saw it, Jacob clearly seemed in a fight with the Wisp of Libra and asked, "Sir, are you perhaps not part of the trial? Do you enter using the medallion? How about we work together?"

The tension between them crackled like static in the air as the Wisp of Libra observed silently, the scales on its hands slowly tilting, waiting to see how this new turn of events would unfold. It was like Libra was completely dismissive about Otis's appearance.

Jacob, on the other hand, became somewhat annoyed with Otis's bad timing. Not to mention, the staff in Otis's hand made him even more vexed because of the obvious reason for it being a Legendary Treasure. He was now 99% sure that Otis was from the middle galaxies.

Furthermore, Otis was a faery human, and he had an innate disgust for them, especially after not being able to solve the mystery behind his reincarnation despite getting rid of Sebastian. He might've not thought too much into it and considered it a freakish coincidence, but not after what happened at the end with Sebastian.

He knew someone from above was pulling Sebastian's strings and that someone might be the one he was looking for. The suspects at the top of his list were naturally the Faery Humans and the Cardinal Spirit Temple!

Now, Otis's appearance here means he was highly capable and probably held high status, but Jacob didn't want him here because he wouldn't be able to get answers from Wisp of Libra.

After all, he won't let this chance slip away because Libra was the only Wisp who had bothered to speak with him.

Without hesitation, Jacob decided to be deceived this time and used his full power to crush Otis. However, the moment he tried to channel his mana or move, his expression changed because he found himself stuck in his position by a mysterious power. He instantly looked at Wisp of Libra, who was still holding there like a statue.

But Jacob could sense Libra's gaze on him beyond that void-like blindfold, and a hint of fear rose up in his body because things were becoming extremely complicated really quickly. What made him even angrier was that there was a spectator!

Otis instantly sensed Jacob's killing intent and even felt a feeling of imminent death for a moment before it quickly vanished; it made him both frightened and confused since he knew his own capabilities, or he wouldn't have chosen the Star King difficulty trial.

"You want me to answer your question?" Jacob suddenly spoke at this moment. His voice was icy as he stared right into the Libra's face and continued, "Then my answer is simple. I seek neither balance nor imbalance; I only want to seek the Path of Immortality, and if your so-called balance gets in my way, then I'll destroy it if I have to!"

'A lunatic?!' Otis thought as if he had just heard something absurd. He wondered just how this lunatic was able to enter here despite the arrangement he had before entering and why he was even talking with that ghostly thing.

But for some reason, he didn't dare move, as if something deep within him didn't let him, especially after he sensed the aura of death for a moment. He knew something was not right, so he secretly started channeling soul force into his staff and was ready to make a move if he sensed even a sliver of danger.

However, both Jacob and Libra ignored him as if he didn't exist. Libra looked at Jacob without any words, while Jacob looked back, ready to spring into triggering his full power.

At this moment, Jacob suddenly felt the mysterious power on him vanish, and Libra's overbearing voice rang in his mind.

"%\$#^@..."

'Not again!' Jacob knew he had gotten the acknowledgment he was looking for, but he was unwilling because he didn't get a chance to ask any questions from the wisp of Libra. When he sensed his entire surroundings changing, he knew the trial was over.

"W-what happened?!" Otis's confused yet astounded voice rang again.

But Otis instantly regretted speaking because, at this moment, he suddenly felt suffocating killing intent locked on him, and it was like he was at the bottom of an icy lake.

Otis was unaware of what kind of opportunity Jacob had missed because of him, and now he was going to pay!

836 No Witness!

Jacob vanished from his spot and appeared right in front of Otis, throwing a raging lightning punch on Otis's face, startling Otis!

Otis's heart trembled when he sensed the ghastly danger from Jacob's punch, and he was even more shocked that Jacob attacked him without giving him a chance to speak or react.

Alas, despite his reaction speed, he was still too slow in front of Jacob, especially since he was caught off guard. By the time he reacted, he was only able to condense faint light energy in front of the purple lightning before it instantly shattered.

"Boom!"

Otis was sent flying like a rag doll while reeling blood; the impact of Jacob's punch made his nose cave in and almost crushed his skull, if not for him pouring some soul force in a timely manner into the legendary staff in his hand, he would've been dead! Nonetheless, with just this punch, Otis knew Jacob was way above his league!

At this moment, the tower's voice rang.

"Congratulations, Trialist!

"You have passed the Star Warrior difficulty level Tower Trial of the Tower of Libra!

"The Rewards of Star Warrior difficulty Trial will be granted!

"Reward: The Legendary Vestige of Libra has been given!"

Jacob, who was about to follow up after his attack, suddenly stopped. His eyes flickered with a grimace when he heard 'Star Warrior.' He looked at Otis with utter contempt and a hint of realization.

He finally understands why Otis seemed relatively fine despite clearing all the trials of the Tower of Libra, but what confused him is why he would select the Star Warrior difficulty trial if he was from the middle galaxies.

Furthermore, with this brief exchange, he knew Otis was far weaker than the Vampire Gracey!

On the other hand, Otis was even more shocked when he heard the announcement because this was the last thing he was expecting, as the way he looked at Jacob thoroughly changed. A faint golden light was emitting from his staff, and his face was quickly recovering.

At this moment, the Cosmic Vestige of Libra appeared. It was palm-sized and seemed like a monolith, smooth and symmetrical, exuding a profound sense of balance and neutrality.

Its surface was obsidian-black and seemed to absorb all traces of light with a faint sheen that hints at hidden depths. Faint lines run along its edges, forming intricate, geometric patterns that shift subtly, almost as if rearranging themselves to maintain equilibrium.

A circular void-like indentation appears in its center, giving the impression of an abyss leading to an infinite space beyond. It pulses faintly with a silvery glow as if drawing in and dispersing energy, creating a mesmerizing play of light and darkness.

The aura surrounding the vestige feels paradoxically weightless and heavy as if it holds an unseen force that could tip the balance of everything around it.

When Jacob saw it, he instantly grabbed it. When he held it, the monolith felt cool to the touch, and a sensation of harmony flowed through him, accompanied by a whisper of mystical law and order.

Jacob didn't have time to study it as he quickly stowed it away, and at this moment, Otis, who had healed himself, finally spoke in a grave tone, "Sir, I don't know who you are and how I offended you, but please hear me out. I'm an Archbishop of the Cardinal Spirit Temple of Libra, and I need that Legendary Vestige not for myself but for an exalted 'God'!

"In fact, not only is our temple looking for the legendary vestiges, but the entire Cardinal Spirit Temple of the middle galaxies is tasked with gathering all the legendary vestiges for this exalted God. The temple even contracts with the other powers to give us all the legendary vestiges because of the exalted God, and it's all the Exalted One's arrangement. "So, I implore you to hand it over, and in return, you can ask for anything. These are not my words but the words of our supreme Pontiff. Taking it would be directly offending that God, and I'm sure whoever is behind you wouldn't want to offend an exalted God!" Otis's voice was grave and filled with determination. He knew he wasn't a match for this unknown enemy, so he had no choice but to bring out his trump card.

When Jacob heard it, he was stopped in his tracks because he knew Otis was telling the truth, which startled him even more, especially the part about 'God' wanting the twelve legendary vestiges.

However, according to his understanding, the middle galaxies shouldn't have any God-level figures. Now, from Otis's words, he didn't find any lies, which means he was telling the truth, especially in this deal with the other powers he speaks of, or at least he believed it was the truth.

'What the hell is going on in the Middle Galaxies? Where did this 'God' come from, and why did he want all the legendary vestiges? If his words are really true, then does this mean every heir of a legendary king would've given their legendary vestige to this God? This also explains why he didn't choose the Star King difficulty since having a God to please is even more important and beneficial for them than an ascension permit!'

A God still held massive deterrence to Jacob, especially if this God was in the middle galaxies, where he would enter after collecting all the Vestiges. He had no idea what kind of abilities a God would have, but he was sure that he didn't want a God as his enemy or to offend him.

But despite that, was he willing to give up on the Cosmic Vestiges that he needed for phase two? The answer was a big no!

Just when Jacob was considering his options, and Otis thought that he had successfully stymied Jacob, the tower's voice rang again,

"Congratulations, Seeker of Zodiac!

"The Wisp of Zodiac has acknowledged you!

"The hidden condition has been met!

"You already have the Legendary Master Key; please take it out!"

The moment this announcement was made, Otis was bewildered. This was the first time he had heard something like this, especially the 'Legendary Master Key, 'which sounded quite imposing.

Furthermore, this made Jacob even more mysterious since he was capable of being acknowledged by this Wisp of Zodiac, and Otis also suspected that Jacob had more than one Legendary Vestige.

However, for Jacob, this announcement in front of Otis spells trouble, especially after he knows that a God is scheming behind the scenes. He absolutely can't let Otis go with this information now.

Jacob's eyes flashed with cold determination as he saw the fear in Otis's eyes. The next moment, he shot forward again, his body a blur of speed. Otis barely had time to raise his staff, his soul force flaring in a desperate attempt to defend himself.

"Too slow," Jacob muttered, his voice like the crackle of distant thunder.

With ruthless precision, Jacob unleashed a flurry of lightning-imbued punches, each one striking Otis's hastily conjured shields. The air exploded with shockwaves as Otis's defenses shattered one by one, unable to withstand the raw power behind Jacob's attacks.

"Argh!" Otis coughed up blood as the final punch broke through his guard, smashing into his chest with the force of a battering ram. He was sent skidding back, his body scraping against the stone floor, but Jacob didn't give him a moment to recover.

Appearing above Otis like a specter, Jacob raised his hand, purple lightning coiling around his fingers. "It's over!"

Otis's eyes widened in terror as he desperately channeled his soul force into his staff, attempting to form a barrier. "W-wait! I can—"

But Jacob's expression remained cold, unmoved by his plea. "Begone!"

He slammed his lightning-coated palm onto Otis's chest. The barrier flickered before shattering completely, and the lightning surged into Otis's body. The purple arcs crackled as they tore through his veins and muscles, incinerating his organs from within.

"Ahhhhh!"

Otis screamed as his body convulsed, his limbs twitching uncontrollably. The smell of burning flesh filled the air as the lightning continued to ravage him. His eyes rolled back, and blood streamed from his mouth.

Jacob watched impassively, his eyes devoid of mercy. With a final surge of power, he tightened his grip, and the lightning erupted, reducing Otis's body to ashes and charred remains.

As Otis's form crumbled, leaving only his legendary staff and a few scattered ashes behind, Jacob stood up, brushing off his hands. "There are no loose ends."

He glanced down at the staff Otis had wielded, noting the faint aura of light still lingering around it. Picking it up, Jacob's eyes gleamed. "As long as I leave no witness behind, no one will know the truth."

Stowing the staff away, the silence that followed was heavy, but Jacob felt no remorse. Ultimately, it was about survival—and he had no intention of leaving a witness for whatever forces lurked behind Otis's words about a 'God.'

He turned away from the ashes and finally took out the Legendary Master Key!

Chapter 837 Two Different Worlds...

The Tower of Libra was located in a dark wetland filled with exotic flora and unseen creatures in the sky of Path of the Legend.

Not far away from the tower, a group of clergymen, with white masks covering their faces, rest in a runic formation. Among them were a few silver-haired, faery humans who stood out within the group. They were sitting separated from the clergymen, and behind them were beautiful winged horses resting.

Among the group of faery humans was a gorgeous figure, a woman in white bishop robes and silver manteletta. She was also not wearing any mask like the faery humans, but she was different from them.

Furthermore, this woman was extremely respectful of the faery humans and chatted with them, and those faery humans seemed to treat her well despite their disdain for the rest of the clergymen group.

"Bishop Alice, I heard from Archbishop Otis that you have a rare growth type magic core of light element, very suitable for holy magic. Is that true?" One of the Faery Humans, a male with a handsome appearance, asked the woman named Alice!

Alice was startled by this question and couldn't help but curse inwardly, 'This wily guy not only didn't tell me anything crucial about themselves, but he even wanted to probe my secrets!'

Despite her frustration, she pretended to be innocent and respectfully replied, "I indeed have a growth-type magic core, and it's all the blessing of the Holy Justice God!"

The other faery humans' eyes shimmered with astonishment when they heard Alice admit it, and one of them, a woman, exclaimed with a hint of envy, "No wonder the higher-ups thought highly of you and granted you the rank of Bishop and specifically instructed us to escort you back safely."

Alice wasn't impressed by this superficial flattery since she had seen too many people like this, and she knew these guys secretly held contempt in their hearts for her and her group because they were from the lesser galaxies. She had experienced the same thing

in the lesser galaxy of Libra, and as someone who had climbed her way to the top from nothing, she wasn't going to be swayed by their praise, even if it was genuine.

"I'm just lucky." Alice humbly smiled before she finally asked the question she had wanted to ask all this time since this group had started to open up to her: "Please don't mind me asking, but you are not humans, right?"

"I don't mean to be disrespectful; it's just that I have a keen sense towards light elements, and I've been dealing with the humans in the Libra Galaxy for a long time now, so I know what a human feels like, and you all give me different feeling from humans. I wondered if you have evolved in some way. But please don't take any offense since I'm just curious, and you don't have to answer. Forget it, I ever asked." She was cautious with her questions and made sure not to offend anyone.

The faery humans were surprised by her question, and the male faery human who asked her about her magic core suddenly chuckled before he replied, "There's no need to be so respectful to us, and your question is not offensive at all. If anything, I'm impressed you can tell the difference.

"You are right. We are not humans, and our race is different from humans. We are Faery Humans. However, according to the annals of history, our origin is from the Arch Justice Human Race and Primal Faery Race.

"Both races are ancient and belonged to one of the top Ancient Races of the Zodiac Plains. Furthermore, your human race is also a branch of the Arch Justice Human Race.

"And it goes without saying that the faery humans are closer to the Arch Justice Human than the Human race because our blood contained more genes of Arch Justice Humans than the Human Race, not to mention the Primal Faery Race bloodline on top of that, while the humans only have the Arch Justice Humans' bloodline and only a sliver of it.

"Anyhow, the Cardinal Spirit Temple is the organization founded by Holy Justice God, and according to the Holy Justice Doctrine, the Arch Human Race and Primal Faery Race should be treated equally, and that goes for any branch of both races.

"That's why the Cardinal Spirit Temple only accepts Arch Human Race and Primal Faery Race members, and if any branch race is found, they will be recruited back in the temple and nurtured with the same effects any branch race of the two races.

"But still, sometimes a genius like you emerges who possesses a certain trait closer to the origin race, and the temple nurtures them with all their might and protects them. Your growth-type light magic core is also a trait of Arch Justice Humans. That's why the higher-ups have high hopes for you."

Realization dawned on Alice at this moment as she was both stunned and amazed since it was her first time hearing about her origin, and she didn't know the human race had such a background. It all started to make sense to her why she was treated so well despite her tiny background.

'If that's the case, then didn't this mean, even in the middle galaxies, I'll still be treated as a genius as long as my rank won't fall behind? But these faery humans still seemed quite arrogant despite their talk about equality...' Her eyes shimmered coldly as something came to her mind, and a complicated glint flashed past her eyes. 'Then what about him? His traits clearly matched the faery humans, and it also explained his overwhelming power in the common plains, but what was he doing there since there shouldn't be any faery humans there?

'After we were all taken to the Lesser Galaxy of Libra, only then did I learn that the common plains I was born in were actually in the Lesser Galaxy of Taurus and the humans in the unique plains who ruled the Lesser Galaxy of Libra have a way to cross the boundary between lesser galaxies from common plains, and they've been gathering humans for all over the lesser galaxies for a long time.

'But only a rare rank can cross the boundary between galaxies, and I was already an epic when I was privy to this information, so I couldn't look for him. I wonder where he ended up. It's a pity I won't be able to confront him anymore. We belong to two different worlds...'

'Rumbleeee...'

Alice's thoughts were suddenly disrupted by a sudden rumbling, and everyone was alert as they all looked towards the Tower of Libra.

But before they could react, under their astounded gazes, the Tower of Libra suddenly vanished, and a silhouette appeared in the empty space.

The faery humans exclaimed with a sense of pride, "Archbishop really cleared the tower within a day! As expected of the strongest genius of our temple!"

"Heh, those guys who were completing with Archbishop will now have no choice but to accept their defeat!"

Alice was also surprised. Although she didn't know much about the towers and their trial, from the way those faery humans were making a fuss, she knew it was a big deal.

'It seemed I have to stick with him for the time being until I have enough power and authority to protect myself...' Alice's eyes shimmered with determination as she quickly straightened up herself and made sure she was presentable.

However, at this moment, the faery human with a stern expression suddenly narrowed his eyes and muttered, "Why is Archbishop clad in black now?"

Everyone finally noticed this at this moment because that figure was wearing all black, and his head was covered in a long hood. Their expressions suddenly changed when they realized that it wasn't Otis, and the next moment before they could react, the dark figure instantly vanished!

Chapter 838 Thwarting a God's Plans!

At this moment, on a light throne, a child seemingly around the age of 10 with long white hair and completely white eyes had a deep frown on his adorable face, making him appear even cuter.

However, standing below the light throne, an extremely charming woman with long golden hair, pale skin, pointy ears, and bewitching spiral eyes wearing long golden robes was glancing solemnly, with a hint of apprehension in her eyes, at the mystical markings engraved on the side of this child's neck, which seemed to be alive and releasing a faint yet terrifying aura.

She didn't dare to show any disrespect in front of this child because she knew his appearance was a façade and this child could destroy an entire galaxy with a wave of its hand if it wanted to.

Whiteness, who had been staying here for almost six decades, was in a gloomy mood after he heard Eliza's report.

Finally, Whiteness impassively glanced at Eliza, making the Supreme Pontiff among all the Cardinal Spirit Temple, tremble with agitation, and spoke, "So, you're telling me someone had claimed six of the legendary vestiges in the Path of Legend, and that person didn't belong to any of the people we have dealt with? And on top of that, one of your minions who just died is among them?"

"Lastly, your Inner Espy Vision can only tell you how many vestiges have yet to be claimed, but it can't detect the person who is thwarting my plans?" Whiteness's voice grew colder the more he spoke with a hint of incredulity, "Kiddo, it's not like I don't believe you, but unless you're telling that someone capable of eluding your inner espy vision, which had to be above your rank, which also means, at least a Lesser God, is among the participants of the Path of Legend, I'll think you are not doing your best!"

Eliza paled. She was already afraid that this might've happened since even she couldn't believe it. But the reality was sometimes extremely cruel. It was all going according to plan, and with her Inner Espy Vision, which can spy on anything unless it's above her rank, she was able to easily spy on the participants of the Path of Legend.

In addition, she even used an extremely powerful Law Ability to pull strings to make sure the people of the middle galaxies who had dealt with them got all the legendary keys from the lesser galaxies participants as quickly as possible.

However, things started to go south when she found the Vestige of Taurus had already been claimed. Surprisingly, she couldn't detect or spy on the person who got it; all she could deduce was that it had already been taken and was far out of her reach.

At first, she thought it was just because of her weakened state after using the law ability. Still, when more vestiges started to vanish the same way, and she failed to deduce their locations or the people who got them, she finally understood something was terribly wrong.

After that, she quickly paid a considerable price and activated another law ability, which allowed her to spy on someone she had seen personally and know their 'true name' for an extended period of time.

The person she chose was the Archbishop of the Middle Galaxy of Libra, Otis, who was among the talents she had chosen to undertake this extremely important task. She knew he had already got the legendary key.

Everything was going smoothly, and she didn't find anything strange until he reached the eighth floor of the Tower of Libra. Her law ability instantly stopped working and even suffered a minor backlash.

She instantly assumed the worst, and just as she suspected, not only she couldn't spy on Otis again, but shortly after her law ability was cut off, he died.

She knew this because Otis had a Soul Totem Sigil hidden in his soul. This not only protected others from probing his memories but also worked as a marker, allowing the owner of the Soul Totem Sigil to sense the position of its bearer and instantly know when the bearer of the Soul Totem Sigil died since it vanished with the bearer's soul.

If someone is capable of destroying or bypassing the Soul Totem Sigil, it will instantly react and self-destruct, taking the bearer down with it and even wounding the person who's capable of destroying or bypassing it.

After all, only Legendary Kings can create their own unique Soul Totem Sigil from their Mystic Signatures. Only the Mythical Rank might have the ability to get rid of them safely. Eliza had personally used her own Soul Totem Sigil on all the members of the Cardinal Spirit Temple who were capable of passing the tower trials, and she also had contact with the other legendary kings whose heirs were capable of the same things.

She had already confirmed with two of them that their heirs had died, so in the end, she had no choice but to report this to Whiteness since this matter was too strange and apparently out of her league.

Although she knew Whiteness was a friend of her Ancestor, and he wouldn't harm her because of her importance and the existence behind her, she wasn't entirely confident since no one could comprehend the thoughts of a God!

Whiteness suddenly sighed. He could tell Eliza wasn't lying to him; after all, she knew the consequences, not to mention that her future, Godhood, also depended on it.

"Alright, you can go now. Let me think about this, and I'll summon you again. You may rest until then; I might need your assistance again," Whiteness dismissively stated.

Eliza was astounded and couldn't help but have a huge sigh of relief as she quickly bowed, "Thank you, Exalted One, for your trust. Eliza will keep trying!"

She declared with determination and a hint of chilling killing intent before she left the throne hall, which was supposed to be hers. She really wanted to flay that person who was interfering with her fortune!

Once Eliza left, Witness sighed again, and a gloomy chill appeared on his baby face.

At this moment, an amusing ethereal voice suddenly rang like a whispering melody, "Just what are you after, Higher God Whiteness? It seemed you had met with some problem, but after hearing that, Lassie, this matter is not simple, and it seems I have to get involved."

Whiteness pulled a vexed smile, as he wasn't surprised by this voice at all, and replied aggressively, "I didn't know Senior Constellation Arbiter Leo had a tendency to spy on juniors. But my reply to you is the same as the last time: If you want to know my purpose, you should seek my Master, not me.

"I'm just following my master's order, and you know I won't back down unless, of course, you can take me down here and now, which both of us know won't bode well for the entire Legendary Plains.

"However, if you can grant me the passage to the lesser galaxies, I'll be out of your hair in no time. I promise you that I won't break any rules, and you should know better than anyone that my Master is an existence of rules, and if any of her children break them, even me or my brethren, we'll cease to exist!"

The Constellation Arbiter Leo went silent for a while before its voice rang again, "Forgive me for not complying, but you need to tell me why you want to go to the lesser galaxies since it's challenging for even me.

"Who knows, I might even help you. You may think about it some more while I report this matter back. Remember Higher God Whiteness, we are not your enemies. We are also trying to make sure the Zodiac Plains' rules reign supreme!" Whiteness merely

snorted, but a hint of hesitation appeared in the depth of his eyes for the first time as he was deep in thought with wavering determination!

Chapter 839 The Manipulator of Time: Pisces! (1)

The moment Jacob was sent out of the Tower of Libra, he instantly spotted the Faery Humans and the masked clergymen, but he didn't pay much attention to them, just like Gracey's soldiers.

After all, he still had the Vestige of Pisces's trial to interfere with. After he heard Otis's revelation about this unknown God's desire to get all the legendary vestiges, he was in a hurry to quickly gather all the vestiges before something untoward happened. Although Jacob didn't know how this God entered the middle galaxies or was probably born there, he knew that as long as the legendary kings got their hands on the ascension permits, they would really not care about the legendary vestiges since they might not even know the true difference between a cosmic vestige and a star vestige. Lastly, as for the people closest to that God, he wasn't sure if killing them all would alert God or might leave some trick behind on them. Even Immortika had to be restrained while in the space of the towers, so he was sure those tricks wouldn't work within the tower.

That's why Jacob decided to leave directly after merely glancing at those people. They had no way of catching up to him at his current speed.

As for thinking that an old acquaintance was present in that group, Jacob didn't even consider it—or, more accurately, he had completely forgotten about it and didn't care as long as no one got in his way!

After ensuring no one was behind him, he again made a wish and vanished from his spot!

Jacob directly teleported into the final trial of the Tower of Pisces according to his wish. As his senses readjusted, he felt a wave of disorientation. He found himself standing on the edge of a vast, ethereal lake, and he was astounded since this wasn't the scene he was imagining.

The water shimmered like liquid silver, ripples bending and distorting the reflection of the darkened sky above. In the center of the lake stood an enormous stone platform covered in ancient murals that told the enigmatic story of Pisces. Jacob instantly knew he was in the right place; it was just that this was unlike the previous trials. Observing the murals, they depicted a pair of intertwined serpentine creatures, each coiled in an

eternal dance. One serpent was cloaked in a veil of shimmering starlight, while the other's scales glowed like the sun.

The murals were extremely vivid as they seemed to represent the twin aspects of time—the flow of the present and the echoes of the past, locked in an endless cycle of balance and harmony. In some sections of the mural, they seemed to manipulate the very fabric of reality, bending it to their will, freezing moments in time, or accelerating the flow of events.

However, Jacob didn't have time to observe those murals closely because a huge tremor suddenly shook the space, and his eyes instantly followed the point of the disturbance.

Jacob was astounded because, at this moment, he spotted a figure of mystical light—it was exactly the Wisp of Pisces. It was an ethereal, translucent entity shaped like a majestic serpentine dragon with a pair of long, flowing whiskers. Its scales shimmered in a shifting gradient of blue and silver, like the passage of time itself.

Around its body, an incomprehensible time ripples and distortions moved like water, creating an almost hypnotic effect. Its eyes, deep pools of azure, glowed with a mysterious wisdom and power, hinting at its control over time.

Before Jacob could take in the full sight of the Wisp, the air was filled with a ferocious roar that sent tremors across the lake. This noise was also a source of disturbance.

Jacob's eyes flickered like condensed beams as he looked at the source. From the other side of the lake, a colossal Fire Wyvern charged forward, its scales blazing with molten fury!

The wyvern's body was covered in fiery-red armor, its wings vast enough to eclipse the platform as they unfurled. Its eyes burned with ferocity, and its maw glowed like a furnace ready to unleash its destructive might.

Jacob was even more astounded because this Fire Wyvern instantly made him think about the Flame Calamity he had once encountered in the Dark Battle Arena, and he nearly lost that mighty descendant of the Dragon.

Furthermore, this Fire Wyvern didn't seem any weaker than the Flame Calamity, if not stronger.

'So, the Legendary Key of Pisces ended up in the hands of a Wyvern? Now the question is if this Wyvern is from the Lesser or Middle Galaxies. The chances of it being latter are higher since Wyvern are extremely rare in the lesser galaxies, I've only encountered two...' Jacob thought deeply as he closely observed the earth-shaking battle. The battle between the two entities seemed to have begun sometime now, and Jacob couldn't help but sigh in relief since he didn't waste any time on those people and

come directly here. Otherwise, he might have to pay even more lifespan to make this right.

At this moment, the wyvern reared back and unleashed a torrent of searing flames, a cataclysmic breath that seemed capable of incinerating everything in its path. The air heated to a blistering degree, and the fire formed a raging inferno that rushed towards the Wisp of Pisces, creating an apocalyptic scene of blazing destruction. Even from far away, Jacob could feel the destructive heat!

However, the Wisp of Pisces remained unmoved, its serene expression unchanging which was even more shocking, and suddenly it raised one of its ethereal claws. A pulse of energy rippled from its form, and time itself seemed to warp and twist!

The wyvern's fiery breath slowed to a halt, freezing midair as if captured in a moment suspended outside the flow of reality. The flames hung there, an immobile wave of destructive force, while the Wisp of Pisces calmly drifted forward, its eyes glowing with the power to command time.

Jacob felt a chill run down his spine when he witnessed the power of time manipulation for the first time. It was a power unlike any he had ever seen.

'Power of time...probably the strongest power in existence.' Jacob thought as he knew something like elusive as time wasn't something that could be manipulated.

The Wisp of Pisces, representing the time element, clearly had supreme control over it, and it didn't even seem to be trying to fight with the Fire Wyvern as it dismissively stood in its place.

Furthermore, it seemed to be toying with the Fire Wyvern as it only stopped its breath, not the Fire Wyvern.

The Fire Wyvern roared again with apparent frustration, its massive wings beating as it tried to break through the Wisp's control. But the Wisp's mastery over time was absolute, and suddenly, the Wisp of Pisces's finger flickered, and the next moment, another shocking scene played out.

The breath that was stopped in midair started to flow black, and so did the Fire Wyvern, creating a mystical yet eerie scene.

Jacob's eyes flickered in shock, 'It's reversing time!?'

Furthermore, once the Fire Wyvern returned to its initial stance when he was about to shoot out fire breath, Wisp of Pisces suddenly pulled its hand down and left it alone.

However, Jacob suddenly felt something was incredibly wrong with this Wisp of Pisces. He didn't know if he was imagining things, but it seemed the Wisp of Pisces had this delightful smile as it looked at the Fire Wyvern as if it were a toy!

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Jacob was still surprised by the Wisp of Pisces's action when he suddenly felt uneasy. A chill ran down his spine when he noticed the Wisp of Pisces seemed to be looking at him.

The moment their eyes met, Jacob saw the Wisp of Pisces's ethereal figure tremble ever so slightly. The next moment, the Wisp of Pisces suddenly waved its claw towards the Fire Wyvern, who was about to blast another fire breath.

Under Jacob's horrified expression, the Fire Wyvern suddenly shuddered. The next moment, the Fire Wyvern's powerful body started to wilt at a terrifying speed. It was aging, and aging so fast that even the Fire Wyvern didn't realize it until he sensed his longevity slipping away and weakness overcoming his sense.

The Fire Wyvern panicked and terror-stricken and instantly tried to flee from the Wisp of Pisces's range, but to his horror, he seemed to be now locked in its place.

"M-mer...mercy..." His hoarse voice finally rang, but he was only able to utter this single word before his wilted body started to disintegrate; even its bones were wilting bit by bit as its life slowly slipped away without having any chance to resist.

Jacob witnessed this scene solemnly, and a hint of fear flashed past his eyes that he didn't feel from any other zodiac because the power of time was really too powerful and unpredictable, and Jacob didn't know if he could counter it.

Furthermore, the Wisp of Pisces was clearly intent on toying with the Fire Wyvern, but upon seeing him, it instantly got rid of it, which was Jacob's main concern. For the first time, he really hoped this unpredictable Wisp of Pisces wouldn't attack him.

After the Fire Wyvern was turned to ashes in the wind, the Wisp of Pisces finally looked over as it still stood on its poison, serene like the beautiful ethereal lake.

But Jacob was full-on alert, and at this moment, the Wisp of Pisces's lips curled upward before a terrifying booming voice rang in his head.

Jacob thought that he had already become accustomed to these voices since they didn't affect him that much except for giving him a momentary headache.

But he was terribly wrong, or the Wisp of Pisces was simply too powerful. Its incomprehensible voice shook his entire soul nebula, and for some reason, Jacob felt this voice ringing far longer than any of the other zodiacs.

Just when Jacob felt his consciousness slipping away, the dormant cursed heart suddenly pulsed for a moment, and the next moment, the Wisp of Pisces's voice instantly vanished.

Jacob was startled. The next moment, he felt a pull as his body shifted from its initial position, which he was very familiar with. Joy and relief filled his heart as he knew it was over.

But just as he was about to teleport away, his entire body shuddered because he just happened to glance at the incoming jaws like a black hole closing in on him, and he felt as if his entire life suddenly flashed past his eyes before he finally vanished!

When he reappeared in the reward space, Jacob's knees almost caved in as he still felt terrifying, mysterious power from that jaw, which seemed to have nothing but death and desolation behind it.

'Did the Wisp of Pisces want to kill me?' Jacob thought as he quickly calmed his shaking body.

The Wisp of Pisces's actions were really out of his expectations and unpredictable, and even if he didn't get its acknowledgment, Jacob was glad that it was over, and he had no plan of going back.

But then he was startled. If the Wisp of Pisces didn't give its acknowledgment, why would he pass that trial? Jacob became even more confused, and at this moment, the tower's voice rang. "Congratulations, Trialist!

"You have passed the Star King difficulty level Tower Trial of the Tower of Pisces!

"The Rewards of Star King difficulty Trial will be granted!

"First Reward: The Legendary Vestige of Pisces has been given!"

Jacob instantly snapped out of his thoughts before a hint of elation flashed past his eyes. This trial was Star King difficulty one, which means he'll get a powerful time-related treasury or legacy, especially after seeing the time manipulation at work.

At this moment, the Legendary Vestige of Pisces appeared before him. It was a crystal of deep sapphire blue, radiating an ethereal, shimmering glow. Its surface was smooth and multifaceted, reflecting light in intricate patterns.

But there was something strange about this crystal because, within the crystal, a faint, mystical cloak-like aura swirls, almost like a veil of fog or a flow of water, constantly shifting and changing.

The cloak seems to move with a life of its own, forming ephemeral shapes and symbols that might be hinting at the passage of time.

A pulsating silver light flickers at its core, casting a mesmerizing, almost hypnotic effect. The aura surrounding the vestige feels paradoxically fleeting and eternal, as if it holds power to manipulate time itself, suspending moments or accelerating them at will.

Furthermore, out of all the cosmic vestiges he had gotten, this Cosmic Vestige of Pisces was the only one that gave Jacob a faint sense of unease. Jacob became careful, and the moment he touched the vestige of Pisces, he directly sent it away into his pendant.

The cosmic vestige of Pisces was supposed to be the last vestige he needed to complete the second phase, and it grants time element affinity. Although Jacob still didn't know what the use of all these affinities was, he'll know once he gathers all the vestiges.

This was his seventh vestige, and he already had the remaining five keys. If he wants now, he can start placing the cosmic vestiges in the longevity schema cosmic points; at least, he can place the cosmic vestiges of Aries and Taurus.

But he decided to gather all of them and complete the entire thing in one go after he completed the Immortal Chapter: Cursed Blood Progenitor.

After all, Jacob knew how important the immortal chapter was, and Immortika had emphasized many times that he should comprehend the immortal chapter to control not only his godly ability, but it was also if he wanted to grasp the full power of the cursed immortality.

Furthermore, the immortal chapters were the true core of a Universal Godly Scripture. Although he didn't know how many there were in the Cursed Immortality, he didn't want to rush things anymore since his enemies were becoming more and more powerful, and even a god had appeared.

Jacob might have powerful physical power, but now he realized that he didn't have the foundation to use all of it, so he was planning on going into long seclusion. Only when he fully digested the first immortal chapter would he start the second phase unless, of course, his life was threatened, and he had no other choice.

Once he has all the twelve vestiges, he won't have to worry about completing the second phase anymore. By no means will he complete the second phase, but he doesn't have to worry about the third phase, and he can enter that phase on his own terms.

After all, ever since he came to this world and received the cursed immortality, he had never taken a break to sort things out, and this was a rare chance for him to solidify his foundation.

Now that he had more than eight hundred thousand years of lifespan, Jacob wanted to use it to strengthen himself further so he would not be helpless against those hidden powers anymore. At this moment, the tower's voice rang again,

"The Second Reward: Legendary King State Legacy or Legendary King State Treasure!"