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### Chapter 191 Changes

The students at First Year – Class 2 had at least gained 2 or even 4 strands increase in their Spirit.

This is specially for Lisa Grayback who had somehow increased her strand from 9 to 13! This is such an incredible achievement in the first three months in the academy considering that she's a commoner who knows nothing about mysticism until she entered the academy.

Vale's other friends also had a decent increase so his same result made the others feel worried about him.

After all, their current young age should be the best time to increase their Spirit. Once they grow older, increasing their Spirit would be more difficult or even close to impossible at some point. This is similar to how the Spell Lights are formed after all.

After Professor Stella Harwin left the classroom, Vale's friends immediately went up to him and comforted him.

"Vale... Although you didn't get an increase, it might be due to your high Spirit Strand... It's already 25 so increasing it would be more difficult than us with only 10 or so..." Chad Bulmung immediately said.

He has 12 Spirit Strands before and has now 14 Spirit Strands. However, he doesn't think too much of it since he has six classmates that have higher strands than him.

"Right, you might need four or five months... We might have a stagnant improvement as well if that happened to us..." Aubrey chimed in. She wasn't really sure what to say.

"Hey... Don't think that Vale would feel dejected because of this... You should remember how strong he is already. Even if we reach 25 Spirit Strands, I don't even think I can handle that Slender Zombie." Lisa Grayback immediately added.

Those who were listening to their conversation silently also nodded their heads.

Even Neil who was smiling at Vale's lack of improvement had a stiff smile after hearing this. He also couldn't imagine himself being able to deal with the Zombie even if he gets to learn another Dark Spell or two.

The Slender Zombie's speed was just too much.

It was also equipped with a cheat item, a Holy-Attributed Armor that is basically a bane to all Dark Spellcasters like them. They can only deal with such Mystical Items if they have stronger Dark Spell to the point that Holy Attribute could no longer keep up with its purification power.

Lisa's words certainly made them recall how powerful Vale Chambers was once more.

"Well, at least his Demonic Familiar has already died... So he won't be that strong anymore." Neil muttered in a soft voice but everyone in the room heard it.

This includes Vale who suddenly had a cold look on his face. He didn't like Neil's comment and he wouldn't just pass it up...

Thud!

The door of the classroom suddenly opened and the next professor came in...

It was Professor Shirley Harrison and she immediately felt that something was wrong in the room. She swiftly entered her Phantasm State and realized that Vale is actually in battle mode!

This made her quickly react and triggered her Darkness Manipulation Spell to protect everyone and ensure that no one will get hurt.

"What's going on?" Professor Shirley asked as Vale's gathered Dark Energy and Ghost Hands retreated silently as he also canceled his Phantasm State.

Vale didn't answer and simply looked at Neil once again before he calmly seated on his chair...

Professor Shirley squinted her eyes as she noticed that no one is talking.

In the end, she just considered that these guys are playing around. This was not surprising, since this is quite common to someone at their age. After learning a few Dark Spells, she knows that these students were quite excited about using them in real situations.

After confirming that no one was hurt and everyone doesn't seem to have any words to say, she simply reminded them that using Dark Spells without the guidance of Professors or other Academy Officials was prohibited... They can only use these spells without the Professors if they are practicing at the Ceremony Hall or the Training Rooms meant for these activities or if they are in a situation where they were forced to cast their spells.

"Alright... In today's class, we will start learning about the Mortal Rank Items that are all decent at your current level of strength." Professor Shirley finally said as she continued with her class.

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Two days later, Vale was still hearing the news about his Spirit Strands that has become stagnant...

This was thanks to the Academy Publication Committee which would only publish its Freshmen Edition Newspaper once or twice a month depending on the importance of news they gathered.

Vale was quite stressed because of this even though he didn't mind it at first. After all, he simply can't get used to being talked about by so many people.

"Finally... They found different news..." Vale muttered after picking up a newspaper.

Luckily, his sufferings stopped after a few days when articles regarding the Twelve Academies Competition started appearing.

They even stopped publishing their Freshmen Edition and just simply published their Main Newspaper and covered all news related to this competition.

This includes plenty of information about the students who will represent the Vermont Academy in the competition. This piece of news was, of course, the hot topic of the Academy for the rest of the month or until the competition ends.

Nevertheless, none of these piqued Vale's interest... The Twelve Academies Competition is for sixth-year students and above after all.

It will still be in a few years before it would matter to him so he simply focused on his study and research about the Immortals and Divinity.

However, after the competition, the news article that was published by the Committee stunned many students including Vale.

Apparently, at the end of the competition, it was announced that in three years, or Year 897, several rules will be changed in this yearly event...

One of the biggest changes was the fact that fourth-year students will be allowed to participate in this prestigious event!

## Chapter 192 Worried

The news made all the current first-year students excited.

After all, the year that the changes will be implemented is the year they'll be in their fourth year! It means that they'll be the first Fourth-Year students who will be participating in this event!

In addition to that, they know that they can earn plenty of contribution points if they were able to win a few medals even if they don't win the whole event.

All of them were looking forward to the day of this event. Some of them were even starting to think of what Mystical Item they would exchange for the contribution points they'll earn in the future.

"What a coincidence..." Vale muttered but he didn't think too much of it. Although this is a good opportunity, he feels that it will still take a long time before this event happens.

He has no idea that this was implemented because of Headmaster Jean and Isaac Vermont's decision to advance their plans after seeing his skills.

They have motives for pushing these changes and would only be later known by Vale.

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After a few weeks, the buzz about this event died down as they still have to face the reality. There were monthly assessments and plenty of studying to do in their first year.

As such, it didn't take long before several months had passed and the end of the year is approaching. It means that they will have some time off in the academy.

They will have two weeks of vacation allowing them to return to their homes... Well, this is only possible for lower years since those in sixth-year or maybe even the fifth-year students or higher, have plenty of things to do if they wanted to graduate or earn contribution points...

They have to focus on learning the third Academy-Exclusive Dark Spell if they were even thinking of participating in the next competitions or if they want to accept top-rated Missions...

Well, the competition isn't the only source of Contribution Points after all. Missions issued by the Academy are the common source of these points. However, those with high rewards would have high requirements as well.

The most common requirement was recording the 3 Academy-Exclusive Spells or the Darkness Manipulation Spell, Light Absorption Spell, and the Create: Shadow Soldier Spell.

Today, December 20th of Year 894, Vale stayed in the Academy even though most of his classmates returned to their homes.

The reason was simple, he doesn't have a place to return to... He can't even think of returning to Kyle Marshall's father since he felt guilty as his real son is no longer here.

He might've even been informed already that Kyle has already died.

As for the countryside where the Chambers Family is located, he also doesn't feel right going there since he only registered himself as a member of that family for the sake of entering the Academy with a different identity and to help his Master...

"Vale, are you going to stay in the Academy?"

A familiar gentle voice called out to him as he walk inside the library... It was Lisa Grayback who was currently tasked by her club to manage the library. She was behind the counter near the entrance and saw Vale entering with a composed look.

She was looking at Vale with worry...

Apparently, another Spirit Strand assessment has been conducted two weeks ago... Vale's Spirit Strand remained the same and everyone has basically confirmed that Vale's talent was already exhausted.

It no longer garnered much attention since they already predicted this in the second assessment...

Currently, Maya Featherstar and Crystal Ravinie of Class 1 hold the highest record in the Spirit Strand having 29 and 26 Spirit Strand respectively.

It was well known that they both used a massive amount of wealth to accomplish this feat but no one talked about it since they were from the Core Families of the Darkness Path...

Of course, it wouldn't be surprising if the two of them would also have a stagnant improvement once they turned 18 in a few more years.

With the rate of their improvement, they should have 40 to 45 Spirit Strand before they turn 18... As for Vale, many of them believe that he would no longer obtain an increase in his Spirit... If he turned 18 and stayed at 25 Spirit Strand, that would basically confirm his fate.

Nevertheless, none of this bothered Vale anymore...

After he showed his hostility to Neil Sommerhalder, the latter no longer bothered him afraid that he would really act on it. As for the others who were speaking some nonsense about him, he would only threaten them with his Dark Spirit if they did it in front of his face.

"Lisa..."

Vale smiled after hearing Lisa's voice.

Among his friends, he felt a lot closer to her probably because she's also a commoner like him... Of course, she doesn't know about Vale's background so she might have different thoughts about his identity as a son of a low-ranking noble. Nevertheless, he likes her genuine personality as she's always eager to learn about everything...

"I'm not planning to leave the academy this vacation, how about you?" Vale asked.

Lisa shook her head as she replied. "We're the same... It's not like someone is waiting for me at home."

Vale noticed her dejected expression so he decided to just shift the topic...

"Right, have you found anything related to the Immortals?" Vale asked.

He actually asked for Lisa's help since she's always at the library and he knows that he could trust her.

"I tried... However, it's not going well. There are only a few more books I have to check and I can't be sure if there's anything related to Immortals in those books. Perhaps, they're on the second floor?"

"Second floor, huh... I heard that I need to pay one contribution point to access the Second Floor for a single day." Vale wryly smiled.

Although he already has some contribution points on him, he felt hesitant to use them unless he was sure that it would give him the result he wanted.

"Yes... Perhaps, you can just ask the professors about them."

"I tried... However, our Professors are only Second-Class and barely First-Class Practitioners so they're not aware of them as well." Vale replied since he already asked Professor Stella and Professor Lucius about the Immortals. Unfortunately, they were also clueless.

In the end, Vale had no other choice but to use his Contribution Points as he decided to explore the Library's second floor today.

## Chapter 193 Searching

Lisa looked at Vale's back as he entered the second floor of the Library... She felt that Vale had changed a lot after his battle against the Slender Zombie.

She felt worried about his mental health but she also has plenty of other things to worry about so she could only support Vale with little things she could do as a member of the Library Committee.

She had truly done her best searching for clues about the immortals that Vale had mentioned, however, aside from the children's fairytale books, she didn't find any other clues.

She could also suggest to Vale about the Church Libraries but he should also be aware that it's almost impossible to enter their library unless he decided to get baptized by the church. In the end, she can only tell Vale to try the second floor of the Academy's library.

'I wonder if he's trying to find a way to become an immortal... Ah... Wait--Did he spend most of his life force to forcefully increase his Spiritual Strength? Is he dying?' Lisa's eyes were filled with worry as she seemed to have realized Vale's problem.

It appears that his classmate is finding a way to increase his lifespan all this time! This is a very important matter.

He must've used a forbidden Dark Art to increase his Spirit at such a young age.

'Not good... Should I ask the Club President for help?' Lisa frowned as she recalled their president. The latter knows almost everything about this library except for the fourth floor where only the Professors and those with special privileges were able to enter.

However, the President has a mean personality and it's difficult to request something from him.

After some hesitation, Lisa sighed as she decided to just ask the President... In any case, even though he's quite mean and very difficult to get along with, he's still one of the most knowledgeable students here in the Academy.

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Vale had no idea what Lisa was thinking about him the moment he left.

He was simply too focused on his task to find clues related to the Immortals. He simply can't let his Divinity Points go to waste. He must find a way to use them and learning about the Immortals might give him some clues.

"Yvaine... Can you tell me about the Immortals if I obtained crucial information about them?" Vale whispered as he stopped in front of the second-floor entrance.

Yvaine is the name of his new Dark Spirit. He gave her a name since he still needed to communicate with her from time to time. She didn't mind having a name so Vale decided to just think of whatever name he could think of.

Yvaine doesn't sound too bad and it also means "evening star" which is quite suited to the beautiful Dark Spirit.

Unsurprisingly, she also has a similar situation to Lotus as she started forgetting some core information about the Spirit World after being sent to Vale.

She only retained some memories that allow her to adapt and survive in this world while accompanying Vale.

Yvaine didn't answer immediately as she considered Vale's words for a moment...

After a while, Yvaine sighed and explained in her cold but attractive voice.

"No... Any information about the Immortals is sealed in my memory. Although I mentioned that I can unlock the seal if I learned about them naturally, it doesn't mean I can tell you about it. There must be a reason it was sealed."

"I understand... If it's like that, then there's still a chance you can tell me something about them if you unlock your memories. Who knows, this must be what the Spirit World's Rulers wanted to happen." Vale muttered in reply as he entered the second floor.

There is a counter in front and he can see the dozens of shelves within the room.

The student behind the counter smiled at Vale and spoke politely.

"Do you have a Special Token or are you going to use your Contribution Points?" The student asked. Based on the number of stars on his uniform, Vale can tell that he's a fifth-year student.

He doesn't seem to be surprised about Vale's presence since there are already three other students who were inside the library and reading a few books.

Vale smiled back at the student and replied. "I don't have a token... I'll use 1 Contribution Point... Here's my I.D. card... Right, can you tell me about the Special Token?"

The student received the card from Vale and confirmed his identity.

"Vale Chambers... 28 Contribution Points." The student muttered as he used another card to tap on Vale's card.

"Alright, I deducted 1 Point already. You can stay here for 24 hours. You can go out as well during that time but the timer would still run. Once your time's up, a cute spirit will be sent to remind you to either extend or get out of the library. If you refuse to leave, the cute spirit will stop acting cute and throw you out. Right, the token can be received from various missions as a reward. It's normally a reward personally given by the Professors." The student reminded.

"I see..." Vale muttered.

The fifth-year student can see that Vale is a first-year student and this must be his first time coming here so he explained the rules very clearly.

To be honest, he was quite shocked about the number of Contribution Points this student has. After all, he recalls that he only earned his first Contribution Point in his third year. However, this student already has 28 of them in just a few months in the academy!

'Ahh... Wait, Vale Chambers?' The student finally recalled this name that was always in the newspaper a few months ago.

He quickly looked at him to check his face and confirmed that he was indeed quite familiar.

'No wonder he has so many points... It must be his reward for defeating Larkin in that battle.' As he was thinking of this, Vale remained in front of the counter and seem to be hesitating on something.

"Is there something I can help you with?" The student asked with a smile.

He then saw Vale hesitating for a moment before nodding his head.

"As a matter of fact, yes... Can you help me find any books regarding the origin of the Arcane Path or any otherworldly beings?"

This question surprised the fifth-year student for a moment but he didn't ask unnecessary questions to Vale.

"Certainly... You must be looking for the Book of Sacred Earth for the origin of the Arcane Path but for the otherworldly beings, I can only suggest a few books and one of them is the Analysis of the Planar Spells."

## Chapter 194 Forbidden Books

'Book of Sacred Earth... Analysis of Planar Spells...' Vale repeated in his mind. These book titles sound awesome and he can't wait to read them.

He then looked at the senior in front of him and asked curiously.

"May I know if I'll get to study these books in higher years? Or can these books only be studied in the library?"

The fifth-year student smiled at this question and nodded. He didn't mind talking to Vale since he had nothing to do at this time.

He was also bored reading books in this cold and silent room, so Vale's curious questions made him quite happy.

"You can't learn about them even in the higher years. At most, they'll be mentioned in your history subjects but there won't be any in-depth discussion about them. Especially for the Analysis of Planar Spells..." He then paused for a moment and looked at Vale with a teasing smile before he continued.

"Are you curious why the library's upper floors are greatly limited instead of being open to all students?"

Vale wasn't really that curious, but he still nodded to be polite.

"Yes... I'm curious, senior."

"Well, the first reason is that the books here are all enchanted, and opening them already gives you a hint of wisdom they contain... The other reason is that most of the knowledge you can obtain here can no longer be applied. Many of them are already forbidden or the materials needed to complete the rituals or ceremonies here can no longer be found in the present. One sample of this is the Planar Spells that require the help of the otherworldly beings you're searching for..."

Vale didn't expect to hear such important information... As expected, the seniors, especially the ones in the library, can't be underestimated.

"I didn't know about that... Thank you for letting me know."

The fifth-year student nodded as he waved his hand to Vale after teaching the latter where the two books he mentioned before can be found.

Vale easily found them and noticed that these books didn't have other copies on the shelf. As a matter of fact, all of the books here are unlike those on the first floor, where there are always 5 to 10 copies of them.

As soon as he opened the Book of the Sacred Earth, he realized what the senior just mentioned to him, a wisp of wisdom already entered his consciousness as soon as he opened the book...

This wisdom allowed him to read the book and easily comprehend what he just read. However, he can tell that it won't last for a long time.

Luckily, his high Intelligence Attribute seems to help him with this concern as the duration of the wisp of wisdom lasted until he finished reading the book.

'Two hours. I've been reading for two hours without any breaks... How marvellous... and scary.'  
Vale sighed inwardly as he checked his pocketwatch after closing the book.



It was amazing that he was immersed in the book until he finished reading it but it's also quite scary how he was drawn to it without care for the surroundings... It was as if the book had a strong beguiling spell!

He even thought of an idea... This book might be the best Mystical Item to disrupt his enemy!

He can try and bring this book in any duel and open it up in front of his enemy's face, and the latter would be at his mercy once he's drawn to the book.

Vale shook his head at these random thoughts.

He didn't immediately read the second book as he organized his thoughts.

The Book of Sacred Earth actually seems like a fairy tale book... It discussed the origins of humans, the beginning of the churches, the theories related to the origin of the Arcane Paths, and prophecies about the end of the world...

Well, only a few Churches believe in the end of the world. As a matter of fact, most of the Churches believe that the meaning of the "End" was simply an end of an Era... It can be the end of the Era of the Arcanists and bring out another Era they weren't aware of yet.

It was a fascinating read, especially on how the books discussed a few things about the Origin of the Arcane Paths...

It was said the Arcane Paths was a gift given by the Sacred Earth or the world itself in order to face the evil beings walking on land. As for how it was given, the book didn't say any of that...

If Vale wasn't mistaken, the core families are hiding this secret as it must be a very important place or there are some other secrets there that can't be known to the public.

Anyway, there are other things in the books and Vale felt that reading this book would be considered a blaspheme if he's a member of the church... It was no wonder this book isn't allowed for everyone. The contents of that book significantly differ in their teachings and may cause unnecessary conflicts if it is widely spread.

The Dark Arts Faction already has enemies and adding the Churches wouldn't make things better.

Before Vale could open the next book, he noticed that one of the students reading in the library was looking at him... She was seated two tables away from him, so he could easily see her.

The woman's gaze felt like it was prickling his skin and he couldn't help but turn his attention to her.

"May I help you?" Vale asked.

He's not familiar with the older student. She was also hiding half of her face and he could only see her emerald eyes, so there was no way he could recognize her.

The female student blinked her eyes after hearing Vale's question... She seemed to have just realized that she was staring at him.

"Ahem... You look cute, so I can't help but stare at you. I apologize." The girl said with an apologetic voice.

Vale wouldn't buy that excuse at all. Although he's good-looking, he shouldn't be that mesmerizing...

However, it was quite unnecessary to point this out, so he only looked at her with doubt.

The girl seemed to have realized that her excuse was a bit terrible so she chuckled and continued...

"I was just curious at your shadow... I'm Felisa Harrison, a sixth-year student of the Alchemy Branch. You should know my sister since she's your Professor."

#### Chapter 195 Planar Spells

'Another person who can see through my shadow?' Vale squinted his eyes after hearing her words.

"So it was like that... I didn't know that Professor Shirley has a younger sister." He replied with a nod. He wasn't sure what this lady wanted, so he decided not to be too friendly.

"Well, now you know... I'm sorry for interrupting your study. I was just surprised at the Dark Energy surrounding your shadow. It is a different Dark Spirit, right? You're really talented."

Vale smiled and didn't answer. Almost everyone who watched his battle against the Slender Zombie knows that his Dark Spirit was killed in that battle. They may not have seen how it happened but they must've felt the disappearance of the Dark Spirit's aura at that time.

"I've never seen a Dark Spirit before. Do you mind if I ask to meet your Dark Spirit? In exchange, I'll let you see my Contracted Ghost Spirit... or whatever you want in exchange." Felisa continued seeing that Vale was losing his interest.

Of course, Vale doesn't want to waste his time since he spent 1 Contribution Point to enter this place. He can't waste it chatting with another girl.

He didn't think for too long and agreed with her.

"I don't mind it... The Dark Spirit doesn't mind it as well... However, I'd like to add a condition, I need to see some corpses..."

"Eh? Corpses?" Felisa was a bit flustered by the sudden request. She thought that Vale would rather spend some time with her...

However, they are in the Dark Arts Academy and almost all the students here weren't normal, unlike her. After some thought, she still agreed as she had some sources of corpses anyway...

"Alright. My Club is keeping a few bodies for experiments... However, they're corpses of ordinary humans and not Arcane Practitioners. Is that alright?"

"That's fine... Let's do it on another day. I'll look for you." Vale replied as he shifted his attention back to the second book on his table. It's been a while since he extracted some corpses so he didn't mind whether they are ordinary or not.

Seeing that Vale doesn't want to talk anymore, Felisa couldn't help but sigh as she also continued with her study... It feels as if her charm was completely useless in front of this first-year student.

'Ahhh... I forgot I'm wearing a mask. No wonder he didn't get attracted.' Felisa shook her head as she realized this.

She knows that male students would always want to talk to her as much as possible. Vale shouldn't be an exception, so she heaved a sigh of relief after recalling that her mask was on.

Of course, Vale doesn't care about her thoughts as he opened the book titled Analysis of the Planar Spells.

Similar to what happened in the other book, a trace of the book's wisdom entered his consciousness, allowing him to enter a state of immersion.

He read the entire book once again and it lasted for another 2 hours. The moment he checked his surroundings, he realized that all the other students have already left.

They may have taken a break outside, or their time was up...

'Planar Spells... How mysterious... No wonder the senior suggested this book.' Vale sighed as he looked at the book in front of him.

The male student at the counter suggested this book after Vale asked about the otherworldly beings. It was odd at first.

He was confused why the senior suggested a book regarding an analysis of particular spells when he was asking for the otherworldly beings. However, after reading the book, he realized that the Spell Models of these Planar Spells don't just require the help of these Otherworldly Beings to be recorded, they needed to be in the place where the Otherworldly Beings can be found.

If it wasn't done in this particular place, the recording of the Planar Spell may be successful, but the power it contains wouldn't be at the same level as the other Planar Spells recorded in this special place.

It seems that the place itself has some sort of power that even the current Arcane Researchers weren't aware of... There were theories about how it can be replicated by some Magic Circles but there isn't any evidence to back it up.

Finally, Vale also learned what the Planar Spells are...

In his conclusion, the Planar Spells were close to the otherworldly powers and perhaps they were the Divine Arts that he was looking for!

"So Planar Spells are considered to be the peak of all spells. It's above the Tier 3 Spells and as long as you obtained the help of the Otherworldly Beings, you can learn them even if you're just starting your journey as an Arcane Practitioner. How awesome was that..." Vale muttered.

If the requirement was simply getting help from them, then even a ten-year-old Practitioner might have a Planar Spell in their arsenal... It would be quite scary to face someone with such a strong spell.

According to the books, the Planar Spells could summon a meteor from the heavens, reconstruct someone from the ashes, resurrect someone from death, change the terrain through an earthquake, or call tribulation lightning from the sky.

Vale wanted any of these spells!

"I still don't know any Spell Models of these Planar Spells... I hope I can find them here." Vale muttered as he stood up to check on the other books.

Then, he recalled the student at the counter... He then went to his side and asked if he knew about any books that had Planar Spell models.

Luckily, the student knows about these Spells Models...

"Ahem... Let me remind you that these Spell Models can't be recorded, no matter how talented you are. There is no Magic Circle, Ritual, or Darkness Pill you can use to aid you with your recording." The student reminded Vale after telling him the location of the books where samples of Planar Spell Models can be found.

"Don't worry, senior. I won't be attempting to record them. I'm just curious how they look and how they differ from the Dark Spells that we're currently using..." Vale answered.

Although the student at the counter was still doubtful, he decided to just leave it be and accepted his answer.

Meanwhile, as soon as Vale saw the Spell Models in the book he just opened, he couldn't help but feel impressed.

#### Chapter 196 Upgrade

"They are all amazing spells... I wonder if there's still someone who had recorded any of these spells." Vale muttered after closing the book.

The book is titled The Strange Spells of the Ancient World and true to its title, it indeed contains a few spells that are strange yet amazing spells of the ancient world.

First, he found the very complicated Spell Model of the Meteor Summoning Spell... There is also the Ash Resurrection, Body Restoration, Avatar Creation, Shadow Mutilation, Water Embodiment, and Divine Lightning Call...

These Spell Models should be incredibly valuable if people can still record these spells in their Spell Lights. Unfortunately, none of these Spell Models have any values at the moment.

All these spells were something Vale would want to record if possible.

Anyway, there are other spell models but they are unfortunately incomplete so there was no way to learn them even if there is a possibility to record the spell.

These spells have incomplete model designs and they are the Abyssal Flame, Undead Resurrection, Miracle Catalyst, and Angel Summoning Spell.

As for those really strange ones, they were the Dice Summoning Spell, the Cursed Door Spell, and some other spells that have very random or even unhelpful effects in his opinion.

The Dice Summoning Spell can lead to a catastrophe if it landed on Number 1. This is a luck-based spell and could even lead to your death. On the other hand, if it landed on Number 6, it may bring you a miracle but it can also be a twisted miracle depending on the effect you wanted to have. It is an unwanted spell in Vale's opinion.

As for the Cursed Door Spell, it was some sort of teleportation spell where any door you open can bring you elsewhere. Unfortunately, the destination of this spell can't be controlled at all. The other

side is random and Vale couldn't help but feel that this is such a stupid spell... After all, it requires a stroke of immense luck to ensure your safety on the other side.

Nevertheless, Vale enjoyed reading the book.

Although he wasn't sure whether these spells are the Divine Arts he was searching for, learning about them feels like he was able to see a different world of mysticism...

The Planar Spells were indeed spells that weren't part of the twelve Arcane Paths!

At most, some other spells like Meteor Summoning can probably be copied by some First-Class Elementalists but they can only create imitations of these spells and will not be able to summon a real meteor that will come from the heavens...

After a moment of appreciation for the book he just read, Vale copied the Spell Models of all the spells with complete model designs.

He wasn't sure whether he would be able to use them but he has a strange feeling that it wouldn't be a waste of time learning about these Planar Spells.

'In the end, I didn't find any articles related to their appearance... I'm still unsure whether these otherworldly beings that have appeared in the past are the immortals I'm looking for...' Vale mused as he looked at the books in the library.

He didn't feel dejected over this matter and even felt closer to the truth. He didn't expect to find all the information he needed as soon as he entered the library's second floor anyway.

It was all fine as long as he slowly learns about them.

'Well, since I still have plenty of time, I should explore the whole place and find other interesting books to read.' Vale thought as he stood up to read other books.

It doesn't have to be anything related to the Otherworldly Beings, Planar Spells, or the Arcane Path's Origin... He started reading books about some subjects that will not be taught in the Academy...

The books were titled Astral Mysteries, Misguided Hexes, Undesirable Incantations of the Ancient World, and The Lost Arcane Path.

They were all interesting books and his 1 Contribution Point was certainly not wasted for coming here...

However, he was already in the library for 14 hours so Vale felt quite tired as he stood up to leave the room. He then noticed that there is already a different student at the second-floor counter.

Now that he thinks about it, the Library is actually open 24 hours which is very convenient for the students. Perhaps, only the Library Committee members are having trouble with it since they have to find someone to stand at the counter on the first and second floors in shifting schedules...

Anyway, Vale didn't think too much of it as he left to check the cafeteria and luckily, although it was still early in the morning, their place is still open and selling some freshly baked bread for the students.

After eating, Vale returned to his dorm and slept for about three hours before he returned to the library to ensure that he fully utilizes the contribution point he used...

It was a good thing that he still returned because the next book that he luckily picked up gave him a huge surprise...

[ Immortal Fragment has been discovered. Would you like to extract it? ]

Vale stood rooted on his spot as soon as he saw the system's notification. He was so excited after seeing that it was an Immortal Fragment!

He's currently holding a book that has a thick cover like an alligator's leather painted in red. There was no title written on the cover so he was planning to open it up and see its content only to be welcomed by the pleasant sound of his system's notification.

Without any hesitation, Vale answered with a yes...

[ Extraction Successful. Divinity +5 ]

Because of this, his 99.78 Divinity Points should've exceeded by a hundred now...

As he thought of checking his attribute panel, he was surprised by a series of notifications coming from his system!

It has been quite a while since he got such a response from his Divine Extraction System so he knows that this is a good thing!

[ 100 Divinity Points have been detected. ]

[ New Features of the Divine Extraction System have been unlocked. ]

[ The System has fully assimilated to the host. ]

[ You can now extract attributes from living beings. ]

[ You can now extract mystical abilities from all available targets. ]

[ You can now reject the extracted mystical properties. ]

[ You have obtained 2 Special Spell Slots. ]

## Chapter 197 Discovery

Vale's heart started beating faster as he read the messages brought by the system upgrade. He didn't expect that exceeding the hundred mark of the Divinity Points would result in such an upgrade!

'Two Special Spell Slots? No wonder the others can't record any of these spells... It requires a different form of Spell Light.'

This was such a pleasant surprise, and it made him really excited.

Finally, he's getting to know more and more things about his Divine Extraction System!

After confirming that no new notifications were popping up, he swiftly checked his attribute panel to see the changes.

[ Name: Kyle Marshall ]

[ Attributes: Strength 29.65, Agility 23.82, Intelligence 51.17, Vitality 25.44 ]

[ Dark Arts: Spell Dispersion Lv4, Ghost Hand Lv7, Incorruptible Body Lv6, Darkness Manipulation Lv2 ]

[ Available Energy: 285 ]

[ Available Divinity: 4.78 ]

Well, it was still the same.

However, he didn't feel dejected as he entered his Phantasm State and checked his body.

'This...'

He can still see his four active Spell Lights and 11 inactive Spell Lights, but on their side were a couple of golden lights, and for some reason, Vale believes that these Spell Lights can accommodate those Planar Spells!

'It looks beautiful... Now, do I just record those Spell Models? If I can record them, then what Planar Spell should I choose?' Vale thought to himself as he saw the two golden balls of light in his body.

The Meteor Summoning Spell is quite enticing, but he feels it is too destructive for his own good. He might not just kill his enemy with that spell but include himself in the casualties.

Ash Resurrection was a pretty awesome revival spell, but he'd rather find a Spell to avoid death. After all, based on the book he read, this Ash Resurrection comes with a steep price. There is a chance that he could no longer practice any Arcane Arts after being resurrected in this method.

Anyway, he still placed it on the third of his list since there is still a small chance that he will get resurrected with a better physique and talent.

After a moment of thought, he ignored the Water Embodiment and Avatar Creation.

Water Embodiment requires a rare potion used by Elementalists, which isn't easy to acquire. As for the Avatar Creation, he would have to tear a part of his soul to do that. He didn't like the idea of having his soul divided... He might consider this if he can also see his Soul Attribute.

In the end, he was left with Shadow Mutilation, Body Restoration, and Divine Lightning Call.

Vale then looked again for The Strange Spells of the Ancient World book to read more about these Spell Models.

This time, opening the book didn't give him a trace of wisdom as if it was just an ordinary book. He didn't mind it since it must have an effect of only being effective once.

He flipped the pages quickly and found what he was looking for.

Shadow Mutilation allows him to kill his target by mutilating their shadows. It was an excellent ability since attacking your target's shadow is much easier and more unpredictable.

However, aside from the normal Spell Recording process, it also requires him to consume another Darkness Possession Potion. It says in the book that while the potion is being digested, the Otherworldly Being will suppress it for the Practitioner while the latter completes the Spell Recording in their Spell Light.

It is quite a complicated process, as one would expect for a Spell that Arcane Arts Practitioners could no longer record.

"This is a good choice..." Vale nodded as he found the other spell.

Body Restoration, on the other hand, was a better alternative to the Ash Resurrection Spell. However, it feels as if it would be too excessive to use since he knows that once his Incorruptible Body turned into its Advanced Realm, it would have some similar effects.

Perhaps it wouldn't be as better as the Planar Spell, but it shouldn't be too far from it.

As for the last spell, it was the Call of the Divine Lightning.

Just like its name, Vale could summon a lightning strike using this spell. It wouldn't come from his body, but the lightning will strike through the help of the sky.

It means that the spellcaster can avoid the limelight when casting this spell!

Of course, the only problem with this spell is that it can only be effective in an open space. It means that using it in a duel at a closed arena is impossible.

The roof will block it, and even if he forcefully used it, he would destroy the place instead.

Vale wryly smiled at this thought as he made up his mind. He would learn the Shadow Mutilation and the Call of the Divine Lightning Spell.

After making this decision, Vale finally shifted his attention to the leather-bound book that had given him the 5 Divinity Points.

'I wonder if this book will teach me about the Immortals.' Vale mused as he took a deep breath before flipping its cover.

When he opened it, a trace of wisdom entered his mind. He wasn't surprised by this sensation as his focus remained on the book.

The book was written in Oardic, so it wasn't easy to read. Furthermore, it was written by hand and not through a printing press!

He couldn't read some characters but could understand most of them through context clues.

To his surprise, this book isn't a lecture book but a biography. It was a story of a man named Clovis Rosenvine.

"This..." Vale was stunned as he continued reading the book.

Its content was mostly about his adventure in the sea in the year 330, which was more than 500 years ago! It means that the Twelve Arcane Path at this stage hasn't fully developed yet.

In addition to that, he finally understood why this book had become an Immortal Fragment... The book itself has bathed in the blood of a real Immortal!

This discovery made Vale excited as he found more clues about the Immortals.

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After another two and a half hours, Vale finished reading the book.



He closed it with a sigh as he felt his hand shaking. He was curious why the Academy would just leave this book here. It contains many secrets that could change the history that was being taught in the Academy.

"Ahhh..." Vale realized something after some thought.

First of all, the book was written by hand. Clovis Rosenvine wrote it himself, and it may just be a hoax to get famous. No one can prove whether the content is accurate. The year claiming it was written in year 330 may not even be true.

The other reason the book was kept here was perhaps due to the Academy's research. They have possibly concluded that its content is fake, or even if there were some truth to it, it had some mix of lies.

The fact that it contains divinity was perhaps the only reason it was kept here.

Anyway, Vale still organized the discoveries he read in his mind.

The book stated that there are 13 Arcane Paths which should only be 12. He didn't mention the missing Arcane Path but hinted that only those blessed could pursue this path. It sounded like a hoax from another perspective, so not many people would probably believe this.

It also mentions how Clovis found the Origin of the Arcane Paths, but he can't mention it because someone might kill him. Vale can believe this a little since he noted that the pool of blood where he soaked the book was found in this place.

He further mentions that beyond the sea was another continent with advanced Mystical Items that he couldn't understand. Again, this guy was probably just fantasizing about his dream as a sea explorer since he couldn't even tell the coordinates of this place.

Then, most of the contents were his daily life as an Elementalist with six recorded spells.

Four of his spells were Water Elements, and the other two were Wind and Fire Elements. It was no wonder he decided to be a Navigator on a ship before being a Captain of his own.

Anyway, the most disturbing thing in the book is how he mentions that the Abyss is getting bigger and bigger.

On the last page of his book, he claimed that their crew reached the end of the world where the Abyss was seen!

Now that Vale calmed down, this also felt quite suspicious since he believed that the Abyss was similar to the Spirit World, a place in a different plane. This is how he understands it from how Lotus explained it.

At this point, Vale shook his head as he brought the book to the counter.

"Senior, may I ask if you can tell me anything about this book?"

The female student who was about to doze off jolted when she heard Vale's question.

Vale also felt bad about his interruption in her rest. He was too focused on his matter that he forgot to check whether it was appropriate to disturb her.

Luckily, the senior wasn't mad at him as he looked at Vale momentarily before shifting her attention to the book he was holding.

"Mhmm... Is that the Biography of Clovis Rosenvine?" She asked.

"That's right... Is this book popular?"

"Not really. I recognized it since that's the only book with that stuffy cover. Are you asking whether it's real or not?"

"Yes, senior."

"Well. I don't know. I heard this book was simply a project of some seniors, and it was sent here for future references on making a realistic ancient book."

"Ahh?" Vale was stunned after hearing this explanation. He didn't expect that twist at all.

Seeing Vale's dumbfounded look, the senior chuckled a little as she shook her head.

"No, I'm just kidding. Aside from some unrealistic parts of the book, it has many survival tips in the sea and is very useful... You'll also understand how the Elementalists of the past worked, so it's very educational from a different perspective. Just don't take those unrealistic discoveries so seriously, and you'll be fine." The senior waved her hand as she said this.

'As expected, they concluded that those other things he mentioned were fake.' Vale nodded in understanding as he thanked the senior once again before returning to his seat.

This time, he decided to just touch all the books inside the second floor, hoping to trigger his system and find another Immortal Fragment.

Luckily, there were only two of them inside the library's second floor, so his action may seem stupid, but only one person would think of it.

As he thought, the female senior looked at him amusedly while he touched all the books. After some time, she simply shook her head and started dozing off.

"So it's the only one, huh... What a pity..." Vale muttered as he failed to find another Immortal Fragment or any extractable items.

Nevertheless, he didn't feel too disappointed as his system had already obtained a new feature.

He can now extract living beings and the mystical abilities of his target. He doesn't know how it works but is eager to try it later.

After a while, Vale left the library to complete his preparation.

He wanted to try and record the two Planar Spells, but it requires a few things. He needs the Darkness Possession Potion for the Shadow Mutilation and the Lightning Pearl for the Call of the Divine Lightning Spell.

He went straight to the Contribution Points Exchange Hall to see whether they had these items for trade.

"Good day, Student Vale..."

A gentle female voice greeted Vale as soon as he entered the Exchange Hall. He didn't recognize the voice, but since she knew him, she had probably seen his battle several months ago or read some articles about him in the Academy Newspapers.

However, the voice came from a middle-aged woman with closed eyes. Vale believes that she's actually blind!

Her long blonde hair was neatly combed to the side, and she exuded a very mature aura around her.

"Good morning, Ma'am." Vale greeted back.

The Exchange Hall appears like a bank as she is seated behind the long counter. There's no one else here aside from the two of them.

As Vale thought his visit to the Exchange Hall would be normal, he felt Yvaine inside his shadow squirming and wanted to get out!

## Chapter 199 Exchange Hall

This unusual reaction stunned Vale momentarily since he had never seen Yvaine react like this.

Although some exceptional practitioners could detect her presence, she had never shown any reaction from them at all. She remained unperturbed and would only speak or show any response if Vale was talking to her.

However, in front of this blind woman, the Dark Spirit appears greatly unsettled and planning to escape!

"Oh... Your Dark Spirit doesn't like my presence. Wait, let me fix that..." The blind woman spoke behind the counter as she took out an item in her drawer.

It seems this isn't the first time this has happened, as she instantly realized why Yvaine was acting like that.

Clink. Clink. Clink...

"Hmm?" Vale was surprised at the item that she just took out.

It is a silver handcuff with a long chain binding them together. The long binding chains were probably on purpose, so it wasn't affecting her hand movements.

This item was very unexpected, and Vale couldn't help but feel confused.

The blind woman smiled as she spoke after wearing them, "I have a strange physique and am naturally emitting a strong aura that disturbs all kinds of spirits. I need these cuffs to restrain that Aura."

"A strong aura? Is it similar to the Holy Aura?" Vale asked.

"You're right... Normally, students would have their Spirits and any of their summons inside a Mystical Item, so they won't be affected. However, your Dark Spirit is basically out in the open, so it can sense my Aura."

"With that Aura, you're probably a strong practitioner... May I know your name, Madam?" Vale asked.

Since she appears to be a middle-aged woman, Vale can easily guess that she's not a senior student. If that's the case, she can be an Academy Official or maybe even a professor teaching in the higher years.

"Just call me Manager Faith."

"Manager Faith... May I know if your Aura is really that Holy Aura? How come you were able to possess it? Furthermore, you're inside the Dark Arts Academy..." Vale asked as he approached the woman.

At this time, Yvaine has already calmed down after the Manager wore that handcuff.

Manager Faith showed a gentle smile as she was somewhat expecting such a question.

"It's a long story, but this Aura is indeed the Holy Aura you're aware of, and it isn't something I'm born with."

She refuses to elaborate on her story, so Vale can only accept it as he goes down to his business. He started mentioning the materials he needed and requested to see what materials he could exchange using his current contribution points.

"So you're looking for a single bottle of Darkness Possession Potion and a Lightning Pearl. Let me first check our inventory." Manager Faith said, but her eyes remained closed as she opened the book on her desk. Vale couldn't help but comment on it.

"Can you read it, Manager Faith?"

The latter smiled at the question she would always hear.

"Of course... I have another eye." She mysteriously answered as she flipped the pages of the book.

Vale had no clue what the other eye was, but he decided not to probe further as it may seem rude to investigate her.

"Alright, we still have 16 Bottles of Darkness Possession Potion. You can exchange one contribution point for three of these potions. As for the Lightning Pearl, there are only two of them left, and you can use one Contribution Point to trade these two."

"Mhm... I only need one Darkness Possession Potion, Manager Faith. It's the same for the Lightning Pearl."

"You can't have that. You have to purchase the bundle that we have."

Vale smiled helplessly at this rule. Since he had no other sources of these materials, he can only agree as he spent two Contribution Points to get the three bottles of potion and the two lightning pearls.

They quickly completed the transaction, and Manager Faith handed over a small booklet to Vale.

It contains the items he could exchange for his Contribution Points.

However, as Vale received the booklet, their fingers touched slightly and to his astonishment, the system notification popped up!

[ Living Human has been discovered. Would you like to start the extraction? ]

His eyes widened as he swiftly retracted his hand. Now that he thinks about it, his upgraded system allows him to extract living beings!

The upgrade hadn't properly registered in his mind until now, so he was shocked by the sudden notification.

This was such a scary ability!

"Are you alright?" Manager Faith asked after noticing Vale's expression.

Vale took a deep breath as he calmed himself from the shock. The notification has already disappeared, so it appears that he has to remain in contact with his target to extract their attributes or whatever he can extract from them.

"I'm fine, Manager Faith. Thank you... I just recalled that I have something to do. Can I keep this booklet?" Vale asked.

He also noticed that Manager Faith kept about 20 or so of this booklet inside her drawer, so he decided to ask.

"Yes, you can have it. However, that list is already six months old..." Manager Faith replied.

"Eh? It's not the latest?" Vale asked in surprise.

"Yes... Tell that to the Publishing Committee. They're only printing copies every six months or so... They said the next copy would be provided in the first week of January. In any case, if you want something, just let me know, and I'll check their availability."

"I see. Thank you for letting me know, Manager."

"Mhmm. Most of the items that are quickly being depleted are those ceremonial materials and potion ingredients. As for the Mystical Items, they won't be sold so easily, so you can still use that booklet."

Vale nodded at this and thanked the Manager once more before leaving the place.

He also felt terrible for her wearing the silver handcuff because of Yvaine, so he just quickly left so she could remove it already.

## Chapter 200 Compendium

Vale swiftly returned to his room after leaving the Exchange Hall.

He's the only one using the seventh room of the Seven Pillars Garden after Harith and Zeno decided to use the common dormitory offered by the Academy.

Well, it wasn't that surprising after what they'd done to Vale. They were already lucky that he had no evidence that the Talisman he borrowed had been tampered with and was meant to target its own caster.

Anyway, Vale had a very peaceful life after the battle against the Slender Zombie, and even Cornelio Moontomb no longer messed with him.

The Headmaster probably did something about it, but he wasn't sure.

After changing to comfortable clothing, Vale laid down on his bed to read the List of Tradeable Items. It is the booklet Manager Faith just gave to him.

"Let's see..."

Vale flipped the pages as he checked the list of items beginning with 20 contribution points. He wanted to see the best Mystical Item he could trade at this moment.

Soon, he found some mid-grade Noble Rank items that could be traded for 20 to 25 points.

Hungering Goblet ( Mid-Grade Noble Rank ) - 23 Contribution Points: A mystical goblet cursed by demons and blessed by druids. Filling the goblet with liquid poison activate its effect. The poison will turn into a safe stimulant that humans can consume. The transformed liquid must be consumed within 10 minutes, and the effect can last up to 30 minutes. Read the Compendium of Mystical Artifacts: 4th Edition for more details about its use and adverse effects.

Pair of Corrosive Gloves ( Mid-Grade Noble Rank ) – 22 Contribution Points: Gloves that were soaked in Evil Creature's Blood. It was refined by Arthur, a Tier 2 Dark Alchemist. It can emit corrosive energy to anything it touches. Read the Compendium of Mystical Artifacts: 3rd Edition for more details about its use and adverse effects.

Lesser Spirit Whistle ( Mid-Grade Noble Rank ) – 21 Contribution Points: A whistle made of Golden Acacia Wood and further refined by an unknown Dark Alchemist. It can house up to 10 Ghost Spirits or 3 Phantom Knights. Read the Compendium of Mystical Artifacts: 4th Edition for more details about its use and adverse effects.

Wicked Ring ( Mid-Grade Noble Rank ) – 20 Contribution Points: A ring made of Spirit Stone Dust and Scorch Vine. It can disrupt the Magic Zone's perception ability. Read the Compendium of Mystical Artifacts: 4th Edition for more details about its use and adverse effects.

Dark Scout's Scudgel ( Mid-Grade Noble Rank ) – 20 Contribution Points: ...

Fireweaver Satchel ( Mid-Grade Noble Rank ) – 20 Contribution Points: ...

Daydream Trinket ( Mid-Grade Noble Rank ) – 20 Contribution Points: ...

Spiteful Spirit Urn ( Mid-Grade Noble Rank ) – 20 Contribution Points: ...

Vale found these mystical items interesting... It was unfortunate that their negative effects and their maintenance requirements weren't mentioned in the booklet and he still has to check the Compendium of Mystical Items to learn about it.

Anyway, he can't really complain since the space of the booklet wouldn't be enough if they listed all the information.

It was already promising that they had placed a bit of introduction to each item.

"This Wicked Ring is good... It can disrupt the Magic Zone's perception ability. If it works together with my Ghost Hands, it would be undetected." Vale muttered as he thought of how it would work well with his current abilities.

If the price is relatively lower, he would indeed purchase this ring.

However, he was still hesitant right now since he didn't feel right spending all his contribution points right now.

Furthermore, he might not need this item after he graduates from the Academy. Perhaps, he should consider just saving it up until he has enough to purchase a Royal Rank mystical item.

Of course, there is also a problem with this decision. After all, doing some Academy-Issued missions would be a lot more difficult if he's underequipped. At the moment, he only has two movement-type Mystical Artifacts and some low-level Elemental Talismans he got from the conflict in Charvale City.

It was not enough.

Even if he has the three Undead Summoning Scrolls, they can only summon some Skeleton Warriors. However, if he has the Wicked Ring, his current Ghost Hand Spell will become deadlier in combat. If he partnered it with his Spell Dispersion, he would be unstoppable.

'If I'm going out for some mission someday, I should try and get this ring...' Vale muttered.

He then spent another half an hour checking the other items.

He checked the Royal Rank items that can be traded for 60 Contribution Points and above, but he can't really appreciate most of them since they are primarily for Necromancer Branch, Essential Corruption Branch, and Alchemy Branch.

As for the Dark Magic Branch, there is only one Royal Rank item for that.

Glimmer Cane ( Low-Grade Royal Rank ) – 60 Contribution Points: A cane that passively increases Dark Spells' power by 12-15%. It can also erase the target's existence for 10 seconds. Read the Compendium of Mystical Artifacts: Royal Edition for more details about its use and adverse effects.

The introduction was so simple, but it shocked Vale a lot.

'Erasing the target's existence for 10 seconds? How does that even work?'

He wasn't sure about its description, and perhaps, he wouldn't know about it until he obtained the item itself.

Anyway, he noted this item in his mind as he would probably trade for this item if ever he had a chance of doing so.

For now, he can only imagine wielding these fantastic items in the near future.

After some time, Vale fell asleep while thinking about the Mystical Items he could trade with his current points. With so many good options that are available.

As soon as he woke up, he realized he had been asleep for over 12 hours. It appears that the forced immersion at the library took a toll on his body.

'It should be a sign telling me not to visit the Library's second floor in succession.' Vale mused as he decided to eat before visiting the sixth-year's dormitory.

Well, it was time to fulfill his business with Felisa.