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Chapter 1081 Plague

Being the Elite of the Grade 4 faction of the Magus Alliance, the Cross family ruled three galaxies with over 40 worlds. They, however, were rather infamous within the Magus Alliance body for one reason – their long history of trouble and conflicts with the bloodline faction.

Twenty years ago, a renowned scientist proposed a rather intriguing experiment, which if successful would create a new human variation that had a much stronger body than even the most powerful high-tier bloodlines.

This particular experiment, however, sparked and caused a lot of controversy because of the path it took, namely by utilizing a highly malicious living organism. Still, under the banner of a faction as big as the Cross family, the experiment was successfully pushed through and carried out.

One hundred newborns who had high aptitude in plant spirit elements were selected and raised in a state-of-the-art tube, being continuously fed with high-energy herbs for eight consecutive years, and tempered many times to reach the peak potential of the human body.

Using biotechnology, the living organism was integrated into these newborns' bodies, becoming one and part of their flesh, muscle and skin. It was a long and arduous process that spanned over four entire years, causing a tremendous change as the body mutated under all the foreign influences.

Among the hundreds, only one in ten of them managed to make it through the dangerous process, and among the ten newborn, Anzi was the one showing the highest results.

After going through countless tests and examinations, what they found out in Anzi surprised even those who participated directly in the experiment.

The organism didn't just affect his heart or brain, it was his whole body – it was alive. Simply put, Anzi himself had become the deadly living organism, who had completely assimilated with his spirit core.

[Anzi Tamasi]

[Aptitude: S]

[Battle power: 485]

[Spirit force: 1000]

[Plant Spirit: 6 Pillar]

[Plague Spirit: 3 Pillar]

The end product – Anzi – was quickly shown to the elites of the Cross faction, and although they were impressed with the stats, the experiment had to be dismissed for one ironic reason.

Whether the boy can still be consider human

The faction had been trying so hard finding ways to contest the half-blood's overwhelming biological advantage that they in result created an existence that of half-human and half-monster, an inhuman.

However, being recognized for his extraordinary strength, Anzi – who was twelve years old at that time – was released from the lab where he had spent his entire life and was integrated into the faction.

He was designated as the perfect associate to the prince of the Cross faction, Shatter Cross, and being the same age, the two joined the Magus Academy together where they eventually fought their way into the top 10 of the privileged class.

"There's no need to waste any more time. Let's get this over with," said the old grand magus, who was clearly impatient.

At the same time, the Inhuman had recovered the energy he had expended. His body was brimming with power as it was filled with spirit energy.

Hearing the old magus' words, he looked at the young master of the Cross family. Upon receiving confirmation from the latter, he approached Emery while speaking with his usual flat tone.

"Let's finish this."

Previously, Anzi just took his stance and stayed where he was. Hence the fact that this time he was actually approaching was a little unexpected for Emery. Especially coupled with the spectacle of one of his black arms transforming into a large blade.

Seeing such a sight, Emery quickly responded in kind. He brandished his Savage Sword again, and then cast [Void Mist] before darting towards his opponent.

Clank!

A loud shrill sound resounded in the air as Emery's savage sword clashed with Anzi's hand blade. Even though the first exchange of their round two was brief, everyone could see the difference between the two. The former had the advantage in speed, but the latter clearly had greater physical strength.

Splaatt!! Splatt!!

Emery was able to deal several hits to Anzi's body, but they only inflicted minor scratches without any major injuries. It seemed as if his defeat against the Inhumane was simply inevitable.

"Still not enough," said Emery to himself, as he leaned his body to the side to dodge Anzi's counterattack.

Quickly asserting his aggression again, Emery moved to and fro throughout the huge warehouse. He left no spot untouched in his efforts to attack the dark figure while also dodging and fending off any retaliation that came his way.

A few minutes had passed, and Emery was still doing the same thing, which by now had irritated the Inhumane.

"What are you doing? You are doing useless things!"

However, as soon as he finished saying those words, he suddenly felt a strange sensation erupting from his wounds. He stopped moving and quickly inspected his body, and what he found was so shocking that the calm expression on his face, always wearing crumbled.

Emery's slashes were able to kill off each of the living organisms around the wounds. To prove that, the scratches on various parts of his body that Emery gave him did not close and heal as they should.

ARRGHHH!!!

Anzi roared as he used his battle arts. The next instant, his figure disappeared.

Before Emery could try to find where his opponent was, his vision darkened and a painful sensation hit his chest. The next thing he knew his feet were no longer on the ground, his body was flung violently and swiftly a few meters back.

BAM!!!

Emery's body violently crashed into the warehouse floor. He tried to get up, but instead a mouthful of blood spurted out of his mouth.

The laughter of the Cross Prince echoed in the warehouse.

"Hahaha! I don't normally revel in such brutality, but I do enjoy the occasional torture!"

But then, his laughter was cut off when he realized that the talkative girl was actually smiling, while his grand magus/uncle's expression turned into one of worry. At the moment, Shatter realized there was something amiss.

"What happened!?"

Emery rose from the warehouse floor and swung his sword. Uncharacteristic of its somber appearance, this time the sword emitted a strange ringing sound with every swing, while golden glow covered its dark blade.

The eye-catching glow visible on Emery's sword was none other than a spell. Specifically, it was Emery's first ever and the most basic spell of the Light Element – [Light Infusion].

This was a gift that Klea had bought and given to Emery earlier. It was something that she thought would allow Emery to defeat Anzi's dark plague body, as the latter's constitution should be inherently weak against light magic.

The young master of the Cross faction was dumbfounded.

"How the hell can he cast a light elemental spell?"

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Even though it was only a Tier 2 spell, having to cast a spell of an entirely new element was harder than Emery had initially expected.

Fortunately, the way the spell worked was almost identical to his [Dark Infusion] spell that he had an abundance of experience with. Therefore after 10 minutes of comprehending the scroll, and several trials and errors, Emery finally managed to cast the spell onto his sword.

"Yes! That's how you do it!"

Klea jumped and launched her fist into the air, delighted to see her plans worked.

It actually took quite a bit of time for her to find a rumor about Anzi's weakness and cross-checking it with all the people he lost to, which was the 1st to 3rd ranked acolyte on the leaderboard. Only after confirming that they all had Light elemental affinity, Klea was sure of this information.

These findings proved to be the crucial factor for Emery to defeat the seemingly unkillable Inhuman.

As Klea's smile gradually grew wider, the faces of two people standing next to her that supported the opposite side quickly became sour. It was apparent that they didn't like to see how the situation was progressing. Alas, no one besides themselves thought the same.

Now that Emery had managed to fully cast the spell onto his weapon, the scale of the battle tipped over his side. Every stroke of his sword that inflicted a wound was much more potent, as it became harder and harder for Anzi to regenerate and heal.

The fact his body couldn't do what it normally did with ease naturally caused an uncomfortable sensation throughout the Inhuman body, making the latter turn to rage as he began to attack Emery more fiercely.

However, Emery quickly gave his response.

[36 Dao Divine Technique]

Now that his opponent abandoned its turtle-like approach and started to chase after him in an attempt to take him down, it became easier for Emery to make use of his techniques.

Anzi tried his best to chase Emery, even to the point of destroying various parts of the warehouse. Unfortunately, he couldn't see the profundity of the technique Emery used, and as a result, he became a live target for the latter.

Splat! Splat! Splat!

Dozens of striking golden streaks were seen as Emery's sword strokes dealt more damage to Anzi's body. However, apart from the continuous bleeding, the latter still didn't seem to be in any pain.

On the other hand, Emery was excited seeing such a powerful opponent bleeding profusely. In fact, the bloody sight managed to spark the urge within him, as his bloodlust began to rise once again.

Spllaattt! Spllaatt!

A few minutes later, Anzi had his body completely covered by the dark liquid that his wound was oozing out. It was clear that he had been weakened by the dozens of attacks that Emery had given him.

The victor of this battle seemed to have been decided, but the Inhuman still hadn't stopped. Instead of admitting defeat, Anzi kicked up his aggression another notch and his attacks became even more vicious than before until—

"Anzi, stop fighting!"

His body stopped hearing the shout of that familiar voice. He turned his head and looked at the young master of the Cross family, who seemed to be very irritated by the situation.

In an instant, Anzi backed away from Emery and returned to his normal human form. A glimmer of disappointment flashed across his eyes, but was quickly replaced by the calm look he usually had.

At the same time, Emery received a notification from his privileged class bracelet.

[Rank 6 - Emery Ambrose]

He turned his head when he heard someone approaching and saw it was Shatter. The latter said,, "You have won, Savage Acolyte." A mocking smile suddenly appeared on his face as he continued his words. "I'm actually ready to fight you...but I will not do it here. I want people, a lot of them, to see me beat you like a dog you are!"

The Cross Prince then sent Emery his challenge via his own bracelet.Emery looked at the date and realized it would take place at the monthly arena that would be held next week.

"I accept," Emery said confidently.

After that, Shatter turned around and beckoned the old grand magus. The three of them left the warehouse without another word, leaving Magus Shena and Klea who were currently smiling brightly at Emery.

The girl quickly ran to Emery, her steps jolly as she hugged him.

"Congratulations on your victory! The sixth rank! That means only five more to go!"

Letting go of his embrace, she then held out her hand with her palm wide open and said with a smile, "Now give me my gift!"

Hearing those words, Emery involuntarily took a deep breath. He gulped as he inwardly turned nervous. This upcoming 'battle' was no less difficult than the one he had just gone through, as a single mistake could mean catastrophic disaster.

Only after calming his pounding heart did he take out the gift he had prepared for her, a gold bracelet adorned with rainbow-colored gems, and said, "I find this a perfect match with your artifact bracelets.." Scratching his cheek, he smiled sheepishly. "I hope you like it."

Klea made Emery nervous as she squinted her eyes at the gift, before putting the bracelet on and then kissing him on the cheek. A wide smile on her face. "Thank you, Emery. I really like it!"

Emery let out a breath that he had unconsciously held. It was a huge relief hearing she was happy with his gift. But then, the next words she spoke instantly made his body stiffen.

"It looks expensive. How much did you pay for this?"

"Erm..." Emery contemplated whether to tell her or not, but seeing her stare quickly made his decision. "It's... 35,000 spirit stones."

The cheerful expression on the girl's face immediately turned to gloom.

"Emery... I think you have been tricked by that vendor..."

Emery was startled for a moment but quickly responded with an affectionate smile. "If so, that's okay. As long as you like it, it's completely worth it."

"Well... I only spent 500 spirit stones on your gift, so... thank you." She hugged him tight once again, to which he responded in kind.

Emery then walked over to the female magus and expressed his gratitude for making sure Klea was safe. Afterwards, the three of them left the warehouse.

As they made their return to the Golden City, Turning to Klea, Emery asked, "What do you want to do now?"

"Well our dates were disturbed, but I still like to go shopping, ...we should buy more light spells for you!"

Chapter 1083 Light Spells

Even though they all had their own orbiter to move faster through the air, because they were currently in the Golden City, Emery and his companions chose to go around the bustling city using one of the hovering vehicles present in the area.

When Klea talked about buying more spells, the first thing that came to mind was to head towards the Three Sister of Fate's place. However, Emery had another place nearby that he wanted them to drop by first.

[Golden City Magus Guild]

Realizing the place Emery wanted to take them to, Klea opened her mouth saying, "This place does have a variety of spells we can buy, but they are not nearly as good as the ones at the Sister of Fate." Turning to her man, she asked curiously. "So do you have any particular reason as to why we are here?"

Klea's words were not without reason. After all, the magus guild was a facility specifically catered for any magus and acolyte to utilize. Therefore, they were not just a place to buy spells, but also a hub for magus and acolytes to obtain and receive quests, food and lodgings if needed.

In fact, the latter was actually the reason as to why Emery brought the group to visit the place. After all, they had just gone through a rather exhausting incident.

Emery therefore thought that it might be best for them to calm down and settle for a drink or two first before moving on with their next business.

On top of that, he also wanted to meet someone.

As soon as the group walked into a bar-like place within the guild building, Emery and the other two chose a table and quickly sat down. Meanwhile, a person whose skin was red and had two horns on their face recognized him as soon as he entered.

"Emery! How are you doing? It's been a while!"

Emery smiled at the man who approached him. He was none other than Aeon, the magus guild staff who had been helping Emery since his first year at the Magus Academy.

"Hello, Aeon. I'm good." replied Emery. He then introduced his two companions. "Let me introduce you to them. This is Klea, and this is Magus Shena."

"Yes yes, nice to meet you two, miss." Aeon said after looking at Emery with a certain smile. Then, a look of admiration appeared on his face. "I really can't imagine what the future holds. It has only been five years, but the clueless kid back then had unexpectedly become a famous top-ranking acolyte. Absolutely amazing!"

Emery could only smile modestly as he accepted the compliment. After their brief chat to catch up, he then asked Aeon for food and drink for the two ladies accompanying him.

The man came back a few minutes later with a tray full of food and drink.

"Here they are! Enjoy!"

While eating their lunch, Emery told Klea about the first time he met Aeon and how the latter took them to the dark planet Furia. He went on to recount his experiences and what happened during the trip.

"Hey, that sounds like a great place to check out!" Klea said, clearly interested after hearing what Emery had to say to her about the planet.

But then, Magus Shena who had been enjoying her food suddenly said. "That's true. But unfortunately, Furia is no longer accessible for us, or rather, the Magus Alliance."

Those words disappointed Klea, and took Emery by surprise. He was curious about the reason.

Accidentally overhearing the conversation as he walked by their table, Aeon took over Magus Shena and filled in the missing information about the matter.

It turned out that, ever since the war with elves escalated, some area within the outer ring of the galaxies the Magus Alliance held control of were having a lot of issues, especially shady planets like Furia.

Apparently, it was something about a local warlord taking control of the planet and deciding to ally with the elves. As if that wasn't bad enough, the warlord also went ahead and forbade all the Magus Alliance's officials and personnel from entering, to the point of capturing them on sight.

When they finally finished their meal. Emery decided to check the spells that were in the magus guild's inventory.

[Magus Guild Crystal]

[Mission] [Store] [Network]

Looking at the main screen, Emery decided to check out the low-tier light elemental spells that were available for purchase.

[Blind - Tier 1 Light spell - 100 spirit stones]

Creates a short burst of piercing bright light which serves to blind the enemy vision.

[Illuminate - Tier 1 Light spell - 100 spirit stones]

Creates a ball of Light to illuminate the surrounding area.

[Healing Ray - Tier 2 Light spell - 1000 spirit stones]

A ray of Light that heals minor wounds.

[Light Missile - Tier 2 Light spell - 1000 spirit stones]

Shoots an arrow-like Light energy that will pierce the enemy.

[Telekinesis - Tier 2 Light spell - 1000 spirit stone]

Ability to control objects based on user desire and energy reserve.

[Bright Shield - Tier 2 Light spell - 1000 spirit stone]

Creates a small Light element barrier to withstand enemy attack.

[Blessed - Tier 3 Light spell - 3000 spirit stone]

Increases the body resistance and augments ally's attack power with Light element.

[Smite - Tier 3 Light spell - 3000 spirit stone]

An area-of-effect attack that destroy and repel the enemy

As Emery browsed the list and went through every spell, he get a glance of how the spell works.

In his eyes, all the low-tier light spells listed looked interesting. On top of that, they were not expensive to buy at all.

However, Emery was sure that none of these spells – whether offensive, restoration, or defensive – were better than the ones he currently had. Hence if he bought it, he probably wouldn't use them at all.

Hearing the reason for his hesitation to purchase the spell, Klea said " No, Emery. That kind of thinking is wrong." She added, "At your current strength, you don't buy and learn spells to actually cast them or use them for combat. It's for furthering your understanding of the elements you have affinity for."

Hearing that, the Dragon magus chuckled and said, "I was just about to say that. You should really listen to the girl kiddo"

Klea went on and reminded Emery that while these spells would not bring about a drastic increase in his power, each one was like a certain combination of formulas which could help enrich his palette of spells.

"You should buy and learn all of them, especially since they are all light element spells"

Chapter 1084 More Spells

As a basic facility, the magus guild only had low-tier spells available for purchase. So after buying all the spells just like Klea suggested, Emery said his goodbye to Aeon and left the building, heading to the Three Sisters of Fate for higher tier and rare spells.

Emery of course knew that he should learn the easier, low-tier spells first before buying the higher tier. However, since he was in the Golden City and didn't know when he would come back again, he might as well drop by and purchase a few of them to learn later.

As the three of them walked towards the Sister of Fate's place, Emery checked his spirit stones and contribution points when he recalled how expensive those high-tier spells, especially the Divine ones.

[Contribution points: 1,430,274]

[Spirit stones: 292,624]

Those all were everything Emery currently had – the contribution points originated mostly from the recent mid-test, while the spirit stones came from selling materials to the dwarf master and also from the ones he collected from the numerous beasts he had killed.

Klea leaned her head over, and as soon as she saw the number shown, she exclaimed. "Wow, we are rich!"

The use of the word 'we' somehow meant that the money was also hers, but Emery didn't bother to correct her as he didn't mind at all, especially with how much the girl had done and helped him the last few weeks.

It didn't take long for the group to arrive at the Sister of Fate from the magus guild, whereupon they entered the shop area of the place.

Just like his previous time here, before he could do any purchase, Emery was appraised once again in order to receive an appropriate list of recommendations.

"Here is the list available to you," said the lady attending to him.

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[Divine Rank B - Sacred pulse]

[Light and Earth]

[Boosted spirit reading extensively by accessing the pulsating power of the Earth]

[Price: 1,950,000]

[Divine Rank C - Celestial sphere]

[Powerful offensive light magic]

[Price: 850,000]

[Rank A - Blade Ray]

[Tier 5 - Light]

[Using the power of light to create high energy blade]

[Price: 350,000]

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Emery's eyes opened wide when he saw the price of the high-tier spells. It was at this moment that he finally realized that light elemental spells were truly the most expensive compared to the other elements.

Because of that reason, plus knowing that high-tier spells were much more difficult to learn, Emery ended up only buying the mid-tier ones that might be useful for him, both in short and long-term prospects.

[Rank B - Wings of Light]

[Tier 4 - light]

[Price: 50,000]

[A conjuration spell that creates wings from light energy to help the caster float through the air].

Emery chose this one because it could really help increase his mobility if he somehow ended up needing to prolong his fight in the air.

[Rank B - Light Whispers]

[Tier 3 - Light]

[Price: 35,000]

[A spell to send messages remotely. The range is dictated by the amount of spirit energy channeled into the spell]

Finally, a spell that allowed him to send messages to someone over long distances. Unfortunately, unlike the privileged bracelet which used the Magus Alliance's network, it couldn't send messages outside of the world the caster was currently in.

Even so, Emery still bought it because he could think of several scenarios he had experienced in the past where such spells could come in handy. With this Emery can finally communicate with his friends through spells

Since he had no plan to buy the other spells recommended to him, Emery decided it was time to leave. However, before leaving the place, he took a peek at the past divine spell that was offered for him to buy.

[Divine Rank A - Void Dragon]

[Darkness]

[Summon a mythical creature to abide by the caster's creature. level subject to caster spell power.]

[Price: 2,800,000]

Even though Emery couldn't honestly see himself summoning a dragon during a fight, he couldn't help but be excited to delve and figure out how intricate a top-tier divine spell was. However, he still won't buy it as he was confident he would be able to get a similar tier spell from being in the top 5.

He just had to be patient and make sure he was in the top 5 before graduating.

[Divine Rank B - Demon Eater Sword]

[Darkness]

[Summon a powerful sword with the ability to devour spirit]

[Price: 1,350,000]

At first glance, this spell seemed similar to the [Spirit Devour] spell he had. For that reason, he believed that learning this spell would be able to elevate, or even transform his devour ability to the next level.

Unfortunately, the price point was still a bit too high for him at the moment.

Seeing the sky-high price, Emery planned to leave as he was satisfied with the two Rank B spells he had just purchased. However, Klea managed to convince him to buy one Rank A spell.

[Rank A- Anti-Magic]

[Tier 5 - Darkness]

[Creating a space that blocks the use of all spirit force]

[Price: 212,000]

This spell could be a very useful utility-type spell considering his way of fighting, and Klea seemed to have the same opinion. She thought that if used right, it could really be a lifesaver spell.

Emery ended up not buying any of the divine spells, but he still came out of the place with zero spirit stones left on him.

"I'm officially and completely broke," Emery said to no one in particular, which made the girl laugh.

Now that his shopping round was over, Emery wanted to return to his spirit cave as he now had many spells he had to learn. However, just as he was about to head to the portal leading back to Hyperion, Magus Shena stopped him.

Facing the questioning look, she calmly said, "Since you just recently learned a new element, I advise you to visit the Light Institute and spend a few days in their origin stone chamber. While it won't give you much of an increase in spirit power anymore, the stone will still help strengthen and solidify your foundation.

This was a good idea. Emery was grateful for the magus' advice as this was something that had slipped from his mind because of how many things had happened and how long it had been since he had last visited one.

However, since the institutes were restricted to only those with an affinity for their respective elements, it meant that Klea and Magus Shena would not be able to follow him.

"I guess I could use a few days to visit my master for her to check on my progress," Klea said, seeing the look on Emery's face.

On the other hand, Magus Shena was also not without plans as she was thinking of returning and reporting to the Zodiac city king. However, before they parted, the Dragon magus reminded Emery again.

"Remember, it has been almost a month since your last devour urge was unleashed. Take care, and let's meet again in Zodiac City three days later."

Chapter 1085 Light Institute

[Eskinshire - Institute of Light Element]

As soon as Emery passed through the portal that would take him to his destination, he was greeted by a breathtaking view of the palace in the distance, standing majestically on a crystal hill.

However, the striking crystal hill was not the main thing that really caught his eye. Instead, it was a dazzling pillar of light that shot high into the sky, piercing through the clouds and leaving the planet's atmosphere.

It was a marvelous and beautiful sight to behold.

Emery went ahead and walked towards the crystal hill, enjoying the mesmerizing scenery along the way. It didn't take him long to reach the foot of the crystal hill, where there was an outpost.

There were several people attending the place, guards and staff who were on standby for any visitor. As a result, as soon as these people saw Emery's privileged uniform, they enthusiastically greeted him and were more than happy to help his needs.

Faced with such an ardent reception, Emery didn't hesitate and told these people his purpose in coming here.

"I apologize, acolyte Ambrose. Unless you are here to meet someone, only light element acolytes are allowed to enter the institute." said the staff who attended him in a polite manner.

Already expecting such a response, Emery smiled casually as he said, "Actually, I came here to be tested." Seeing the look on their faces, he clarified his words to make sure they were understood. "I want to join the institute."

All of the staff's expressions turned to bewilderment. Since Emery was definitely a third year acolyte, they couldn't help but wonder why he would join the institute now.

Emery realized that it was quite unusual for an acolyte to suddenly have a new affinity, hence he didn't elaborate further and just respectfully asked the staff to allow him to go through the necessary testing procedures.

Any other acolyte would immediately be sent away upon asking such an outrageous request, but once again the privileged acolyte status Emery had came into play, giving him the credibility for such request.

However, before the staff could do anything, Emery suddenly perceived few powerful presences coming down from the hill and approaching the outpost. All of them had wings made of light as bright as the sun on their backs.

There were three people, all were magus-level individuals. Emery recognized one of them, Magus Urix of the Wellenstein faction, the one who offered him an invitation to his faction three years ago.

The other two magus who came with Magus Urix were beautiful women dressed in light and gold robes. The moment the three arrived at the outpost, the one in the middle turned her gaze to Emery and opened her mouth.

"Emery Ambrose?" She asked, to which Emery nodded. "Follow us. Grand Magus Aurora is waiting for you."

This unexpected incident was certainly a surprise that caused confusion on Emery's part. He couldn't help but wonder if Magus Shena had informed them of his arrival. However, upon further reflection, such behavior from her was highly unlikely.

Noticing the confusion, Magus Urix opened his mouth. "Don't be confused, Emery. Grand Magus Aurora is known as an oracle. You just need to follow us, she has been waiting for you."

The three flew towards the castle at the top of the hill with Emery following right behind with his orbiter.

Along the way, Emery dug through his memories, trying to remember what he had been taught in the academy classes. If he remembered correctly, an oracle was a title given to someone who could see certain events ahead of time.

Knowing that, he was now curious why this Grand Magus Aurora had oracled something about him.

As they drew closer to the building that stood on the peak of the captivating crystal hill, with Spirit Reading, Emery could sense only about 1,000 people staying in that place. The number was evidently smaller compared to those of Darkness Institute.

Emery could also see guards patrolling everywhere, surrounding the place with their presence and surveillance. There seemed to be a hundred of them, and they were all powerful, high-level saint warriors.

"They are the Light Institute's divine knights." Magus Urix said, explaining that there were a total of five hundred of them operating around the institute.

After once again admiring the beam of light that soared sky-high, Emery walked past the huge white door of the building, entering the main lobby. Climbing up the grand stairs following the three magus, he made his way to the top floor of the place and was led to a room where another stunning sight welcomed him.

A powerful grand magus, a middle-aged woman with golden blonde hair wearing half-body armor. She appears more like a warrior, nothing like he thought an oracle would look.

Knowing the other party's status, Emery immediately did a respectful bow and said

"Greetings, grand magus."

"Welcome, young acolyte." A pleasant voice replied to his greetings. "Now raise your chin and look me in the eye."

The moment Emery straightened his body and lifted his head, he found out that the grand magus was staring straight at him. In that instant, as he looked into her light blue eyes, he could feel something entering his mind, probing for a second.

When the sensation disappeared, the other party suddenly heaved a sigh.

Turning to Magus Urix who was standing at the side, she said, "You help the young acolyte with anything he needs." Without giving the former a chance to speak, she reiterated. "Anything."

It was apparent that Urix was surprised by such an order. However, hearing the seriousness in the grand magus' voice, he obeyed. "Yes, master."

He told Emery to follow him before turning around and walking out of the room. On the other hand, Emery glanced at the grand magus. Seeing that the other party didn't say anything else, he gave her another salute before chasing after Magus Urix.

As he walked out, he couldn't help but think.

This was certainly one of the strangest occurrences he had just experienced.

Chapter 1086 The Institutes

Emery followed Magus Urix and walked out of the Grand Magus's chamber. As he walked through the stairs, he couldn't help but ask what he was confused about.

"Senior Urix, what was that just now?"

The blonde-haired magus wearing a white robe glanced at him before answering, "Nothing to worry about, Emery. My master will explain if she thinks you need to know; and since she didn't, let's talk about why you're here instead."

Emery inwardly heaved a sigh and started to explain about his newfound element affinity and his objective coming here which was to learn more about the light element, and specifically to visit the origin stone room of the Light Institute.

The magus was stunned hearing Emery's words that he abruptly stopped in his tracks.

"A new element..? Then that makes you have... five elements?" A look of disbelief on his face. "..How could you even make that work?"

Emery could do nothing but give a wry smile at the other party's question. He himself had no words to answer such a question. Noticing that he wouldn't receive an answer, Magus Urix just shook his head before turning around and continuing to walk.

Walking across the long corridor of the building, the two of them came to the central area of the Institute of Light building, where Emery could see a large crystal that was the source of the pillar of light soaring high into the sky.

"Interesting, right?" Magus Urix said as he stopped for a moment to also admire the mesmerizing sight.

The crystal was fully protected behind a glass etched with protective runes all over. The ceiling of the room was opened revealing the azure expanse beyond, and seeing it directly from below it, Emery could see that the beam of light was actually headed towards a moon-like object in the sky.

Seeing Emery staring straight at the moon in the sky, Magus Urix said, "Try to look further and tell me what you see."

What Magus Urix requested was certainly something that couldn't be done with normal human's eyes, but for a Rank 9 acolyte like Emery, he could see multiple times further than a normal human could.

Focusing his eyes, he saw the real shape of the moon gradually becoming clearer in his vision.

"T-that's... that's the Magus Academy!" Emery exclaimed, a look of surprise showing on his face.

Confirming what he had just seen, Magus Urix said, "That's right. It is the academy."

The Magus then explained how the planet they were currently on was placed closest to the planet where the Magus Academy was located.

In fact, all the other institutes were the same; Varuna of the Water Institute, Animus of the Earth Institute, Elder Respite of the Plant Institute, Atrum of the Darkness Institute, Ignis of the Fire Institute, Ventus of the Wind Institute, Glacies of the Ice Institute, and Kinzo of the Metal Institute.

All ten institutes were actually ten small planets that orbited around the Magus Academy, with the Light Institute and Darkness Institute being the two nearest to the others.

Emery had heard about that in the past, but seeing it directly was certainly one of a kind experience. Seeing the moon-like planet in the sky made him realize how close these planets – institutes all together.

"So what I want to explain to you, Emery, is this crystal in front of us."

Hearing that, Emery quickly shifted his gaze from the 'moon' where the Magus Academy was and observed closely the huge white crystal that was filled with rainbow-like light deep inside. It didn't take long for him to feel the powerful energy dwelled within, a light element-based power.

"What you currently see here is called a God Crystal. The one in front of you is one of the biggest owned by the Magus Alliance. Its function currently is to provide the power required to constantly maintain the barrier formed around the Magus Academy."

Emery looked at the crystal in awe as Magus Urix gave an explanation about it. He was amazed by how a crystal that was not bigger or taller than a normal adult human could provide a tremendous amount of energy to allow such feats.

Then, out of nowhere, the magus asked an unexpected question. "Do you believe in God, Emery?"

Even though a bit taken aback by the question, Emery quickly went into contemplation and thought for a while before opening his mouth, "I used to in the past, senior. But.. I don't think I am now."

The reason Emery said those words was because he now knew that the so-called Earth Gods were all existences behind the Nephilim faction, a group of magus whose strength in the eyes of the ordinary beings was extraordinary.

Magus Urix smiled at his answer and said, "Then why do you think this crystal is called God Crystal? Where do you think such a powerful crystal is coming from?"

Emery was once again stunned. Ignoring his stunned state, the magus continued his words.

"This is the basic knowledge that you must know first if you want to cultivate the light element." Turning his gaze to the crystal, he said, "It was, after all, called a divine element. A god-given element."

Magus Urix once again proceeded to give an explanation – a history lesson about creation that Emery had heard a few times in the past. However, this time he could feel there was a certain profundity within what Magus Urix explained.

When Magus Minerva explained it, it sounded like a myth that didn't seem real, but when Magus Urix did it, it was as if it was a reality that just happened yesterday.

What surprised Emery was the part that wasn't in Magus Minerva's class. Magus Urix explained more details, reaching some parts that were not given to the normal class as it was a belief that was held as the truth for the Light Institute.

"A battle between God and Goddess that gives birth to the creation of the elements was actually a simplified version of the truth. The actual truth was one and only almighty God that held the power of Light battled the nine Elemental Celestial beings, the conflict between all primordial energies was what birthed the uncountable galaxies."

Magus Urix continued on, with much more confidence and conviction in his words.

"This one small difference in history was a version that was never liked by the other element institutes for obvious reasons. But it was the truth. Light element was the absolute supreme compared to the others, this is something you need to accept if you want to comprehend the Law of light"

Chapter 1087 Light Element

After hearing the hour-long lecture in history from Magus Urix, Emery entered the Light Institute's origin stone room with a new understanding of the elements, which he would soon comprehend further.

"Three days," said Emery to the acolyte staff that was attending the front table of the room.

He was given one day of use for free for being a member of the Light Institute and add two more days, which he naturally paid for.

[2000 contribution points has been taken]

It had been a while since the last time Emery entered an origin stone room, hence there was a little feeling of anticipation brewing within him.

Just like all the origin stone room at the other Magus Academy's institutes, it was a dark room with only enough lighting to see the floating stone located in the middle. Something that Emery noticed

immediately upon entering, compared to the origin stone room at the other institutes, was the lack of acolyte inside the room.

This was only to be expected though; as the rarest element affinity among the acolytes, such a sight was actually not unusual.

Emery continued heading deeper into the room walking closer to the floating stone. If previously in the past he had a difficult time approaching it, this time Emery could walk comfortably until he arrived right in front of it. Just a few feet from the floating pure white stone.

Within that distance, the heavy sensation that formed at the back of his head due to the energy emitted by the stone began to affect his mind, therefore Emery quickly sat down and took up the lotus position.

Just like any other origin stone, as soon as he closed his eyes and delved into his consciousness, a vision entered his mind.

Emery quickly felt a sensation of weightlessness and floating in endless space, as he found himself gradually approaching a bright light. As he drew near, he could sense foreign energy.

Something that gives both a sense of mystery and majesty at the same time, something unnatural.

It didn't take long for Emery to finally 'stand' before the energy. There were no trees, water, earth, wind; no forms at all, nothing. Just one foreign energy.

One so mysterious that he found it extremely hard to comprehend.

If it wasn't for the lecture given by Magus Urix earlier, Emery would definitely have thought that he had failed to comprehend whatever was in front of him right now.

Then, as time passed, he slowly yet surely began to understand.

It was different from the other elements that were constructed out of natural form. The light element was a foreign one.

The light element could both be found in the 8 elements except darkness and also absent in all. But the true source of the light element was a divine heritage of the said 'God' that could be found in divine artifacts or forms, like the God Stone in the center of the Light Institute or the origin stone in front of him.

Facing such foreign yet majestic existence, the way to understand was not to probe into it.

But to listen.

Emery stood still within the vision, his gaze staring at the bright light as he opened his mind letting anything enter him.

"I am ready.. Guide me... I will listen."

As if a child receiving permission to play, it was at that moment that a surge of energy started to channel slowly into him and make its way to his spirit core.

It was neither warm nor cold, it was a peaceful feeling. A complete opposite to the one energy he felt from the Khaos space. Light energy, the exact opposite of dark.

[You gained a new understanding of the light elements]

[Spirit force has increased]

Emery breathed a sigh of relief as he finally succeeded in making the connection with the origin stone. But then, at the same time, he realized that one day had unknowingly passed, meaning he only had two days more to spend in this place.

Apparently, he was in such a deep trance that it made him completely lose track of time.

With time literally at the essence, Emery didn't hesitate any longer and took out his stash of [Spirit Foundation Pill] as he planned to take this opportunity to improve his understanding productively.

He had 60 of them and decided to take a few while continuing his cultivation.

Once again the vision, the majestic feeling of serenity entered his mind and gave him depth to the light element.

[Spirit force has increased]

Another day passed, and Emery only managed to gain an increase of one spirit force even though he had consumed four pills. However, what concerned him more was that while his nature core was brimming with new energy, the same couldn't be said to his dark core. It seemed to be restless.

"I should push for another day, one more day will do"

Taking advantage of the fact the connection with the origin stone was still fresh in his mind, Emery consumed more pills and spent another day comprehending the foreign energy of the light element.

As expected, his dark core started to turn chaotic to the point that Emery was forced to start chanting the [Dao Divine Technique] to stop the pain and ease the symptom.

However, it was actually not just because of the balance between the two cores changing. Instead, the culprit was the devour pillar. The arrivals of the light energy from the origin stone apparently stir his devour pillars.

Emery quickly felt an itching sensation all over his body, sweat starting to drip from his skin. The sensation forced him to stop his cultivation altogether, as it became intense quickly in no time.

The urges build up and could unleash anytime.

"No... I cannot continue staying here. I should deal with the urge first and return again later." Emery thought to himself, realizing the severity of the situation he was in.

Taking a deep breath, Emery consolidated his newly-gained energy and quickly stood up. Without the slightest hesitation, he immediately shot towards the entrance of the room.

As soon as he exited, he was greeted by Magus Urix who was already waiting there and stopped him.

"Emery, good timing... My master, Grand Magus Aurora, told me to take care of you.. So what do you think? Do you need some more guidance?"

Emery turned to his privileged bracelet to see the current time. Realizing that he still had half a day before the scheduled meeting with Magus Shena, Emery thought for a moment before opening his mouth.

"Yes."

Chapter 1088 Sparring

Magus Urix brought Emery across the Light Institute building and to one of the training grounds outside the place.

With the Institute of Light standing majestically on his back and a frosted mound in the distance in front of him, the two of them began their goal of coming here.

"Let's start. Show me any of your light element spells."

Hearing such words, Emery nodded and took out his sword. A look of confusion flashed on the magus's face for a moment, but was quickly replaced by an expression of understanding.

A bright luster enveloped the blade, as Emery cast the [Light Infusion] spell on the sword.

Magus Urix observed the spell for a while before a smile appeared on his face and he said, "I see you are just like your master Xion. Now, let's see how strong your light infusion is."

The blonde magus took out his own weapon. It was some kind of metal pipe, half an arm length. However, as he grasped the pipe with both of his hands, it suddenly released a light from one of its ends, gradually forming into a sword made of energy.

Seeing the intrigued look on Emery's face, Magus Urix smiled and said, "This is a light saber. Many of the divine knights here use such weapons."

After saying those words, the magus began swinging the saber around which caused a buzzing sound in the air, making Emery much more excited to give it a try. The two of them quickly took their own fighting stances.

"Let's start!"

Emery immediately darted forward, employing his [36 Dao Divine Sword] to attack the magus. A flurry of bright streaks bombarded the latter as the sword in his hand danced wildly, but the next instant another streaks of light nullified it with ease.

Seeing that his current strength and speed was not comparable to the magus, to slightly bridge the gap between them, Emery used his first stage transformation and launched another round of attacks.

Bzzzt Bzztt

As Emery and Magus Urix fought. The clashes that were happening between the former's Savage Sword and the latter's lightsaber made some distinct buzzing sound. Surprisingly, the light saber was able to match Emery's Tier 5 weapon.

Their fight continued on, where Emery gave his all to gain advantage over Magus Urix while the latter welcomed and negated everything that the former threw at him.

As a Crescent Moon magus, Magus Urix was naturally confident with his prowess to be able to outstrength Emery. For that reason, he spent the most of his attention observing the latter's moves.

"Hmm, not bad, Emery.. Not bad.. But is this all you can show me?"

Emery stopped in his tracks. Staring at the magus, he closed and opened his eyes before saying, "Okay, senior. I will do my best now.."

Hearing such words and seeing the expression on Emery's face couldn't help but make Magus Urix slightly worried about what was about to come. Still, now that the arrow had been shot, he could only do his best to prepare.

Emery delved into his body as he focused his spirit energy into his meridians and unlocked his [Immortal Gate - stage 6]. A layer of blazing energy instantly engulfed his entire body, and the next instant, his figure disappeared and shot towards Magus Urix, unleashing a storm of slashes upon the latter. This time, the magus was pushed back with each clash, clearly showing that he was overwhelmed by Emery's strength.

He quickly raised his hand to signal for Emery to stop, and with a small cough, he said,

"Very good, very g-good, acolyte. Let's stop for a moment."

Within just a few clashes, Magus Urix seemed to find a few things he could improve on.

First, Magus Urix told Emery that his [Light Infusion] wasn't stable enough, which was evident from how he had to cast the spell over and over again during the fight. This was something he needed to improve, otherwise his spirit pool would quickly be depleted.

Second, the blonde magus told Emery that his weapon wasn't the best for utilizing the light element. His Savage Sword was considered a Yin or negative weapon, one that was great for the dark element.

As for the light element, he would need the other type, the Yang or positive weapon, in order to maximize its power.

Emery was impressed by what the magus told him.

"Wow, senior. You can actually tell these things in just a few clashes?"

Magus Urix slightly lifted his chin hearing the compliment. Then, with a proud expression on his face, he told Emery the benefit of the light saber that was in his hand.

As it actually used its wielder's spirit energy to form its blade, the light saber would allow him to have a much better situation with maintaining the spell since it was connected directly to his spirit energy.

The blonde magus once again explained and emphasized how great his weapon was.

"A light saber synergizes with the spirit force of its wielder. Wielded by a Rank 9 Acolyte, it may only be able to display power comparable to that of a Tier 3 or at most Tier 4 weapon, but when wielded by a magus like me, it is capable of rivaling a Tier 5 weapon or above."

"Is that considered as the Yin weapon you talked about earlier, senior? Can I please try it?"

Magus Urix let Emery try the weapon. Before handing it over, he thoroughly explained how to use it and added,

"Actually, practicing with a light saber can help improve your comprehension in the light element, and help you get used to light element spells."

Seeing the boy being so attracted to the sword that he didn't seem to pay him attention anymore, Magus Urix thought for a moment before saying,

"You can keep that if you want."

In an instant, Emery turned his face to the blonde magus. His eyes lit up as he stared at the latter..

"Really?"

"Yes." Magus Urix nodded affirmatively. "It's not that expensive actually as only light element users can wield it.. and my master told me to take good care of you" The magus smiled and added, "Besides I can use this as an excuse to get a newer model as a replacement."

"..."

After that, the magus taught Emery how to channel and control his light spirit energy through the saber. The man also helped him with the light element spells he had purchased, guiding him through the details and intricacies of each and every spell.

Thanks to his newfound understanding of the light element from the origin stone room, coupled with Magus Urix's guidance, even though still not perfect, Emery could cast all the low-tier light element spells by the end of the day.

When they finished, the still amazed Magus said,

"Actually, Emery, I have seen your talent since your first ever Magus Game... If only you had obtained your affinity with the light element faster... you would have been my student instead of that Xion!"

Emery was taken aback by the unexpected remarks, and said "I thought you bet against me on the first magus game, senior?."

"Hahahah.. Did that happen?" the blonde magus chuckled awkwardly, embarrassed.

Emery gave no response and just smiled faintly.

With the presence of night on the horizon, Emery expressed his gratitude to the blonde magus as he planned to leave the Light Institute. However, just as he was about to go on his way, the magus suddenly spoke.

"Speaking of your master, I haven't heard from him in a long time. Do you know what he's been busy with lately?"

Those words quickly made Emery anxious. In fact, it made him decide to visit his master first before heading to Zodiac City.

Chapter 1089 Anxious

Feeling anxious about his master, Emery could feel his dark core tremble chaotically.

Emery once again calmed himself as he went through the teleportation gate that would send him straight from the Light Institute to the Darkness Institute.

Stepping out of the portal, Emery slightly rotated his hand and created a Spatial Gate heading directly to his master's place.

"Master Xion!" Emery shouted as his eyes swept the area around him, searching for the figure he wanted to see.

Unfortunately for him, the small house was empty and it looked as if no one had been around for a few weeks.

There was no indication of anything, and there was actually no reason for Emery to be this worried. However, whether it was a gut feeling or the side effect of the urge, Emery decided to go to the institute to ask about his master.

"Acolyte Ambrose, I'm sorry but I have no information about Instructor Xion's whereabouts," answered the staff.

A surprised look appeared on Emery's face. "What do you mean?! ..Are you saying that you don't know where he is?"

"That's all I can say, acolyte. I'm sorry that I can't help you."

Emery was annoyed. How could they not know where Magus Xion was when the man was an official instructor of the institute whose whereabouts needed to always be known in case of emergency.

The anxiety within Emery only continued to grow receiving such answers. At that moment, Emery thought of someone who might be able to help him. Therefore he quickly accessed his privileged bracelet to contact her.

Before long, a reply came from the other side.

[You are looking for your master? Wait there]

Leaving the Darkness Institute building, Emery made his way to the teleportation portal to wait for the person he had just contacted. A few minutes later, a familiar figure stepped out of the portal.

It was none other than Annara Vermont, a prominent figure in the Darkness Institute and the junior of Magus Xion.

Emery was about to speak, but the red-haired girl beat him to it. "You also don't know where he went, Emery? Actually, we have been looking for him too. As his disciple, I thought you knew where he was!"

The girl's way of speaking which lacked her usual teasing and jokes only made Emery grow more anxious. On the other hand, Annara's expression turned even more serious after seeing Emery's reaction.

"When was the last time you spoke to him, Emery?"

"...before the midtest."

The answer brought a slight pain to Emery's chest. He realized the last time he met Magus Xion was more than four months ago. At that moment, he couldn't help but think that he should have come to see his master more often.

The red-haired girl also looked unusually restless as she said, "Xion has always been a predictable person. If not because of you, the other reason could only be because... he was doing a task for the headmaster."

Since she thought that Emery had a good relationship with the new headmaster, Annara hoped that he would ask the matter. And with this information and anxiety gnawing at his heart, Emery planned to do just that.

"I'm coming with you." Annara said, surprising him. "Well, I actually came to inquire on behalf of the dark institute."

Emery just nodded as he didn't mind her coming along.

The two of them headed to the Magus Academy and made their way to the headmaster's chamber which was located just a bridge away from the academy. As they got closer to where they could see the guards on duty, Annara whispered to Emery.

"Remember, Emery, if they don't let you in... you have to insist."

As expected, the saint-level guards on duty stopped the two of them in their tracks.

"Halt! You are not allowed to be here!"

Gazing at the one who seemed to be the leader of the guard squad, Emery smiled. "Can you please inform the headmaster that Emery Ambrose is here, if the headmaster not busy, i wish to ask something regarding Magus Xion"

Although inwardly very anxious, Emery maintained his attitude and politely asked the guard to pass on his message.

Fortunately, it seemed his name was somewhat famous as the head guard appeared to be aware of who he was. The man quickly sent one of them to inform the headmaster, and a few minutes later, the guard slightly bowed to Emery.

"Acolyte Ambrose, you may enter. The headmaster is waiting for you."

The two turned to each other, both feeling relieved by the guard's words. However, just as Annara took one step, she was stopped by the guards.

"The headmaster said only Acolyte Ambrose."

The red-haired girl was quickly annoyed at being refused to meet the headmaster. She tried to bring up her privileged status, even her relation to the Darkness Institute; however, she was still not allowed entry.

Emery calmed her down. "Don't worry, Annara, just wait here. I'll tell you what I found out later"

The red-haired girl was still annoyed, but accepted his suggestion in the end.

After thanking the guards, Emery made his way towards the headmaster's chamber. As he pushed the door open, he was greeted by the sight of two people waiting inside. The first one was Headmaster Delbrand who sat behind his huge table, while the other was a dark-skinned middle-aged man wearing a pitch black uniform – a Grand Magus.

Looking at the other person, Emery became hesitant and said, "I apologize, headmaster. I didn't realize you had a guest."

The headmaster waved his hand and casually said, "No trouble at all... Emery. Let me introduce you. This is Magistrate Griffith."

Seeing a glimpse of the black uniform the well-built Magistrate wore beneath his robe, Emery immediately realized the identity of the other party. The man was an Enforcer.

The grand magus looked at Emery with a friendly look as he said, "So you are the young wolf that people talk about. I was told that you were there when my predecessor Kadek and Leon's team fought their last fight."

Emery gave his respect to the middle-aged man before replying, "Yes, elder. They all fought bravely."

"Yes, of course they are."

Emery then looked at Headmaster Delbrand, his gaze clearly showing what he wanted. Seeing that, the headmaster said.

"If you are looking for your master, yes I do know where he is because I did give him a mission."

Emery's face brightened when he heard that. But the next second, his face changed.

"Unfortunately, I can't say anything further about it."

Chapter 1090 Confusion

The fact that Headmaster Delbrand was unable to divulge any information about the mission meant that Magus Xion was indeed on a secret mission. And most secret missions were highly dangerous.

However, Emery still felt somewhat relieved when he heard the headmaster's words. At the very least, this meant that his master's whereabouts were not unknown.

Not intending to disrupt the two important figures' meeting, Emery thanked the headmaster and quickly excused himself.

But just as he was about to turn around, the headmaster stopped him.

"Emery, stay for a moment, will you? I have a question for you."

"Yes, Headmaster. What is it?" Emery respectfully asked.

Headmaster Delbrand seemed a little hesitant. As if carefully constructing his sentence, he was silent for a moment before he finally asked,

"Did anything strange happen around you lately?"

The question encompassed a broad scope of matters, and it was certainly unusual.

"Excuse me, Headmaster, but what do you mean by 'strange'?"

The headmaster had a slightly troubled look on his face as he vaguely explained, "A conflict of some sort, one that might endanger lives."

The first thing that popped up into Emery's mind was the Nephilims, but that couldn't be what Headmaster Delbrand was looking for. After all, the headmaster was with him at that time.

Other than that, he couldn't think of any apart from the one with the Cross-Faction. Thus, Emery explained to the headmaster about what happened back then as concisely as he could.

However, after he finished his explanation, the headmaster shook his head with a contemplative look. "That's not it... While it's true that the Cross-Faction can be quite difficult to deal with, they are a very open book."

Hearing Headmaster Delbrand's words, Emery also fell into thought. Still, he couldn't think of anything else that was relevant to what the headmaster described.

"Headmaster, if you can share a little more context, I might be able to be of better help."

The headmaster thought about it once again. "Actually, Emery, we have reasons to believe that the academy security is..."

"Delbrand. That's enough."

The magistrate abruptly interjected. In the end, the headmaster didn't continue to speak and heaved a deep sigh.

"Thank you for your time... You may leave, Emery."

The sudden interruption left Emery with more questions, but he had no reason nor right to ask further about the matter. Thus, after excusing himself, he left the headmaster's chamber.

After making sure the acolyte has left, he turned to Headmaster Delbrand and began speaking.

"I have seen his record, and it is indeed impressive. I would not have expected that such a talent was born in the low realm. I can see why you like the kid, but we should not involve an acolyte in this matter."

The headmaster stood up and walked toward the window. He pushed it open, took out a cigarette, and lit up one end before inhaling from the other.

Headmaster Delbrand exhaled a puff of smoke out the window. With a melancholic aura around him, he said,

"Aurora had warned us a few times. She was right last time, and our ignorance cost us a headmaster. We can't act recklessly again.

"Griffith, I need you to settle this matter as soon as possible."

Emery walked away from the headmaster's chamber. His mind was filled with questions, but his heart was relieved.

When the red-haired girl who had been waiting for him caught sight of his figure walking closer, her eyes brightened in anticipation.

"How is it? Does the headmaster know where Xion is?"

"Yes. Don't worry, the headmaster really did give my master a mission."

"I see." Annara thoughtfully nodded. "Do you know what kind of mission it is?"

"No... the headmaster didn't say," Emery answered while subtly shaking his head.

He expected the girl to become worried just as he did, but to his surprise, she looked more relieved instead.

Emery asked her about it without hiding his confusion, and Annara's answer surprised him.

"It must be a mission somewhere close to home... an academy matter of some sort."

Emery looked at her with curiosity. "What makes you think so?"

"Why bother letting you know that it's a secret mission when he couldn't tell you about it? If it's about the elves on the faraway planet, the headmaster would've had no problem spill a little about it, unless you keeping information from me, which I know you didn't"

Emery nodded in understanding. It was indeed a very logical deduction.

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It was time for Emery to head back to Zodiac City, but the red-haired girl continued to keep herself close saying she also have needs in the half-blood city and ask more questions about the meeting in the headmaster's chamber.

The two were just walking through the portal when all of a sudden, Emery felt violent, chaotic urges build up inside him. The sudden rush of pain caused him to lose his balance on the spot.

"Emery!?! What happened!?" Annara exclaimed out of surprise and quickly moved to support him.

"I'm... f-fine. I need..."

His core was once again in turbulence. If he couldn't restrain himself, he might just unleash everything in the middle of the city.

Noticing the situation, a few of Zodiac City's guards approached them. However, Annara paid them no heed as her attention was on Emery.

"You don't look fine! What do you need!?"

Emery tried to open a portal, but it was to no avail. In the end, he pointed in the direction of a hill and said painfully, "Take me... there... to find Magus Shena..."

"All right, hold on!"

Annara hurriedly helped Emery fly up, leaving the city guards behind. She used her familiars to scout the area Emery previously pointed at, and soon enough, they finally arrived at Emery's estate.

She looked around, but Magus Shena was nowhere to be seen. Only Klea was there.

When Klea saw the state Emery was in, she immediately rushed forward to check his condition.

"Oh my God, he's burning up!"

The Egyptian Queen hurriedly checked Emery's pocket and took out the communication stone Magus Shena gave him and then said,

"She'll be here in 20 to 30 minutes!"

"No! there's not enough time! ...get away from me... LEAVE!!" Emery uncontrollably roared.

Klea hesitated. At that moment, Annara quickly asked "This is the Devour side effect, isn't it?"

Klea nodded in affirmation, which prompted the red-haired girl to continue,

"I have a way to help him control it until help arrives!"

"Then what are you waiting for? Do it!"

Hearing this, Annara's lips unexpectedly curved into a wry smile.

"All right... lay him there and help me take all of his clothes off!"

"!! what?!"