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Chapter 861 Six to One

"One down... six to go."

Emery calmly said, as he stared at the female acolyte inside the block of ice.

Without giving anyone a moment to respond, Emery struck the block of ice with his claws, destroying it to pieces with just one hit.

At that moment, Fei Ling's calm and rather smug demeanor had been replaced by utter shock. The sword expert froze in place as her eyes stuck to Emery's raised claws, causing her complexion to instantly pale.

She knew what those claws were going to pierce next.

"Wait, wait, wait... I was just ordered to..."

Fear and helplessness were apparent on the girl's face, but the anger within him felt much stronger than usual, making him care less about what he was about to do to the female acolyte.

Emery knew the urge to inflict pain, kill or at least pierce his claws into her was the side effect of the fey transformation, so he quickly took a deep breath and tried to regain his control.

Although he had injured Abrafo quite severely, At least he knew the [Spirit Devour] skill did not directly hit the earth acolyte. However, this one was different.

With just one swing, he would definitely inflict a critical wound on Fei Ling. Or worse, he might even kill her on the spot.

Even though he did not start the fight, Emery did not doubt killing a privileged acolyte would lead to more trouble for not only him, but others around him as well. Unlike him, these people had large factions or powerful families behind them.

Hence, Emery gritted his teeth and tried his hardest to resist the boiling rage. He successfully pulled his claws back to his arm with force, but as a result, a small pang of pain hit his chest.

Noticing the opportunity, Fei Ling used her last skill to blast away from the plant entanglement and swiftly swung her sword trying to slash her way out. Unfortunately, Emery reacted faster and smashed the girl hard to the ground before throwing her with all his strength, causing the acolyte to crash onto the nearest trees and instantly faint.

"Two down... five to go."

As he observed his surroundings and his eyes finally fell on Armand, he found the acolyte glaring daggers at him.

"Brother Bradley, let's attack him together! And you, Atlas! What are you doing!? Attack!"

Upon meeting their hostile glares, Emery did not hesitate to glare back at all five of them.

At this moment, Emery really wished to unleash all the anger he had been suppressing on these idiots. He gave them one last chance to think it through, but they rejected it yet again.

"If you don't leave on the count of three... I will retaliate."

This did not make them rethink their next course of action. On the contrary, Emery's words struck their nerves and provoked them even more, causing them to hastily prepare their most powerful moves. In just a moment, Bradley had once again engulfed himself with his only tier 6 buffing spell while the three Nephilims finally used their family's divine skill.

[Angelic Descent]

A pair of wings made of golden energy swiftly formed on Armand's back. Immediately after, one golden wing formed on each of the other two, allowing the three of them to float into the air and boost their spirit attack, consequently allowing all 12 soaring shuttles to dash with double their speed and strength.

Swishh—

Just like a flaming meteor, Bradley dashed toward him and swung his enormous sword.

Clank!

With Emery's successful block of Bradley's first attack, one word came out of his mouth.

"One!"

"Aaaarrghh! You dare! I'll kill you!"

The fire magus once again fiercely swung his sword. This time, however, Emery's feet were freed. Even with the 12 powerful soaring shuttles dashing around, Emery was still able to dodge, parry and block the combination attacks of all four of them with ease.

"Two!"

Clank! Clank!

Emery's sword mastery alone was already not to be underestimated. Added with the balanced dark savage blade and over 361 points of battle power, the four were no match for him.

Splatt!

Because of the multiple fast-moving shuttles, Bradley managed to land a heavy hit on Emery's shoulder and cracked open his [Jade Skin] with his flaming sword. This caused Emery to bleed quite severely, and in turn, put a wide grin on the bully's face.

Unfortunately, before Bradley could savor the moment, his smile disappeared with the deep wound he had just inflicted as Emery's [Undecaying Flesh] kicked in.

The fire magus' eyes widened in disbelief.

"Impossible! What are you!?"

Emery did not respond. Instead, the only word that came out of his mouth was, "Three."

Immediately after, a large amount of dark mist suddenly covered the area they were fighting in. It was a simple darkness spell, [Dark Smoke].

"Don't think you can hide! We are spirit readers, we can tell where you are!" Armand shouted.

Bradley, however, blindly swung his sword around in the darkness until he suddenly heard a scream from the distance.

"Arrghhh!"

"Who!? Who's there!"

Immediately after, another scream came from another direction, causing the fire magus to panic even more.

"Armand! What happened!? Armand!"

"I am here! Huh! That bastard! You can't hide from me!"

Relief washed over Bradley when he heard Armand's voice respond to his call. However, while he was still listening, Armand's voice abruptly stopped and a different voice replaced it.

"You're next."

"Arghh! Show your face if you dare! You coward!"

As soon as he said those words of challenge, the dark smoke suddenly cleared out, revealing Emery in front of him. Bradley looked around to check on the others, and apart from Atlas who was still standing at the back, the three Nephilims were gone.

"What did you do to them!?" Bradley angrily questioned.

In response, Emery only put his index finger on his lips signaling him to be quiet, before pointing his finger up. The fire magus hurriedly looked up. To his surprise, all three Nephilims were entangled by roots above in an unconscious state.

The moment the fire magus looked up, Emery quickly threw a powerful 361-point battle power punch to his stomach, causing him to be thrown back a few steps and kneel in pain.

"Just admit defeat!" Emery coldly asked while looking down on the fire magus. As the guy was still coughing in pain, Emery turned to look at the last guy still standing, the half-man half-machine Atlas.

"What about you? Are you ready to fight?"

However, before he could hear a response from the half-machine, Emery suddenly sensed a few more figures flying toward the island, causing him to subconsciously furrow his brows.

1... 2... 4...

"Who is it this time?"

Chapter 862 Defeated

Emery turned to look at Atlas and the half-machine acolyte just stood there staring at him without any slight expression on his face. This made him suspicious and wondered what his intentions were which he later asked the half-man half-machine figure,

"More of your friends coming for more fights?"

The man, on the other hand only says one word, "No," which only served to make Emery even more perplexed, although also quite inquisitive about the figures who were coming to the island.

A moment later, Emery was able to get a better read on the four people who were flying toward the island. He was relieved when he later found out that he actually recognized all four figures. Therefore, he decided to dispel his fey transformation and return to his human form.

A little while later, the four came falling from the sky. There were three men and one woman in the group. All of them were dressed in the same attire as the others, the privileged acolyte uniforms.

Emery knew the four of them well. The first man was his earth friend, Julian, and following him, the much familiar red-haired girl, Annara. Next to her was Yunxiao, the spear expert, and lastly, perhaps most unexpectedly, Diyoo, the Demon Nunchaku also arrived with them.

He was aware that Yunxiao had a good relationship with Annara as they were partners during the last game, and he quickly assumed that Diyoo came with the same reason. Hence, he was pretty sure they were coming with good intentions, especially given the presence of Julian among them.

"Emery! What has just happened here!?" Said Julian in surprise.

The red-haired girl, on the other hand, did not seem to be surprised in the least. When she discovered that Emery had rendered his opponents unconscious, she quickly laughed with amusement and looked at him with a teasing smile on her face as she chuckled.

"My.. my... it appears that we are worried for nothing.. our savage acolyte here could deal with them by himself," she said.

Julian briefly explained that in fact, Annara told him about Bradley's plan to make trouble. They were worried and came as soon as possible to help. Yet to their surprise, who knows if Emery would be able to stop them by himself.

"How strong are you really now Emery?!" Asked Julian who was looking at him with an inquisitive expression. Evidently, he was still in disbelief that Emery had been able to defeat five opponents on his own.

Right now they could witness the sight of three Nephilims tied to a tree, as well as two powerful opponents who were already lying on the ground defeated leaving only Bradley and Atlas.

Apparently, Yunxiao was familiar with Fei Ling as they both came from the same planet and had been rivals ever since. Upon seeing the girl lying defeated on the ground, he gave a nod of acknowledgment to Emery before he came to approach the girl to check her condition.

As for Abrafo, despite the fact that this earth acolyte was never known to be particularly strong, he was known as a formation expert. So far, not even magus could easily escape his famous trap.

"I guess you defeated him before he was able to trap you, didn't you?" Asked Julian, still in disbelief.

Emery could only respond with a nod and a smile, but Ananra gave another teasing smile at him. She was well aware of Emery's undoubted strength, and it appeared that she was the only one who believed the fact that Emery had defeated the six acolytes alone.

Diyoo, who had been deafeningly quiet, suddenly cursed and showed his irritation.

"This is not possible!! You!! You!! From now on, you are going to be my Rival!! Me, Diyoo!!" Afterward, Diyoo quickly took out his orbiter and flew away in rage, presumably he was going to train some more. As Emery's opponent in the previous duel, it seemed he just realized another depth in Emery's strength.

At this moment, Bradley had stood up and looked even more pissed than ever. He knew he had already been defeated, and out of shame, he was about to leave quietly. However, he was halted by a figure who was standing in front of him.

It was the half machine acolyte, Atlas.

Bradley was angry and he stared at Atlas with a ragged breath. He want to blame him, so he shouted in anger at the half-machine acolyte,

"You!! If only you joined us.. we might be able to win!!"

Atlas, on the other hand, just stood there without showing any expressions. He narrowed his gaze at the enraged man and said, "You have lost, confirm defeat."

"Urrgghh! You! You damned broken robot!!"

The fire magus was annoyed, but he did not appear to dare to mess with Atlas. On the opposite side, Emery suddenly received a piece of information on his bracelets.

[You have won the duel]

[Rank 20 - Emery Ambrose (9)]

The fire magus glared at Emery to the point of spitting on the ground before he started to float and was ready to fly away from the island.

However, to his surprise, before he could even move a bit, Atlas touched him with one finger and the man was suddenly electrocuted and fell to his knee.

"Arrgghh!! What the fuck are you doing!!" The man yelled in pain.

Atlas calmly said, "You owe the man 40 spirit foundation pills."

"What!! No!! If you think I would...."

Before Bradley could finish his word, Atlas's finger touched the fire magus again.

Zaapppp!!!

"Aargggh... what.. do you!! Fukk!!"

Zaaappp!!

The fire magus was now furious, yet Atlas didn't budge a bit and showed no sign of relenting. Atlas didn't even let the fire magus gather power to counter.

"Urggh!! Alright! Alright!!"

As he had given up and felt ashamed, Bradley immediately threw out a box and then flew away while cursing endlessly.

During this time, Emery who was witnessing the situation was confused by what was going on.

Atlas came to approach the group and gave the box to Emery who was still in confusion. He opened the box and saw 40 pieces of the spirit foundation pills inside it.

"This.. this.."

The red-haired girl was chuckling when she said, "Dont be confused... Where do you think I receive my information from?"

It was hard to believe, he thought that Atlas came for revenge. To answer his confusion Emery asked the half-machine acolyte, "Why? Why do you help me?"

Annara, unable to contain her excitement, immediately interrupted the half-machine acolyte and said,

"Emery, let me introduce him. Atlas III, the third member of our midtest group."

"What!?!?"

Chapter 863 Third Member

[Rank 99 - Atlas III (15)]

Now Emery understood why Atlas was ranked 99th, a rank far lower than his and Annara's.

According to the half-blood girl, Atlas spent the last 4 months being repaired back home and had just recently returned after receiving a new upgrade. Consequently, just like Emery and Annara, the half-machine missed the mid-test briefing.

"This will be fun, don't you think?" Annara asked Emery with both happiness and amusement. Thinking of the future possibilities, the girl could not contain her enthusiasm and smiled even deeper.

Upon hearing the red-haired girl's thoughts, Emery also thought about it for a moment, before nodding in agreement.

"Emery, now that all the members of your group are here, we should meet to discuss our strategy. The Harlight and Kaleos have set up a meeting, you three should join us as well," Julian interjected and suggested from the side.

In response, Emery turned to look at the girl and then at Atlas.

Annara immediately understood his worry.

"You have the highest rank among us, so you decide," she said, before staring at Atlas. "Don't you agree?"

Atlas nodded and said without any expression, "The strongest leads."

The half-machine's recognition was indeed genuine. After all, he had witnessed Emery defeat all six privileged acolytes without much effort just now. If that was not enough to earn his recognition, there's no saying what would.

After getting the two's affirmation, Emery decided for the group, "All right, we will come to the meeting."

A few moments later, Yinxiao finally finished completely healing Fei Ling. When the female acolyte saw this, she only stood up and snorted before quickly leaving the place without a word.

"I'm sorry for the trouble. She's not a bad person, she just needs better friends," Yinxiao explained.

Apart from Fei Ling, Yunxiao also gave a little treatment to Abrafo and found that his wounds were a lot more serious. After treating the earth acolyte, Yunxiao decided to take the man to the privileged center to get treated.

Thus, Yunxiao quickly left with the dark-skinned man on his back.

"Such a kind man, isn't he?" Julian casually asked Annara in a surprised tone.

"Yep. That's why he's my good partner," Annara responded with a wicked smile.

Emery, on the other hand, could only hope that nothing serious happened to the guy. As for his [Spirit Devour], he really needed to ask someone about it. He knew the skill belonged to the darkness element, so he decided to make time to find Master Xion and ask about it. Moreover, he had not seen his master for a while, so he decided to drop by as soon as he could.

Finally, it was time to take care of the three Nephilims.

"What are you planning to do with them?" Julian followed Emery's gaze at the three Nephilims and asked.

The answer was easy for him. Emery calmly controlled the plant to put the three Nephilims down and with a little bit of [Nature's Blessing] cast on them, all three Nephilims simultaneously awakened.

Armand was quickly shocked when he opened his eyes and found that the tables had turned, with Emery's party consisting of four and theirs consisting of only three.

Rage and embarrassment from what just happened quickly flashed on his face.

"We... we will report this to the academy, you will be in trouble for hurting us!"

Emery was shocked. This man really could not be any more shameless!

At the same time, Armand seemed to be very confident in his words. Even though they were the ones in the wrong and started the whole thing, would Emery really get into trouble because of it? Did the Nephilims really have such influence?

Emery silently thought about the possibility.

However, Atlas, who had been quiet for a while now, interrupted their conversation.

"I have everything recorded in my left eye, from beginning to end. The entire fight, and even your plan to break into the spirit cave by bringing Abruvi is all here."

Armand's eyes widened in shock.

"Huh!? Atlas, you really dare!? Are you betraying the family?!" the Nephilim asked, his anger clearly apparent on his face.

Hearing this, Atlas showed a rare smile he had never seen and turned to Emery, "This record will be enough to put them on trial. According to my calculations, they have a 72% chance of expulsion from the academy and a 21% chance of receiving severe punishment. Will you report on them?"

"Urgggh! Atlas, you bastard!"

To the two's surprise, Emery stepped forward and looked at the Nephilim with a calm gaze.

"Armand, I will not report this. Just don't make any more trouble."

Hearing this, the expression on Armand's face turned from anger to surprise. He looked into Emery's eyes to see if this was real. Upon seeing Emery's serious expression, his surprise turned to disgust.

"Huh! Feeling heroic, are you now? Your type is what I hate the most!"

He then turned to his two mates and told them to go, before leading them to leave using their orbiters.

After watching the three Nephilims leave, Annara looked back towards Emery.

"By the way," the girl said while walking closer. "How's your mid-test preparation going?"

Emery looked at the red-haired girl with confusion.

"What do you mean? What preparation?"

"Huh!? Even a champion needs equipment for a 10-day mission, not to mention that you only recently reached rank 9! You really should learn some tier 5 spells!" Annara then paused. "Speaking of, I know a good place to buy rare spells!"

Emery's interest was quickly piqued by the girl's words. However, he quickly stopped himself from immediately responding and thought about the wooden creature attached to his arm as well as the one still missing.

Noticing his silence, the red-haired girl's enthusiasm turned to curiosity.

"What is it?"

Reluctantly, Emery told them about the missing little creatures, causing her to burst out laughing.

Atlas put both of his hands on the ground and used some kind of seismic sensor to feel the slightest tremors, the half-machine quickly found the missing chubby creature on the other side of the island.

Emery was impressed by how dependable this guy actually was.

Finally, for Twik, who was still attached to his arm, Emery used [Nature's Blessing] on it and found faint energy. He was relieved, of course, but he could only hope the little guy was recovering. He also hoped to find some help for the little guy or at least some information about it.

"All right, where are we going?" Emery asked.

In turn, Annara looked at Emery with a smile.

"Where else? Golden City!"

Chapter 864 Sisters of Fate

Golden City.

This was the biggest city situated in the vicinity of the Magus Academy. In fact, one could reach the academy from the city with only one teleportation gate.

The city was so huge it occupied thirty percent of the planet's area by itself, leaving nearly all the remaining area as the industrial complex that kept the city going.

A group of people dressed in privileged class' attires were seen passing through the portal gate of this city. The appearance of this unfamiliar group immediately made numerous pairs of eyes turn their attention to them, most were looking with awe and jealousy, but there were also some with contempt in their gaze.

This group of people were naturally the one Emery was in. He along with Annara, Julian and Atlas had decided to come to Golden City.

The addition of the latter was an unexpected development, but Emery himself seemed to have no problem with the half-machine acolyte following him around. However, the other party had not made any sound at all since the island over to this place, which actually made things a little awkward.

Either way, Emery was glad he could return to this amazing city. For a moment, he even wondered if he would have the time to go see his friends that resided in this city: Cedric of the Apothecary Institute and Aeon of the Magus Guild.

"So where is the place you mentioned?" Emery asked the red-haired girl.

"Sister of Fate," answered Annara, causing Emery to turn his head at her. "We are going to a place called Sister of Fate."

Seeing the confused look on Emery's face, a smirk grew on Annara's face as she said, "I guess you lower realm have never heard of them. Well then, this could count as you owing me one more, you know. But this time, I won't do that. So let's go!"

Just as the red-haired girl was about to take the lead, Julian stopped her with his words. "Wait, we're still waiting for someone."

"Who?"

The moment Annara voiced her question, a disturbance came from the portal gate right behind them. Turning their heads around, they saw a beautiful girl with long dark hair come out of the portal and approached the group.

"I see you're having fun without me, huh?" The girl remarked, as she saw the four people.

Emery smiled when he saw her, before the girl quickly ran up and pounced at him. Seeing the girl coming excitedly, Emery just opened his arms wide to accept it and the two embraced with each other.

Naturally, the girl was none other than Klea.

The Egyptian queen hugged Emery tightly, as she looked at the others. "Fortunately someone warned me. Otherwise, who knows what would have happened." Her eyes shifted from Julian to Annara as she said those words.

While Julian just smiled wryly at her words, Annara on the other hand understood what Klea meant when she saw the latter's gaze on her. Hence, she snorted and said, "Seriously girl, he's all yours. You don't have to worry about me."

Seemingly annoyed by Klea's provocation, she added, "What you have to worry about is-"

Realizing what Annara was about to say, Emery immediately interrupted the conversation. Turning to Klea, he said, "Yes, yes. She's here to show me a place where we can obtain rare spells." Patting her back, he continued, "It's great that you can join us, and... we really should be going."

The mention of rare spells quickly caught Klea's interest. The topic was quickly diverted in another direction and as a result Emery managed to avoid a possible disaster.

The five acolytes then took a flying boat and made their way towards one corner of the city, where a building that looked like a temple with a large dome on the center could be seen. The entire building was covered in gold, giving the place an impression of luxury and majesty from a distance.

As they got closer to the building, Emery noticed how the number of people kept decreasing, until there were not many people in sight. This provided a very strange sight, as it was in stark contrast to the bustling area of ??the Golden City right behind them.

When they arrived, Annara quickly led the group to the entrance of the place. It was a huge door seemingly made of pure gold and laden with runes and symbols Emery had never seen before. It looked mesmerizing, to say the least.

As they walked through the door, the group was greeted by the sight of a dozen pale skinned women wearing masks made of silk. These people approached Emery and the others in an orderly manner, welcoming their arrival.

Annara proceeded to show one of the women her privileged identity. The group was led to a particular room and asked to wait for someone to come to attend them.

Much to Emery's surprise, they had been waiting for a long time and still no one came for them. However, this seemed to be the norm, as both Annara and Atlas did not seem to mind at all despite them being privileged acolytes whose time was precious.

Noticing the look Emery gave to her, Annara said, "Don't worry, just patiently wait. I assure you the Sisters of Fate are worth waiting for."

Klea, who at first came for fun, seemed to finally realize where they actually were. Her facial expression quickly turned serious.

Apparently, the Sisters of Fate were famous figures only a selected few were allowed to meet them. From the looks of it, it must be their privileged class status that allowed them to have a meeting with such figures.

Annara once again explained, "Consider the sisters as a valuable source of reference before you choose a good spell."

When someone finally arrived, Annara told Emery to go first, as it was a private consultation after all. Emery was then led to another room that gave off an extremely mystifying aura. As soon as he entered inside, he was surprised to see an altar with three figures sitting in line.

Emery's attention was immediately locked on the three figures, to be exact, three women with similar pale skin as the ones outside, but they emitted a powerful aura that flooded his senses. Thus Emery concluded they all should be grand magus figures.

What's more, the three of them looked much larger than a woman's usual size, which made Emery wonder if they were really humans behind their masks.

"Welcome, privileged acolytes. Come approach."

The voice of the women seemed to be able to speak directly to his mind and even echo to his soul.

Even though a bit surprised by the voice that directly entered his mind, Emery calmly walked forward and did as instructed.

He was told to touch a crystal cube that was floating in the air and the cube gradually gave off a bright light, shining in four different colors - green, yellow, blue and black. Obviously, those were colors that represented Emery's elemental affinity.

Immediately after, Emery felt as if something had probed into his body and explored inside.

One of the sisters, the one in the middle, opened her mouth. "What a very unique condition you have here."

The other sister, who sat on the left, said, "6 pillars formed with 5 different paths... This is quite phenomenal."

Afterwards, the one on the right side continued. "The boy is confused. He himself does not understand what's going on with him."

The voice stopped for a moment, before suddenly a question was heard - one that caught Emery off guard.

"Have you made a decision on your magus path yet? Do you know which path to choose?"

This time, it was the one sitting on the right who spoke.

"The boy doesn't even understand how to become a magus? He even thinks he can't be one."

What followed right after was a voice speaking inside Emery's head, with waves of information quickly entering his mind.

Chapter 865 Magus Realm

The path toward the Magus realm could be achieved when one soul entered the spirit core, resulting in the forming of the spirit soul.

At the same time, all of the accumulated understanding of the elements would be turned into what was commonly called the Law.

Each of the ten elements, including fire, earth, water, wind, metal, plant, ice, lightning, darkness and light, had their own Laws.

The Law itself served as a guide, as it was a form of rules and system that governed the use of the elements which every magus should follow.

These were the theories Emery had learned from the elite class, but he never really understood how a Law actually worked in terms of measuring the understanding of the elements and how it would define a magus.

Those questions filled Emery's head as if something his head had foreknowledge of what he was thinking at the moment, the voice suddenly entered his mind to answer his curiosity. He was then shown a vision a second later.

It was a vision of a certain dark element acolyte about to make a breakthrough into a magus realm. Emery could see all 9 dark element pillars were formed. When the person's soul entered the core, the strength of the foundation and pillars was put to the test.

Bamm!

Emery saw one by one the pillars crack and crumble apart, with only five of the nine remaining pillars turning into motes of light that strengthened the soul. After that, it turned into a spirit soul, which was thereafter referred to as the core of a magus. Following that, some notifications came into his mind.

[You have successfully advanced to magus realm]

[Your understanding in the law of darkness measured as 5%]

[Law of Darkness - 5%]

The vision showed him that when one made a breakthrough into the magus realm, depending on their understanding of the elements, one might be able to successfully receive more laws than another.

With this, Emery quickly came to a realization that this was probably the reason why Bradley was such a poor magus. He assumed the fire magus must have rushed his breakthrough, even if he was still lacking in elemental understanding. He probably ended up with a very low percentage understanding of the Law of Fire.

A few moments later, the vision of another person was shown to him. This time, he could see this one had three different pillars.

Of all the nine pillars, three of them were earth elements, the other three were plant elements, the rest were water elements. These pillars created such a balanced 3-way pillar structure, which helped to strengthen its foundation.

Similar to what he had witnessed before, the process began with the soul entering the core and right away the foundation and pillars were put to the test. Each of the element's pillars crumbled as a result of the testing, leaving six emotes that entered the soul.

[You have successfully advanced to magus stage]

[Your understanding in law of elements were measured]

[Law of Plants 2%]

[Law of Earth 2%]

[Law of Water 2%]

Afterward, the vision continued to show him some valuable lessons. Emery then saw the two figures were engaging in a fight with each other. One of them was the darkness magus, who was able to create much more powerful spells than the other, the nature magus, who looked to have more versatility.

It was difficult to tell which of the two figures was more powerful, because they were both fighting with their own distinct strengths. As a result, the fight came to a close without a real winner being shown.

The vision followed with the scene of someone cultivating the Law. Emery learned that when one reached 15% understanding, he would be able to reach half of the moon, while at 30% understanding, he would be able to reach the full moon. What's more, when one could make a breakthrough to understand the universe power of the cosmos, he might be elevated to the rank of a grand magus.

However, such could only be achieved from individual Laws and this did not apply to the accumulation of different Laws. That's why many acolytes, although having multiple affinities in different elements, decided to choose to focus on mastering one element in order to quickly advance their realm.

Afterward, the vision was over. Despite the fact he had learned a lot from all the visions, to his surprise, a piece of information suddenly came to his mind. Apparently, Emery had received a new understanding of the elements simply by seeing it.

[Spirit force increased]

The moment Emery returned from his reverie, he heard one of the sisters once again asked,

"Those are the two most common paths of the magus, do you understand now?" The sister in the middle asked him.

Emery gave a nod to show he understood. Just like the way it always was before, with Emery having multiple elements, he was presented with the choice of following the path of mastering one element or pursuing the mastery of several elements.

Given that Emery appeared to be in confusion, the sister on the right side immediately added, "The boy is blessed with two foundations. This way, he actually can be master of both."

The one on the left nodded in agreement, "Still.. the mastery of combined elements will be your most valuable assets."

After diagnosing his condition, Emery listened to them very carefully as the sisters started to explain how powerful a combined spell was for a person such as him.

They also noted a difference in his darkness energy and eventually would choose an appropriate spell for him.

After explaining all of the essential things Emery needed to know, the sisters seemed to have finished with him and called on the next person. Yet, before he left, Emery suddenly remembered a word that piqued his curiosity. So he forced himself to ask,

"Sister, from what you said before, do you really think there is a way for me to become a magus?"

Instead of giving him the answer he wanted, the sister in the middle said, "Humans have very little trust in fate."

The second sister then continued, "It's all the work of fate, Fate is the divine will."

The last sister also said, "With fate you will succeed, even with such little chances."

Hearing this, Emery could only heave a sigh. Even though all of the sisters replied to him with answers, they didn't explain anything at all.

Chapter 866 Selected Spells

Emery really wished to ask more questions but it appeared that his time was already over.

Despite the fact that it was such a short meeting, all of the visions and the lessons the sisters gave to him had a quite big impact on him.

Afterward, he was brought to a different room, which was more like a large hall in which in the center there was a huge long table with more masked women standing behind it just like regular shops. However, Emery could see at the back of the table, there was a room full of large shelves that were filled with scrolls.

As he had entered the room, Emery moved forward to approach the woman behind the table. Seeing Emery was coming closer, the woman lightly needed it when she told him to touch a small cube floating on top of the table.

Without asking anything, Emery did as he was told, and right away, an information came to his mind.

[Emery Ambrose]

[Affinity: Darkness, Plant, Water, Earth]

[114 Spell Selected]

[Browse by rarity]

[Browse by type]

114 spells might sound like a lot, but Emery was expecting more to choose. After a quick browse, he discovered that all of the spells were only available between his 4 elements, with none of them being of rarity D, which could be bought easily at the magus academy.

The woman with the mask told him that the spell had been personally selected by the Sister of Fate and apparently it was quite unusual for an acolyte to have so many choices.

[Rank C Spell - 73]

[Rank B Spell - 24]

[Rank A Spell - 11]

[Divine Spell - 6]

Finally, it's time to shop for something useful for him, and fortunately, he had lots of contribution points collected as a result of the last mission he did for the magus alliance.

[Contribution Point 649,050]

[Spirit Stone 74,200]

With the amount of contribution points and spirit stones he had, Emery believed that he could at least purchase some good spells. He then started to browse through the options, and of course, the first that took his interest was the special Divine spell. For him, it was definitely a must to know.

[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]

However, as soon as he checked the price of the first on the list, it quickly made him pale. For that amount of spirit stone, he would rather find a way to trick Kilgragh to become his pet instead of spending that large amount for a single spell. In either case, such a spell must need a significant amount of spirit pool as well.

Next,

[Divine Rank A - Circle of Life]

[Nature and Life]

[One life ends, another would be reborn, subject to the strength of the caster and the disease]

[Price: 2,575,000]

Emery took a deep sigh, this was definitely an amazing spell. There was nothing more important than life, if only he had the spirit stone to spare.

[Divine Rank B - Demon'Eater Sword]

[Darkness]

[Summon a powerful sword with the ability to devour spirit and able to cut through magic]]

[Price: 1,350,000]

This second spell actually made him think about his [Spirit Devour] spell. He wondered if this spell was chosen because of it.

[Divine Rank B - Forest Of Chaos]

[Darkness and Plant]

[Formation circle that traps sizable opponents. Length and limit subject to caster spell power]

[Price: 1,190,000]

This one actually seemed useful, however, even if Emery had that amount, he would think three times before buying it. With all the spells he had checked, none of them captivated him. Hence, he kept looking for more options.

[Divine Rank C - Land's Wrath]

[Nature]

[Powerful offensive spell that combines three elements; plants, earth, and water]

[Price: 420,000]

[Divine Rank C - Aegis of Void]

[Darkness]

[Call forth the energy of space as a protective barrier that nullifies incoming attacks of all sorts]

[Price: 325,000]

The two last divine spells piqued his interest and made him want to purchase them as soon as possible. After all, this was a divine spell. It wasn't just powerful, but it was also extremely rare. Although the price was fair, Emery did not have a substantial amount prepared.

He really needed to look at the other spell, at least an A rank which was something he lacked. Currently, Emery only had one A-rank spell, [Nature Grasp], and he desperately needed more.

[Rank A]

The section provided him with 9 available spells, and among them, he found five that interested him.

[Anti-Magic tier 5]

[Darkness]

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

[Price: 212,000]

The first rank 5 spell he saw that interested him, could be a very useful one. However, considering that its price was almost the same as a Divine rank spell made him want to look for more options.

[Void Armor tier 5]

[Darkness]

[Using the power of space to protect one self]

[Price: 158,000]

[Ruthless Nature tier 5]

[Darkness and Nature]

[Total destruction of with the power of nature]

[Price: 135,000]

The next two were like the downgraded versions of the divine elements which made him want to purchase them. However, the value and use didn't really interest him. In this case, it made him prefer the divine element instead.

[Mineralized Warrior tier 5]

[Earth - Water]

[Powerful summon of nature abide the caster command]

[Price: 148,000]

This one interested him much as he might need more help on the next mission, which he would probably have a difficult time to complete due to a lack of team members. Also, the fact that both were elements that he had rarely used. He was hoping that this one would help him in improving his understanding of the two.

[Forest Curse tier 5]

[Darkness and Plant]

[Offensive dark energy from nature that gives weakness to its target]

[Price: 120,000]

This one spoke about his current condition, a spell that combined both darkness and plant, but its total destruction did not satisfy him.

Even after sorting some possible spells he might buy, Emery ended with no rank A spells on hand. Afterwards, he proceeded to check on to the B rank, a more affordable combine spells one as an option and increased the one he lacked.

[Rank B]

[Dark Tide tier 5]

[Darkness and Water]

[High tier offensive combined spell of the two elements]

[Price: 36,000]

[Ash Blast tier 5]

[Darkness and Earth]

[High tier offensive combined spell of the two elements]

[Price: 35,500]

[Seed Bomb tier 5]

[Darkness and Plant]

[High tier offensive combined spell of the two elements]

[Price: 34,500]

[Strength Sap tier 5]

[Nature]

[Gives out the power of nature to strengthen others]

[Price: 33,000]

[Dark Void tier 5]

[Darkness]

[Higher version of dark smoke, gives blindness to another level]

[Price: 32,500]

Finally, Emery also managed to browse the C rank to find anything he was missing.

[Rank C]

[Regrow Limb tier 5]

[Advanced heal to regrow ones limb]

[Price: 22000]

[Rejuvenating Mushroom tier 5]

[Area healing spell with power of nature]

[Price: 19,000]

[Slipstream tier 4]

[Water]

[Flowing and rushing like water to increase agility]

[Price: 17,000]

[Undermaster tier 4]

[Earth]

[Spell to mobilize underground]

[Price: 16,000]

After he had finish going through all the lists, by this time Klea, Annara and Atlas had already finished their consultation as well. Now that they had arrived, they would definitely be a big help for him to choose which spell to purchase.

"Which spell should Emery get?"

Chapter 867 Choices

The group of five walked towards one of the corners and proceeded to sit down. They were about to have a little discussion about the information they had just obtained.

Annara and Atlas who did accompany Emery to the Sister of Fate earlier did not get a consultation themselves as they had had one in the past.

On the other hand, the Egyptian girl Klea did receive some guidance. Emery couldn't help but break a smile himself when he saw how happy the girl was at the moment for buying two Rank A spells.

[Recharge tier 4]

[Lightning]

[Store spirit energy into a medium to be used later]

[Spirit Explosion tier 5]

[Water]

[Increase spell power by flowing all spirit energy within]

Klea was so excited that she even showed Emery the two spells she chose. Emery smiled fondly at how cute she was when she boasted of the two spells she had purchased with all the spirit stones and contribution points she had accumulated.

With the addition of the two spells, the already formidable girl could now really become a bonafide powerhouse among her peers. This was because the two spells worked so well in tandem, where the latter would increase her spell power while the former would allow her to have an extra Spirit Pool to be used afterwards.

"That's really a good choice, Klea! I'm sure they will work well for you," commented Emery with a smile.

"You think so, Emery?"

"Yeah!" Emery nodded. "Moreover, I don't want to see what you did in the last game repeat itself.

What Emery meant was that time when Klea was eliminated from the game for using too much power on the [Storm Haze] spell and ended up exhausting herself. When Klea heard those words, she approached him and once again held his arm close.

This sight, however, brought an untold amount of irritation to the girl sitting in front of them. It was evident from the words she spoke next.

"Oh, come on you two. Go get a room already!"

Hearing this, Klea quickly turned her head to Annara, had a thoughtful look on her face, and said, "Well... we probably should."

Annara snorted in response to the reply. She glanced at Emery and said, "It's actually... not that impressive, really..."

"What is that supposed to mean?" reacted Klea as she raised her eyebrows. She couldn't help but be suspicious of such ambiguous words.

On the other hand, Annara shrugged. "I mean, a beautiful girl like you can get a more impressive guy than this one." She said while smirking.

Klea was stunned for a moment because she didn't understand right away. She stiffly shifted her gaze between the two of them before eventually stopping at Annara and saying, "You are exactly right! I think I'm starting to like you more, girl!"

Emery discreetly looked at Annara's wicked smile and inwardly heaved a sigh. Emery felt as if this Bat-bloodline girl truly enjoyed sucking his peaceful life.

Thus, in order not to give her more opportunities to stroke Klea's curiosity, Emery quickly opened his mouth.

"Alright let's get into serious matters, any ideas on which spell I should buy?"

Emery asked because he generally trusted Klea's judgment in things like this. As for Annara and Atlas, the two of them would be his teammate on the mid-test, so their opinion could definitely be taken into account as to increase their chance of succeeding.

But first, Emery had decided to take all Rank C spells so he quickly went into action and bought all of them.

[Regrow Limb] [Rejuvenating Mushroom] [Slipstream] [Undermaster]

The four spells cost a total of [74,000], and Emery believes that they would increase his mobility and overall performance.

Next, for the Rank B spells, Emery went ahead and chose [Dark Void] and [Strength Sap], both of which cost a total of [65,500]. Despite the fact that the two were not combined-type spells, they were still classified as Rank B spells which showed their quality.

However, the reason Emery chose the two spells was because he believed that they would be useful for him to obtain even more understanding of the respective element they were based upon and, hopefully, enrich his other spells.

Now that Rank C and B were out of the way, it was time for the more expensive Rank A and Rank C Divine spells Emery had his eyes on.

[Mineralized Warrior - 148,000] [Ruthless Nature -135,000]

[Aegis of Void - 325,000] [Land's Wrath - 420,000]

With the current amount of wealth Emery possessed, which combined his total spirit stones and contribution points, he only had a little over 700,000. Deducting the amount needed for the Rank C and B spells he decided to buy, Emery only had at most 600,000 to spend.

This meant he couldn't buy everything even if he wanted to. Hence the question to the people in his group.

"What do you think, Atlas?" Emery asked only to make his relationship with the always calm guy less awkward, therefore one could imagine his surprise when the latter answered his question.

The half-machine acolyte turned to Emery with a serious look and said, "More firepower is always better, so [Land's Wrath]."

Emery did need a strong area-of-effect offensive spell, so he pondered Atlas' words carefully. Moreover, knowing that they would probably be fighting against hordes of monsters, the suggestion made sense.

Even so, he was still torn between the [Rank C Divine - Land's Wrath] and the [Rank A - Ruthless Nature]. He didn't know which was better for his situation.

It was at this time that Annara voiced her disagreement.

"We need spells that can complement our weaknesses because we will be cooperating with each other. Atlas here already has plenty of offensive spells, and so do I. What I and the robot lack is a protective-type spell. So in my opinion, you should take the [Rank C Divine - Aegis of Void]."

Emery was about to consider the red-haired girl's opinion when Klea also gave her opinion.

"I think you should focus on your future cultivation, Emery. You have to remember that contribution points are not easy to obtain, so don't spend it all for the mid-test. Moreover, there will always be better spells later in the future."

Klea's choice was the [Rank A - Mineralized Warrior], as the spell would still increase his combat potential and also could increase Emery's lacking cultivation in the Earth and Water element.

She also added, "If you really need an area-of-effect offensive spell, you should get one of the more affordable Rank B Tier 5 spells. For example, [Dark Tide], [Ash Blast], [Seed Bomb]; Their prices are all only in the range of 30,000."

Emery naturally took Klea's opinion seriously, as it was clear that the girl really thought about what was best for his future. He was about to consider the opinion of the three people and make his own decision when Annara suddenly commented.

"So you decided to go down the path of a versatile magus don't you, Emery?"

The red-haired girl's sudden question reminded him of the vision, so it made him ask, "Why? You don't think that's wise?"

Unexpectedly, Annara didn't say anything. She just showed her stats to him.

[Annara Vermont]

[Acolyte Rank 9 - High stage - 8 Pillars Formed]

[Darkness Spirit - 6 Pillars]

[Fire Spirit - 2 Pillar]

Emery's interest was piqued when he saw that the girl actually had unbalanced pillars. He was about to ask why she had gone down this less desirable path, but the girl had already beaten him in that aspect.

"This is what my master suggested. I plan to sacrifice two of my Fire Spirit during my advancement, and aim for a full-fledged darkness magus."

"Sacrificed?"

Chapter 868 Comprehension

"Sacrifice the pillars?"

The group, Emery in particular, was a little taken aback when they heard about Annara's plan to sacrifice her Fire Spirit. Their attention was completely drawn to the girl and they were waiting for her explanation.

"Yes, I am confident that in 3 to 5 years I will become a crescent moon magus, one with at least 7% darkness law comprehension. That's the bare minimum for us, privilege acolytes," she said.

Annara's words just now had piqued Emery's interest. He then asked further on the matter.

To answer his curiosity, Annara responded by giving a brief explanation about the three classifications of successful advancement to a magus realm.

7 to 9% Law comprehension was considered a successful advancement and received the crescent magus title.

4 to 6% Law comprehension was considered a mediocre advancement that was called new moon magus.

1 to 3% Law comprehension was considered a failure and more of them died in the process than actually became one.

Most privileged acolytes with their abundant resources and support would normally reach the crescent moon level in 5 to 10 years.

As for the elites, on average it would take 30 to 50 years to achieve the status of crescent moon magus, while the regular acolytes would take 100 to 300 years to reach this.

Emery realized that when Annara mentioned about the regular acolytes of the magus academy, she was well aware that the standard was still an A aptitude acolyte, one with talent, but who did not have as many resources and support.

Meanwhile, for a B aptitude, it would most likely take way longer to reach the level. Probably it would take approximately 1000 years before they could become a magus, hoping they did not die because of age before that.

When Emery heard this, he once again asked,

"I realized many privileged acolytes have reached the high stage with 6 to 9 pillars formed. I am sure many would reach the 1000 spirit force requirement and the peak of rank 9 in a year or two, then why does it need 5 to 10 years to reach the magus realm?"

The red-haired girl explained how the 9th pillar would take a long time to form and consolidating all 9 pillars would take even longer.

Annara added, "That's just it, if one doesn't consolidate properly after reaching the peak of rank 9, one might end up like Bradley who only achieved 4% Law comprehension. He was so embarrassed he was putting it on you thinking that you were an easy target just because you were rank 8."

The girl continued to explain that there were many acolytes out there who were unwilling to wait hundred years to become a proper magus and instead chose to take the shortcut just to reach the magus realm to become an immortal. That, on the other hand, would increase the chances of failure and, for the worst consequence, it would result in death for them.

This made Emery become more curious than before.

"Is it really that bad? If people take the shortcut, I mean. Can't they comprehend the Law after they become a magus?"

This time, it was Klea who gave the answer to his question.

"My master, grand magus Ororo, once told me about this. She said that advancing in a magus realm with less understanding of the Law is like trying to solve a puzzle with fewer pieces and clues."

"Well said!" Annara exclaimed. "It could take 1000 years before you reach 15% half-moon if you don't have a solid start, while a genius who starts with 9% Law comprehension could reach peak magus in only 100 years."

With this, Annara went on to say, "This is why I decided to give up on my fire elements. One law is already crazy. If you're thinking of doing multiple Law, I suggest that at least you choose one as the main."

With this argument, Annara wanted to convince Emery to take the Darkness Spell and forget about any thought about mastering the Water or Earth Element. However, if he really had to choose two, he would just go with Plant and Darkness instead.

Emery was taking Annara's point into consideration at the time. Even if her advice made sense, somehow there was still something about it that did not convince him completely. Emery once again looked toward Klea, as if the girl understood what Emery wanted just by eye contact, she immediately showed her stats.

[Kleopatra]

[Acolyte Rank 9 - High stage - 7 Pillars Formed]

[Lightning Spirit - 4 Pillar]

[Water Spirit - 1 Pillars]

[Wind Spirit - 1 Pillars]

[Ice Spirit - 1 Pillar]

"Emery, my master told me the same thing, but she told me to keep maintaining my three other elements rather than sacrificing them. I don't really understand why, but I trusted her to know what is best for me. That is why I believe we should not stop improving our other elements. I really think you should take your time and not rush this. We still have hundreds of years ahead of us."

Emery heaved a sigh. He was unsure. At the time being, he was questioning himself whether he should not worry about his Water and Earth elements like what Annara had suggested to him, or simply keep them while focusing on upgrading his main spell, as Klea had done to hers.

It appeared he still needed some enlightenment. Therefore, he asked the quiet half-machine robot to see his stats.

"What about yours, Atlas? What is your plan?"

As usual, without saying a single word, the half-machine acolyte immediately showed his stats to Emery.

[Atlas]

[Acolyte Rank 9 - High stage - 9 Pillars Formed]

[Lightning Spirit - 4 Pillar]

[Fire Spirit - 5 Pillars]

The cyborg then added, "My body cannot function without the two elements. It was built to aim for comprehension of the Advanced Law."

In contrast to Annara and Klea, Emery could see that this half-machine used two spirits as his main. However, he was interested to know something different from what Atlas had just said. Since it was a new piece of information for Emery, he inquired with curiosity,

"What do you mean with Advanced Law?"

Hearing this, Annara said, "You don't think there are only 10 laws, don't you? They are the laws outside the basic of 10 elements"

Annara explained there were more than 100 known laws out there, but 90% of magus still depend on the 10 main laws of the elements.

"For earth, water and plant, they are within the Laws of nature, which are quite known. However, I still stand in my belief that those advanced Laws are just not realistic and too hard to comprehend."

Annara then looked at Atlas and said, "Even Mister Cyborg here had to relive 3 times trying to successfully comprehend the advanced law."

This explanation actually answered many questions about Emery's situation, however, it also brought even more questions, some he couldn't comfortably ask without revealing about Gaia or Khaos.

At moments like this Emery realized that each of them had someone who served as a guide for them. Klea had the grand magus Ororo to help her, Annara had grand magus Zenonia and Atlas had those who helped to build his body. He, on the other hand, had no one who really knew what's going on with his cultivation, except maybe...

With this line of thought, Emery quickly said,

"Alright, guys thank you. I have made my decision," Emery said firmly and it quickly drew everyone's attention.

"So which spell will you get?" Annara asked curiously.

Emery paused a moment before answering the question. He looked at them with a convincing gaze, "None, I will go to find my master Xion first."

Chapter 869 Guidance

Not only did Emery need a lot more time to contemplate before he spent lots of his hard-earned points, he was also really concerned about his current cultivation. Therefore, he decided to go find his master and also ask the latter's opinion.

Knowing that Emery was going for a private discussion with his master, Klea naturally decided not to bother him in this matter. After all, what the two discussed shouldn't be known by others beside them.

Moreover, at the same time, Julian came to the group bringing news that the meeting regarding the mid-test would be held this evening. The time and place have been determined, and there would be several groups that would come.

"I will see you tonight at the meeting, then." With a sweet smile, Klea bid her goodbye to Emery.

While Julian and Klea would prepare with their group for today's meeting, Annara and Atlas would continue their shopping list for the mid-test.

"I'm sorry. I hope you both don't mind me not joining you," Emery told his two teammates.

"Don't worry." Annara waved her hand nonchalantly. "I will definitely send the receipt for your share." The red-haired girl said with a wink. "Don't forget to say hello to my senior Xion."

With that said, everyone split up and went on to do their own business. Emery made his way towards the nearest portal that could take him to the Darkness Institute.

It didn't take long for Emery to find himself standing in front of a massive cave - the entrance to the cliff where the majestic Darkness Institute lies.

Annara did tell him that around this time, her senior would be busy teaching in the institute. Hence instead of going directly to his residence as he usually did, Emery decided to enter the institute building and went looking for his master.

He quickly arrived at the familiar dungeon-like hall of the Darkness Institute where as usual the whole place was illuminated only by smoldering torches. A long table could be seen at the end of the hall, and an acolyte appeared to be present.

Emery approached the acolyte and proceeded to receive a rather unfriendly welcome when he asked about his master's whereabouts.

"You are looking for Magus Xion? What is this about?" The acolyte said in an exasperated tone.

This couldn't help but feel like a *déjà vu*. The last time he was here a similar thing happened, and he had to wait hours and hours until Annara finally came and helped him.

In a polite tone, Emery rephrased his words. "I came here to check if he's available. Can you please help me with this matter?"

"The magus is currently teaching. You should sit there and wait until the person is available." The acolyte said as he pointed his finger at the rows of chairs in one corner of the hall. What's more, the look on his face told Emery that he was annoyed.

Seeing such treatment, Emery inwardly shook his head. He wondered if he should tell the other party about his relationship with the magus. But on the contrary, if his master was really busy, then he really should let him finish his class first.

Emery was about to turn around and sit down to wait as told when someone who seemed to be a senior staff member suddenly came calling for him.

"Excuse me."

"Yes?" Emery replied as he turned to the person.

"I am sorry, but you are looking for Magus Xion?"

"Yes, that's right." Emery nodded. "But if the person isn't available, then it's okay. I can wait."

Emery expected the other party to nod in understanding, but instead got a response he didn't expect.

"No! We will certainly send a message to the magus now. Please wait a moment!"

Emery was surprised, and he could also see that the acolyte he spoke to earlier was also confused by the senior staff's reaction. The latter actually told the acolyte to quickly deliver the message as soon as possible.

"But... why..?" was the response from the acolyte.

"You lazy idiot! Can't you see it?!" The senior staff shouted at the acolyte, causing the letter to take a step back. "Look at the uniform! This young man is from the privileged class! Send a priority message to the instructor now!!"

The acolyte quickly panicked as he realized the blunder he had done. He hastily accessed the panel in front of him and did what he was asked to do. On the other hand, the senior staff bowed and apologized profusely.

"I'm very sorry for the inconvenience. He's new to this job. I'll make sure to discipline him later."

"Message sent, senior," said the acolyte. His body was sweating as he bowed towards Emery. "I sincerely apologize for my behavior earlier sir."

Emery who was still taken aback by everything that had just happened could only smile wryly in response. He asked the two of them to lift their heads and not bow to him again.

"It's okay. There's really no need for all this."

"No, no! We are here for your convenience, anything for the privileged class..."

As they were waiting for a reply, the senior staff seemed to check Emery's credentials, and with each passing second, the smile on his face turned even wider.

"Aa.. you are that savage acolyte... hmm.. Rank 20? Amazing, how amazing.."

"..What is this?! Medal of Distinguished Valor?! At such a young age..?"

After saying those words, the senior staff literally snapped his head toward Emery. Disbelief could be clearly seen in his eyes and facial expression. Realizing that his behavior was a bit improper, the senior staff coughed and let out an embarrassed smile.

"T-thank you for your service to the alliance!"

As this was the first time he experienced such a thing, Emery didn't know what to do and thus could only smile in response. On the other hand, the senior staff seemed to still have something to say.

"What's wrong?"

"Errmm... Coincidentally, I have a beautiful sister..." With a smile on his face, the senior staff continued, "If you have time, maybe..."

The situation became even more awkward after the senior staff said those words. Emery even saw the acolyte become frozen speechless at the behavior of his senior, unable to utter a word.

Fortunately, a familiar figure was seen approaching them.

"You're here, Emery!"

"Master!"

Realizing that his opportunity to retreat appeared, Emery immediately took advantage of it and escaped from such an awkward situation. After thanking the two people, he ran towards Magus Xion and the two walked to the latter's residence located a few miles away from the institute.

As they walked along the cliff towards their destination, Emery opened his mouth.

"Master, I thought you were busy teaching?"

"Ah, yes. That, I am." Magus Xion nodded before a cheeky smile appeared on his face. "But with the honorable privileged acolyte coming and looking for me, I have a valid excuse for a break."

Emery chuckled when he saw his master's expression. "Master, if I had known, I should have looked for you more often."

"Hahahaha, that won't be too inappropriate, ain't it? Hahahaha."

When they finally arrived at the small hut, Magus Xion once again delicately prepared a drink of hot tea for them to enjoy. After taking a sip, he put down the teacup on the table and smiled.

"So, I see you finally reached rank 9. Congratulations."

"Yes, thank you, Master."

"In that case, I assume you came looking for me to ask about the pillars and the laws. Am I right?"

"Yes, Master. You are absolutely right." Emery bowed. "Please give me your guidance."

Magus Xion picked up the teacup, took a sip, and then simply lowered it without putting it down. His eyes on Emery, the man opened his mouth.

"I don't know much about other elements, but at least, I can help you with the law of darkness."

Chapter 870 The Laws

Emery proceeded to tell his master about what he had experienced today at the Sister of Fate's place, as well as about his thoughts on the spells he wanted to buy.

His main concern was still about whether he should concentrate his time and energy on improving a certain element or improving all the elements he had in the first place. Both options, after all, had their own pros and cons.

After knowing the crux of Emery's dilemma, Magus Xion started by checking his condition. He put his hand on Emery's body and began channeling his energy into his disciple's core.

Moments later, after completing his inspection on the two cores, Magus Xion heaved a sigh and fixed his gaze on Emery, causing the latter to not know what to do. For a brief period, the man was stunned, and as he looked at his master's facial expression, Emery was visibly worried.

The reaction Magus Xion showed prompted Emery to ask a question.

"Is it really that bad, Master?"

"Bad? No, no," replied Magus Xion quickly when he realized he was in a daze. "The term that I think and want to use is that it is marvelous, but at the same time it is also terrifying." The man remarked with a complex expression on his face.

Emery's brows furrowed when he heard that. He was concerned and didn't understand what his master actually meant and since he was still befuddled by confusion, he continued to ask.

"What's your opinion then, Master? What do you think about what I should do next? Emery wondered.

"As I have said earlier, Emery. I don't have the capacity to provide any advice regarding your core situation. So instead of giving an opinion that may or may not help you, let me explain about being a magus of darkness, and what it truly means."

Even though he was a bit disappointed, Emery still remained calm in his position. Now that he knew his master couldn't help the dilemma about his cores, he waited for Magus Xion to start explaining more and further about the Law of Darkness.

In order to make sure Emery could understand the ensuing explanation with ease, Magus Xion started off by opening up his stats and letting the former take a look.

[Xion]

[Magus Realm - Crescent Moon]

[Law of Darkness 10%]

[Law of Shadow 14%]

[Battle Power 325]

[Soul force: 248]

Emery was stunned when he saw his master's stats. He was amazed by the two laws stated there.

"Wow, Master! You have actually comprehended two laws!" Emery's eyes shone as he spoke those words. "But what is the meaning of the soul force written there?"

A surprised look appeared on Magus Xion's face. "You don't know what a soul force is? That's embarrassing!"

The fact that Emery did not know about the soul force caught Magus Xion off guard, to say the least.

Magus Xion slightly shook his head before explaining that once a soul entered a spirit core and turned into a soul core, at this stage, the usual term of spirit force would be replaced by soul force. In other words, soul force was the term used to quantify the total soul prowess when one broke through to the magus realm.

"In addition, the soul force is in line with your understanding of the law," added Magus Xion.

He then explained that it was his accumulation of the two laws that gave him a not small advantage over the other Crescent Moon magus. However, at the same time, it was also the reason he still had not yet broken through to the Half Moon stage.

"I just need another comprehension of the Shadow Law, then my power will multiply by at least a hundred soul force"

These information from Magus Xion actually made Emery realize an important fact, that although it was more effective to focus on one law, having multiple laws wasn't really a waste of time as his soul force would increase following his subsequent comprehension.

Just this one piece of information had already taken a portion of his worry away.

After that, Emery asked the next question he wanted an answer to.

"Master, what is exactly the difference between your two laws? I honestly thought that dark and shadow were the same things, but it seems I was wrong."

Magus Xion laughed when he heard Emery's words.

"Haha, you're right, but you're not wrong either."

Under the confused gaze of Emery, Magus Xion explained the slight difference between the two.

"At a glance, it's actually not strange for you to think that the two are the same. But if you delve deeper into the two, you will realize that darkness is about emptiness while shadow is about the absence of light."

"Darkness could exist by itself and even be eternal. Shadow, however, can not exist without light. That is the most basic understanding of the Shadow Law, and the inspiration to my [Shadow Edge] and [Weeping Phantom]."

Magus Xion explained that out of the 10 laws, light and darkness were considered the special ones because the two have the most diversified laws compared to the others. Afterwards, he began to explain other known types of Darkness Law.

Law of Gravity; this particular law was related to the understanding of Earth Law, something that Emery could definitely explore. But in reality, he had never once had an encounter to learn it. Instead, he saw so many of his enemies using it. Lodos the Maniac and Hades of the Nephilim, to be exact.

Law of Space; this was the law that constituted his main spells [Blink] and [Spatial Gate]. In this retrospect, Emery was pretty sure that Khaos was either space or shadow.

Law of Curses and Law of Death; these two governed over illness, weakness, and death. Necromancy, the one Hades displayed by raising up the dead, was considered as part of these two laws.

Suddenly, Emery noticed that Magus Xion seemed to mention of the next law differently

Law of Massacre.

Magus Xion heard a certain elf comprehended and improved the law by killing wantonly and unceremoniously. The more massacres he did, the stronger he became. The particular individual who comprehends this exact law was one of the legendary elves, that was crazed for blood.

He then tried to stop thinking about the past and continue,

Law of Calamity; this one was similar to the Law of Massacre in its destructive capability, but involved faith and elements of nature to master.

"There is also a set of laws that are known to feed on emotions; Greed, Wrath, Pride, Lust, Sloth, Envy, and Gluttony. They were the personification of negative emotions, hence they're within the corridor of Darkness Law."

Emery was getting confused again, finding such laws difficult to comprehend.

Realizing this, Magus Xion patiently explained the possible output of these laws that he once heard.

Greed could boost one's artifact until it reached godly level.

Wrath could employ the rage and fury within to amplify one's power to an unreasonable degree.

Pride could have a fortification ability that nullified all physical and magical attacks

Lust could gain power through acts of worldly intimacy.

Sloths could have the most powerful recovery abilities among their peers.

Envy could take divine weapons or one's ability for their own.

The things Emery had just heard was something that was both bizarre and beyond imagination. Surprisingly, just hearing about these laws by itself already gave him much understanding of the darkness element.

But then, he realized that his master seemed to have forgotten one law.

"What about gluttony, Master? You missed that one."

At this question, Magus Xion smiled before calmly opening his mouth.

"Gluttony has a lot in common with the law that is currently starting to take place in your foundation..."

Hearing this, Emery quickly guessed what his master meant.

"The Law of Devour."