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Chapter 731 Concern Of The Kings

Looking over the three future generals that were chosen, Rex nodded his head in affirmation.

Of course, the three of them don't know their roles in the future yet as Rex hasn't told them upfront and it can still change sometime in the future. But with the gifts provided to them, it's clear that their new master intends to make them stronger.

Evolving their bloodline to a high-ranked is not something light as Adhara and the others perceive.

For them, that has already been within Rex's wing from the start and evolving to be a natural process that would be triggered as they get stronger. In reality, the process is not exactly kind and doesn't exactly work that way.

Any Supernatural that can reach higher than the seventh-rank realm is born to be strong.

Just like Awakened which measures one's achievement through how powerful their affinity to their element is. It will then determine their talents. The Supernatural races are also involved in that process, but theirs are determined from birth.

In order to evolve their bloodline naturally, they would need tens if not hundreds of years.

Evolving as they got stronger is a unique-natural trait provided by the system itself, Rex's presence that affects the others inside his pack is the catalyst that evokes the others to evolve devastatingly faster compared to the norms.

What looks like light matters were akin to a God-like ability for these three Supernaturals.

Rex and the others can see the sparkle in their eyes when they saw the three glowing objects that are handed to them by Adhara, they were handling the glowing objects as if it was the world's treasure, treating the objects like a newborn baby that is fragile and weak.

"Absorb them and report back to me when you're done" Rex chimed and wave his hand.

Standing on the side with ultimate bearing, Adhara then added with her authoritative tone, "For now you will stay inside the pit with the others. Tell them that I will be there to assign their tasks, so be ready for me to be there"

Upon hearing this, the three nodded and bowed before they leave the great hall.

Finishing the matter about the guard captains that would organize the shifts of the regular guards and command them as they see fit to keep an eye on the castle, Adhara then glanced at Rex sitting on his throne, "Rex, do you have any plans on where they are going to live?"

"It's not ideal to let them live in the pit, there's nothing there except for concrete" She added.

Rex nodded his head as he also finds sleeping inside the pit beside the bridge is not a proper place for them to live. But then again, the inside of the castle is also too grand for them, there should be somekind of hierarchy if he wanted to make the first step for his nation.

'System, is there any way to expand the castle?' Rex asked, searching for a solution.

<Expanding the castle is in the realm of possibility. It would cost 10 million gold to expand the Moony Castle of the Lycaon King, but it would be way cheaper if the expansion is that of a lower-rank castle module>

'Hmm... so it can be cheaper if the expansion module is not an extension of the current castle'

Despite wanting to keep the fortification for his future people to be strong, he can't make it as strong as his castle as that would cost too many resources that he doesn't have. Working with what he has now and upgrading it later would be the best course of action.

"I forgot to tell you, but there are at least three human cities that are willing to join you"

Out of nowhere, Evelyn stepped forward and said. Upon hearing this revelation Rex's eyes darted toward her in surprise, "Wait, I must be hearing it wrong. Can you repeat what you're saying again, Evelyn?" he asked, finding what he heard at first unbelievable.

"I said three human cities are willing to join you, join your cause," Evelyn repeated with a smile.

Rex was at a loss for words, he doesn't know how to react to the news. In the human's eyes, he massacred millions of them at that time of tragedy, the news would probably spread and the whole entire humanity should be hating him right now.

But he doesn't mind that fact, it's quite natural that they would hate him.

As the UWO would spread the news of his rogue, they would definitely paint themselves as the heroes and Rex as the villain. It's just the natural way of things, so the news from Evelyn catches him off guard.

"How so...?" Rex asks, curiosity can be seen in his eyes.

Evelyn then explains her time inside human territory when she was left behind by Adhara and the others in what was once a hospital, now a pile of rubbles. At that moment, she wanted to leave human territory but has to deal the matters with her family and also humanity.

With president Sebrof's permission, she was allowed to leave human territories.

She heads to the Great Barricade intending to leave and reunite with Rex and the others, but she decided to stop by the cities that Rex had saved knowing that at some point they would need people, people that will be a part of their reign.

"I can't lie, if I had known about the Ice and Snow Full Moon, I would've headed out quicker..."

At the end of her story, she told the others about her regret. In a way, it was her fault for not coming out sooner which causes Kyran and Flunra to enter human territories in search of her. She turns out to be blaming herself for that mistake.

Rex shakes his head, there are no possible ways that Evelyn would know about that.

"It's not your fault, and it's not Kyran's fault either. I should've prepared better for the Ice and Snow Full Moon, I should've known that the pressure of being hibernated is big enough to make Kyran reckless" Rex replied, lamenting his past decisions.

But there's no use regretting it now, what they need to do now is to act.

From the side, Adhara heard the words that came out of Rex's mouth before she frowns. Something drizzle past her mind that was not caught by the others, she clenched her hands into fists while looking at Rex who is self-reflecting on his mistake of sending Kyran to get Evelyn.

It was only for a brief moment though before her expression turns neutral again.

Evelyn, oblivious to the changes that happened on Adhara's face nodded her head and continues about the three cities of humans, "Before I leave, I told them to gather at Beah City. For someday when we are ready, we can get them out of there and bring them here"

'So that means I should take them into consideration when expanding the castle...' Rex thought.

Although expanding the castle is possible with the help of the system, it only covers the hardest part, there are still many things to take into consideration. It would take some time to figure out all the things, but the main thing is a plan to bring those people out of human territories.

With the Executor's presence, going there is a stupid idea. Nobody should go near there.

But as he was about to give up thinking about the plan of evacuating the three cities inside the human territories, Rex suddenly remembered something that might help with this, 'System, do you still remember about the Cluster Domain in Emham Forest? Can we use that to teleport those humans here?'

<Yes, it's possible. But the user needs higher authority over the Cluster Domain>

As Rex read the notification from the system, a broad smile spread across his face, showing off his pearly white teeth. 'So elemental stones are the answer, huh? How convenient...' he thought to himself, feeling thrilled that Devo had uncovered an elemental stone mine that he can use.

Everything falls into place, he now has a firm plan to handle the situation about the human cities.

Rex then stands up from the throne with an outstanding bearing that is seeping out of the air of mysteriousness brought by his new clothes, the cloak follows him from behind as he descends from the throne.

If not for his missing left arm, the others would probably think that he's already recovered.

"I already have a plan, there's no need for all of you to think about matters other than getting stronger. Evelyn, come with me, I'm going to check the elemental stone mine that Devo find and extract its content" Rex said as he heads over to the gate of the castle with wide strides.

But as he was about to reach the gate, he sensed the arrival of some figures outside the castle.

Realizing the figure that arrived at the open field in front of the castle, alerting the group of Supernaturals inside the pit, Adhara's expression tighten, "It's the Dark Elves, if you want to check the elemental stone mine, I can substitute you and accompany them"

"Why the rush? I can check the elemental stone mine later, let's see what they have to say"

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Meanwhile, somewhere inside the Supernatural territory.

On a barren land where no sign of life can be seen for as far as the eyes can see, filled with dead trees and cracks in the dry ground, a meeting can be seen taking place under the scorch of the sun that is shining from the center of the broken sky.

Even though it was during the day, the sky has dark spots here and there.

It was the devastating effect caused by the clash between ninth-rank realm entities and also the awakening of the Executor, the sky was the biggest victim at this time. Dark spots of hollow holes in the void gave off an impression that it would collapse onto the world below, spelling destruction to every living thing.

"The Second Awakening of the world is approaching, the sky is about to shatter"

"Yes, the Second Awakening would empower us all and unlock our sealed abilities. As there's only one ancient human, the Executor, we Supernaturals would be impacted the most. Until then, we need not do anything but wait"

Sitting on two thrones in the middle of nowhere were King Saruth and King Lax'rad.

Alongside them were powerful eight-rank realm envoys and escorts belonging from the Demon and Undead race respectively, they seems to be having a meeting, unlike the other Supernatural races. "It seems you don't suffer anything whatsoever, King Lax'rad. I reckon you already handled the Slave Marks from the Ancient Humans"

"Yes..." King Lax'rad's eyes glowed with a red glint, "I foretold this would happen, and I already found a way to get rid of the Slave Marks on my undead people. Simply put, I killed them all and resurrect them from scratch, the Slave Marks can't bypass the law of death in this current world"

Even though this is an unbelievable feat for many, King Saruth was not that surprised.

"But from your reaction, are you able to flee from the Slave Marks too?" King Lax'rad's eyes, he rests his black staff on his chest before clasping his boney hands together. An explicit feeling of eeriness can be seen seeping out of his hollow eyes.

King Saruth kept his silence and just expose a light smirk, a subtle answer to the question.

"The Executor hasn't made his move yet, what do you think he's doing right now?" King Saruth then asked, it was this question that initiate their meeting today. Out of the other Supernatural races, asking King Lax'rad is the most appropriate in his opinion.

Showing that he was right, King Lax'rad then answered, "Meditating... the Executor is not a fool"

"As we speak right now, he must know that the second world Awakening is about to happen and boost our powers. He's strong now, but he's not strong enough to take on all of us after the second Awakening and he knows it" he added.

Although he was the one to ask, King Saruth seem to already know the answer.

It feels like he was only searching for affirmation, and King Lax'rad provides that affirmation.

"From the looks of it, you're not asking for a meeting with me regarding the Executor are you?" King Lax'rad asks, looking directly at King Saruth's blazing demonic eyes.

King Saruth nodded his head, and silence ensued as they both looks at each other probingly.

"You also sensed the changes, huh..." King Lax'rad muttered.

Upon hearing this King Saruth nodded his head, showing a grim expression on his face. "Yes, the Executor is a very big deal enough but there's something brewing that worries me. Since you know of it, you must also feel the same thing I'm feeling..."

"It was subtle, but the curse energy in this world... it's rising rapidly"

Chapter 732 Qonvale The Unsighted

Adhara escorted the Dark Elves led by general Theodas into the great hall.

Despite the straight face she was wearing on her face, she was trying to hide the nervousness that is swelling up from within. 'The Dark Elves... they won't say anything stupid will they?' Adhara thought, she steal a glance at the entourage of Dark Elves that visited the castle this day.

Inside her mind, she was still feeling nervous about the way she handled the Supernaturals' envoy.

At the current moment when she heard the Vampire and the Werewolf's envoy has come to the Dark Elf Kingdom, she thought that it was best to announce the rebellion group knowing the current situation is fitting.

But even though she was confident in that action, it was still the first time she took action herself.

Usually, every move that the Silverstar Pack make has always involved Rex's point of view and thoughts. He was, after all, the Alpha of the Silverstar Pack. For once, she did it out of instinct, she thought that it was the best course of action for the current moment.

Naturally, she was nervous about how Rex would react. She doesn't know what to expect.

Killing the Vampire and the Werewolf's envoys alongside their servants that requested a royal call to the Dark Elves, no matter how confident she was about her action she still wouldn't be able to calm down until she heard an approval from Rex's mouth.

That was what she was feeling right now, and she can hide it quite well.

Other than Rex and Evelyn who can feel her pulse quickening through their keen senses, the Dark Elves alongside Naela was not able to sense Adhara's nervousness. Walking through the soft carpet that leads to the throne, the entourage of Dark Elves finally stopped.

General Theodas, a tall elf with a wide frame and a mutated owl on his shoulder steps forward.

"I humbly greet the Alpha of the Silverstar Pack..." he said with high esteem.

Rex didn't mind the pleasantries and waved his hand, signaling for him to continue. Noticing the condition the Alpha was in right now, with one of his arms missing, general Theodas frowned, "May I ask whether this is a bad time for us to visit? Should we postpone this meeting?"

"No need, this is nothing for me" Rex replied, disregarding his gruesome wounds as nothing.

Although it was not appropriate to show him in this state to the Dark Elves since it can disrupt their confidence in the Silverstar Pack, there's no time to waste. On top of that, general Theodas was the one coming here, he must bring something important with him.

"What brings the Dark Elves to my castle?" Rex inquired with a rock-solid posture on his throne.

Upon hearing this, general Theodas steps aside and reveals a Dark Elf female in his place. Her face bears a few wrinkles of old age, if she's a human then she would be around fifty years of age. But

despite that, she still maintains a slender youthful figure. In one hand she holds a black staff, and her eyes are a solid white color.

She walked forward slowly, the staff makes thudding sounds as it slammed against the carpet.

"We are here to fulfill the Silverstar Pack's request. This here is Qonvale, she will be the one who will assess the surroundings in search of the rogue cursed creature that is roaming inside the Humming Damned Forest" General Theodas introduces the female Dark Elf that turns out to be Qonvale.

Rex's eyes sparkled when he saw her, and he can't quite help himself but scan her.

<Qonvale Yinren>

Race: True Dark Elf

Power: Eighth-Rank (Early) - Shaman of Dark Nature

Mental: 11,360

Strength: 2,500

Agility: 5,100 (+10,000)

Endurance: 4,400

Intelligence: 61,000

'Hmm... she has an overall higher total stats for having an early eighth-rank power, but most of them are focused on her intelligence. She has a ridiculously high intelligence for an eighth-rank entity' Rex thought, inspecting Qonvale's stats.

Soon enough, Qonvale grab the edge of her dress and lifted it a little, "Greetings to the Alpha..."

"It's a pleasure to meet with you, madam Qonvale. I heard from Naela over there that your expertise in cursed creatures is the best among the Supernaturals, is that true?" Rex asked, trying to see what kind of Dark Elf is this Qonvale.

As she received the news, Qonvale smiled and bowed humbly, "The child is exaggerating, lord Rex"

"She simply hasn't seen enough of the world to come to that conclusion. But the child is not lying, I do have some knowledge involving the cursed creatures, and I will gladly help lord Rex to solve any issue around that matter" she added, answering with well-arranged words which shows her experience.

From this alone, Rex can already tell that Qonvale is quite old even for the Dark Elf race.

Rex gave a short nod, then cast a quick glance at Evelyn who was standing next to him before he softly spoke, "Bring her to the meeting room for the time being, don't bring her to Gistella's chamber yet. I'll be there after I deal with the Dark Elves, they still have something they need to tell me"

"Okay, I'll do as you say" Evelyn replied before she went over to Qonvale and brought her away.

A trace of anxiety revealed itself across General Theodas's face when he spotted Evelyn guiding Qonvale away to the other room, this demonstrated the standing Qonvale have in the Dark Elf Kingdom. "No need to worry, General Theodas" Rex assured him. "I can guarantee madam Qonvale's safety within these walls. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss?"

Clearing his throat and averting his attention back to Rex, General Theodas then paused.

"Since the demise of the Vampire and Werewolf's envoys, King Jorik decid-"

Just before General Theodas can finish his sentence, he was cut short by Rex who doesn't know anything about this matter. "Vampire and Werewolf's envoys?" he repeated, asking for General Theodas to explain.

Upon hearing this, General Theodas casts his gaze to Adhara who is also looking at him.

Knowing that she needs to explain the situation before General Theodas can move on, Adhara ascend the stairs before she leans to Rex's ear under his confused expression. Whispering something to Rex, he then looks at Adhara with quite a surprised look.

It makes Adhara even more nervous, her heartbeats are ringing inside her ears violently.

But contrary to Adhara's expectation that Rex was surprised as to why she doesn't consult him first, he was in fact, surprised that she can take such a blatant action, an opportunity that presented itself during that moment.

Not even easing Adhara's feelings, Rex turns his head back and signals to continue.

"King Jorik decides to contact Queen Shanaela to further enhance this relationship into a stronger one so that we can survive the calamity brought upon by the awakening of the Executor. On that note, King Jorik asks whether lord Rex is willing to have a meeting with the leaders from the rest of the races that are involved in the Oath Pact created by Queen Shanaela" General Theodas continues, reading through a scroll that he takes out from underneath his robe.

Rex listens to this attentively before he ponders for a moment, comprehending the message.

'It's not a bad idea to make meet with the other races, the Elf Kingdom should be very strong and they can definitely help me against the Executor. Moreover, I would gain access to more information and can anticipate the Supernaturals' movement' Rex thought before nodding.

Eventually, Rex agreed to meet with the other leaders when the time comes.

As their territories are spread across the Supernatural territory, it would take time for the meeting to actually happen. King Jorik just sent the message to Queen Shanaela, so the meeting probably wouldn't happen in the near future.

After finishing the meeting, the Dark Elves then were given rooms to stay in for the night.

Naela was the one tasked to assign them their rooms, there are countless unoccupied rooms that they can use to stay the night. As Qonvale would be staying here for a day, they are told to wait until she finishes and Rex didn't mind it.

While they were led away, Adhara was about to go back but she stopped when Rex called him.

"Adhara..."

Feeling the nervousness inside of her heightening, Adhara turns around before she quickly apologized, "I'm sorry for not consulting it with you first, but at the time I thought that was the best action to take. Don't worry, I won't do it again"

"What...?" Rex was at a loss for words, it seems there was a misunderstanding.

But before Adhara could become fully upset, a light laugh escaped from him while he covered his face. "For someone who can see other's emotional aura, it seems you've forgotten to use that skill sometimes," her frown then deepen. "If you had, you wouldn't have misunderstood me. I'm not mad, I'm pleased that you have finally taken the initiative and shown yourself capable of flexibility, an important attribute for leaders"

Upon hearing this, the frown on her face disappeared as she finds she read that completely wrong.

Standing up from the throne with a light smile, Rex approaches her and rubs the top of her head, messing up her hair, "Good work! It seems I'm not wrong to pick you as the Female Alpha, you're starting to become better when you put your mind to it"

"Why didn't you say that from the start" Adhara smacks Rex's hand away with puffed cheeks.

Instead of avoiding being ridiculed by Rex, her behavior makes him laugh as he descends down the throne. "I didn't even say anything, you just assumed I'm mad. Since when I'm easily mad at you anyway, that hurts me" he replied with a shrug.

"Never mind that, you're only giving me a pat on the head for doing something good?!"

"Are you implying that I need to take you to bed with the condition I'm in?"

"W-What? W-Who said that I'm talking about something sexual?! Just say you want some since it's been quite a while since we've done it, there's no need to hide it. But don't think I also want to do it since you've been clinging to Evelyn all the time"

"Forget about it then, I'm in pain anyway"

"Wait... s-so we're not going to do it? Even though I say that it doesn't mean I don't want to..."

Meanwhile, on the other side of the castle, inside the meeting room.

Evelyn was guiding Qonvale into the meeting room as told by Rex, the two of them didn't say anything along the way. On top of that, Qonvale seems to be blind, her solid white eyes showed that clearly.

"Here, let me help you" Evelyn said, seeing Qonvale was searching for a seat.

But Qonvale smiled and raises her hand gently to refuse her help, "Don't worry my dear, it was only the eyes that are blind, there are plenty of other ways to see without the eyes" she said before pulling the chair and sitting on it.

Although she was confused, she decided to let Qonvale do her own and also takes a seat.

Expecting to wait for Rex to come here, the silence was broken when Qonvale suddenly asked, "I've already scanned the cursed energy in the surroundings on my way here, and I can already tell that there's a disturbance inside the Humming Damned Forest. Most likely caused by this rogue cursed creature"

"I can make protection against it, and it wouldn't take longer than a few hours..." she added.

Upon hearing this, Evelyn was searching for an excuse since it was not only about the rogue cursed creature that she was requested to be here. 'It's better for Rex to tell her about Gistella's condition', she thought. "You can discuss it with the Alpha, he'll be here shortly"

Qonvale then smiled when she heard this, she puts both of her hands on the top of her black staff.

A chill ran down Evelyn's spine when she saw Qonvale turn her head towards her as if the blind woman could see exactly where her eyes are. " No need to fret, my dear," Qonvale reassured her. "I can already tell that I'm here for more than one reason... it's about one of your pack members, isn't it? The curse inside her is very strong indeed..."

Caught by surprise, Evelyn looks at Qonvale with wide eyes, 'How did she know that...?'

Chapter 733 Nature Of The Curse

Evelyn was completely stunned when she heard the words coming from Qonvale's mouth.

It was shocking that Qonvale was able to read the Silverstar Pack's plan of having her here like an open book, she decipher exactly what they wanted just from stepping inside the castle. Naela told them that she was an expert in curses, but they doesn't know she was this skillful.

Adhara already masked their intention with the cursed creatures, but that's not enough for Qonvale.

On the side of helping them find the rogue cursed creature that is roaming free inside the Humming Damned Forest, the Silverstar Pack also wants Qonvale to check on Gistella who is affected by a curse that came out of nowhere.

It should happen after the fight against the cursed bee, but none of them knew exactly when.

Most importantly, none of them knew how Gistella was affected by the curse in the first place. If the curse inside the cursed bee was transferred to her, that doesn't make sense as Adhara was the one interacting with the curse repeatedly.

Out of everyone, she should've been the one affected instead of Gistella.

Knowing that fact, the curse must come from somewhere else. Not intending to hide it anymore, Evelyn nods her head grimly, "Yes, one of us got affected by a powerful curse. It makes her hallucinate of meeting this 'cursed creature' that is trying to get to her, and this happens rather ofther. She's restless most of the time because of that"

"Nature of curses are mysterious, sometimes it's more than what meets the eyes" Qonvale replied.

But soon enough the door to the meeting room was opened. Rex and Adhara enter the room before their sight lands on Qonvale, "Since you know already, why don't you take a look at her? I want your take on the curse as I have also done the research of my own" Rex said.

Even through the door and the walls, he can hear the conversation between Evelyn and Qonvale.

"Please, lead the way. I'll gladly check her condition and give my opinion about it" Qonvale replied with a slight smile, she stood up before Rex leads the way to Gistella's bed chamber with the hope that he can learn more about the curse without needing to pay 10 million gold to the system.

Upon arriving at the bed chamber, Rex opens the door gently before making his way for Qonvale.

Inside the room, Gistella is lying on the bed weakly while leaning on the beautifully crafted headboard. She glanced at the door when she heard it open, her weak eyes then saw Rex and a woman that seemed to be a Dark Elf entering the room.

Rex's heart ached when he saw Gistella's condition, her face is weak and her eyes are puffy.

Despite still being able to move and walk on her own, that was only because she was forcing herself and also because of the powerful bloodline that makes her body very resilient. If she was a normal entity that have a seventh-rank realm power, she would've been crippled and not able to move a muscle.

A weak smile can be seen on her face, illuminated by the sunlight seeping from the window.

Not realizing it himself, Rex quickly stepped towards the bed before he grabs Gistella's hand which feels very cold to the touch. For a Werewolf, her body temperature is dangerously low, and that's not a good sign.

Kneeling beside the bed, Rex's eyes soften as he asks, "How are you feeling?"

"Not great..." Gistella replied truthfully, still with a brimming smile on her face despite her condition.

Stepping closer to the bed from behind slowly, Rex looks back and saw Qonvale's white eyes are fixated on Gistella. Glancing at him for a moment, Qonvale smiled and gestured to hold Gistella's hand, "May I...?"

Rex nodded his head gently before he stands up and take a couple of steps back.

Qonvale gives a light smile at Gistella, looking at her directly in the eyes despite being blind. Sitting at the edge of the bed, she then reaches out her hand to hold Gistella's hand. Her hand is very smooth yet icy cold at the same time.

While holding Gistella's hand, Qonvale's eyes rolled back slowly before she closes her eyes.

Even though he doesn't know what Qonvale is doing, she seems to be trying to locate and feel the curse inside Gistella's body. Rex is watching from behind warily, he was not used to a stranger touching anyone close to him like this.

Maybe he was being overprotective, but this change on him is a new one for him.

It started when Gistella gave him the best night of his life, the night when he doesn't need to worry about the nightmares that has never left his sleep for more than fifteen years. For once in a long span of time, he managed to sleep and doesn't have any kinds of nightmares.

A peaceful sleep, and enjoyed every second of it. And the change started from that day.

Soon enough Qonvale opens her eyes before she turns her a head a little to face Rex behind her, "How is it? I know that the last time I checked, the curse is still a juvenile but the link is growing. But I was not able to decipher the nature of the curse"

"I'm surprised that you have knowledge in the curses field" Qonvale replied, expressing her surprise.

She then quickly nodded her head, affirming that what Rex said is true. "As you said, the curse is still juvenile and is not developed enough with the host to be identified. For the current moment, it's impossible to find out the curse and develop a way to get rid of it" Qonvale explained while still holding Gistella's hand.

Upon hearing this, Rex's shoulders slide down, he feared that Qonvale also can't provide any help.

Now it seems his fear has come true, Qonvale who is an expert in curses also can't find a way to identify the curse inhabiting Gistella's body. Without knowing the curse inhabiting her, there's no way to find a way to get rid of it.

Gistella can only smile at Rex, telling him that it's okay through her smile and eyes.

Rex clenched his fists when he saw this, the problems that are weighing them right now seem even more complex than the ones he has experienced before. None of them can be done in one swoop, it's frustrating.

As hope started to dwindle down, Qonvale's voice rang once again, "But..."

When Rex hears Qonvale's voice, he lifts his head and his hope is renewed. "Even though we can't identify the curse inside of her, there's a way to figure out the nature of the curse. As with all living things, curses aren't always harmful to the host despite their outer appearance. More importantly, it usually communicates through the symptoms experienced by the host"

"How can we do that?" Rex asked, his eyes glimmering with hope once again.

Not intending to answer Rex through words, Qonvale stands up and grabs her black staff before holding it in front of her with two hands. "Advance Dark Nature Magic, Curse Evocation..." Qonvale murmured before her black staff glowed with a dark red hue.

Even though he wanted to trust Qonvale, Rex still scan her spell to assess what it is.

<Curse Evocation>

A spell that harnesses the power of the essence of dark nature to evoke the power of the curse, this spell will allow the caster to see exactly the flow of the curse energy inside the targetted objects or living beings.

Upon reading the description, Rex's eyes were attracted when Gistella's body started to glow.

Like snow pellets that are completely made by red light, countless balls of small red lights can be seen coming out of Gistella's body. Qonvale's eyes were fixated on Gistella, assessing the cursed energy flowing inside of her.

"I can see that her constitution is sturdier than any other Werewolves I've seen" Qonvale muttered.

Rex was not surprised when he heard this, Gistella has the bloodline of a High Werewolf Fiend. It's a bloodline known for its defensive abilities, her body that evolved thanks to this bloodline is the strongest in terms of constitution compared to the others.

But soon enough, a frown appeared on her face, and Rex noticed it almost instantly.

"What's wrong? Talk to me" Rex asked.

Qonvale paused for a second before she replied still with a frown on her face, "I've never seen cursed energy flow like this. Instead of damaging her body or lying dormant in her body, the cursed energy flow directly below her mana and also her blood. Weird... it's almost as if this curse is hiding inside her body" she explained.

"Hiding inside her body? Hiding from what?" Rex mutters to himself, feeling the same confusion.

Ending the spell with a wave of her hand, Qonvale then sat back down at the edge of the bed before she looks at Gistella, "Can you explain to me in detail, what did you experience when you hallucinate or when the curse is kicking in?"

"I-It's hard to explain it..." Gistella was reluctant to remember those experiences.

It's clear to the two of them that she doesn't want to remind herself about those experiences. But for the sake of herself, Qonvale assured her, "It's okay, you can take it slow, just try and explain what you're feeling. What do you see? Is it the same images that keep on recurring?"

Gistella glanced at Rex and finds him nodding his head, showing that it was fine to tell her.

"I-It always started randomly, there's no pattern when it happened. It started with a sharp pain that shot through my head each time. After the pain, my eyes blurred for a few seconds before seeing it" Gistella recounted, her eyes filled with fear as she remembered. "I saw this weird... weird creature that carries a scythe like the personification of death. I- I don't think it was an Undead even though its face is a skull, but- but it kept reaching out to me, trying to take me away..."

Upon hearing this, Qonvale's eyes sparkled as she listen to Gistella's explanation attentively.

Putting a finger on her chin, Qonvale then said, telling her opinion about this hallucination, "What you are seeing is an illusion showed by the curse. That thing you describe, it doesn't want to take you away, it wanted to take the curse inside of you. And the curse is showing it to you through those hallucinations to make you stay alert, and ready when that thing announces itself"

"But there must be something that sparks the curse inside you to show you those illusions..."

While Qonvale was pondering about Gistella's symptoms, searching for an indication as to why the curse is showing those hallucinations often, Rex was also dwelling inside his own mind. 'A skull creature with a scythe? I think I've seen it somewhere, but where...?' he thought with a frown.

Just then Qonvale notice a probable answer to this, "Maybe it's tied to the rogue cursed creature"

"Yes... that must be it. It seems the rogue cursed creature should be this skull creature that you see in your hallucinations. Every time it tries to get closer, the curse must've sensed it and alerted you" she added, and Gistella finds it quite logical.

Even though it was random for her, there might be a chance of her not knowing the full picture.

As the two of them are trying to decipher the meaning behind the curse that finds its way inside Gistella's body, Rex abruptly widened his eyes as he realizes something. Gistella and Qonvale noticed the horror on Rex's face.

'Consider the prospect of Kyran is not with us. You are a smart guy, Rex. You can figure it out'

While Rex stepped back in utter shock depicted on his face, Giana's voice rang inside his head which causes chaos inside his mind. 'I-It's tied back to Kyran's disappearance, everything that is happening is pointing in one direction...' he thought in a daze.

'It was the Witch of Chaos all along!' Rex shouted inside his head.

Chapter 734 Devastating Realization

Rex spreads his eyes open when he realized that as it turns out, a third party was involved.

During his time when he was still inside the human territory, Rex came across an entity called the Witch of Chaos that was said to be able to help him get rid of the Eternal Curse that bound him with Caldiora for good.

It was Jarvald that introduces him to this Witch of Chaos, and she wanted Rurvi in exchange.

Jarvald briefly mentioned to him that the Witch of Chaos is a title that dated back to ancient times when the ancient humans are still at their very peak, the Witch of Chaos is an anomaly and was said to be given power through something called The Cursed Grimoire of Mary.

The Witch of Chaos evokes cursed phenomena and is thus banished from every human estate.

Myriads of saturated cursed disasters would eventually befall the place she resides in, and because of that, she was forced to live in solitude and evoke frowns from the ancient humans and also other Supernatural races.

Despite playing an important role against Supernatural races, she was still banished in the end.

Nothing would come close to her and is always avoided like a plague out of fear for the curses inside her that would hurt and damned anyone around her, it's a perpetual fate that is trusted to the successor of the Witch of Chaos.

On top of knowing that, Rex also had met with the Witch of Chaos although indirectly.

As he managed to capture Rurvi the Evil One and brought it to the Witch of Chaos in exchange for her to see whether she can get rid of the Eternal Curse, he was inspected by the notorious Witch of Chaos herself but in a form of a shadowy figure.

It was clear to Rex that the Witch of Chaos has an agenda of her own, hailing that she wants Rurvi.

But it doesn't involve him so he doesn't mind, everyone ultimately wants something in their lives and there's nothing wrong with the Witch of Chaos wanting something too. After all, she fulfilled her end of the deal and gave her opinion on the Eternal Curse.

Now that it has come to this, the mentioning of a skull creature makes Rex remember something.

During his first time entering Rurvi's lair, he encountered ancient drawings, he doesn't know what it is before and it was also expensive to decipher the drawings through the system. In the end, he only knows that the drawings involve Rurvi.

At the very top of the drawings, there was a woman holding two chains leashing two creatures.

Each creature looks abnormal as they are gigantic and monstrous in comparison to the woman at the very top, they are definitely strong creatures. One is shaped like an insectoid creature while the other is a hooded figure holding a scythe.

Looking back now, the ancient drawings must be the agenda of the Witch of Chaos.

Since the Witch of Chaos expressed her desire for Rurvi which lies in the heart of the human territory which was hard for her to reach. Rex now suspects that the drawing of a woman is the

Witch of Chaos, and she's pursuing the eight creatures at the bottom of the drawings that involve Rurvi.

Gistella describes one of the Witch of Chaos' pets, the hooded creature carrying a scythe.

It was also only now that Rex realized that he probably had met the other pet that had taken the shape of an insectoid creature, that creature helped him fight the demons in Beah City for some reason. But he now understands that there's probably a reason why it was there.

Under the gaze of both Qonvale and Gistella, Rex stood up with a grim expression.

Out of nowhere the aura of an Alpha started to cover his entire body, it was like his body is boiling and the air trembled because of it. It doesn't take long before the door slammed open, Adhara, Flunra, and Evelyn walked inside with visible concern on their faces.

Due to the nature of the aura coming from Rex, only his pack members can feel it clearly.

From the looks of it, Rex intended for them to come into Gistella's chamber. Something must've happened to feel the coursing electricity in the air, choking the entire room with immense tension that is coming solely from their Alpha.

Each of them fixed their eyes on Rex which seems to emanate a threatening aura.

Slowly looking over his shoulders, a glint of bloodthirst can be seen inside his eyes that scare the others. Despite he was clearly straining his body judging from the blood that drizzles down the corner of his mouth, Rex kept his bearing fiercely.

"Flunra..." he said with a rasping tone. "Tell me about the cursed creature that asked for Gistella"

Upon hearing Flunra thought for a second as he recounted the cursed creature that came while the Ice and Snow Full Moon was affecting the pack and Rex is doing his first ascension trial, his pupils then flickered realizing that it must have something to do with Dealkandrax.

"It was one of the Siblings of Chaos, empowered by the Curse of Destruction, Dealkandrax. It asked for the curse inside of Gistella, but it requires to bring Gistella away so I didn't allow it and fought Dealkandrax until it escaped"

Boom!

Rex's aura exploded once more responding to the soaring anger swelling inside of him, his eyes were filled with murderous intent as his suspicion was slowly confirmed by Flunra's answer. "Just tell us what's going on, Rex!" Evelyn exclaimed, she doesn't understand the sudden situation at all.

Everything was fine a moment ago, but then this happened.

"When did this cursed creature, Dealkandrax come...?" Rex asked again with a grimmer tone.

For a moment there Flunra was pressured as he know that for some reason his answer would insinuate the Alpha's anger, but under the intense gaze, he can do nothing but obey the oppressing force coming from the Alpha.

"It visited the castle not long after me and Kyran brought back Evelyn" Flunra eventually replied.

Like a barrel of oil poured over a burning fire, these words turned Rex's anger into a soaring flame that is rampaging inside of him. But despite the anger that was caused by his suspicion of the fact that Giana was right, Kyran was not taken by the humans but by the Witch of Chaos instead, he kept his composure.

Even though he really wanted to explode, he can't do that or he'll expose the castle's location.

Due to his newfound disdain for humankind and Giana, in particular, which had led to his parent's death, he was intensely focused on humans and becomes unable to expect the possibility of a third party being involved. If it were not for Giana telling him the possibility, he would probably remain oblivious to this.

Slowly the pieces started to form together, and each one of them points at the Witch of Chaos.

Rex clenched his fist so hard that he started bleeding from it, his entire body was trembling as the blood vessels in his eyes exploded from the vicious pulse caused by the immense anger that he is trying to hold on to and make his eyes turn red naturally.

'What did the Witch of Chaos do...?' Flunra asked inside his head, thinking about the matter.

Although he had known the full extent of the Witch of Chaos' powers, he doesn't think that she can do any harm to the Silverstar Pack with Rex as the Alpha. On top of that, it seems to Flunra that she was just awakened.

Judging from Dealkandrax's power, it was not as strong as he remembered during ancient times.

Even though it's weird that Dealkandrax came back and asked for a specific curse inside Gistella's body since it can just harvest other curses out there that can match the one inside of Gistella, he doesn't think much of it thinking that it probably wants the curse because it's strong.

A ninth-rank epiphany natural curse, it's very strong for a curse alright.

But there's nothing that he could think of that the Witch of Chaos could do to make Rex this angry, 'The Alpha rarely becomes angry thanks to his insane self-control and authority over his bloodline, the only time he's this angry is when his parents died and when...'

Upon realizing the other instance that can make Rex angry, Flunra widened his eyes in surprise.

"How is this possible, when did she do that...?!" Flunra exclaimed in utter shock.

Adhara and Evelyn were completely at a loss, they were the only ones that don't understand the situation. But it doesn't take long before they slowly also piece it together, and realized the fact that can make Rex this angry.

While still wearing a murderous look, Rex uttered softly, "Kyran was not kidnapped by the humans"

Rex's declaration came as a shock for everyone inside the room, Flunra in particular as he can't quite anticipate when the Witch of Chaos was able to snatch Kyran. It was very unexpected, and he blames himself for not realizing it sooner.

"Giana told me that Kyran was allowed to leave, and that is probably when he was kidnapped..."

Most of them were utterly speechless as they doesn't know how to react to this. It was more than just Kyran being kidnapped, this misunderstanding caused Rex to unleash the Executor out of his seal and rain terror on the whole entire world.

It was a misunderstanding that could've been avoided, but nobody realizes it until now.

Now everyone realizes that Kyran was probably kidnapped when Flunra declined to offer Gistella to Dealkandrax. Since the humans let Kyran go, he must've encountered Dealkandrax and was kidnapped then which causes this misunderstanding.

<Warning! The user's berserk stat has reached 80%!>

Rex keeps his face down as he turns around and walks past the others, storming out of the room.

"Wait, Rex! You're still hurt!" Evelyn shouted from the back, chasing after him.

Out of the others, Adhara also chased after him fearing that he would do something reckless in this dire time when the threat from the Executor is looming around them. It's a big deal, but they need to stay level-headed and not do anything rash.

Flunra stands on his feet with shock in his eyes, he was completely at a loss for words.

Meanwhile, Rex traverses through the hallway with wide strides as he heads to the great hall. Evelyn and Adahra are behind him, trying to reason with him. 'I know that I need to stay calm, but I can't hold it in...' he thought with a fierce glint.

Despite knowing his responsibility, he needs to let it out or he'll explode right here and now.

Not stopping at the great hall, Rex went out of the castle and walks across the bridge under the group of Supernaturals' eyes. Each one of them was terrified by the bearing that is coming out of Rex's body right now.

Going up to the walls, Rex jumped and landed in the middle of the open field.

Sunlight that has already turned golden bathe his entire presence as he glared at the surroundings, his eyes are more vicious than ever depicting the anger inside of him clearly. "WITCH OF CHAOS!!" He shouted, glaring at the treelines of the Humming Damned Forest.

Even though he can't sense it, he knows Dealkandrax is hiding in the forest's shadows.

Pointing at every crevice of darkness that meet his eyes in the surrounding area, Rex's eyes glowed red the anger inside of him peaked. It's bad enough that the Executor used him, but it's even worse for using those close to him instead of himself.

Being taken advantage of himself is tolerated, but not to those dear to him, not to his pack.

Rex then shouted out his anger, his voice is thunderous and booming with rage. "You've made a mistake to make me an enemy! No matter what corner of the world you are hiding in, know that if you even so much as touch Kyran's hair, I will make sure that it's going to be the worst mistake of your life!"

Adhara and Evelyn watched from the back with wide eyes, they were petrified.

"I'll obliterate the entirety of your power from existence that there won't be any Witch of Chaos after you. Mark my words, if you did anything... anything at all! I'll make sure the title Witch of Chaos would cease to exist in this world! You hear me!!"

Chapter 735 Not Taking It Well

Anger mixed with anguish from the devastating realization makes Rex shout like a maniac.

Evelyn and Adhara were stunned when the two saw this as they can't imagine how much restraint Rex has to actually be angry and pull himself together at the same time. Even though his anger can be seen depicted in his eyes, his aura didn't explode and went rampant.

Knowing that doing so would expose the castle's location, he restrains himself from doing that.

Hence his outburst was pure without using any kind of power at all, like an ordinary man cursing at the ghosts from the darkness that hides in the shadows. But because of this, the anger in his eyes can be seen more than usual.

If eyes can kill and cause destruction, the entire place would've exploded into nothingness.

Rex panted hard in the thick of his rage as his chest heaved up and down following the violent rhythm that he was feeling right now, his eyes blazing red with blood vessels bursting out gave him an intimidating, almost deathly look.

Even though he doesn't receive an answer, he knows that the message was delivered.

<The user's berserk stat has reached 90%!>

<Berserk Quest has been initiated!>

<The victim of the Witch of Chaos>

Under the manipulation of a third party, the Witch of Chaos, the user failed to realize Kyran was not kidnapped by the human but by the Witch of Chaos instead which resulted in a conflict that birthed the Executor. It's the Alpha's duty to protect his pack members from strong opponents. Kill the Witch of Chaos and rescue Kyran, failure in doing so will cause the user's strength to be stripped away.

Roar!!

Due to his high berserk stat, the urge inside of him forcefully makes him turn into his beast form.

Rex flared his chest open and let out a thunderous roar right at the golden sky that is about to be masked by darkness, his roar was domineering, and the mutated birds that has their senses dulled by the cursed energy inside the forest flew away.

It was a scene that would strike fear in anyone's heart, they would not want to be Rex's target.

Meanwhile, there's a flickering shadow inside the forest as Rex roared angrily.

Looking through the thick and lush trees and dark green florals of the Humming Damned Forest was a shadowy entity, its hallow eyes are fixated on Rex at the center of the open field as it heard everything Rex said from start to finish.

Its head was a hooded skull, and Rex would definitely recognize this creature as Dealkandrax.

Although Dealkandrax's face was a skull and is incapable of expressing any emotion, there was an air of trouble around it when it heard the blatant threat filled with murderous intent that Rex howled earlier with full vigor.

"Mother... I think he knows now" Dealkandrax mutters with a rasping and haunting voice.

Upon saying that its body lifted a little before a black and red pupil appeared in each of the hollow eye sockets, "Leave a camper for the time being, we made a mistake and we need that curse more than ever. For now, come back or he'll find you there, I can't bear to lose you..."

Soon enough, the two pupils disappeared. Dealkandrax then cast one last gaze at Rex.

A glint of killing intent emanated from its hollow eye sockets, but Dealkandrax decided to obey mother's words that worry and request for its return. Like dark smoke, Dealkandrax's body blended with the darkness before it disappeared from the place, leaving not but a small bulb of darkness in its place.

Wiggling for a little bit, it turns out to be a small creature that can camouflage with the shadows.

Many would find this creature bizarre if they came across it. It was as small as a soccer ball, have facial features that of eyes and mouth, wearing a black robe, and also carried a small scythe similar to that of Dealkandrax.

It then chuckled evilly before it disappeared into the shadows.

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Meanwhile, inside a small town of wooden houses that were once brimming with life.

The scent of death permeates through the entire place as devoured lifeless human bodies that have their blood sucked completely litter the rough pedestrian street. Each of the lifeless human bodies has one thing in common, and that is the pure horror of their last moment still etched on their faces.

None of them suffered a painless death, it was torturous and painful to the core.

At the center of the small town is a slightly bigger house that looks more like a hut due to the wood materials, it's supposed to be the previous mayor of the city's house that was now occupied by the creatures from the darkness.

Darkness shrouded every nook and corner of the entire town, including this house at the center.

From the open door, one can see a woman sitting inside somekind of formation, a dark art that harnesses the power of the dark side of the world itself at the center of the room surrounded by the inexplicable touch of darkness.

Exhaling lightly, the woman then opens her eyes and exposes her black and red eyes.

One seems to be the embodiment of destruction while the other is the embodiment of freshness of blood, she has an eerie and cold feel about her. A slight trouble can be seen on her face, showing that she's experiencing some kind of problem.

But then, a moving mound in the ground in front of the house can be seen approaching.

"My child, how's your hunt going...?" the woman asked with a jarring tone.

After saying that the mound on the ground burst before a creature came out, its size is as big as the entire house and its body is very long. From the looks of it, the creature seems to be some sort of insect that looks like a millipede.

One of the few things aside that differentiates it from a millipede is its slender body like a snake.

Moreover, the creature also stands apart due to its size and shape. Its mouth is cylinder-shaped and filled with menacingly sharp teeth, while its entire body is shielded by carapaces of a silvery color that resembles steel.

In short, it's a monstrous insectoid creature that is made to kill.

Screech!

Responding to the woman's question, the insectoid creature seems to answer through screeches and the woman also seems to understand it clearly. "Five villages, that's good..." But then the insectoid creature screeches again, putting a frown on the woman's face.

"Yes, mother has something in her mind. That Werewolf is a problem" the woman said with a sigh.

Screech!

"No, we can't do that. He's affected by a natural curse called the Eternal Curse, killing him would be hard for us" the woman replied again, a visible worry can be seen on her face. It makes the insectoid creature screeches out loud, angry that its mother is in pain.

But this makes the woman stands up and smiled, she looks at the insectoid creature dearly.

Walking closer to the insectoid creature, the woman stretches her arms outwards before the insectoid creature leans closer to her embrace. Stroking the insectoid creature's head gently, the woman then said, "It's okay, mother will be fine. If we manage to get our hands on the last curse, then I'll happily let the world be your hunting ground"

Upon hearing this, the insectoid creature grumbles, rubbing its head against the woman.

Smiling ever so vibrantly as she caresses the insectoid creature, the woman started to hum some sort of lullaby in the midst of the town that has become a dead town. Her voice echoed to the surroundings, putting a restless feeling to everything but the insectoid creature.

Oblivious to her, there's a figure inside the house that listens to her humming.

Chained at the corner of the house and shrouded in the darkness of the entire place was a figure, he seems to be unconscious with his head hung low. The figure has bluish-tone skin, similar to the color of ice, with his limbs chained by mysterious chains.

But even with the eerie hums, there's no visible movement from the figure, not even a breath.

It's like the figure is completely frozen or even not alive due to not a single trace of movement. Even though that is the case, the shadows around the chained figure seem to be moving weirdly, almost as if the figure is dead yet his shadow is alive.

Something that the woman and the insectoid creature don't realizes as they dwell in the moment.

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The next day, Rex woke up early and checked Qonvale's work.

Even though she was brought here to check Gistella's condition which is getting worse by the day, she also decided to help the castle by amplifying the protection around the castle anticipating the rogue cursed creature to still be around and stalk Gistella from the distance.

It was now clear to them that the rogue cursed creature is linked to the curse inside Gistella.

Not long after General Theodas and Qonvale alongside the other Dark Elves left the castle as their work here is done, Rex saw them out in a sour mood as he was still dazed by the devastating realization yesterday.

Rex clenched his fists tightly, he now has to deal with the Executor and the Witch of Chaos.

Each of them comes with a different problem that needs to be solved or else it would affect the entire Silverstar Pack. One has overwhelming power and threatens to kill him and his pack members while the other has overwhelming influence and also has Kyran in her hand.

One requires him to be absolutely stronger, and one can only be taken care of by him.

Knowing just how strong the Executor really is as he already fights him firsthand, Rex knows that it was only him that was capable to be his match. While the Witch of Chaos on the other hand, her power is still unknown as of this moment but he's the only one that has a strong curse that can resist her power.

More burden for him, he can't even rest to recover properly because of this.

After escorting the Dark Elves to leave the castle himself, Rex quickly went back to his bed chamber and started changing his clothes. From the system, he bought a magical cover that can give the illusion that his severed arm is intact and wears it.

Upon looking at this from the back, Evelyn frowned as she saw Rex getting ready for something.

"Where are you going? Aren't you supposed to stay inside the castle until you're fully recovered?" Evelyn asked with a hint of concern in her voice, she was standing behind Rex seeing him having difficulty wearing the magical cover that needs to be attached to his shoulder.

It was unattached repeatedly as Rex ignored Evelyn, but his patience is clearly running low.

Looking at this, Evelyn wanted to help him wear it but she was beaten to it as Rex suddenly throw the magic cover to the ground out of sheer frustration and punch the wall in front of him. No energy was involved, but his sheer strength blasted the wall open.

Bam!

Rex pulls out his hair with his right hand before he leans his head on the wall to calm himself down.

This sudden outburst surprised Evelyn as she was not expecting this at all.

From the back she grabs Rex's shoulders to give some of her strength to him, trying to console him knowing that he's not taking the situation he's in smoothly. "I know now you have the lead to find Kyran, but a couple more days rest is not going to change much. You don't need to move right now" she said softly.

But this makes Rex looks down to the ground, contemplating what Evelyn said to him.

"No..." Rex mutters, he then turns around to face Evelyn that is clearly worried about him. "No, it's not okay, Evelyn. I need to do this now" he continues, showing clear defiance and stubbornness in his eyes.

Grabbing the magic cover, Rex then heads towards the door again.

"I understand it already, there's no rest for me in this world."

Chapter 736 Eye Of Elemental

It started with his hatred of the Supernaturals, especially the Werewolves.

Rex has been an entity that keeps on searching for ways to become stronger and eventually stumbles across the system where the real progress has finally started, he had become very strong to the point of being able to exact revenge on his birth parents' murderers.

But his journey didn't stop there, the world is in need of help and he has the power to do so.

Even if he doesn't want to help mold the world into a better place, the power that he has would not allow him to do that. Rex can try, but he knows that eventually his power would be sought by others and forces him into doing something he doesn't want to.

Just like the tragedy that happened to his foster parents, and Kyran's kidnap.

Maybe at the cost of immense power that is currently dwelling inside of him, he was forced to pay other things in return. It was fine if he was the one to suffer, but the ones suffering are those close to him.

As time passes by, he slowly began to realize that his power is dangerous not only to his enemies.

Now he has to bear the responsibility of keeping the ones close to him safe, he had already lost too much and the path of vengeance is unending. Even now he's still undecided whether he needs to kill Giana to avenge his foster parents or not.

If it was up to him, then he would've. But his mother clearly doesn't by the look of things.

Striding hurriedly through the castle's hall intending to head out, he went over to the courtyard before he brought along Delta with him towards the castle's entrance. But along the way, he met Adhara which is the last thing he wanted.

"Where do you think you're going?" Adhara looked worried as she asked.

Rex didn't bother stopping and kept on walking with Delta following behind him with the same concern depicted in her expression, "I'm going to the Elemental Stone Mine that Devo found. We're going to need a massive amount of Elemental Stones to reach the eighth and even the ninth-rank realm, don't try to stop me" he replied.

Upon hearing this Adhara was speechless, she doesn't know how to react.

On one side she knows that this is necessary as they can't be stagnant in their power progression. But on the other, she can't bear to see Rex going out in his condition that is barely half healed from the state he first got here in.

"Let me come with y-"

Just before Adhara can finish her sentence, Rex already cut her short.

Adhara was stunned when she saw Rex glancing over his shoulder and giving her a sharp glare, his eyes shows that he was not playing around this time and being very serious. "You stay... back!" he said with a loud commanding tone.

With that warning words, she was rooted on her spot and was forced to look at Rex' back.

Even though it was clear that he was in a sour mood ever since the realization that Kyran was kidnapped by the Witch of Chaos instead of the humans, this is definitely over the top. But the more she thought about it, the more she realized that it was actually not an overreaction.

Knowing that the Witch of Chaos is keeping an eye on them, it's natural for him to be like this.

It's evident now that the Humming Damned Forest or even the outside of the castle becomes even more dangerous than they already are. None of the others has any power against curses except for Rex, and he was the only one that can go outside and do the things needed to be done.

Since he has the Eternal Curse, he obviously has the power of a curse inside of him.

Leaving the castle with wide strides, he ignored the group of Supernaturals that are looking at him from below the bridge despite taking mental account that he needs to expand the castle after he got back from inspecting the elemental stone mine.

Upon reaching outside, Rex and Delta landed at the foot of the hill and stopped for a moment.

"I still have the Supernatural corpses that I put away for Gistella from the fight against Queen Catsha and King Baralt. But since she's sick now, I'll just give it to you when we get back, okay?" Rex said while rubbing Delta's back. "For now, you can wear this"

Putting the palm of his hand on Delta's back, a dark glow crawls and envelops Delta's body.

Feeling the cold touch of this dark glow makes Delta wail as she was caught in surprise, but Rex assured her by tapping her back a couple of times, "It's okay, it won't hurt you" he said as the dark glow keeps on spreading.

It didn't take long before the glow disappears once again leaving a plated armor on Delta's body.

Delta's fur was no longer visible. Instead, her white-furred body was completely encased in glossy white armor that shone with a brilliant white and golden luster that let her paws and tail peak through. Her face was also partly visible, with only the area underneath her eyes and above her forehead covered.

Fearing that they might encounter ferocious cursed creatures, he gives Delta some protection.

Rex had to pay an exorbitant 500,000 gold to the system for the Deep-white Integument of Genri armor set. However, it was worth the cost. Not only did it grant a 15% increase in all of Delta's stats, but it also offered basic protection on par with that of seventh-rank equipment and extraordinary defense against cursed energy.

Knowing the things hiding in the shadows of the Humming Damned Forest, this is a necessity.

As she can feel that her entire body was encased by this rejuvenating armor set, Delta wobbled her body a bit trying to get a feel of the armor and finds that none of her movements were restricted. She can move and stretch the same as if she was not wearing any armor.

"Do you like it?" Rex asked, trying to see if she was uncomfortable.

Her howl showed that she was not uncomfortable at all with the armor set on, and this made Rex nod his head before he pointed forward, "If that's the case, then let's go. We'll need to come back before midnight!"

Aooooo!

With a light howl, Delta's body cracks with white lightning before she dashes into the forest.

Inside the forest, Rex looks up to the sky in search of Devo but he was surprised to see the shattering of the sky has become worst. The feeling of the sky would eventually collapse is getting stronger due to this sight.

'Can't the world not hold our powers? Will it break?' Rex thought with a frown, he's partially at fault.

Rex wondered for a brief moment before he shakes his head, he doesn't have the time to think about these things and needed to focus on the task at hand. If the world was about to collapse, the other forces would be quite hectic right now.

Seeing that there was no indication of ending the war, the world would probably not break.

If so then he would need to watch out for a worldwide phenomenon that would come, the world would definitely experience some changes in response to the power that lies inside of it. Especially the power that the Executor showed.

Calling for Devo, Rex finds his presence watching from the sky.

Giving a slight nod Devo then started to lead them as his body turned into black lightning and cut through the sky, he leads Rex and Delta out of the Humming Damned Forest and into the Dark Elf territory.

But instead of heading to the Dark Elf Kingdom, Devo takes a sharp left away from the kingdom.

Rex instructed him specifically to search for an Elemental Stone Mine that is not inside the territory of the Dark Elf and also doesn't have anyone occupying it, so it makes sense if Devo would lead them out of the Dark Elf territory again.

After about half an hour of quickly dashing through, the three reach a change in terrain.

The dense green forest that they have been traversing through suddenly transmuted into a dreary, rust-colored vista. Rex recalled seeing this type of terrain before, he remembered this from his travels among the Tigerman. From this, he realized that they must have arrived at the border between the Dark Elf and the Tigerman race.

Looking at the far night horizon, he can't help but wonder about something.

'Maybe I'll stop by the Tigerman race after I check the elemental stone mine, checking if King Samobas fulfilled his end of the deal or not. If not then he will be sorry' Rex thought, he then averted his gaze away and signaled to Delta to pick up her pace.

It takes another ten minutes before they arrived at the spot, Rex gets down from Delta's body.

Devo, in his thundering cloudy form, stares steadily at Rex whose face displays a mixture of shock and disbelief. "Am I missing something?" Rex stammers. "This definitely isn't an elemental stone mine" he continues while looking at the weird swirling phenomenon that is displayed in front of his eyes.

"Well, it's natural for someone with a juvenile age like you do not know" Devo commented.

But this makes Rex looks at him with a frown, "Are you looking for a fight? I can still put you back inside and suppress you, in case you forgot about it" he replied with a slight annoyance, he can just ask the system but he was just surprised by this scene.

Not wanting to continue to annoy Rex in case he got suppressed again, Devo then explained.

"Elemental Stones no matter is produced naturally by the world, the level of concentration in a certain place will determine the amount and the nature of the Elemental Stones. But ever since the world become like this, there will be an anomaly such as this where the surrounding mana mutated and caused an Eye of Elemental such as this"

Upon hearing this, Rex looks back at the phenomenon in reflex.

About a mile away from him was a purple tornado that cracks the dimension at the base inside of it. Rex also realized that the surroundings are devoid of mana, and it seems this phenomenon sucked all of the mana and convert them into Elemental Stones.

"Eye of Elemental, huh..." Rex mused while looking at the purple tornado in excitement.

Since it causes a disturbance in the surroundings, this Eye of Elemental should've been relatively new. If he was here late, then others would've probably gotten their hands on it. "I know what you're thinking, you think that you got lucky, right?"

"Am I not lucky to be the first ones here?" Rex asked back, clearly, he was lucky.

Devo then quickly shakes his head when he heard this before he explains again, "Well, yes technically we got lucky to be here first. But even if we're late a month later, the Eye of Elemental would still be here because in order to get the accumulated Elemental Stones one needs to get into the core of the Eye of Elemental"

"It's going to kill anyone below the eighth rank and be excruciatingly painful for the ones stronger. Moreover, you can only get the Elemental Stones inside the Eye of Elemental that you have an affinity with. In short, you can't take other Elemental Stones aside from Lightning and Light elements"

Even though Devo tries to explain clearly and slowly, he finds there was no reaction from Rex.

Rex is putting his finger on his chin while looking at the rampaging Eye of Elemental that threatens to shred anything that gets too close, he seems to be pondering about something. But soon, a nasty grin appears on his face.

"So you're saying that I can get all of the Elemental Stones inside of it?" Rex asked.

Upon hearing this Devo nodded his head in confirmation, "Yes, you definitely can't" he replied.

But this makes the smile on Rex's face spread even wider, he then slowly walks towards the Eye of Elemental before he said with a mocking tone, "If you really think that then let this juvenile enlightens you old fool"

Chapter 737 Master Of Elements

"Let this juvenile enlightens you old fool..."

Devo's expression twitched when he heard Rex call him an old fool, he was not that old, there are other spirits that are older than him. Not that much probably but there are still some older spirits. Moreover, he heard the confidence in Rex's tone which makes him chuckle.

"Go on, enlighten me. I'll see how you'll manage that" Devo said with a clear doubt in his voice.

The Eye of Elemental is a natural phenomenon and has the ability to decipher the affinities of the figure that tries to take its resources, nothing can bypass the Eye of Elemental's natural sense. If one tried, their limb would be shattered into shreds.

Knowing that, Devo is expectant to see Rex fails and for once be the one who is right.

Meanwhile, Delta who is watching this from the side wiggles her tail as if she was confident that Rex would've been able to come out fine from the Eye of Elemental and get everything that he wants. It's probably due to her instinct that she's this confident.

Rex strides forward with a nonchalant posture, he's still smiling and his eyes contain no worries.

The gushing force that is trying to push him back was very strong, and it can even put some resistance against his advancement, but it was still not a match for him. For his current ninth-rank realm power, it was still no match even though he's injured right now.

Looking at the Eye of Elemental with his awakened eyes, he finds the level of mana is very dense.

Not even a ninth-rank realm Awakened can amass this much mana into their bodies. It's true that the ninth-rank realm Awakened can push Rex back, but they are using spells that are made for the purpose of fighting.

The Eye of Elemental on the other hand manages to put up some resistance with its mana alone.

Just from this comparison alone, one can already tell the sheer amount of mana this Eye of Elemental has amassed. The mana for miles and miles in the surroundings got sucked into this bottomless black hole and left only a sliver of what it used to be.

As he got closer, he can feel the ground beneath him moving as if there was an earthquake.

Rex doesn't need to use his Awakened eyes to look at the mana as the invisible mana now turned visible to the naked eyes and even spins destructively like a purple tornado. What Devo said is definitely true, nobody below the eighth-rank realm can even get near this Eye of Elemental.

Standing a small distance away from the Eye of Elemental, Rex stretches his arm forward.

Knowing that he can't brute force his way in without the help of his power, he decided to turn into his Werewolf form, cloak his body with red force and also use his elemental powers. The entire air around him changed instantly.

It's incomparable, he now has an air of sharpness and ferociousness that stabbed the skin.

Upon making contact with the tip of the whirling purple tornado that soars up into the sky, he could feel the power within the Eye of Elemental pushing back against him. It's like pressing your palm into a wall decorated with razor blades, sturdy and unmoving yet as sharp as the sharpest blade.

Even with his body cloaked with different energies, his palm started bleeding from the vicious cuts.

'I can withstand the entire power of the Eye of Elemental, but that requires me to activate the King Mark. I can't do that' Rex thought with a shake of his head, he then decided that he would just push through. 'System, scan the Eye of Elemental and list me all of the elemental stones inside'

<Scanning...>

While the system is scanning the Eye of Elementa, his hand began to bleed even more.

Devo who is watching this from the back frown, it's clear that he was confused, 'Why is he not doing anything while touching the Eye of Elemental? He should do it quickly, reach inside and use his elements to force out the lightning and light stones'

Under the worried gaze, Rex didn't react and kept waiting patiently.

After going through the pain he has experienced in his entire life, a few cuts to the palm of his hand don't really bother him anymore. In fact, his hand could be chopped off and he would probably not react that much from the pain.

Soon enough, the system finally finished scanning.

<Scanning complete!>

<List of Elemental Stones inside the Eye of Elemental>

High Fire Stones: 20%

High Wind Stones: 20%

High Earth Stones: 12%

High Water Stones: 15%

High Lightning Stones: 18%

High Dark Stones: 6%

High Light Stones: 8%

Ultimate Fire Stones: 0.2%

Ultimate Wind Stones: 0.2%

Ultimate Earth Stones: 0.15%

Ultimate Water Stones: 0.1%

Ultimate Lightning Stones: 0.15%

Ultimate Light Stones: 0.1%

Ultimate Dark Stones: Below 0.1%

Primordial Stone: Below 0.1%

Rex was not surprised at the elements inside the Eye of Elemental listed by the system, but he was a little bit surprised to find that the Eye of Elemental contains Ultimate-grade elemental stones which are unheard of.

One that's close to an Ultimate-grade is the one made by Adhara, but that's handmade.

Compared to these Ultimate elemental stones inside the Eye of Elemental, hers would probably not be as efficient as these ones that are naturally made. Rex is intrigued by these Ultimate-grade elemental stones, he also thanked that there are some Ultimate-grade lightning and light stones.

But then his eyes widened when he saw the last element which is an element he has never heard of.

'Primordial element...? What kind of element is that?' Rex thought as he was not expecting any other elements other than the regular ones, these are all of the fundamental mystic elements that are common in the Awakened world.

On the other hand, the Primordial element is certainly not a normal element as he just knew of its existence.

There is no such thing as Primordial Elementalist registered in the whole entire world. If there's one out there, then Rex would've heard about him. A big sensation will happen if there's an Awakened that has the only affinity to a new element.

But as far as he knows, Primordial Elementalist doesn't exist.

Rex tries to blink his eyes a couple of times to make sure that he was not hallucinating. As it turns out, he was not and the system stated it clearly that the Eye of Elemental contain a sliver of the Primordial element.

Snapping out of his daze, he decided to focus on extracting those elemental stones first.

Although Devo is doubting him to be able to extract all of the elemental stones inside of the Eye of Elemental, he already devised a plan that is only able to be done by him and solely him. It was one of the perks of having the system at his back.

'System, I want to buy an affinity to all of those elements inside the Eye of Elemental...'

It was troubling him at the start when he heard Devo's explanation earlier, he's in dire need of gold and this Eye of Elemental would be the perfect chance for him to accumulate more gold. Even elemental stones that he would not use are desired as they can be exchanged for gold.

Knowing this fact, Rex doesn't want to waste a single thing and intends to take everything.

Maybe for other people taking the entirety of the elemental stones inside of the Eye of Elemental would be impossible, just like what Devo said earlier. But it's not impossible for him, with the system he can exhaust the Eye of Elemental's resources to the last stone.

Devo earlier said that he needs to have affinities to the said elements to extract them.

As far as he knows there are no rules indicating on how strong the affinities should be, therefore Rex would only need to get the affinities to all of the elements contained in the Eye of Elemental to try and extract all of the elemental stones.

If one hear this then they would've vomited blood as this is clearly insane.

A bare minimum of power even though one needs to reach the seventh-rank realm or even higher is still way more manageable than gaining an affinity. Gaining an affinity needs an extremely rare treasure or impossible as affinities were determined from birth.

But for Rex, it was the complete opposite. It's better this way as he has the system on his side.

<Primordial element affinity costs 100 million gold, the user' doesn't have enough gold to buy it>

'Just by the other ones, I can do the Primordial element at a later date' Rex thought, he already expected that the Primordial element would cost him too much gold. And he was right, it costs a whopping 100 million gold.

If turned into money, that is equivalent to 10 billion dollars which is a ridiculous amount.

<Does the user wants to proceed in purchasing Fire, Wind, Earth, Water, and Dark affinities for 50,000 gold?>

Reading the notification briefly, Rex nodded his head, 'Yes, buy them all...'

While he was doing this, Devo is still watching from the back attentively. Soon enough he saw some movement coming from Rex, he didn't stay still anymore and slowly but firmly pushed his right arm through the rampaging purple tornado with relative ease.

But as he does this, Devo's eyes squinted as he caught sight of some weird occurrence.

At the base of Rex's right arm, he can see faint colors that are hard to decipher but are definitely there. It's very faint and hard to be sensed through the sturdy energies coming from Rex's body and the rampaging energy from the Eye of Elemental.

Under Devo's gaze, the faint colors started swirling around Rex's arm heading to his hand.

Just as he paid close attention to these faint colors, his cackling with lightning eyes widened as he realized what those faint colors are. 'W-Wait a minute, isn't he only a Dual Elementalist? I remember him gaining the Lunar Light element from that weird angel statue. How come he has affinities to all of the fundamental elements...?'

It didn't take long for Devo to realize that Rex also possesses numerous kinds of affinities.

Even though the two of them are basically connected together, Devo has never realized that Rex has this many affinities. But unknown to him, those affinities were all learned just now. It's still at the very first rank, but that's enough to ignite the other elemental stones.

Rex exposes his grin as he embedded his entire right arm into the Eye of Elemental.

As he got deeper inside the force becomes even stronger, he was inflicted by dozens if not hundreds of wounds on his right arm in a second but the healing properties from his Werewolf form helped him recover as quickly as he got injured.

When his entire right arm is inside, he closes his eyes and tries to feel his new elements.

Despite not having any control over the other new elements that he just gained an affinity with, his superior lightning and light elements have taught him enough and made him able to adapt and control his new elements in a few seconds.

Garnering each of the elements into his arm, he can feel the warm sensation crawling inside of him.

'I've never had the time to explore the elements as there's only so much I can do in a given time. But now that I'm going to fight strong opponents, gaining more elemental powers would help me massively' Rex thought with a smile on his face, looking at the faint mana crawling in his arm.

Upon concentrating everything into his hand, Rex then stretches his hand to take hold of the core. From the system earlier he already knows that the Eye of Elemental has a core inside of it, and that core is the way to get the elemental stones inside. Rex grabs hold of the core as he did a gripping gesture with his hand to make sure his hold is firm.

As he did that, he twisted his hand and infused as much mana into the Eye of Elemental's core.

Swish!

'Just give up the elemental stones already, give it all to me. You don't have to worry, I'll make use of and will take good care of them' Rex thought as if he was talking with the Eye of Elemental, beckoning it to succumb to his power.

It was then a crack that appeared on the core's surface which makes Rex's smile spread even wider.

KABOOM!

Chapter 738 Good Omen

Devo and Delta are already backing away when they saw Rex jab his right arm into the Eye of Elemental, the purple tornado becomes even more chaotic, wiggling its body as if it was trying to propel Rex away.

But Rex stubbornly stood at his spot, activating every element inside his body.

Even though the prominent ones are the black lightning and the lunar light, the other elements that he newly gained also impacted the Eye of Elemental massively as it recognizes the affinities inside Rex's body.

Massive amounts of force blasted the area and even the rocks and pebbles started levitating.

Rex doesn't care that the Eye of Elemental is trying to rip his right arm to shred, he powers through it with his terrifying regenerative abilities that triumph over almost if not all Werewolves that exist in this current era.

Just as the chaos reaches its peak, a twist from his hand causes the Eye of Elemental to stretch.

It keeps on expanding and rapidly increasing in chaos before eventually the core inside of it cracked, and that simple occurrence alone shatters the entire Eye of Elemental and causes a thunderous explosion of elemental mana.

KABOOM!

Everything was devastated, the explosion was akin to a nuke and lay waste to anything it touches.

Devo didn't sit still as he harness every single energy inside his body and create a massive barrier that almost covers the entire shockwave in a desperate attempt to minimize the destruction. But he is too hasty as his barrier doesn't last long.

Crash!

Only a small proportion of the shockwave was held back, the others burst through without restraint.

Judging from the sheer size of the explosion, the Dark Elves and the Tigerman race would've been able to witness this phenomenon from their respective kingdoms, and yet they know not to interfere with what's happening with the Eye of Elemental.

As the Eye of Elemental sticks out like a sore thumb, the two Kingdoms also know of its existence.

But neither of them tries to mess with the Eye of Elemental knowing that there's not one amongst them that endures its power and is better to be left alone since this phenomenon is not a common one and only appears during the most destructive of times.

Naturally, if they saw the Eye of Elemental shattered then it's safe to say they wouldn't investigate.

Someone that can crush a very rare phenomenon such as the Eye of Elemental is certainly that of the ninth-rank realm. If that kind of entity came without announcing, then it's safe to assume that the entity doesn't want to be disturbed.

Gradually, the shockwave fades leaving nothing but purplish smoke that lingers in the area.

Devo was injured from that explosion as he was trying to lessen the shockwave instead of protecting himself, it was a mistake as he thought that he can probably tank it knowing that the shockwave is not the Eye of Elemental itself.

But he was wrong, and half of his body was destroyed from getting hit by that shockwave.

Meanwhile, Delta came out of the blue and landed right beside the injured Devo. Only a little bit of charred furs can be seen here and there on Delta's body, she tries to get as far as possible and takes cover which is a smart move for her.

On top of that, the Deep-white Integument of Genri also contributed to protecting her.

As the purplish smoke dissipated, the two of them saw Rex still standing where he was earlier with his entire right arm covered in blood. But even then, steam came out of his right arm as it started to heal rapidly.

Even though he was standing directly beside the explosion, he was unfazed and standing strong.

Rex slowly turns around to face Devo in the far distance before a smirk appeared on his face, he then spreads his arms to the side and asked with a teasing tone, "See...? Are you enlightened yet old fool?"

"Che! I never knew you have that many affinities" Devo rebutted back.

If he had known that Rex has that many affinities then he wouldn't be so confident that he can't get all of the elemental stones created by the Eye of Elemental. But now, those stones are scattered around Rex and are piling into multiple mountains.

Half of the Dark Elves' elemental stones that were given to Rex are counted in wagons.

Despite the fact that Rex expected more from half of the entire Kingdom's stash given to him, that is already a massive amount for a regular Awakened and probably can even accompany them until they reach the seventh or even eighth-rank realm.

But compared to these mountains of elemental stones, that number is pathetic.

Flunged away from the Eye of Elemental's blast, the elemental stones have been scattered across the area. Each one of them is radiating its own unique elemental light, a testament to the incredible and finest grade of nature's craftsmanship.

Rex glanced around and can't help but hide his surprise, he was not expecting this much.

Counting mentally there seems to be at the very least nine mountains of elemental stones around him, each is two or three times taller than him which is a new sight for even someone like Rex that has already reached the top.

It's simply a tremendous amount, he seems to be blessed for meeting the Eye of Elemental.

'At the very least something gone right amongst these problems piling up around me...' Rex thought with a wry smile, it's about time that he gets some good news instead of receiving one bad news after the other.

Just then, a holographic box appears in front of him.

<Congratulation to the user on gaining the affinities of all fundamental elements and completing the Master of Element achievement! Anti-Elemental Body has been bestowed to the user!>

<Anti-Elemental Body>

It's a passive skill that upgrades the user's body into more resistance to elemental attacks. 20% of every attack that contains elemental mana regardless of the rank of the element will be nullified, giving the user a natural advantage in fighting Awakened. This skill is upgradeable up to 2 times.

Upon scanning these notifications, Rex can't hide his smile anymore, 'Great, this is great!'

With the Anti-Elemental Body he becomes way more effective in fighting the Executor, a great addition to his arsenal. Rex is quite satisfied with the travel to the Eye of Elemental, it has been very fruitful.

Snapping out from his daze, Rex went over to one of the mountains intending to store them.

Many would find it hard to store and transport this many elemental stones without being eye-catching to everybody that they pass, but that's not a problem that Rex will ever experience thanks to the Inventory feature of the system.

But as he was about to touch the mountain of elemental stones and store them, he stopped.

Rex's eyes catch something sparkling behind the mountain of elemental stones in front of him right now, he went over the mountain to investigate before his eyes completely widen. 'S- So many elemental' stones...' he thought while sucking in a cold breath.

As it turns out, the nine mountains were not all of the elemental stones inside the Eye of Elemental.

Due to the powerful force from the explosion earlier, there are some elemental stones that are thrown even further away and sparkle on the ground. Even the high-grade Light Stones, which only represent 8% of the total elemental stones numbering in the thousands!

Such a massive amount is way beyond Rex's expectations, he was not even close.

'I guess this should be enough to help most of us reach the eighth-rank realm or even the ninth-rank realm, and would also leave plenty enough to make the three guard leaders way stronger than they currently are...'

A moment later, Rex didn't idle and stored every single elemental stone in his inventory.

From the side Delta can be seen pulling a huge leather bag by her teeth and bringing it to Rex, the leather bag itself is bigger than Delta's body and it contains the elemental stones that she managed to amass.

"Nice work, Delta!" Rex complimented while rubbing Delta's head.

Due to the sheer amount of elemental stones, he needs help from Delta to gather them.

It would've been faster if Devo would help them gather the scattered elemental stones, but his physical body was injured from the shockwave earlier and needs time to recover. So he can only watch from the inside of Rex's body.

Something that Rex finds funny earlier when he realized that Devo is injured.

Rex hefts the large leather bag into the inventory and allows the system to count and catalog all of the elemental stones he received from this haul, he does it with great delight. With a cursory glance around, he finds that there is no glimmer or shine left. "Is that everything?" he queried.

Growl!

With a light growl and nodding her head, Delta replied as she too can't find any left in the area.

After realizing that the two of them have finally managed to take away all of the elemental stones which takes more than ten minutes, Rex opens the inventory in order to see just how many elemental stones he received from this.

A holographic box appeared in his vision before it expanded into the inventory interface.

Scouring through the inventory to find the elemental stones, he eventually finds them stacked against each other. With the help of the system's catalog, the high grade and the ultimate grade are separated and also each element is also separated from the other.

Hovering his eyes towards the high-grade lightning stones, Rex's eyes went completely round.

"7-75,600 lightning stones...?" Rex mused out of sheer shock.

Even though he already sees those mountains of elemental stones first-hand, this number still shocks him as if that is converted to gold then it would be converted into 7 million gold! It's going to be massive in developing his castle and his forces.

Moreover, that 75,600 lightning stones only represent 18% of the total pile.

If that's the case then overall he has received 420,000 elemental stones, a small portion of it being ultimate-grade ones that no one has ever seen. On top of that, he doesn't even know the conversion ratio for the ultimate-grade elemental stones.

Probably 1,000 for one if he follows the rule of the conversion ratio from the system.

'With this, the gold problem and the elemental stones problem are basically done. I and the others can focus on strengthening our Awakened side in preparation for the Executor' Rex thought, his eyes glimmering with determination.

He then decided to take two ultimate-grade elemental stones from the inventory and inspect them.

As this is the first time he has ever seen or known the existence of an ultimate-grade elemental stone, he desires to inspect it closely. Looking at the two piece of marbling crystals in his hand, he was mesmerized by their beauty.

Rex has never felt mana as pure as the mana emanating from these two crystals.

One is glowing brightly with a brilliant light with a spiraling orb hovering around it on the outside, while the other is cracking with electricity that reaches to the surroundings in chaos. A symbol of the element is carved on their surfaces, showing the purity of each one of them is untainted.

<Ultimate-grade elemental stones>

It's a variation of the normal elemental stones that are birthed from a huge concentration of pure high-grade elemental stones. Each one of the ultimate-grade elemental stones contains dense mana, a hundred times more potent than the best high-grade elemental stones. Cannot be converted to gold, and is also able to hasten the progress of achieving arcane mana.

Upon reading the description, Rex more or less expected this kind of explanation.

But he was intrigued when he reaches the last part, 'Arcane mana, huh... I forgot about it but now that I'm focusing on my elements, I can try to turn my mana into arcane mana' Rex thought with a smile on his face.

Arcane mana is not a requirement for reaching the ninth-rank realm, any Awakened can reach it.

Of course, it's easier for those in the higher realm to turn their mana into arcane mana which is why the ninth-rank realm usually possesses arcane mana. It would take insurmountable years for those below the ninth-rank realm to evolve their mana.

Rex, on the other hand, is different. He now gains access to these Ultimate-grade elemental stones.

'Just how strong will I be when I achieve the ninth-rank realm in both Black Lightning and Lunar Light elements or even more alongside gaining Arcane Mana...? I don't know how strong but I would definitely be unstoppable!'

Chapter 739 Banter With The Informant

Due to the unexpectedness of the amount of Elemental Stones that he managed to receive from this visit to the Eye of Elemental, Rex finally felt a whiff of a good omen in such a long time and he decided to smile at it.

Putting away the ultimate-grade Light Stone, he then glances at Delta sitting beside him.

"Here, why don't you try this?" Rex said as held the ultimate-grade Lightning Stone and flicks it towards Delta, the crystal flew in the air making an electric sound before Delta catch it with her mouth and crush it with her fangs.

Crunch!

Just like eating candy, the ultimate-grade Lightning Stone was crushed inside Delta's mouth.

But unlike a candy that can only bring tasteful flavor to the mouth, the ultimate-grade Lightning Stone ignites the white lightning all over and inside Delta's body. Sparks of white lightning around her become even stronger, it's like they were juiced up by the ultimate-grade Lightning Stone.

It was overwhelmingly dense that Delta's eyes turns completely white, engulfed in white lightning.

Aooooouuu!

Delta lets out an excited howl as she rejoices in this new sensation that she has never felt before, a luxury that nobody in the whole wide world has ever felt, not even Rex has ever felt that sensation making Delta the first living being to actually absorb an ultimate-grade Elemental Stones.

Peering at her stats, Rex finds that there are some changes.

<Delta - Silverstar Wolf>

Race: Stalwart Lightning Wolf

Power: Sixth Rank(Peak) - Hallowed Lightning

Mental: 451 (+68)

Strength: 811 (+122)

Agility: 1080 (+162)

Endurance: 922 (+12,138)

Intelligence: 810

It's been a good while since he last saw Delta and there are not many increases in her stats. Most of her overall stats have increased slightly, there are no major increases since they were apart. The only substantial increase was in her endurance, but that addition was because of the Deep-White Integument of Enri armor set that she's wearing.

Despite this, Rex couldn't help but note the increase that happened in Delta's intelligence stat.

At first, before they depart from the castle, Delta's intelligence stat is sitting at 410 points. But from absorbing one ultimate-grade Lightning Stone, his intelligence stat actually doubled which catches Rex by surprise.

'400 points gained from 1 ultimate-grade Lightning Stone...?' Rex mutters inside his head in shock.

Even though he knows that the ultimate-grade Elemental Stones is a very rare natural resource that nobody has ever seen or even believed to exist, this kind of increase is just too much for him to handle.

Rex is stronger in terms of lightning powers compared to Delta, but 400 points is still a lot for him.

As of this moment, his intelligence stat is the least out of all of his stats, sitting in the middle of the 4,000 range. One ultimate-grade Lightning Stone would mean a 10% increase in his intelligence stat, and that is a ridiculous amount.

Calculating from the system list, he roughly has 6,000 of these ultimate-grade Lightning Stone

'Wait a minute, that's about 2,5 million intelligence stat if I used all of them for myself' Rex thought while sucking in a cold breath, that's a terrifying amount. But then he shakes his head, 'No way, right...? I think it won't be a flat 400 every time I use it'

Despite this being the case, he now has an insurmountable of resources to develop his forces.

Shifting his attention away from the elemental stones that he gained from the Eye of Elemental, he glanced in the direction of the Tigerman race capital city, "Come on, Delta. We'll take a quick visit at the Tigerman before we get back" Rex said.

But as he wanted to mount Delta, his eyes landed on something on the side.

Paying a close look he finds that it was a small tornado the size of his hand, it didn't take long before Rex realized that it was the Eye of Elemental that has already shrunk to this tiny size from being exhausted of its resources.

Retaining the purple color like before, Rex crouches beside it with a frown.

'Must be the Primordial Stone that is still inside of it. However, now that it's singled out, it feels familiar...' Rex thought as his eyebrows dip into a frown. Now that the Primordial element is not mixed with other elements, he finds that it feels familiar.

It's almost as if he has sensed the Primordial element before, and he's trying to remember where.

Just as he ponders for a brief moment his eyes spark with realization, he now remembered that the Primordial element is familiar with the Executor's energy. Not with his Chaos element, but with another element that resides inside of him.

Rex doesn't sense it all the time, but there is some moment when this energy leaks out.

Upon realizing this mysterious element that resides inside the Executor's body, his eyes went back to the swirling puny purple tornado with a new light, he might have just found a hidden affinity that the Executor hasn't shown.

"I can't leave it out like this..." Rex mutters in concern now that he somewhat grasps the situation.

Although it was minuscule as there are probably a few stones inside this Eye of Elemental, he doesn't want to let the Executor have it and becomes stronger than he already has as of this moment.

Reluctantly, Rex admits that the Executor is ridiculously stronger than him.

It's going to be hard already to catch up to the Executor's power and eventually defeat him. Rex doesn't need the Executor to become more powerful the next time the two of them faced off, and in that case, he decided to hide this small purple tornado.

'System, is there any way to hide this Eye of Elemental?' Rex asked.

<Yes, the Abyssal Mirage will be able to conceal the Eye of Elemental from anyone>

Without pausing to think or even hesitating, he purchased the Abyssal Mirage despite its hefty price tag of 100,000 gold and quickly installed it onto the Eye of Elemental. This translucent cubical object projects a mirage that renders anything inside of it invisible without any trace of energy.

Rex quickly did that before he nodded his head, satisfied with the item he just bought.

Despite his very powerful senses that of a Werewolf which is the strongest out of any Supernatural Creature out there, he couldn't sense the Eye of Elemental anywhere. It was so perfect that he almost forgot where it was.

The Abyssal Mirage has only one drawback, it can be knocked away with enough force.

But aside from that it's quite untraceable and perfect to hide it from the Executor's senses. After doing that, Rex mounted onto Delta before the two of them blitzes through the desolate plain, heading to the Tigerman race capital city.

It didn't take long before Rex saw the capital city of the Tigerman race at the far distance.

Most of the parts that are destroyed from the combination attack between the Dark Elf and the Dwarves were already repaired, the construction hasn't finished yet but it's nearing the end. For a Supernatural race, their infrastructure is commendable.

On top of that, the superior physique of the Tigerman makes repairing the wall quicker than ever.

Looking at this from a safe distance away while condensing his aura and energy into his body so that nobody would notice him, Rex smiled before he pats Delta on the head, "Wait for me here, I'll give a visit to our friend King Samobas before we head back"

Growl!

After the light growl, Rex's body blurred before he disappeared from his spot.

Meanwhile, a robust Tigerman that stands towering over most of the Tigerman guards inside a hall was walking through with a solemn air around him. A streak of lunar light seeped through the huge windows, illuminating the inside of the hall.

None of the Tigerman guards moved as this Tigerman walk past them, they were still as a statue.

"It's always the same in every era, never any peace... especially with the Executor on the scene" the Tigerman mumbled to himself, shaking his head and exhaling a deep sigh. But then, an ironic smile appears on his face. "At least I won't be around for the trouble, that's one blessing at least"

The Tigerman then arrived at a huge gate, he gave a quick glance at the two Tigerman guards.

With a slight nod from them, the two Tigerman guards pull the gate open and reveal a spacious throne room where the King spends most of his time in. A single throne stands at the center with four royal seats at the back high up from the ground.

Due to the thoughts disturbing his mind, the Tigerman didn't realize that there was someone inside.

"Nice place..." A voice echoed inside the throne room out of nowhere.

Upon hearing this the Tigerman that is condoned in a royal outfit and a cape looks up with clear shock on his face, he gazes at the center royal seat above the throne and saw a figure sitting there with both of his legs stretched over the partition as if the figure owns the place.

But as the King himself was the one looking up, it's clear that the figure doesn't own the place.

Moreover, the figure doesn't have the appearance of the Tigerman race, he has a human appearance instead showing that he was not from this kingdom. Even though he was not from here, the sight of this figure sent terror to King Samobas.

"L-Lord Rex..." King Samobas greeted with a bead of cold sweat wetting the side of his face.

As it turns out, the figure sitting leisurely on the royal seat is none other than Rex. Bypassing every defense mechanism of the entire capital city, he managed to reach the throne room unnoticed as if he was a ghost.

Rex then mused, ignoring King Samobas' nervous look, "I've never seen this kind of setting before"

Immediately after he said that his body vanishes from King Samobas' eyes before a voice came from behind him, "Tell me, why are there four seats above the throne? Aren't you the highest-standing Tigerman in this place?"

From the tension filling the place, King Samobas gulps out of nervousness.

"We Tigerman has a King and four Elders managing the entire Kingdom, the King is the most influential but the Elders have the most authority inside the Kingdom" King Samobas replied, not even turning to look at Rex.

Rex nodded his head lightly before he walks over to King Samobas and headed to the throne.

Even though there's nobody stopping him from sitting on the throne that is not his, he decided to stop and sit on the stairs instead before his two terrifying eyes gaze back at King Samobas who is avoiding eye contact.

"I heard that you contested against the Executor, but I see now you're fine" King Samobas said.

Upon hearing this Rex shrugs his shoulders and leans back on the stairs, adopting a leisurely position without any hint of worry at all, "Yes, the Executor is quite strong but manageable" he said nonchalantly. "You must've heard it from the Dark Elf, does that mean you are already in contact with them?"

"We've already reached a truce, and I'm in the process of sign-"

Just before King Samobas can finish his sentence, Rex intervenes him, "Our rebellion group has started to grow bigger and bigger, and I was just thinking of suggesting to do a thorough check-up of the force that wanted to join. Since you're a King, you know that there's a need to be wary of intruders, right...?"

"In that case, what do you think is an appropriate punishment for an informant?" he added.

Even though Rex is clearly asking, King Samobas kept silent and didn't answer. "I've dealt with an informant before, and I'm quite merciful enough to let one of my pack members punish the informant. But as that pack member is no longer available for the time being, any informant would probably be punished by me now"

As soon as he heard this, King Samobas' body trembled a bit.

"What's wrong?" Rex suddenly appeared right in front of his face, inquiring with an innocent look. "I know it's quite scary to imagine me torturing the informant. But you don't have to worry, I would only do that to an informant. Well, you're not an informant are you, King Samobas...?"

"O-Of course, not. I'm not an informant, it's just that..."

Just before he can finish his trembling sentence again, the expression on Rex's face turns grim as his eyes glowed with a red hue still looking at King Samobas. "If you're not, then why would there be a Vampire hiding here...?"

Chapter 740 An Unforeseen Meeting With The Duchess

Rex has already smelled the scent of Vampire lingering around the capital city, he reckoned that it was the Dark Elves that are visited by the royal representatives from the Vampire and the Werewolf Kingdom, not the Tigerman race.

It was odd but he came to a realization that King Samobas might still try to defy him.

As soon as he stepped into the throne room, the metallic odor of blood grew even more intense and overwhelming. It was oddly unguarded of the Vampire to be this careless about its presence, and let it be this detectable.

Knowing that he would come, the Vampire should be hiding its aura and scent not exposing them.

None of the Vampire aside from King Solomon can have a chance of actually defeating him, there are only a few entities of that caliber in the current era. In that case, the Vampire should be terrified of his presence alone.

But the Vampire did the exact opposite as if it wanted Rex to know of its presence.

From this alone, it's evident that the Vampire has an ulterior motive for being here in the Tigerman capital city. "If you're not, then why would there be a Vampire hiding here...?" Rex said in a whispering grim tone.

Glancing into the dark corner of the throne room, a movement can be seen inside the shadows.

From the darkness, a pair of crimson-glowing eyes appeared revealing that the darkness is hiding something inside of it. As the crimson eyes steadily come out of the shadows, the clanking sound of heels gradually reverberated louder inside the quiet throne room.

Rex and King Samobas' eyes fixed onto this pair of crimson eyes.

One is wearing a cold and grim expression as he waited for the pair of crimson eyes to come out, while the other has his face drained from all color seeing that Rex's hand is already wrapping around his neck.

In a light twist, Rex could've killed him as if he was not a King but an ant instead.

"Spare the poor Tigerman, Lord Rex..." A sweet voice dances through the air before the figure whose crimson eyes belong to come out of the darkness, revealing a beautiful pale-skin entity that can't be mistaken as another creature than a Vampire.

With one final step out of the darkness, the Vampire stopped and make eye contact with Rex.

Upon witnessing the Vampire's appearance a frown appears on Rex's face. One notable feature is the queen symbol underneath her right eye. Even though the Vampire hasn't introduced herself yet as this is their first time meeting each other, Rex already knows her name as he had heard of it before.

Clenching King Samobas' neck tightly, Rex then smirked evilly, "Why should I...?"

"Men whatever they are, be it Vampire, Werewolf, or even Human are practically the same..." the Vampier shakes her head, seemingly expecting this kind of reaction "Don't be hasty, he's not an informant and I'm here not to cause any trouble" she added, waving her hand gracefully.

Not intending to do anything the Vampire said, Rex kept his hand on King Samobas' neck.

Even though he wanted to reach the conclusion that King Samobas has backed out of the deal they made and chosen the demise of his entire kingdom, Rex can feel it was not the case. If he really did, then this Vampire would've chosen to stay hidden instead of announcing her presence.

Moreover, exposing herself like this shows that she has no evil intention whatsoever.

Although exposing her presence and coming out of the darkness seemed like something that is not worth mentioning, it's a big deal as the shift of power turns to Rex completely. Her act is saying that she's completely submitting herself to Rex's mercy.

With the knowledge of Rex's power, she's standing in the open right here is a big deal.

"I must say, I've seen your power before and was quite fascinated by it. A Vampire that can kill anyone through blood and dream, you've made a name out of yourself, Demelza..." Rex said raspingly as he scans her stats which attracted Demelza's attention back to him.

Even though it's been a while ago, Rex still remembered that day vividly.

Back when he was still at Ochyra University and doing a field test at Strada City, a level 2 city that hosted a military base. After the field test, Rex caught the news that the entire Strada City has been leveled to the ground and left only the general alive.

For Rex, it's the first time he saw the full extent of a terrifyingly high realm Supernatural.

And back then the news thought that it was the Siren race that did it as the attack is a soundwave attack. But Rex figured out that it comes from Demelza as the Vampires from the Demelza Family are trying to save one of them from Strada City.

Rex can still feel the awe of that moment when he witnessed a power that can level an entire city.

Looking back now, he realizes how much he has gone from that point.

Upon hearing this Demelza quirked up a sweet smile while covering her face, seemingly pretending to be embarrassed by Rex's words, "I'm flattered that the Alpha of the Silverstar Pack knows of my name, it seems I really did make a name for myself..." she replied.

But then suddenly, Rex draws blood from his hand and threw it to the ground in front of Demelza.

Demelza looks at the fresh light blood that has an enchanting scent even for her that has already mastered her cardinal desire for blood, she was confused as to what is the meaning of Rex's action as she looked back with a frown.

"Go on, show it to me..." Rex mutters with an evil smile.

Even though it was for a brief second that her eyes glowed when she hears this as her eyes fixed on the splattered blood on the ground, she even show signs of stress by gulping hard seemingly doesn't know what to do for a moment.

It was tempting, the sight of Rex's fresh blood is like a magnet to her attention.

Although she was trying to fight back the urges, she tries to collect herself strugglingly and shakes her head. "I understand your concern, but I really don't have any evil intention in this meeting. So don't bother testing me, Lord Rex" She said with a collected look, no hint of temptation in her eyes

anymore. But then she whispers to herself, "I don't want to be aimed by the princess if I have your blood on me anyways..."

Rex lifted his eyebrows when he heard this, but he decided to keep silent and watch.

"As of speaking to you now, I'm not representing King Solomon or under any task given by him. I can swear upon my Origin on that" Demelza added with a convincing tone, showing that she's being genuine with Rex.

Rex kept gazing into her eyes for an uncomfortable amount of time before he eventually nodded.

Not a trace of a lie can be seen, and she even swears on her Origin to further assure him.

"Well, if that's the case. I'm listening. But bear in mind that I have enough trouble already, and it's best that you don't say anything that can upset me as I'm sensitive right now. I might accidentally kill you" Rex said before he lets go of King Samobas' neck and crosses his arms in front of him.

Giving a light chuckle, Demelza smiled while looking at Rex in amusement.

Pondering for a moment to construct the sentence inside her head, she then opens her mouth, "The Executor has awakened, and we all know that already. But as you have fought against the Executor already, you out of all people should know how strong he really is. None of the strongest entities in this current era can match the Executor, including you..."

"In that case, I want to propose a truce until the matter with the Executor is settled" she added.

Upon hearing this proposition from Demelza, Rex is secretly surprised inside but he kept a stoic expression with no hint of a reaction at all. "I can guarantee that by not telling King Solomon about your rebellion and also helping persuade King Solomon and the other high-rank Supernaturals to focus on the Executor. After all, we're in dire need of the same thing. Time."

Rex listens attentively, trying to see beyond her proposition and anything in between.

Even though it's distasteful to work together with a Vampire, her proposition is logical and true.

'It was the Supernatural races that keeps on attacking me, and I haven't got the chance to launch an attack myself. But she's right that the Executor is the immediate threat, and time to get stronger is the most essential thing that I need' Rex thought silently, considering the proposition.

Out of all the things, he needs to train and get stronger the most in order to tackle his problems.

Now that he has the resources to boost himself and the others into the higher realm of Awakened power, the only thing he and the others need to do is be undisturbed and train until they reach an adequate goal.

The Executor is one thing, and there's the rise of the Witch of Chaos that he needs to worry about.

Each requires him to become stronger, and time is indeed the thing he needs.

If the rebellion group is exposed, the Supernatural race would still be addressing it fiercely.

Even though the Executor is an immediate threat to the entire world, the high-rank Supernatural races are known to be arrogant and prideful. Knowing that there's a riot underneath their reign, they wouldn't just let it slide and grow.

Although the castle itself wouldn't be directly affected, the Silverstar Pack will.

Since he has practically allied with the Dark Elves and the Dwarves, the two races would ask him for help if ever the high-rank Supernaturals attack them. It can be addressed but he will be busy fighting the Supernaturals while the Executor is left alone.

It doesn't take a genius to know that is a formula to disaster, and he can't have that.

"We indeed have the same desperation for time, and I agree the Executor is the number one threat. If you can really manage to hide the rebellion from the high-rank Supernaturals until the Executor is no more than, I can agree to this deal" Rex finally replied, finding that the proposition is agreeable.

But then, a question popped inside his mind, he was quite impressed by Demelza's bravery.

Glancing at Demelza with his sharp eyes, Rex then can't help but said, "I could've killed you the moment we met, you can't stop that from happening. What makes you brave enough to tell me this in person...?"

Upon hearing this, Demelza's eyes glowed once again as she exposes her fangs with a smirk.

"Let's just say that if you kill me, you'll wake up with hell at your doorstep" Demelza replied with an air of mysteriousness surrounding her, and that air can't be deciphered even by Rex's sharp eyes and mind.

Even then, Rex can guess that she must've had something in store to fuck with him if he killed her.

Not intending to prolong this conversation further as he has matters to attend to, Rex turns to face King Samobas again giving his back towards Demelza, "I expect to hear from you, Demelza. But now, you can leave as I need to take out some ants"

"I didn't betray the rebellion group! I even make this deal happen!" King Samobas defended.

But this only spark an evil smile from Rex as his aura started leaking from his body like a vigorous current of death, "Yes, you did make the deal between me and Demelza happen. But that doesn't explain how Demelza knows of the rebellion group in the first place, and that must be your fault"

"As I said earlier, an informant will be punished with rigorous, intense, and painful torture by me..."