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Chapter 1161 The Art Of Planar Subjugation.

The rest of the defenders that were not hit by the lightning were not in a good situation either. The first supreme beast that attacked finally stopped. The destructive sound wave ceased only for the nightmare of the ants to descend on them.

The shrill scream ended only for another round of loud buzzing to begin. The first Supreme beast has stopped because her attack harmed everyone indiscriminately. The sound waves would harm the ants too which is bad. So without the scream, the ants could feast without worry.

Besides, the sound waves aren't needed anymore. She has done her part to eliminate the strongest race here. All of the Stellos have died now and the army of ants has finished assembling. If she were not here, then the Stellos would be able to shred the ants apart.

Even the third supreme beast would not be unscathed from the all-cutting power of the body of the Stellos. His ability to rob attacks of their kinetic energy won't work if he is directly split in half with a slight touch.

The second Supreme beast gave the order. Her two antennas twitched and the ants responded immediately. They swarmed the defenders like locusts ravaging plants. More than 30% of the 2 billion defenders were already dead. 40% were gravely injured or near death, while the remaining 30% were injured. Not one of them is uninjured and this is just from the first attack. The job of the ants is to finish off the rest.

All the ants have the physical strength and defense of titans of law. They don't have the ability to move world power like real titans of law and they surely can't match Sovereigns but they outnumber titans of law and sovereigns of law 100 to 1.

Their numbers seem to be endless. They poured out from the second supreme beast like a leak in a dam. The defenders were overwhelmed with numbers. Their morale broke before their bodies followed after.

As for the Origin god Stellos, he was finally killed after a few minutes of fighting. This is very rare for an Origin god to die within a plane. Even if they can't fight back, they are usually capable of escaping. But this Stellos could not escape so he met his demise.

This freed up the third supreme beast who then began to kill off other stubborn defenders. The fighting lasted for hours but the plane eventually fell. More bloodshed took place in the following days as the Supreme beasts rooted out rebellions.

The rebels held out waiting for reinforcements but the reinforcements never came. The Origin God ancestors of the Stellos failed to come to a peaceful agreement with the Supreme Alliance. In fact, they were mocked and directly killed by the Supreme Alliance.

It might look like a whole plane fell to just three invaders but it is not exactly so. Some Supreme beasts had already infiltrated the plane unknowingly. They collected data and identified the strengths and weaknesses of the races living in the Stellaris plane. The information that they acquired allowed the Supreme Alliance to create an efficient invasion force.

Most invasion done by the Supreme Alliance is usually carried out by three supreme beasts. There will be at least one supreme beast that targets the weakness of the races in the plane. There will be another one that carries an army with them to supply soldiers needed for subjugation.

Then there will be a supreme beast that is strong in every aspect and doesn't have any weakness. This one will be the most versatile one and will be responsible for a wide range of situations. The lack of weakness and their durability means that they will be able to handle unforeseen circumstances and accidents.

This is how the Supreme Alliance invades planes. It is an art that they have mastered over the years and they have had no need to change it with the advent of the era of conquest.

The invasion of Stellaris occurred before the realm lord announced that the era of conquest was about to occur. So the supreme alliance didn't invade Stellaris for control of the plane in preparation for the era of conquest.

To them, invasion is a normal thing to do. It is their destiny to lead. And they didn't increase the frequency of invasions because they didn't need to. They are more than prepared for the era of conquest

The Stellaris plane fell to the gospel of civilization that the Supreme Alliance is generously spreading. The fact that the Supreme Alliance gained a new supply of slaves and a new source of powerful divine ability is just a reward for their generosity in spreading civilization to every race.

They are a race that thrives on conquest and grows stronger from it. That's how they managed to gain control of nearly 30,000 planes in the realm of high heaven. If there is ever a race that Legion covets their divine ability the most, then it is the Supreme Beasts.

-----THE BIRTH OF LEGION-5

Legion-5 was born 3 origin cycles after the meeting where the realm lord announced that he had met the minimum requirement for the era of conquest. His birth was not without its difficulties but he managed to survive.

The difficulties he encountered were not as simple as the failure of his mother to deliver him because Supreme beasts don't become pregnant and they don't gestate their young within them. Their normal mode of reproduction is by laying their offsprings as eggs like reptiles and birds. That's what Gehaldirah knew of them.

But Legion-5 is currently not in an egg. He is the growing fruit of a plant. The fruit looks like an egg but no one will mistake it for an egg. After all, eggs are not attached to plants. They are objects that stand alone and are meant to be self-sufficient. But Legion-5 is attached to a plant in a similar manner to how demon fledglings are gestated.

Chapter 1162 Eating Your Cake And Having It.

This situation is the first problem he faced when he reincarnated. It isn't a strange situation because he is not the only unborn Supreme Beast in the same situation. The plant that he is attached to is in possession of thousands of other fruits similar to his.

This plant is in a large vat of transparent liquid and one can see the form of the fetal Supreme Beasts through the thin skin of the fruits. No one will look at this setup and think it is strange even though Supreme beasts ought to lay eggs. This is because something happened to the Supreme beasts that Gehaldirah wasn't aware of.

Supreme beasts are strong. The ability to have more than one divine ability has made them a terrifying force in the realm of high heaven. But even with their power and influence, most people haven't heard about them or seen one of them because they are too few in number.

They don't attack a whole plane with three just because they are proud. They are proud but that isn't the only reason to subjugate a plane with so little. Supreme Beasts attack planes with a few soldiers because they are small in number and because they don't need more.

Their small population is mostly due to their divine ability. Their divine ability has reduced their fertility drastically just as it has made them stronger than they ought to be.

It is common knowledge that the fertility or the ability of organisms to create offspring is inversely proportional to the power of that organism and the fertility of a race is also inversely proportional to the potential of the race. So the stronger a race or individual, the lower their ability to reproduce.

A race with high potential will have low fertility. While a race with high fertility will experience a reduction in fertility the stronger the members of the race become. That's why it is easier for mortals to give birth than for transcendents to produce offspring. And it is why dragons have low fertility compared to pigs.

These two laws combine to create low fertility in the supreme beast race. They are strong individually and also as a race. A weak Supreme beast will find it difficult to reproduce much less a strong Supreme beast like a Sovereign of law.

These two rules also apply to Origin gods. It makes it almost impossible for them to reproduce. Fortunately, there is an exception for origin gods. If they want a child desperately, then they will have a child. It just depends on how much they are willing to give up to have that child.

They can have a 100% chance of producing offspring as long as they procreate with another Origin god and are willing to use some of their Origin essences. The descendants born in this way will also be able to reach the Sovereign level with certainty. If there is any disadvantage it is that this method is expensive and the offspring will have no choice but to take the path of their parent.

Legion-5's father is an Origin God. His father is also in control of a whole plane on behalf of the Supreme Alliance but his father will not produce offspring the expensive way. That method ensures quality and

certainty but the supreme beast race doesn't want quality in their offspring because their offspring will have the same divine ability as them.

They want quantity so that their offsprings will not have the same divine ability as them. That will preserve the potential of their offsprings. Potential means that they can perform better than their parents and that possibility is better than quality that are copies of their parents.

Offsprings that can reach the sovereign level with certainty cannot deviate from the concept of their parents. The Supreme Alliance doesn't want that. Unfortunately for them, they have a problem with fertility. If they don't produce offsprings with certainty, then it will be very difficult to produce offsprings at all much less in large quantities.

In order to fix this problem, they adopted a special method of reproduction. It is a method to eat their cake and have it. It will increase the quantity of offspring that they produce without the need to spend Origin essence to create each offspring.

This method should not exist but the Supreme Beast race is capable of achieving the impossible thanks to their ability to use many divine abilities. The method was created when a particular origin god Supreme Beast engineered a plant concept for reproduction by fusing the demon sire with the life tree and some other divine ability. In a way, it copied the way that Supreme beasts were derived from elves.

The demon sire is the creator of demons. It is a branch from the tree of sin. The supreme beast that created this method used it has its first divine ability. So the tree of sin was the primer. Its prodigious fertility was combined with other divine abilities and special plants like the life trees to enhance it. This led to the creation of the Supreme Mother, one of the directors of the Supreme Alliance.

The plant that Legion-5 and other fetuses are attached to is just one of the independent branches of the Supreme Mother. His father and mother used their essence to pollinate the flowers of the plant given to them. The plant then produced thousands of fruits. In a way, each offspring has three parents, not two. The debut release happened at N0v3lBiin.

The plant can't stop the eggs from failing to hatch but it can increase their chances of hatching by eating the eggs that died and using them to supplement the other eggs that are still viable. This seemingly advantageous arrangement created Legion-5's first problem.

This is because for the soul fragment to successfully reincarnate, he must take over an unborn child. First, the soul fragment must destroy the fragile soul of the born child if it is present, and then take over the body. It is a simple procedure and Legion-5 succeeded in this without any issue.

Chapter 1163 One Law.

The issue arose when the supreme mother sensed that his egg had died. The supply of supplements and nutrients that he was receiving from it stopped and was then reversed to the other eggs. The supreme mother was breaking him down to ensure that the other eggs would survive.

He didn't know the danger he was in since he had just reincarnated and his soul had just awoken. He was the 4th soul fragment to awaken so he became Legion-5. All of his attention was on his divine ability. He didn't have a divine sense to see the situation he was in so he remained ignorant of this problem for quite a while. Besides, he couldn't do anything even if he did know.

"It is just as I expected. The divine ability has the law of life." He said after observing his divine ability.

Gehaldirah has done a little research about Supreme Beasts before he reincarnated so they are not completely ignorant of what to expect. The major problem why they don't know more is because Gehaldirah couldn't get ample research material to analyze. If the stone race is overprotective of their young, the supreme alliance is super overprotective of their young.

The creation of the supreme mother has only prevented them from going extinct. It has not solved the problem of their low fertility. So they care too much about their young just like the stone race.

They are worse than the stone race in being overprotective in that they are strong enough to protect their young. They are so strong that even the high elves couldn't offend them. So Gehaldirah couldn't get a lot of materials to work with despite paying a large sum of money to traffickers.

Gehaldirah couldn't afford to offend them. If Origin gods are scared of the racial council of the Virut plane, then a mere Sovereign has to be very scared of the Supreme Alliance. Even the realm lord suffered at their hands.

The supreme alliance was the major force that stood against Monarch High Heaven when he wanted to become the realm lord. So Gehaldirah had to pay a high price to purchase a small body part of a young supreme beast.

It wasn't the whole body of the dead supreme beast that he got despite the price he paid. It was just a piece of flesh which is surprising since the traffickers he went to were supposed to be the best in the slavery market.

The small piece of flesh wasn't enough for deeper studies but it was enough to set three targets for a soul fragment to reincarnate into. The reincarnation worked on the first try so here Legion-5 is.

The memory of the difficulty of getting the flesh of Supreme beasts evoked within Legion-5 the reason why Gehaldirah made it a must to reincarnate into a Supreme beast. It then led to a sense of satisfaction within him for having succeeded.

He couldn't help but look toward his future with anticipation, "This had better be worth it."

He continued examining the divine ability to find why it is so powerful but what he found dampened his enthusiasm. He couldn't find any other laws apart from the law of life.

He muttered to himself skeptically, "It has just one law? I can't believe it. How did they manage to become so strong?"

What he got from his preliminary examination of the body part before reincarnation indicated that their divine ability must contain the law of life. He couldn't be sure of others since the sample was too small to be certain.

Now he has reincarnated and can't believe what he seeing. He suspected that they have the law of life in their divine ability but he didn't expect the divine ability to be made up of just the law of life.

He is surprised because there is very little information about the divine ability of the supreme beast race. Many people want to know how a race can have and use several divine abilities. He is looking at the divine ability right now and still can't believe that a single law is responsible for it. It is also the law of life that high elves have.

"How is it that their own law of life made them so strong while our own made us so weak?" He questioned.

He knows that the same laws can produce different effects when turned into a concept but the disparity is too much. High elves and supreme beasts have the same amount of laws and it is the same exact law so he finds it quite difficult to believe that one divine ability allows high elves to have a high affinity with mana, access to natural mana, and the ability to transform to other types of life forms while the supreme beasts have the divine ability to use multiple divine abilities.

"Are the Supreme beasts related to elves in any way? Who knows? There is very little information about their Origin and history but it might be true."

He shifted his attention to other parts of his body when he was done examining his divine ability.

"Maybe my parents are ordinary. There is no bloodline in my body."

He also can't find any trace of a bloodline in his body. The only law fragments in his body are in his core where his divine ability is. His parents have to be ordinary because even transcendents will leave behind a weak bloodline as long as he is not too far from their lineage.

"Wait, there is a change."

He was inspecting himself when he noticed a change in his situation. The weakening of his body caused the connection between his soul and his body to be delayed so he heard from Legion-2 and others about the increase in laws in their divine ability before he experienced it too.

His soul formed a connection with his new body so he got to make contact with his divine ability. The Origin essence he brought with him also began to affect it. Several law fragments were attracted to it so it got bigger.

Chapter 1164 Salvation From The Title.

This change didn't go unnoticed by others. The branch of the supreme mother noticed it too. It informed the person in charge of this hatchery. The branch is in one of the numerous large vats in a much larger metal structure underground. This underground structure is the size of a city. It is one of the three hatcheries in the plane where the future generation of supreme beasts are produced.

This hatchery alone has 3 origin gods protecting it while the whole plane has 10 Origin gods on standby. The supreme beast alliance will attack a plane with 3 Origin gods but they will station 10 Origin gods in the plane to protect their young.

One can imagine just how much importance they place on their young. The slightest changes to the condition of the eggs are passed across to the administrators of the hatchery immediately.

Legion-5's father was in charge of the plane, and all the hatcheries, and most importantly, this particular change happened to one of his unhatched offspring so he was informed.

"A mutation?" His father asked.

His Sovereign subordinate replied, "Yes, his divine ability is mutating but the mother plant has determined him to be dead. I think he is a chimera."

"He will not make it. Bring his corpse to me when he dies."

"I will do so Monarch Tellos."

They are not going to do anything about the information about his mutation. They would have been excited about a mutation had it occurred before the mother plant determined Legion-5 to be unviable. But now that he has been determined unviable. It means he can't survive the gestation process and will surely die under the siphoning of the mother plant.

Nothing can save him. It is already difficult to hatch without the mother plant. It becomes impossible to hatch when even the mother tree determines him to be unviable. So his father has reconciled himself with his death.

There are more than 10,000 fruits but less than 100 of them will survive. The death of one is not something to fret about even if it has a mutation. In fact, it is a good thing. His father will be able to use his corpse for research after his death.

Legion-5 wasn't assisted in any way but they began paying more attention to him so that they could take his corpse as soon as he died. He on the other remained ignorant of his situation until he started sensing that his body was dying.

"What's going on? Is my mother dying too?" He asked himself.

That's the only explanation that he can think of. He doesn't have any information about the reproduction methods of the Supreme Beast race. He can only sense that he is connected to another entity which is the situation with viviparous reproduction.

He shouldn't be connected to another entity if it is oviparous reproduction. An egg is a closed environment after all. It is this entity that he is connected to that is killing him. That's why he came to the conclusion that his mother was dying.

He complained. "What do I do now? I am not Legion-6. I am not strong enough to break out of my mother. Will I die and fail to reincarnate like Legion-7?"

He doesn't know what to do. He is still gestating so he is very weak. His undeveloped body is yet to adapt to his soul and it will take longer to finish growing because of the changes to his divine ability.

He has only spent 40 years out of the hundreds of years needed for normal supreme beasts to gestate. He can't survive outside of the womb yet like Legion-7 who was already ready to be born. At this rate, he might die like Legion-7.

His death seemed to be foregone. It is slow but he is dying slowly. The mother plant is killing him. His situation could be alleviated if they cut off the mother plant from him. He is not like the other helpless eggs. He can surely hatch on his own.

Unfortunately, he isn't growing at all. He is doing the opposite. His body is degenerating as it is being broken down. Those who should help him are instead watching him like cycling vultures waiting for him to die so that they can take advantage of him.

Things changed when Soverick became the child of the Virut plane some 14 years later. Mana rushed into his soul and into his body through the soul sphere. Helios and Ragnarok took advantage of the

supply to grow stronger but no one needed the mana as much as Legion-5. It was really a life and death matter for him. His body had already become gaunt. If not for his powerful soul, his existence would have broken apart sooner.

He sighed in relief. "Soverick saved me. Unfortunately, Legion-7's situation is not so good."

His situation has changed. Death has been starved off. His body began to develop better. This change didn't go unnoticed either. His watchers were baffled by the changes.

His father went through the report about his condition over and over again. He asked incredulously, "Are you sure this is correct?"

"Definitely sir. I checked several times. These readings are accurate with a certainty of 99.9999%. He has stopped dying and is growing stronger."

The doll-like Origin god was silent for a while as he considered the situation. He couldn't figure out why a dying egg that had been labeled as unviable suddenly regained vitality.

He thought to himself, "Hmm. Maybe it has something to do with his mutation."

His mind fixated on that possibility and greed appeared within him. "I have to know if it is because of his mutation."

He made up his mind so he said to his subordinate, "Cut him off from the mother tree. It seems he is resilient. Let's help him by removing the burden of the siphoning."

The Sovereign subordinate suggested carefully, "But he could die. He is doing well now so we should probably just leave him be."

Chapter 1165 The Incubator.

His father shook his head. "If it is what you think it is, then he is a burden on the others. He will affect the others if he remains attached to the Mother plant. But if he is not a burden, then he should survive without the mother plant."

That is logic that he couldn't argue against. The subordinate could only agree and cut the fruit that Legion-5 was in away from the mother plant. He was then carried away and placed in an incubator. The incubator was then attached to him to supply some nutrients that he might need.

The subordinate said, "I hope you can survive."

Legion-5 is doing well and they don't know why but that doesn't mean it is a good thing for the other eggs. His father believes that Legion-5 has found a way to continue using up resources from the mother plant to grow. Those resources are meant for the eggs that are still viable.

The subordinate on the other hand wants Legion-5 to remain in the mother plant. They don't know why he is growing instead of dying but as Supreme beasts who have been tasked by the Supreme Alliance to do their best to ensure the survival of all eggs, he wants him Legion-5 to remain with the mother plant and not be abandoned to an incubator.

If the incubator could help to hatch eggs, the Supreme Alliance would be using it instead of the mother plant. So his chances of survival are very slim at best. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done to help him.

The major issue here is that there is no right and wrong decision despite the motive behind the two decisions. Legion-5's father might be right and Legion-5 is bad for the other eggs. That will lead to the death of more eggs.

Even if his father is wrong and the subordinate is right, only Legion-5 will die. That is a sacrifice that they can make for the sake of the other eggs. It is a smart decision to risk one instead of the many and it will hold under the scrutiny of the Supreme Alliance.

If there was an obviously correct decision then Legion-5 wouldn't be cut off like that even though his father is the one who asked for it. His father is not having offsprings because he has a hole in his life that he wants to fill up with children. The supreme alliance asked him to fertilize the mother plant with his essence together with the essence of another Origin god to produce offsprings.

That's how the eggs and Legion-5 came to be. His father will be rewarded for each egg that successfully hatches. So the supreme alliance is the one that has the rights over Legion-5, not his father. If the subordinate disagrees with the decision then he will report to the supreme alliance.

The subordinate didn't disagree so Legion-5 was placed in the incubator. The subordinate could only hope that Legion-5 would survive so that he would gain more rewards from the Supreme Alliance.

One of them wants him to die while the other wants him to live but the more hatchlings that survive, the more the reward for both the subordinate and Legion-5's father. In one way or the other, their motives are based on benefits.

Legion-5 is ignorant of everything going on in his surroundings. He only noticed that he was an egg after a while of the absence of the sensation of connection to another being.

"What is going on out there? Why don't I have a mother anymore? Is she dead? Why am I not dying?"

He has so many questions but very little answers. It is grating to live in ignorance especially when he is aware that there is a lot going on that he doesn't know about. But he stopped worrying about it after a while when there were no noticeable changes to him.

Life continued for him. He was gestating on his own without support just fine. His father and his caretakers ought to be glad but the two of them had different reactions when Legion-5 didn't die immediately and was actually growing stronger.

Legion-5's father said with regret, "So I was wrong. He is not a chimera after all. I expected his body to collapse without the support of the mother plant. Looks like I won't get to use his corpse for my research."

He isn't happy at all that Legion-5 is still alive. The reward of the supreme alliance doesn't motivate him as much as his pursuit of knowledge. He is not like his Sovereign subordinate who needs to make contributions in order to gain the assistance of the Supreme Alliance in becoming an Origin god.

If he succeeds in making a contribution that will affect the whole race of supreme beasts through his research, then becoming a world god will not be a faraway dream. Unfortunately, the mutated egg is not an undead beast or a chimera with an unstable body that causes the Mother plant to consider him unviable.

He narrowed his eyes at the report. He is suspicious of its validity so he decided to extend his divine sense down to the hatchery to the incubator that Legion-5 is in. His divine sense scanned the life fluctuations of the egg and compared the data collected to his observation.

He was disappointed to discover that there was no mistake. Everything pointed at the same thing. The egg was thriving. However, the disappointment didn't reduce his interest in the anomalous egg. His curiosity has only increased in light of the new information.

"His vitality is astonishing and his soul activity is off the charts. He will surely hatch at this rate. How did an egg go from unviable to super viable?" The Origin asked himself.

He has so many questions too but very few answers. Unfortunately, he won't be able to get his answers despite being the father and being an Origin god.

Chapter 1166 The Famous Experiment.

He thought to himself, "I can strangle it so easily. It will be so easy to do. I don't even need to use force. All I need to do is inject my divine sense into his egg. It will surely destabilize the egg and lead to his death."

He is contemplating killing the egg. He truly wants to kill it to satiate his curiosity. A measly egg is a worthy price to pay for the increase in his knowledge. It will be easy to do too. Unfortunately, he can't.

He is not even allowed to scan the egg directly with his divine sense. He had to use external measurements like temperature, air intake, air outtake, etc to determine the internal conditions of the egg. His divine sense is too powerful and might affect the egg so the Supreme Alliance banned him from doing it.

He can't kill the egg unintentionally much less kill the egg intentionally because of the duty contract he signed. So he had to watch the egg thrive and thrive.

The Subordinate was also watching with intrigue.

They watched Legion-5 closely with different motives but both of them were stunned when the life signs coming from Legion-5 rose sharply until they surpassed the other eggs who have always had the support of the mother plant and were never used as nutrients to be siphoned for the others.

His father stopped watching at that point. He made that decision after roaring in frustration. As for Legion-5, his life was carefree after that near-death experience. Mana came from Soverick so he was growing stronger quickly. His divine ability mutated with the addition of fire, water, air, earth, light, and darkness.

"That makes 7 laws. It is not like Soverick's 9 law divine ability but it is still going to be very difficult to use to become a titan of law."

"I'm all for the increase in versatility for a divine ability but how does this divine ability expect me to create a concept greater than a six-law concept? If it was so easy, people would have done it and the realm lord wouldn't be so special."

He tried to keep a positive attitude due to the mutation but he couldn't help but worry about his future. Even the creation of a bloodline due to the flooding of law fragments in his body didn't ease his worry.

He doesn't think a bloodline can help him in creating a concept like it does to normal beings. After all, he can Comprehend laws faster from the law matrix than comprehending them from his bloodline. So what he sees from his bloodline is not assistance but a reminder of the difficulty that he is to overcome if he wants to awaken his divine ability further in the future.

"We'll get to it when we get there. I'll just hatch for now."

His divine ability is a problem for the future. He is just over a hundred years old and he hasn't hatched yet so he tried to stop worrying for the moment. His attempt to enjoy a carefree life came to an end when Helios wanted to perform the experiment that would bring Chaos energy into their mind network.

He warned them, "We have to be very careful about this. Legion-8 and I are still in our eggs. We are not like the rest of you. We won't be able to resist Chaos energy at all if it gets to us. We will surely die."

This Chaos energy is not the weak one that Aeternus encountered as an unborn demon. Aeternus is a demon king now with a divine level Chaos energy capable of killing Celestials and Origin gods.

Even the Claymore that he got from the realm lord can't resist Chaos energy anymore and has been destroyed. Legion-5's soul is still a weak fragment so he will surely be snuffed out if the Chaos energy gets to him.

"What are you scared of? I will be the one that will bear the brunt of the Chaos energy." Legion-1 said.

Aeternus joined in, "And I will be the one that might be killed if things go wrong."

It is true that the Chaos energy will first to Legion-1 and Aeternus will be killed by the tree father if anything goes wrong. But Legion-5 didn't back down. "You two are prepared to die, but not me. I haven't lived and I haven't done anything yet. And I believe that I have the greatest potential among all of us. Even Legion-8 doesn't have as much potential as me. He is just a dragon. His divine ability didn't get an upgrade because of origin essence so he will be an ordinary dragon with a more powerful soul."

Legion-8 refuted. "I won't be ordinary. The power of a dragon is dependent on the soul so I will be very strong as soon as I am born meanwhile you will be a weak hatchling."

Soverick joined in, "Legion-5 makes a good point. Legion-7 is enslaved and Legion-6 is shackled with a demon god. That's two out of 9 of us that aren't doing well. It will be bad if we kill Legion-5 and Legion-8 too."

Aeternus shrugged. "Legion-6 and Legion-7 have become a waste unless they die. As for Legion-5 and Legion-8, we will still be able to do something useful with the slot that will open when they die."

"That's true." Legion-1 agreed. "I can remake their soul fragments as long as I live. We will lose their divine abilities but it is a risk worth taking."

That made Legion-5 twitch. "What reliable clones I have. They are already planning for my death and replacement."

If he dies, then he will be replaced by another soul fragment. That soul fragment will have his memories and those of others but it won't be him anymore. It won't have his point of view and his divine sense. He would be gone so he doesn't want to die if he can help it.

Chapter 1167 Green With Jealousy.

But death is not his greatest fear. His greatest fear is death without a purpose. Legion hates wastage. They hate making losses. To have his entire life be a waste is not something he is looking forward to.

Helios had to step in. "No one is dying okay? It is just a short experiment. It won't last more than 2 seconds. Maybe less. I just want to see how Chaos energy reacts with the law fragments of order in my body. I will be slightly injured at most. It shouldn't affect you and Legion-8 at all."

"Fine. Just get it over with." Legion-5 said.

The tree father prepared with Aeternus and Helios. Then Chaos energy went from Aeternus to Legion-1 and from Legion-1 to Helios. The rest is history.

When Legion-5 came to, a black orb was revolving around his egg. It passed through the incubator as if it were an intangible phantom. No one could see it either. Only Legion-5 could see it but he couldn't control it.

An atmosphere of dread settled within the mind link. Silence and a profound appreciation for life pervaded their consciousness. They are still reeling from the impact of what they just went through. It is unbelievable that they survived it.

Legion-5 said dryly, "It is fortunate that I don't dislike saying 'I told you so' and that I don't even have to say it for all of you to hear it."

That made them chuckle. It loosened the mood a little.

"Let's see if we are any different." Legion-1 proposed.

They immediately checked their existence to see if there was any change. There were no obvious changes. Even their stat screen didn't notice anything different about them. The first one to notice a change was Legion-7. His bond was broken and he ran away immediately.

"What a lucky bastard," Legion-5 muttered. "His useless life became meaningful just like that."

Legion-7 was still struggling to escape but he still had enough mind to retort. "I was enslaved and it wasn't because I was useless. I possessed something important that was coveted hence why I was enslaved."

"We all have what you have that was coveted. Anyone of us could have been enslaved so you're not that important."

"Who got the law of the soul?" Legion-7 asked.

Legion-5 admitted, "You did."

"Did the law of the soul save Aeternus or not?"

"It saved Aeternus."

"Did you get the law of the soul?"

Legion-5 tried to excuse himself. "I have not hatched yet. I haven't had the chance to..."

Legion-7 would have none of it. He insisted, "Did you or did you not get the law of the soul?"

The two of them argued for a while. It was short because they were interrupted. Aeternus was the next to discover a change. It was a positive change too.

The ability he was trying to create by modifying his mark of sin worked with soul force. Then Soverick was next. His eyes fused together and he gazed at the realm lord.

"What lucky bastards," Legion-5 said in unconcealed jealousy.

"I can see you." Soverick mocked.

Soverick's eyes pierced through the void between the two planes and locked onto his frail form within the egg. That only made Legion-5 more jealous. Everyone is getting something from the shards of power apart from him. Legion-6 broke from the demon god and Legion-4 is becoming a star. Then Soverick reeled in pain.

Legion-5 snickered, "Serves you right."

Soverick received a backlash. His eyes separated forcefully and he even became blind.

"It is only temporary," Soverick said with relief.

Legion-5 continued to mock him, "I hope for your sake that it is temporary. If it isn't then maybe we should get rid of you and try for another useful clone."

He is still salty about the talk of replacing him. They risked his life and now they are gaining benefits from it. But he isn't getting anything out of the danger they put him through.

Soverick suggested, "These black orbs are the distillation of infinite possibilities. They are raw power made manifest. I think we should call them the shard of power."

Legion-1 observed, "These shards of power are powerful but they are also dangerous. They are uncontrollable to random in their effects."

Aeternus spoke to Legion-5, "Maybe it is not a bad thing that you are not affected by it at all. The consequences might be too dangerous for you to bear. We might have to replace you then."

Legion-5 was not appeased. "Fuck you Aeternus. You think I can't sense the smug sense of superiority you have right now?"

"I am superior to you. I am a demon king and you are still gestating."

"I'm taking this long to gestate because I have a lot of potential. I am better than all of you."

"You can't be superior to the demon king of Chaos. All will be destroyed and damned to oblivion by my hands."

"Mighty cocky for someone that almost died as an egg. If not for Legion-7 and Soverick you wouldn't even finish gestating."

"You wouldn't be alive without Soverick either."

Soverick interrupted them. "I think we can control these shards of power. Their potential might reduce if we gain control of them but the raw power within them can be tapped."

Some were open to the plan. They said, "That sounds like a good idea."

But Legion-5 was quick to reject it. "That sounds like a bad idea. We are not messing with something that nearly killed us."

Soverick said confidently, "It won't kill us. Trust me. I am very good at building artifacts."

His confidence is based on his eyes. He has been able to see and comprehend laws easily as if he is reading them directly from the law matrix instead of trying to decipher them. His eyes have also pushed his forging skills to the apex so he has the confidence that he will be able to find out the function and purpose of the shards of power.

But Legion-5 isn't buying it. "We are not doing whatever you plan until I have hatched."

Chapter 1168 The Backup Divine Ability.

Fortunately, he is not alone in this thought. The other clones agreed to let him and Legion-8 hatch first before they begin another round of dangerous experimentation. They didn't know that the previous one was going to be so dangerous. If they did, they would have prepared better before they tried it.

Now they know that the shards of power are powerful but also capable of random things. They won't risk what they have in Legion-5 and Legion-8 for something that is not certain.

Legion-5's tune changed after the agreement. He began looking forward to controlling the shard of power. "I want to hatch quickly so that we can start working on the shard of power."

He doesn't want his near-death experience to be in vain. He has already been through the dangerous moment but nothing has come out of it for him. He can bear with it for now since he is not the only one who can't use the shard of power for anything.

"There's me, Legion-8, and the tree father. We can be patient till we hatch."

His patience thinned when the tree father got something from it. He has lost the restriction of domains. He doesn't need to fuse domains to possess them so he can have more than one domain as a Celestial.

"That's fine too. There's still Legion-8. We can be patient until we hatch."

But things didn't go according to plan. Legion-5 was pushed to the limit of his patience.

Helios started, "About that..."

Legion-5 interrupted him, "Don't say it."

He was willing to bear with being unable to get anything out of the shard of power because he was not the only one who hadn't gotten anything. So it came to him as an unpleasant shock when Legion-8 also got something. What Legion-8 got surprised all of them. It even affected Soverick.

"This is unprecedented," Soverick muttered. "I have gotten access to the law of creation through you. Let me comprehend it so that we can see how it will affect Legion-8."

"This is not fair. I am not the one with the highest potential anymore." Legion-5 complained.

The others were not saddened by the change to Legion-8. They are greedy so the more the merrier.

Helios said with anticipation, "This is great. We will surely be able to punish the dragons for their impudence now."

The reason why Gehaldirah chose to make a dragon clone is because of their power and because he wanted an insider amongst the dragons. With someone on their home plane, Legion will be able to find the dragon's breeding grounds.

Legion has not given up on their revenge on the dragons. They hate dragons and also covet their power. Reincarnation has given them the opportunity to do both. But now the shard of power has given them more than they can ever imagine. Legion-8's inner world suddenly gained access to some laws that none of them has the talent for such as the law of creation and destruction.

Things progressed rapidly and beyond their expectations from there. Helios gained cosmic energy and used it to strengthen Legion-1's inner world so Legion-1 got something from the shards of power too. The only one who hadn't gotten anything yet was still Legion-5.

His jealousy reached its peak when Soverick finally comprehended the full law of creation. That invoked the law matrix and made cosmic energy agitated. It swarmed from Helios to every clone. Legion-1 exploded. Aeternus reached level 10 immediately.

Legion-7 began using cosmic energy to devour laws. Legion-8's inner world also changed with the comprehension of the law of creation and cosmic energy flowed into his world to strengthen it too.

Legion-5 had to watch all these happen without gaining anything. It didn't even end there. Legion-8 made another breakthrough. His inner world evolved yet again after the law of creation was added to it. He can now add more laws to it. So instead of his inner world weakening with the addition of more laws it was strengthening.

Legion-5 couldn't take it anymore.

"Let me give it a try. We are both unborn in eggs. I can't just watch without gaining anything." He said said with determination.

"But what law should I try to add?" He asked the others.

Legion-2 proposed, "Add the law of devouring. It goes well with the law of life. We also have the schematics for the divine concept from Ragnarok. It will be good if we have a backup since Ragnarok is probably going to die."

"Even if you can't replicate Ragnarok's divine ability, the law of devour should unlock your limits on stats." Legion-1 said.

"That sounds like a good idea," Legion-5 said in agreement.

Then he asked, "But the law of creation and destruction is good too. Shouldn't I use one of them?"

Soverick advised him, "Leave those ones to Legion-8. We don't know their effects yet and adding laws to a divine ability is very dangerous. It is best to use Ragnarok as a model to reduce the risk."

Soverick's advice was sound so he had to listen to it. He had to give up on trying to emulate Legion-8. It is already too dangerous to add a law to a divine ability intentionally. A divine ability is not a concept which he is free to add laws and this addition is not the natural mutation caused by Origin essence. Anything can go wrong with it if he is not careful.

In fact, some might say he is courting death trying to change his divine ability in the egg. The other clones certainly think so but they are not telling him not to try it because are truly prepared to replace him with another Supreme beast if he dies. They were not kidding about that.

Even so, they don't want him to try something too dangerous. They would rather he die trying to create a backup of Ragnarok's divine ability since Ragnarok is unlikely to survive the Lumen plane.

Chapter 1169 A Lesson Learned.

Ragnarok has escaped from the demon god but his fate is still sealed since he can't leave the plane. So they want to have a copy of his ability. Ragnarok's death won't affect them much in that case. They already have the information they need to know about how Paragons acquire and use POWER, how supreme laws work, and how dangerous demon gods are.

Their advice is good to follow since he is not like Legion-8 who has an ancestor to emulate. In a way, Legion-8 did not randomly change his divine ability, he is just making it more similar to his ancestor's.

So he turned his attention towards Ragnarok to get more detailed information about his divine ability. It is important to do because Ragnarok had just become a transcendent. His divine ability has evolved after consuming the heart of Carnage. It is different from the one he was born with.

"Now which one should I emulate? The old Warrog Omega divine ability or the new Warrog Hybrid divine ability?"

Ragnarok had just fought some Origin gods after fighting a Vampire Primogenitor and is currently on his way to release the ghouls. He had a lot on his mind but he still gave Legion-5 some advice. "Use the old one. You will need to add at least two laws to your divine ability if you want to copy the new one. Even then it might not work because you don't have a heart of Carnage."

Legion-5 considered the advice silently before deciding to take it. It will be dangerous to work with just the law of devour. Adding the law of blood to his divine ability will increase the risk exponentially. It will increase the number of laws in his concept from 7 to 9 which is scary. Even kings of law die when they work with too many laws when they want to become titans of law.

"If I want more then I will add it when I become a titan of law. I'm only greedy, not suicidal."

The other clones didn't bother to correct him on that last part. Being greedy and suicidal are not mutually exclusive and Ragnarok has shown just how far they are willing to go for their greediness. Besides, if he wasn't suicidal, he wouldn't attempt something that can leave him crippled or worse, kill him.

Legion-5 was hopeful about his attempt but the other clones didn't think it would actually work. This is an unprecedented situation after all. Mutation in unborn offsprings is rare to begin with. No one has documented the effect of the possession of Origin essence in unborn offspring. So no one could anticipate what cosmic energy could do to a gestating entity.

What they do know is that they have not been able to move or control cosmic energy. It had always done what it wanted in the absence of a Supreme law to give it direction. So the other clones were not disappointed when Legion-5's attempt to add a law failed.

Nothing changed no matter how much he used soul force to control the law fragments of devour to try and add them to his divine ability. Cosmic energy refused to move and his divine ability refused to take the initiative to accept the new law matrix.

Legion-5 was disappointed beyond words could describe.

He barely heard the tree father's suggestion, "Why don't you try to use Origin energy to stimulate your divine ability?"

He perked up with that suggestion and tried it immediately. He drew Origin energy from Soverick through the soul sphere and into the core in his body. His divine ability accepted the Origin energy and it activated immediately.

Legion-5 roared in pain. "This hurts. It hurts so much."

"I guess it is a bad idea to try and use Origin energy before you become a transcendent."

"It is especially bad if you use it with an undeveloped body still in the egg."

"That's a lesson learned I guess."

Legion-5 roared at them, "Stop chatting about it and help me!"

His divine ability didn't accept the fragments of the law of devour because he gave it Origin energy. It instead it tried to activate but it was too weak and his body was undeveloped so it was injured instead.

His injury healed when the tree father gave him divine life energy. His pain also disappeared. He noticed that his body had become stronger but he wasn't in the mood to appreciate that development.

"I failed again."

Soverick gave him a new suggestion, "You should use Origin energy and soul force together. Use Origin energy to activate your divine ability and use soul force to force it to fuse with the law fragments."

"That could work. Soul force can control law fragments while Origin energy can activate the divine ability."

"It will be painful but you can heal your injuries if you fail."

"What if I injure my divine ability?" He asked with slight annoyance.

He is certain that the suggestion will lead to pain and it might lead to more than that. Divine life energy can't heal his divine ability if it gets injured because his divine ability is not only flesh and blood, it contains law fragments which nothing can heal.

But Soverick brushed his concerns aside, "So what if you injure your divine ability? You are already aware and prepared for this risk. It is nothing new."

"Do it. You have already gone this far. Might as well see it to the end."

Actually, he is not enthusiastic about changing his divine ability anymore but the clones won't allow him to stop now. He must finish what he started or die trying.

"What supportive clones I have." He said with sarcasm as he tried the new suggestion.

He was gripped by pain immediately. His undeveloped body spasmed involuntarily because of the pain. But he continued to direct Origin energy into his divine ability while simultaneously controlling the law fragments of devour from the law matrix to approach his activated divine ability.

Chapter 1170 Busy Legion.

The core within him that contained his divine ability began to swell. It was imbibing the law fragments just like it did when Origin essence influenced it to do. There was resistance and it was painful but Legion-5 was still happy.

He exclaimed, "It worked."

"Don't stop. Remember the plan."

"I know."

The happiness of success didn't alleviate his pain. His body was shaking because of the pain but he had to continue using Origin energy and soul force to pull law fragments of the law of devouring into his core according to Ragnarok's divine ability.

He continued this self-torture for 10 minutes before his divine ability refused to improve anymore. He had to stop at that point no matter how greedy or masochistic he was.

"It is not nearly enough but it will do." He said to console himself.

He tried his best to mimic Ragnarok's divine ability but it came up short. The two divine abilities are not the same. The law of life is the core of his own while the law of devouring is the core of Ragnarok's divine ability.

He also has 6 other laws in his divine ability while Ragnarok has just the law of life. Then there is the absence of the connection to death that Ragnarok has as a paragon. He can't simulate that.

The other clones also felt bad that Ragnarok's divine ability couldn't be saved.

"It will be good if Ragnarok doesn't die. But what are the chances of that happening?" The tree father said.

Soverick said, "His chances of survival are too small. But we can still try to come up with something. We should at least try to save him. Anything is possible if we get more information and the appropriate opportunity."

"I don't think that is a good idea. We can't mess with a demon god. We don't have enough information about what a Supreme law is capable of and the little we know of it says that we shouldn't come in contact with a Supreme law at all."

Soverick had to agree. "We will revisit the plan if we can acquire more information about Supreme laws."

"But what are the odds of that happening? Which Supreme law will be exposed to use to analyze without danger? Ragnarok almost died to get us the little we know of Supreme laws."

They began discussing the problems of Supreme laws but Legion-5 didn't join them. He returned his attention to his divine ability. He doesn't think that Ragnarok will survive. If anything, they might all be implicated if they try to save him so he is not going to spend time thinking about how to save him.

The clones also have that opinion. The fear of a Supreme law is enough to strangle their Suicidal tendencies because a Supreme law can threaten their goal of perfection.

Their fear is not baseless either. It is not the fear of the unknown. They have heard of what world gods are capable of. Even Origin gods with a concept to protect them can be cursed to a life worse than death.

There is no way they are going to risk that. Even Ragnarok is ready to die so that they can avoid it. That's why he went to release the ghouls. The other clones are also prepared for his death. It is why they wanted Legion-5 to copy his divine ability.

Besides, Legion is currently busy with a lot of things. Aeternus just became a demon king and is currently building his plane, Soverick is busy learning how to forge, Helios and the tree father are working on a demorgorg system that imitates the divine engine, and Legion-7 is trying to survive.

Only Legion-1 is somewhat free but he is not going anywhere near a demon god. So unless they come across some information that can impact a demon god, Ragnarok will remain without help and he will die.

Legion-5 would rather focus on the only thing he can do which is his divine ability.

He said with a sigh, "This is not good enough."

His divine ability has become more powerful but it can't compare to the progress that Legion-8 has made. Legion-5 is not satisfied but there is nothing useful that he can do about it. So he whiled his time away by going along with the other clone's struggles.

Legion-7 fought with an entire plane. His existence is an abomination and the will of the plane he escaped to felt threatened by him so it created a child of the plane to get rid of him while it also rilled up the entire plane to hunt him down. Even the landed gods have joined in the fight against him.

The hatred of the gods for him is understandable since they are the favorite food for Legion-7. He can't even blame the gods for trying to kill him. He can't blame the void universe for joining in to eradicate him either.

Legion-5 lent his mental prowess to whichever clone needed it. There is always a need for it by Soverick who is comprehending more laws and learning how to forge while analyzing Hadricks existence so that he can track the traces in reality that Hadricks produces.

It is boring work comprehending laws but the clones make up for it with their entertaining lives. Ragnarok has gone mad with despair. He is hunting Primogenitors with the aid of ghouls to make the demon god regret not letting him leave the plane.

Aeternus is invading planes and winning by using the information he gained from the tree father. The tree father is also accumulating domains like a library. Each of the avatars of the tree father is working towards reaching the limit of what Celestials are capable of.

Helios is just rolling around in the sky while Legion-1 is helping the Realm Lord prepare for his project. Everyone is doing something except Legion-5. Even Legion-8 is busy with something even though the two of them are still in their eggs.