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Chapter 1211 A Strange Greeting.

That plan is the reason he was reincarnated so the progress that Legion is going to make filled him with anticipation.

He thought of his plan so he asked his mentor. "What will I get if I discover a way to become a world god without a supreme law?"

Tanc830,428,723C chuckled. "Sure. That could work. It will be very difficult to do though. What you are asking for to test your conjecture is already one of the rewards if you succeed. So you're asking for them to have faith in you. If you fail, you will probably die and they would have wasted a world seed. I doubt there is anyone that desperate and rich enough to test your hypothesis. But I could be wrong."

Legion nodded and asked a question that had been bordering him ever since they entered the void. "Are you sure that we won't get lost?"

Tanc830,428,723C laughed. "Don't worry. I won't get lost. One of the functions of the ring around the planes that we have subdued is to serve as a beacon. I just have to know which plane I want to go to and follow the directions that the Supreme Alliance gives me through the ID."

He said in relief, "That's good."

He knows that movement within the void is tricky. There is no sense of direction apart from up. And that is even relative to the plane you leave behind. You can be sure of the plane you left behind but you can't be sure of other planes. They all look like bubbles and their relative position changes in the void.

So movement between planes by using the void while feasible, is very difficult to do. That's why transcentends and above who can move within the void prefer to use the planar portal to move between planes.

Not unless they are going to the ancient battlefield which is very easy to find in the void. All they have to do is go to the largest bubble in the void which is also the bubble that all other bubbles rotate around.

Legion-5 and his mentor spent the short time it took them to fly between the planes chatting. Legion-5 asked most of the questions while Tanc830,428,723C replied to most of them so the trip wasn't boring at all.

Time passed and they reached their destination quickly. There is a halo around the bubble that is their target. There are floating fortresses around it too. But there isn't a ring around the plane yet.

He wasn't surprised by the presence of the divine plane or the absence of a complete defense system but he still expressed surprise and doubt.

"Are you sure this is safe, Tanc830,428,723C?" He asked. "There is a divine plane here."

An Origin god will lose their connection to the law matrix and the power of a concept in a divine plane. So they become nearly powerless in a divine plane. The banishment of laws in the divine plane makes it a location that those on the path of perfection can't enter without significant risk.

But Tanc830,428,723C scoffed. "So what if there is a divine plane around the plane and it is full of gods? We are Supreme. We bring despair to mortals and gods alike."

He flashed his identity mark to the patrols of floating fortresses and then plunged into the halo around the plane without care. Alarms rang throughout the divine realm immediately after he made contact with it. It made most of the gods and certainly, the Celestial Supreme know that there was an Origin god intruder immediately.

While the process of entering the divine plane seemed instantaneous for the two of them, the divine plane had a few seconds of advanced warning. So there was an attack waiting for them when they went through the halo.

A spear of golden fire streaked through the sky with heaven-

shaking might. Its power was so great that it caused the whole divine plane to howl. The attack itself was not special but it was being amplified by the divine plane. It was as if the whole divine plane was attacking them.

Tanc830,428,723C snorted. His snort was not a simple disturbance of sound caused by the vibration of matter. It was the agitation of matter through the sudden discharge of energy by him thereby expressed as sound.

His snort spread to every inch of the divine plane and it brought with it a heavy psychic pressure. He punched forward and space exploded. Fragments of space literally turned into fire and lava and exploded like a miniature star.

The explosion caused by his fist was concentrated towards the direction of the attack like a cone. The cone of fire clashed with the spear of golden fire and created another massive explosion.

Light flashed and a storm of red violent energy raged and ravaged everything in its path like a hurricane. Matter was forcefully converted to energy through the shredding of its structure as if in a blender. Then the energy was consumed by the hurricane to increase its power. Even the space around them was thrown into disorder. But Legion-5 and his mentor remained safe.

Legion-5 didn't even feel any increase in heat and neither was he affected by the howling energy storm. The scene of destruction occurring before him might as well be a movie. It didn't affect him at all because of the protection of his mentor.

Tanc830,428,723C took one glance at the one that attacked him and said, "Be obedient and wait for your death with patience. It isn't time for that yet."

Then he left like that. The Celestial Supreme watched him go with golden flames pouring out of his eyes but he didn't do anything to stop them. That punch had intimidated him. He had already given it his all by using the amplification of his title on the intruder and it failed. So he had to be content with letting the Supreme beast go.

Chapter 1212 A Dragon Among Lions.

Tanc830,428,723C left the divine plane with a swagger. He was literally in a pack of hungry and angry lions but they just watched him go. It is because while they are lions, he is a dragon.

Legion-5 said, "You must have fused with a dragon heart."

Tanc830,428,723C didn't confirm or deny it. "Why do you think so?"

"You do not have a Supreme law and yet you could match the Celestial Supreme in the divine plane. Plus you exuded psychic pressure which dragons are known for."

Tanc830,428,723C laughed. "That's a good observation. You are wrong about something though. It is not that I don't have a Supreme law. I just didn't use a supreme law."

Legion-5 exclaimed. "Oh. That's my mistake."

He doesn't think he made a mistake. He knows for a fact that Tanc830,428,723C doesn't have a Supreme law because he knows what to expect when someone has a Supreme law and he can sense it.

But there's no reason for him to be adamant about it seeing as he is just a child. So he admitted to his mistake. However, he asked a trick question. "If you didn't use a Supreme law, what did you use to display that kind of power in the divine plane?"

He asked because he always thought only Supreme laws, divine power, demons, and dragons could operate within the divine plane. He didn't sense Supreme laws, divine power, or demonic power from his mentor so he would like to know if the Supreme Alliance have found another source of power independent of the law matrix.

Tanc830,428,723C laughed. "You are not wrong about your conclusion. I was just teasing you."

Legion-5 clapped in excitement. "So I was right."

"Yes, you were right. I fused with a dragon's heart. It is one of the great divine abilities after all. It was the first divine ability that I fused with. Everyone that participated in my rite of passage wanted it but only a few could get it."

"I am glad that you could guess that. You also asked some intelligent and interesting questions along the way. You must have spent some time studying. That's good. It seems your chances for a decent performance in the rite of passage are not totally hopeless."

Legion-5 said with modesty, "I did study hard."

He actually did. He devoured all the knowledge that he could get his hands on. So that statement can be verified as true by his mentor.

Tanc830,428,723C said seriously, "Knowledge is good but it is not the same as wisdom. For example, what are the two types of dragon hearts that we can fuse with?"

"There are two types. The first is the pre-origin. It is good for its high compatibility with other divine abilities. The second one is the post-origin dragon heart. It is good for its power but it is highly selective and not compatible with other divine abilities."

"That is knowledge. Now this is wisdom. Which one did I fuse with?" Tanc830,428,723C.

Legion-5 thought to himself, "This guy is trying to trick me."

But he answered after some time to think. "You used the post-

origin dragon heart."

"Why do you think so and which alignment did I fuse with?"

"I believe you fused with the post-origin dragon heart because your attacks are very powerful. If it is post-origin, then you must have fused with the fire alignment which is the heart of a red dragon. That is why your fire attack is so strong. I bet it is why you are called Volcanic Fist."

Tanc830,428,723C chuckled. "I am an Origin god. Whatever dragon heart that I picked has obviously fused with the other divine ability so it is not clear why my divine ability makes my fire attack so

powerful. You won't be able to determine why it is so strong unless you know which other divine abilities I fused with."

Legion-5 asked the most important question. "So was I right?"

Tanc830,428,723C sighed but admitted. "Yes, you were. I did fuse with the heart of a red dragon. But it was a lucky guess on your part. You had a 50% chance of getting it right. It is clear that your deduction process is not why you got it right."

Legion-5 said smugly, "But I was right."

"Forget that. It is not the point I was trying to make. I was trying to show you the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is great but unless you are able to apply knowledge from various fields to solve tricky real-life problems, then it isn't wisdom."

"The answer you should have given me is that it is impossible to know which heart I fused with unless you know all the divine abilities that I fused with. That's wisdom not the repetition of the knowledge you have."

Legion-5 accused, "So you were trying to trick me."

"I was.". His Mentor admitted it. "Don't be surprised by it. Almost everything in the world is a trick. Nothing is as clear as black and white. Nothing is what it seems at a glance. It is something that you can only learn with experience. Experience will give you wisdom and you will be able to identify the tricks in tricky situations with wisdom. Do you understand me?"

"Yes, I understand." He said but inwardly he snickered. "You are trying to trick me but I have already tricked you."

He knew that he was being tricked and he knew the correct answer to that question. But he didn't state it. He didn't state that the information available was not enough to make a correct and informed assessment of what dragon heart he fused with. Saying it would have made him look too smart for his age.

It would surely have impressed Tanc830,428,723C but it might also make him suspicious of his "genius" charge. So Legion-5 decided to look subpar. It is all part of his plot to trick everyone into thinking he is just an above-average young Supreme beast.

Chapter 1213 Rearing Dragons.

Tanc830,428,723C didn't know what Legion-5 was thinking about. He continued to speak with the tone of a teacher, "That's good. The earlier you understand the difference between knowledge and wisdom, the better for you. The acquisition of wisdom is a very important reason why we hold the rite of passage. It is necessary to acquire it if you are to survive the body, soul, and mind tribulation to become an Origin god."

"Many races do something like this to broaden the horizon of their young generation and ensure that the resources used on them will not go to waste. Some races rely on the trial of heaven to weed out the weak and help their young gain experience. Some rely on creating false enemies for their young generation to fight."

That last one made Tanc830,428,723C laugh. He shared the reason for his amusement. "Like the high elves. They are our ancestors and they used to be worthy of that title. They were a mighty race that used to be able to withstand war and pressure from multiple enemies at once. They suffered but they managed to defend the bodies of their ancestors from exploitation. Then the realm lord came and they lost their sharpness."

"They never fight anymore or have conflicts with others so they live in peace most of the time. Peace has made them rot in body and mind. It made their ascension rate to Origin god fall below 10% despite the abundance of life essence. They were so far gone that the leaders of their race had to allow demons to invade them occasionally so that they would gain experience."

"Anyways, the need to acquire wisdom and life experience, especially the experience needed to survive, is a common thing across many races. We don't go so far as to put all of you in a sealed arena and make you fight to the death until only a few of you are left alive as some races do, but we will put you through some things that will force you to make intelligent choices or be left behind by your peers."

Legion-5 asked skeptically, "Didn't we go through the blood crucible and only a few of us survived?"

Tanc830,428,723C snorted. "That doesn't count. The blood crucible is more of a trial of luck than skill. There was no equal opportunity to survive in that some had 11 months to train while some had 1 month and we were not even allowed to choose our opponents. It was all random. We were just kids given dangerous weapons to kill and eat each other."

They breached the divine plane and entered the main plane. Then they fell from the sky towards the ground.

Tanc830,428,723C asked him, "We are about to reach our destination. Do you have any other questions?"

"You said that dragon hearts are limited and not everyone in your rite of passage could get one. Why is that so? Why not rear dragons like we do other races?"

That made Tanc830,428,723C laugh. "Rear dragons. That is funny and so audacious. You think like a Supreme beast."

Legion-5 asked in confusion, "What's so funny about it?"

"It is not your fault that the idea of rearing dragons is funny now. It wasn't funny when the Supreme Alliance tried to do it. But they failed terribly. The dragons attacked the Supreme Alliance in a frenzy. They could track every egg due to the dragon spirit so there was no way to rear them in secrecy."

"The dragon eggs also refused to hatch after a while. The first batch that hatched in captivity committed suicide. It couldn't be stopped no matter what we did. They could always tell when they were in captivity and would refuse to live because of their pride."

"The rest became informed whenever a dragon committed suicide around them and refused to hatch. We were getting next to nothing for our effort and wasn't worth it to continue trying to rear them because of the hostility of the dragons. Then the dragons began targeting our hatcheries so we had to call a truce with them."

Legion-5 observed, "So the dragon race can match the Supreme Alliance."

Tanc830,428,723C couldn't refute that. "In a way yes. But that's only when the dragon spirit unites them. Other than that dragons are mostly alone and are targets for easy pickings. So that's what we did. We gave up on rearing them and decided to just hunt them. The dragon spirit won't do anything as long as our actions don't threaten their whole race."

"We have been able to maintain relative peace with them by limiting the amount of dragons we hunt. But that has also made dragon hearts rare and difficult to acquire in the rite of passage. You have to meet the requirements for a dragon heart very early or you will miss out on one of the great divine abilities."

"That will be all for now. We are here."

Legion-5 looked around at their destination. There is a pillar at the center of the plane. It is a mechanical pillar made of gleaming steel and moving gears. At the top of the pillar is a flat square platform surrounded by mechanical airships and floating fortresses. The platform is much wider than the pillar so it looks like a landmass while the pillar is its foundation.

Legion-5 looked towards the direction of the planar portal. He doesn't have eyes so he had to extend his divine sense in that direction. It drew the attention of his mentor.

"What are you looking at?" Tanc830,428,723C asked him.

He lied. "I was looking at the sea of despair."

He was looking for Legion-7.

Tanc830,428,723C nodded. "There is a sea of despair here too. But it is not as grand as the one I showed you. Three Supreme Beasts took down the plane not one. The defenders were also poorer in quantity and quality. They put their fate in their Origin ancestors. They thought that their ancestors would be able to pressure the Supreme Alliance with violence or convince us to give up the plane."

Tanc830,428,723C snickered. "It didn't turn out well."

Chapter 1214 Feigned Generosity.

Then he said seriously. "Prepare yourself. We are about to meet the invigilator in charge of your rite of passage. He will be in charge of your safety for the next hundreds of years."

"The Invigilator is the only Supreme beast stationed in the plane. At least on the surface. There might be more hidden. No. There should be more hidden."

"He built this whole platform by himself using one of the great divine abilities. You might say this whole platform, the ships, all the golems, and cannons are part of his body. Can you guess which divine ability it is?"

That drew Legion-5's attention. He looked around again before he gave his reply. "It has to be the Metal Fire divine ability from the Metal race."

The information about it flashed in his mind and he couldn't help but be impressed. The Metal fire is a special fire that can convert earth into metal. It sounds simple but it is very powerful.

Tanc830,428,723C chuckled and took him to the platform. "You were a little bold with your answer. But you're right. It is the Metal Fire divine ability. The Invigilator alone can take over the whole realm and turn it into his body. So trust me when I say we are not that helpless against the realm lord."

Legion-5 asked, "Will Mother High Heaven allow that to happen?"

"No, she won't. Her existence makes it a very bad idea to try to usurp the realm lord but she is bound to be injured if we decide to go against her," Tanc830,428,723C said proudly.

Legion-5 became officially impressed. Anything that can injure the Will of the Realm is enough to impress him.

"The Metal fire is too strong."

Tanc830,428,723C agreed. "It is a very powerful divine ability that a lot of people dread. A lot of those people tried to destroy it and the race it came from but they failed. The Supreme Alliance has also perfected the method to raise and rear them. If not for the fact that it is very difficult to actually extract the metal fire from the race it belongs to without dissipating and its inability to preserve it so it has to be used fresh then the supply of it would not be limited.

Legion-5 agreed, "It is truly a pity. But that's how the world is. The truly good things are hard to come by and even harder to acquire."

Tanc830,428,723C laughed hard. "Look at you spouting words of wisdom like some aged man who has seen through the vicissitudes of life."

Legion-5 chuckled along with his Mentor. He is amused because he has truly seen through the vicissitudes of life.

The two of them dropped to the edge of the platform. Tanc830,428,723C had already introduced and identified themselves and the invigilator had confirmed it so they were not prevented from approaching the platform or attacked when they landed.

A slender golem came forward to greet them. It is largely humanoid with two arms and legs. It doesn't have a skin so the components that make it up are visible. These components are gears, blocks, levers, and screws enchanted with runes.

Tanc830,428,723C said to him, "Follow it. It will bring you to your temporary quarters. You will be called for an assembly when the others get here and the rite of passage starts officially."

Legion-5 nodded. "Ok."

He was handed over to the golem while Tanc830,428,723C spoke with the invigilator.

"Greetings Mechanical Emperor." He said to the open air.

He is not speaking to anyone in particular. His divine sense covered the whole metal landmass trying to communicate with it. But that's enough for communication.

The invigilator's voice boomed in his mind. "You rascal, Volcanic Fist. What are you doing here?"

The voice of the of the mechanical emperor sounded as if it was coming from all around him which is true since everything around him is the mechanical emperor.

Tanc830,428,723C replied, "I brought over my charge, Agrivo839,371,456A for his rite of passage."

"I can see that you scoundrel. I meant what are you doing here with a charge when you don't have a Supreme law? Why are you working for the Supreme Alliance when you don't need to."

"Some of us aren't as great as you. We have to start working hard now before we get our Supreme laws so that the Supreme Alliance will help us. We don't have the grand plan to take over a realm on our own to become world gods like you. We are not so tyrannical."

The Mechanical Emperor laughed. "Don't you patronize me you mischievous rascal. What do you mean by some of us? Only people like you who can ignore the suppression of the plane without a Supreme law can come and start working for the Supreme Alliance ahead of time. Normal people aren't like you so don't try to claim the identity of one. You are another type of tyrant is what you are. No one is slamming headfirst into every obstacle and trampling it like a bull."

Tanc830,428,723C denied the allegation. "Not true. Those allegations are false. If I was tyrannical then I would have wiped out the divine plane for their insult to me."

"Who are you fooling? You didn't wipe out the divine plane only because they were left there for the young ones. Don't pretend to be generous."

Tanc830,428,723C laughed hard. "Maybe I am a little like you. But I have my mentor to blame for that."

"I sure hope your charge won't be like you. Things are already complicated as it is. I don't want a troublemaker on my hands during this rite of passage."

"You have no need to worry. Agrivo839,371,456A is smart and composed. He may be stubborn sometimes but he isn't headstrong like me so he shouldn't give you any problems."

The Mechanical Emperor didn't believe him so he said sarcastically, "I'm sure he won't give me any problems."

Chapter 1215 Demolition Expert.

It is not that the Mechanical Emperor thinks that Tanc830,428,723C is lying. He knows that Tanc830,428,723C means well with his statement. But he also knows that Tanc830,428,723C didn't become Agrivo839,371,456A's mentor by chance.

The personnel in charge of the Mentor-Charge fixing prioritizes compatibility between the mentor and the charge. They do this based on compatibility in personality and behavior.

This means that Agrivo839,371,456A and Tanc830,428,723C were paired together after a thorough analysis of their behaviors found them to be compatible. So if Tanc830,428,723C is headstrong and problematic, odds are that Agrivo839,371,456A is headstrong and problematic too.

Tanc830,428,723C tried to defend himself, "I don't think I was that troublesome."

The Mechanical Emperor roared in laughter. "You don't think you were that troublesome? You were building bombs and blowing everything apart. You were a pyromaniac and you tried to burn down the whole plane."

"I didn't think it was possible to burn down the whole plane that's why I tried to do it. I thought I was going to fail so there was no harm in trying."

"But you tried by spending decades to rig almost a million bombs into the crust of the plane. Then you used the bombs to threaten and extort people. You eventually activated the bombs which risked the lives of your fellow Supreme beasts and damaged the plane so much that it took 10,000 years for it to recover enough to be mined. Even now after 8 Origin cycles, it still bears some of the injuries you inflicted on it."

Tanc830,428,723C maintained, "But I failed to burn down the whole plane so I was right to think it was impossible. Also, in my defense, I wouldn't have activated the bombs if they hadn't called my bluff so they had some blame in this."

The Mechanical Emperor yelled, "That's not the point. The point is that you tried to burn down the plane. Who does that? Troublesome people is who."

Tanc830,428,723C quickly changed the subject from his troublesome past. "I have to ask. Why are you here as the invigilator? You don't need the contribution points and even if you did, you clearly have enough to become a world god."

The Mechanical Emperor snorted but replied, "The waters have deepened ever since the realm lord announced the coming of the era of conquest. Several powerful entities have awakened from their slumber and the realm has become chaotic. The Supreme Alliance cannot take any chances with the rites of passage. They requested for me to come here and make sure everything goes well."

"Are things so bad?" Tanc830,428,723C couldn't help but ask. "Who is so desperate as to offend the Supreme Alliance?"

"Yes and no. Things aren't so bad that people are desperate enough to offend the Supreme Alliance. It is just the same old threat. The Shadow Lurker has arrived in this plane. It was expected that she would meddle in the affairs of the Supreme Alliance since she has been doing so recently. But I didn't expect that she would come to my plane. Things are going to get hectic."

Tanc830,428,723C cursed. "So that's what the Supreme Alliance meant by telling me that this rite of passage is special and significant. It is clearly bad but they didn't state it. I shouldn't have brought Agrivo839,371,456A to this rite of passage."

"Don't worry. That's why I am here. I will protect all of them. They are the future power of the Supreme Alliance. At most one of them will die. It is a necessary Sacrifice."

Tanc830,428,723C could only sigh. "I hope Agrivo839,371,456A isn't so unlucky. But if he is then it would be his fault. Anyway, I am glad you are here. I will leave now. Take care."

"You too." The Mechanical Emperor said.

The Mechanical Emperor returned to maintaining his vigilance of the plane. Most of his attention is towards the planar portal. That's where he sensed the obscure and hidden entity that entered the plane. His senses cover the whole plane but he still can't find the shadow lurker.

The only time he sensed her was when she entered the plane. The disruption of the teleportation probably made her expose her aura quickly before she recovered and covered it up. Her presence here means that some young Supreme Beasts would die.

The greatest taboo to the Supreme Alliance is the murder of their young. They go to war for that kind of thing. Not only does the Shadow Lurker succeed in committing the taboo, she also gets away with it.

The Mechanical Emperor wishes that he is wrong but he is sure it is the Shadow Lurker who entered the plane because any entity that can remain hidden under the gaze of a Supreme Origin god and enters a plane without identifying itself during the time that a rite of passage is about to start in a plane that just fell under the control of the Supreme Alliance has to be the shadow lurker.

That's how she behaves. She has infiltrated planes like this many times in the past and committed the taboo soon after. From the looks of things, it seems she will do it again.

The Mechanical Emperor said with determination, "This time will be the last time she terrorizes the Supreme Alliance. The plan will succeed and this venture will be her last. Not even the realm lord will be able to save her."

Then he asked. "Have you found her?"

A voice from an unknown and unseen being replied, "I have eyes on her. She is staying around the planar portal. She hasn't dared to approach yet."

Another voice from another unseen being spoke, "We will get her. This is what we were made for."

The Mechanical was satisfied with their reply. The Supreme Alliance has put a lot of effort into this rite of passage. He is one Origin god but he might as well be an army of Origin gods. As if that isn't enough, there are other Origin gods in the plane apart from him.

Chapter 1216 Trouble Is Coming.

This two invisible entities have been here ever since Legion-5 arrived. But neither he nor his mentor noticed them. There could be more than two of them in the plane apart from the Mechanical Emperor. If there are, they are all prepared to catch that hidden entity that just entered the plane a few hours ago.

The platform remained calm despite the malice brewing in the background. Supreme beasts continued to arrive from various planes throughout the day. And the platform cast a large shadow over the earth. It can be seen from every corner of the plane. It stood tall as the symbol of the new overlords of the plane. Anyone who gazes upon it will know that the plane has been subjugated.

-----Back To Legion-5

He was taken to a room to relax. He can't relax though. Legion-7 is running out of time. He has succeeded in infiltrating the plane but Legion-5 can't meet with him now.

He can't leave the platform yet and Legion-7 can't infiltrate the platform. To attempt to do so is to attempt to infiltrate the body of an Origin god. Legion-7 is not going to take that risk so they have to wait a little longer before they can meet.

Legion-5 waited for a half day before they were called for the assembly. A golem came to inform him and bring him to the venue of the assembly.

He asked, "Is it time for the rite of passage?"

"No. You have to be briefed first. We are going for your briefing now."

"What will the rite of passage entail?"

The golem replied somewhat apologetically. "I am sorry but I do not have the answer to that question. The information about the content of this rite of passage is confidential. But there is no need to worry. You will be informed during the briefing."

"Is there anything you can tell me about the rite of passage?"

"Certainly. There is an entity that will invigilate the rite of passage. This entity is also the one that will brief you."

"Can I give you orders?"

"Yes, you can. But your authority is only enough to ask me questions. You can't order me to do anything else."

He didn't have any hope of ordering the golem since he knew that it was part of the body of the Mechanical Emperor. But he tried anyway partly because he was curious and because he would like to ask the golem to open up its chassis so that he could examine it. His divine sense can only see its surface but Soverick is curious about what lies beneath the surface.

He tried asking the golem to open its chassis but it refused to. It stated that it is against its defensive protocols to open its chassis to someone without enough authority. He pestered the golem with more weird requests until they reached their destination.

His questions made the Mechanical Emperor sigh to himself. "I guess I was right. Trouble is coming."

Legion-5 entered a large circular hall. The hall looked like the insides of a sphere. The ceiling and the ground were curved just like the walls. There were other young supreme beasts in the hall. There was a total of 100 of them looking around and greeting each other.

The golem said to him. "Please follow me to your seat."

Then it led him to an unoccupied seat. The seat was a black sphere. It appeared to be made of a malleable material in a fluid state. It was bouncy but not enough to repel him so it felt like he was sitting on a soft cloud. The black sphere shifted itself to match his buttocks perfectly.

All the supreme beasts were assigned to seats at the edge of the room so they all sat side by side in a straight line that formed a circle. At the center of the room was a black flame. It was burning quietly in the air without any support or source of fuel.

Legion-5's divine sense brushed it for a brief moment before he retracted it in alarm. His divine sense had been burned.

"That's the true body of the origin god. It is the metal fire." He said in wonder.

He thought he knew a lot about divine abilities thanks to Gehaldirah's obsession with them but he was wrong. The Supreme Alliance knows more than him. They are probably the highest authority on divine abilities in the void universe. He had seen the information about the metal fire so he was intrigued and wanted to inspect it up close. Unfortunately, he couldn't. Not without severe damage to himself.

The metal fire isn't really a flame despite looking like one and behaving like one. It is made of thin vibrating metallic filaments. The filaments are like worms. They wiggle and clump together to form that black flame. The flame is incredibly fragile and it goes out quickly because the filaments are weak. Despite this weakness, the metal fire cannot be underestimated.

It isn't hot at all and it isn't producing heat but it burned his divine sense when he touched it. And that burning is just a warning to mind his own business. The metal fire can do more. So he decided to just mind his business. He took his seat and the assembly started soon after.

The black flame spoke to them. "Welcome to your rite of passage. I am your invigilator Regee771,823,138B. You can call me the

Mechanical Emperor. My job is to ensure fairness, the adherence to the rules, to record your actions, authenticate them, and protect you. I will do this until you are handed over to your mentors at the end of the rite of passage."

"You all must know that you are participating in a rite of passage but a lot of you must have a lot of questions about what you are actually supposed to do. I will tell you now. Sit back, relax, and listen carefully."

Chapter 1217 Eat What You Kill.

?The rite of passage is a program that was created by the Supreme Alliance in its earlier days. It was created to solve the problem of discontent about the distribution of resources. There was a question about how much resources should be invested in a Supreme Beast and how should that amount be determined. The rite of passage was the answer to that question."

"The fact that the rite of passage also provided the opportunity for the young to gain experience has further made the rite of passage important and indispensable to the upbringing of the younger generation. But the focus of the rite of passage still remains on resource distribution by merit."

"In the supreme race, we pride ourselves on the lack of nepotism. This is due to the presence of the Supreme Alliance. Other races have bloodlines that keep them together and they have families to take care of them. Bloodlines create blood ties and familial bonds lead to nepotism. We don't have the advantages of bloodlines but we have the Supreme Alliance. So this is not a family business. You should know by now that you eat what you kill."

That brought back some unpleasant memories. Some young supreme beasts paled at the recollection of the blood crucible. They didn't expect that experience after being pampered so much. At first, they could eat any livestock they wanted. Then they had to kill each other to live. They might have even killed their brothers and sisters. The recollection made them nervous and afraid of the rite of passage.

Legion-5 shook his head at the sight. "They have gone through quite the change in their worldview. But they are still weak-willed."

They ate what they killed in the blood crucible and they became stronger for it. Each one of them that survived has the ability to utilize 9 divine abilities. They also had a change in mentality and can kill easily but he still can't take them seriously. He is not underestimating them but he doesn't think they are his equals at all.

The Mechanical Emperor continued solemnly. "The rite of passage is an introduction to how the Supreme Alliance operates. You don't get things handed to you from here on out. If you want something from the Supreme Alliance, then you must give them something in exchange. You must prove your worth."

"You must take your rite of passage seriously because not only will it affect your power as an Origin god and how well you use your potential, but it will also affect if you will have to repay the Supreme Alliance for everything they have done for you until now. You heard me right. Everything you have enjoyed until now was recorded. You will have to repay the Supreme Alliance for the goods and services you enjoyed."

"This includes the resources you consumed before you could hatch, the amount of livestock that you killed or ate to become mana entities, and the amount of life essence that you used to become transcendents."

That information surprised all of them. Some of them began to murmur but no one heard them speak because each chair was sound isolated from the others. The only communication going on was between each of them and the invigilator. They heard what he said and he heard their exclamations.

"This is not a family business. The Supreme Alliance doesn't owe you anything. In fact, the Supreme Alliance saved you from being eaten by your parents. The Supreme Alliance has helped you to become Supreme Beasts. So act like Supreme Beasts."

"If you want something, you take it. You should not rely on the generosity of others. Remember the stories you heard after you were hatched and seek to play them out in your life. Go forth and dominate."

The Mechanical Emperor's voice was stern but then he chuckled and said, "You don't have to worry too much about repaying what you have used until now. They are just small things to an Origin god. They can be easily repaid with at most a year of work for the Supreme Alliance. Don't worry about the little amount of food you ate as hatchlings. The cost of Mana entities is nothing compared to your immortality. So relax."

But Legion-5 couldn't relax. He didn't use one or two drops of life essence like the others. He used about a thousand drops. And he is even planning to use more. Then there is the huge amount of food that he ate during the blood crucible and after it.

His appetite was so great that the amount of food he ate was more than the value of what the other Supreme beasts wasted when they killed cooks and other livestock without eating them.

"They should have mentioned this earlier. How long will I have to work to repay what I ate?" He thought to himself.

He was feeling slight regret for eating so much. It didn't help that the other clones snickered and mocked him. "Serves you right."

He was enjoying things that they had to work hard and risk their lives to get so they are happy to see that he will have to pay for them.

The Mechanical Emperor continued, "As for those who are not relaxed, you will get the opportunity to write off your debts in this competition. It is one of the rewards that you can use your points to acquire. But personally, I don't think it is worth it to waste your points on something like that."

"Now let's get back to the main event of the rite of passage. The main mission of this rite of passage is the spreading of the influence of the Supreme Alliance throughout the plane. This plane has been subjugated by the Supreme Alliance but that's only at the surface level."

"Your job is to eliminate the resistance to the control of the Supreme Alliance by entrenching the operations and ideology of the Supreme Alliance throughout the plane. You are to enlighten them about our right to rule and their destiny to serve."

Chapter 1218 First Come First Serve.

The floor and the ceiling of the room lit up. The floor showed the topographical map of the whole plane while the ceiling depicted the divine kingdoms of the gods. A platform appeared at the center of the room beneath the black flame. Clouds formed in between the floor and the ceiling. Little people appeared on the ground on the map and so did the kingdoms they occupied. The assembly hall became a life-like depiction of the whole plane.

"This is the real-time representation of the plane. It is updated with real-time information from the surveillance system of the Supreme Alliance. You should take the rite of passage seriously but do not take it as a dangerous matter. This whole plane is your playground."

"The important and powerful entities in the plane including the gods of the plane have been informed of your mission. They have been promised citizenship if they participate in this rite of passage and survive. That's the only reason why this plane has not been completely purged of resistance."

"As I said earlier, your job is to spread the influence of the Supreme Alliance. That means you must make the people know where they are in the order of things. You will spread the citizenship system and the resource exploitation system. You can do this by force or through other means of coercion."

"Your activities and actions will be monitored and recorded. You will be rewarded with points when you do something commendable. I am sending a list of what the commendable goals are. If you go through them, you will notice that they are ranked. The high-ranked missions reward higher points. You need points to exchange for rewards."

A holographic panel appeared before Legion-5. It contained the list of missions. Legion-5 went through the mission list.

The lowest mission is the subjugation and reclamation missions. It is the normal mission that everyone can do. It entails defeating all the resistance forces in the plane and taking over every nation within it quickly.

The other missions are offshoots of the subjugation mission. One of them is the resource exploitation system which is the system by which the Supreme Alliance mines or harvests both animate and inanimate resources. Sustainable livestock production falls under animate resource exploitation. It is also called slavery by less civilized races.

He looked at the highest ranked missions and he couldn't help but shake his head in pity for the inhabitants of the plane.

"This really is a playground for us. No wonder Tanc830,428,723C didn't kill the Celestial Supreme for his offense. He didn't even beat the Celestial Supreme up."

Tanc830,428,723C doesn't have a Supreme law but the Celestial Supreme isn't strong either so Tanc830,428,723C could have killed him. But he didn't and the Celestial Supreme didn't attack him further after realizing who it was he attacked.

It was all because the young Supreme beasts were going to be let loose and allowed to rampage throughout the plane. Tanc830,428,723C didn't want to rob the younger generation of their prey so he let the Celestial Supreme live.

An entire plane is going to be used as a training ground for a hundred young supreme beasts. Even the gods are targets to play with. Anyone who survives gets to become a citizen of the plane and not a slave. As for those who didn't survive, they would have become foils for the young Supreme beasts to gain experience with.

The Mechanical Emperor started speaking again. "Now let's talk about your rewards. Here is a panel of your rewards."

A much longer list appeared before Legion-5. He scrolled through them for a while without reaching the end of it at a glance. Most of the rewards are divine abilities. There are other rewards like the purchase of different types of slaves and livestock from the whole realm. They can also get life essence with their points.

He found out that he could pay off his debts to the Supreme Alliance with two points. It doesn't matter how much he owes them, two points is the same amount that everyone can pay to clear their debts. This made Legion-5 relax.

"Note that the rewards are limited. They will be distributed to all of you based on the points you have and you will be served on a first-come basis."

"I advise you to arrange and order the divine abilities based on classes and then by compatibility followed by price. That will help you make the best decision on what to cash your points in for."

"I also want you to take note that while the prices are the same right now, they will change depending on the first divine ability you choose. The first divine ability you choose will determine your class. The divine abilities from other classes will be more expensive for you from then on."

"You should know about classes by now if you went through the information about divine abilities given to you by your mentors. This classification doesn't only help to divide the divine abilities according to function and usefulness, it also helps to prevent some of you from hoarding the good divine abilities from the other classes and wasting them."

Legion-5 went through the information so he was able to arrange the divine abilities into the warrior class, scout class, and so on.

"You will notice a class noted as special. That class contains divine abilities that the Supreme Alliance wants to nurture in the younger generation. Most of them are not useful for general purposes. Their usefulness is specific and can be fatal to certain races who are weak to them."

"The supreme alliance wants you to get those divine abilities so that you can help them subdue some planes or for specialized jobs that require special skills. So this class of divine abilities is the cheapest to acquire. And if you acquire them, you will surely get employed by the Supreme Alliance as soon as you

become an Origin god and your debt will be forgiven immediately. You also won't have any problem with getting further resources from the Supreme Alliance.

Chapter 1219 The Special Class.

Legion-5 went through the list of divine abilities in the special class. It contained divine abilities that target special types of beings such as elementals or divine abilities that target the weakness of specific races.

Some races are weak to certain abilities that are useless in most other situations so divine abilities in this class are cheap to acquire in order to encourage Supreme beasts to select them. For example, divine abilities that target fire elementals or races with fire attributes. They would be mostly useless or ineffective against other races.

There is also a combination of divine abilities to target races that are weak to sound. These divine abilities can either use sound as a medium of activation, produce sound, or amplify the debilitating effects of sound and the other divine abilities that use it as a medium. This way, such a race will be easily crippled when they encounter the special class focused on sound.

He went through the list intrigued until he came across a special class created for hunting hidden entities. He wasn't so intrigued anymore when he saw that this class has a lot of divine abilities for perception by which they can find entities hiding in any form. He became anxious.

"I hope they don't find you." He said to Legion-7.

"I hope so too. But you have to forget about this special class for now. My hiding spot is getting tighter and tighter. I can't be able to hold on for much longer. The void universe will find me and you know that is not going to be good at all."

Legion-5 groaned but he couldn't leave yet. "We should be done soon."

He continued listening to the Mechanical Emperor speak.

"You should also note that the initial price for all divine abilities is one point. That will remain so until the first person buys the first divine ability. Then the prices will shoot back to the initial price of 10 points or more."

"That means that the first person to buy a divine ability gets a discount of 90%. That's just one of the perks that will be given to the forerunners in the rite of passage. If you want to enjoy the perks, then you must stand out. The Supreme Alliance will always reward those that are outstanding and exceptional.

"Think carefully before you make decisions about which class you want to pick and which divine abilities you want. You can always communicate with your mentor and ask them questions about anything you are not clear about. Don't bother to ask them for advice concerning the rite of passage. I assure you that you won't get an answer to those types of questions."

"You can also ask the artificial intelligence assistant assigned to you for information about the plane and other questions about the rite of passage. Now let's get the rite of passage started. You can remain here for as long as you want. But the rite of passage will go on without you immediately I say that it has started. But before I start it, you must receive the mission item and the rule book."

Something rose from the floor beside him. It is a small black cube. It floated up to him and stayed there simply levitating. Legion-5 took it and tried to control it but it was still locked. A warning sounded in his mind when he tried to switch it on.

[Can only be activated in the outer ring of the plane.]

He looked at the map and took a look at the outer ring. It is the band of land at the edge of the plane where they all have to start from.

"So we will be arranged in the rite of passage just like we are seated right now," Legion-5 said to himself in understanding.

They have to start in the outer ring and work their way to the center spreading the Influence of the Supreme Alliance all the way. By the time they reach the center, they should be strong enough to take down the gods. At least, the gods will be weakened by that point after their churches have been razed to the ground so it will be easier for them to be hunted.

"It makes sense to start from the outer ring." Legion-5 said. "It will also help me. I won't look suspicious when I go to the planar portal."

He read the rules next. The first important one is that they should not try to kill anyone in the first month. Any attempt to kill the other Supreme beasts in the first month will end in failure. There is no punishment for the attempt but it still caused Legion-5 to be dissatisfied.

"Their protection of these young supreme beasts is too much."

He understands that the Supreme Alliance has invested a lot in them at this point and is not willing to lose them, but he is dissatisfied with the overprotection. They can't eliminate each other in the first month because of the fairness protection. That means he can't end the rite of passage early.

As if that isn't enough, they can't kill each other even after the first month has passed. They are allowed to attack each other with lethal attacks but they won't succeed at all. Their opponents will be saved at the last moment. They will be removed from the rite of passage so the only consequence of failure is elimination.

"If there is no threat of death, then these kids might not take this seriously."

Then he shrugged. "Elimination is good too. At the least, the ones that get eliminated will not be able to blame the Supreme Alliance for getting little resources."

The rite of passage is a healthy competition. It is not deadly but there are important resources that people usually kill for as rewards. If they get eliminated then they lose out on them. While the Supreme Alliance doesn't want to lose its investment, it also wants to invest more in the remarkable ones.

Chapter 1220 The Citizenship System.

?The promotion of competition amongst the young Supreme Beasts is why the Supreme Alliance rewards those who eliminate other Supreme Beasts with half of the points of their targets during the rite of passage. But none of them can be killed. So in this way, a safe environment that encourages competition has been created for the efficient distribution of resources.

That's what the rite of passage is for the Supreme Beasts. It is another thing entirely for the inhabitants of the plane who have to be indoctrinated by peaceful coercion or forceful enlightenment.

"The Supreme Alliance has thought this through. We are not only fighting the inhabitants of the plane but each other too. No wonder some people will survive in the plane. We won't be able to focus on them if we have to worry about each other. They want to temper the young while also leaving a way out for the inhabitants of the plane."

He has to admit that the Supreme Alliance has thought some things through. The way they are raising their young is at least better than the way high elves raise theirs. High elves don't have anything like the rite of passage. They grow up weak and peaceful while the Supreme Alliance raises their young to live for subjugation and domination.

The rite of passage allows the young supreme beasts to experience mass violence and domination. It is an experience that is a long time coming since they were hatchlings who had to listen to stories of domination.

The young Supreme beasts get to fight the inhabitants of a plane desperate for survival and they have to watch out for each other. Even if they don't turn out as great fighters, the Supreme Alliance will get returns on their investment many times over as long as the Supreme beasts become immortal.

He returned to reading the rules. The second most important rule is the sanctity of the citizenship system. People on the plane can be recruited either forcefully or through the incentive of the citizenship system. But points are needed to make anyone a citizen. It might seem like a loss but it isn't. At least if done well.

Instead of fighting the king of a kingdom to the death, he can be made to surrender by negotiating with the citizenship system. In that way, someone can gain control of a kingdom easily so it is not a waste to use an expensive point on a citizen when they can be used to exchange for divine abilities. It is an investment to turn a king into an ally.

The citizenship system is very incentivizing to the inhabitants of the plane because citizens can't be killed. They will also be saved at the point when they are about to die.

It is why gods and the influential people of the plane haven't disregarded everything to fight to the death with the Supreme Alliance. Instead, they have hope for survival so they will engage in the rite of passage according to the rules and fight for their survival.

He shook his head in wonder. "The Supreme Alliance is too smart. They have reduced the defense of the plane against them with the citizenship system. They are practically turning the people of the plane against each other. So the plane can be exploited peacefully by the Supreme Alliance."

The things he read about the citizenship system made him understand why the Supreme Alliance doesn't just enslave everyone and why they are going to great lengths to enforce the citizenship system by protecting them from death. The citizenship system is a form of enslavement except it is willing and done with enthusiasm by the inhabitants of the plane.

The inhabitants of the plane have to accept it because the alternative is death. As for the Supreme Alliance, they are not allowing them to become citizens out of the goodness of their hearts. They are doing so because they need people to manage their farms for them. Surely they can't make Origin gods stay in a plane to ensure that livestock is produced. Immortals have better things to do with their time.

The citizenship system helps the Supreme Alliance to manage its resources. The citizens do the menial labor for them and the citizenship system reduces the amount of work the Supreme Alliance has to do to bring a plane to its heels. It is killing two birds with one stone.

His teachers during the blood crucible were citizens. Some of them wanted to become citizens while others wanted to rise higher within the citizen system. That's why they were willing to risk their lives to assist young Supreme Beasts to survive the blood crucible.

Legion-5 read the rules books thoroughly. It contained information about the point system. That is probably the most important information one has to have. He made sure not to miss anything about it. He found the part about the conditions for granting gods the right to citizenship particularly intriguing.

"Gods can be turned into citizens but the lowest god is worth a ten point. That is already the price of some divine abilities. Stronger gods are worth more. Who will waste their point by saving gods? I am afraid no god will survive like this."

From what he read, points are very difficult to get. A king is not worth a point personally. The only reason why someone will spend a point to recruit one is because they are in charge of a kingdom. So rather than waste time and manpower to subjugate a kingdom, it is better to acquire it peacefully with a single point and use it to subjugate other kingdoms.

As for gods, the weakest low god is worth at least 10 points while a Celestial is worth 200 points. To turn a god into a citizen, you must use the same amount of points that they are worth. That is too expensive to do. Most supreme beasts would rather kill them for their points rather than save them.