

## **GREED 1251**

Chapter 1251 Base Upgrades.

Legion-5 returned to his neighbor's hex for a third time to grab all the mining bots and the fragments of golems in the hex. Not even those will escape from him.

He created several large phantom hands out of his divine sense and world power to grab anything of importance. It wasn't until he practically swept through the whole hex that he was satisfied.

Legion-7 chuckled in his mind. "Ah. The best way to get rich."

Legion-5 agreed. "Nothing beats stealing."

"It truly is the cure for envy. I feel better already.

Legion believes that power is supreme. Anyone that has power should not be poor while those that are weaker are rich. The weak are meant to work hard to gather wealth while the strong like him, will take part of their wealth in exchange for not killing them and taking all of their wealth.

That's the proper way of the world and the deal that he offered the supreme beast. Unfortunately, the supreme beast didn't appreciate his generosity. He decided to look the gift horse in the mouth.

Legion-5 ordered his base after completing the looting. "Convert all of these into resources and use it to upgrade yourself. Then use the leftover to print more battle suits."

Bots swarmed the fragments of the golems, the bots, and the two halves of a base outside. They began breaking down some into parts while dragging others into the base.

[Order acknowledged. Preliminary estimation indicates that the base can be leveled up four times. Which aspects do you wish to upgrade?]

He instructed, "Upgrade the barrier once, add two more Cannons to the defensive system, and finally upgrade the energy capacitors."

The defense of the barrier and its stubborn cannon made an impression on him so he chose to prioritize them over the production system or the surveillance system.

He could have upgraded the energy reactor which will provide more energy for the barrier and will increase the charging rate of the cannon. However, the little increase in the energy production rate cannot be compared to doubling the energy capacitors. That extra storage of energy will become important when the base truly needs more energy such as when the base is under attack.

So unless the energy reactor can be upgraded to the level where the energy barrier and cannons will not need to fall back on the backup power within the energy capacitors, the energy capacitors will continue to remain higher in priority.

The upgrade to the barrier will put the available energy to good use. It will be able to withstand more attacks. He is choosing to disregard the physical defense of the walls of the base in favor of the barrier and firepower. That's why he added two more cannons to increase the fire rate of his base.

He could have upgraded the cannon to increase its power but he finds that its current power level is sufficient. If it can trouble him, then it should be able to tear other Supreme beasts apart. So he opted to increase the fire rate by adding another cannon.

The increase in energy supply became important because of it. It won't do to have cannons but no energy to use them. They will just go to waste and Legion doesn't like wastage.

His decision for battle suits instead of golems was also about efficiency. Battle suits are cheaper so he can produce many of them. He needs the quantity to delay enemies that attack his base. The delay will allow the cannons to recharge before eliminating the attackers.

It is better to invest in quantity because any enemy that his cannons can't destroy will require his personal involvement. Golems will be the better option if he intends to field an army but he doesn't plan to subdue the plane. After all, a landlord doesn't work. They leave the work to their tenants.

The surveillance system is not prioritized either because very few people can hide from Legion-7. Anything that has a soul cannot escape from Legion-7 while he will focus on material things with his perception.

This session of decision making is something that every Supreme beast with a base have to go through during its upgrades. It is another tool that the Supreme Alliance employs in the rite of passage to train their young.

Practically every aspect of a base including production speed, mining bots and army capacity can be upgraded. These plethora of options is an obstacle that the young Supreme beasts have to navigate. They have to make wise decisions that will enable them use their resources efficiently.

This when combined with the task of acquiring resources from the plane will push the decision making abilities of the Supreme beasts to the limit. So even if they don't gain wisdom, they will gain knowledge and experience.

Legion-5 finished his arrangements for the base then he flew to the other hex beside his.

"Don't test me." He warned the owner before he made his request. "Give me 10% of your resources and a point. I will leave you be if you comply. If you don't comply, then everything you have will become mine."

The Cannon of the base didn't fire at him. The owner came out of his base and spoke to him.

"Please, I will give you all you want. I don't want any trouble."

"Very good. It seems you are smart. Then again, you have to be truly stupid to put up any resistance after witnessing what I just did. Give me what I want and you will be safe from me for the next 12 months. I will return in another year for another round of rent."

The Supreme beast felt anger rise up within her but it was drowned immediately and replaced with helplessness. She didn't complain or make any fuss. She obediently brought out 10% of her resources and handed over 1 point.

Legion-5 looked over at the cart of ores that she brought out and nodded. This is why he went all out against his first tenant. He had to show these Supreme beasts who the toughest and strongest was if he didn't want to be bogged down with endless resistance from children.

## Chapter 1252 The Audacity.

He said to her, "Swear on your origin that this is 10% of all your resources including the livestock, golems, battle suits, manpower, and everything you own."

The Supreme beast almost screamed out in frustration then. But she didn't. Instead, she smiled as she ordered her base to bring out more carts of resources. Apparently, what she brought out earlier was far from being 10% of what she owned.

Legion-5 didn't criticize her for trying to cheat him. It is her job to try to cheat him and it is his job to make sure she doesn't succeed in cheating him. That's what efficient people ought to do.

He chose to advise her. "I see that you have golems. You can use them for the rent."

The supreme beast rejected the option. "I am okay with using ores."

Legion-5 shrugged. If not for the fact that he doesn't want to reduce the fighting power of this supreme beast then he would have insisted on golems. Golems are made from resources but they will take time to produce. He has time so he can do the conversion on his own if he needs them. This way, this Supreme beast will be able to preserve the bulk of her fighting power and he will be able to earn more rent from her in a year's time.

It wasn't until the amount of carts tripled that she stopped bringing out more resources. Legion-5 was impressed with her. She had tried to cheat him out of 63% of his due. She might have been greedy but she had also aimed for high efficiency in her attempt to cheat him.

He couldn't help but say, "You are good. You have a large appetite. I like that. Now swear."

"I swear it upon my Origin that this is 10% of all that I have."

He told her, "It's good that you recognized your limit. I would have become very angry had you tried to test my patience again."

Had she tried to cheat him again after her first attempt to cheat him was discovered, she would have learned today not to bite more than she could chew because he is going to force her to eat sharp metal fragments. Fortunately, she didn't so she doesn't need to know what it feels like to have her mouth and lips torn apart from within.

Her careful actions indicate that she has a certain amount of intelligence which raises his hopes for her. He even advised her seriously, "I hope you will do well in the rite of passage. It will determine your future after all. You have to take it seriously and do your best. Do you understand me?"

The supreme beast roared in her heart, "I understand that you want me to do well so that you can extort more from me."

But outwardly she nodded calmly and said, "I understand. Thank you for the advice."

Legion-5 nodded in return and grabbed the carts with many hands of world power. Then he took them to his base. He dropped them off at his base and began another round of upgrades for his base.

If the watchers were not surprised earlier by him hauling an entire base, they were certainly surprised when he began to fly in the direction of the hex that stands beyond his surrounding hexes. He stopped in front of the base there and began to harrass the owner.

The watchers couldn't take it anymore. A supreme beast roared from within a base, "What kind of nonsense is this? Is he going to extort everyone now? The audacity!"

She had been watching the special event from the beginning. Almost everyone had been watching. Everyone is normally spying on everyone else to see what they are doing to determine if they can take advantage of it. Even if he didn't plan to, Legion-5 created enough ruckus for his deeds to draw attention. So a lot of people including the inhabitants of the plane and the other Supreme beasts found themselves watching him even if they didn't plan to spy on him.

They watched him bring down a base for an unknown reason. People reached out to the unfortunate victim and asked him why it happened. The victim was quick to tell them what happened. He painted a picture of being unjustly bullied.

What the first victim told them made them angry. But only on the surface. The other Supreme beasts were gloating within at the misfortune of a competitor of theirs. Only a few of them felt trepidation at the potential for destruction that the Shadow of Despair was capable of.

Then the Shadow of Despair went to his other neighbor so they thought he was exhorting his neighbors. They pitied the neighbors and mocked them but no one was going to stand up for them. In fact, they gloated at their calamity.

There were a lot of Supreme beasts that wanted to establish their base on a hex close to the sea of despair but they were forced out of the location. Now they are happy that the people who forced them have met with misfortune.

Then Legion-5 turned towards the other hexes. It was then that they all realized the possible ambition of Legion-5. His greed is not limited to his neighbors at all. He wants to fleece all of them and he is brazen about it. He is so brazen that he is doing it openly without hiding.

She roared again, "Is he sick in his head? Does he think we will all just lay down and let him rob us?"

She screamed in anger that was genuine and sincere. She truly feels that Legion-5 must be out of his mind to dare make enemies of all of them. It is insulting that he thinks he can do it so openly and get away with it.

"This is too much. He has gone too far. We should do something about this."

She said that but she didn't do anything. She was waiting for someone else to do something.

Chapter 1253 The Use Of Words.

?She was hoping someone would be more angry than her and angry enough to actually stand out and fight. She was also hoping that she was wrong about Legion-5's ambitions.

Then she saw Legion-5 leave the base of the third Supreme beast he visited. He didn't leave empty-handed. There was a large batch of resources and manpower outside this base. The manpower are mana entities that have been forcefully recruited. So they are slaves.

The Supreme beast that owned them gave them to Legion-5 with some ores. Legion-5 ordered them to carry his newly acquired resources to his base while he flew towards a fourth base.

She saw the train of slaves and resources moving toward his base and Legion-5 moving toward another base. This was too much stimulus for her non-existent heart. It dropped from her chest and sank into the pit of her stomach. Dread began to rise up from within her.

She couldn't help but ask her base, "This can't be allowed right? Surely, it must be against some rules."

Her AI assistant replied. [It is not against any rules to trade or give points for any reason. Generosity and cooperation among the participants is encouraged]

"This is not generosity. He is stealing from us."

[Stealing points is not possible. Points can only be transferred willingly. As for resources, it is possible to steal them. Since you are competitors, stealing of resources is allowed]

She didn't get the answer she wanted so she began contacting the other Supreme beasts in her alliance.

She told them, "He must be stopped at all costs. There are several reasons to do so. He will accumulate a lot of points and resources if he is not stopped. It will make him grow too much and too fast. He will become unstoppable then and will be able to steal more of our resources so we must stop him."

"That's in the future. If we don't stop him now, we will lose our resources and points. That should be enough reasons but there's more. If we stop him now, we will also get the resources he has just acquired. It will not be a waste of effort if we stop him. So we must do something."

She made a lot of good points. There are a hundred of the Supreme beasts in total. If he gets one point from all of them, he will have 99 points. That is enough to tempt them.

If they cooperate to stop him, they will be 99 against him. They should be able to win then. Unfortunately, her audience is not blinded by wealth.

Someone complained. "But he is too strong. We might die and be eliminated."

"He isn't killing us if we don't fight him. He just wants some resources and a point. We have points and we can spare them. That's better than risking our life and our future."

She roared at them, "It is our resources and our points. Do you hear me? It is ours, not his. We must fight to keep them."

"We can fight but we might also lose everything. You have seen the consequences of that. Let's just give him what he wants."

She roared again, "No we can't give him what he wants. The fact that he is not eliminating anyone is not done out of kindness. He is raising us like livestock. We can't allow this to continue. Let us go and fight him."

"I beg to differ. I believe that we can in fact give him what he wants. That's the easiest thing to do right now. I think what you meant to say was that we "shouldn't" give him what he wants."

She roared at him, "Shut the fuck up."

Someone asked her, "Why don't you go and fight him? We will follow your lead."

That silenced her. Then they saw the Shadow of Despair casually slap another Supreme beast into the ground. The poor Supreme beast was slammed against the wall of the base. Then the Supreme beast stood up, went into the base, and brought out a lot of resources. They saw Legion-5 nod before he took the resources and left. Then he went for another hex.

She couldn't contain her anger anymore. "We don't need to fight him alone. We don't even need to fight him at all. We just need to band together and show a united front. If we refuse together as one, he won't be able to single us out like he is doing now. He will back off when we threaten him with a combined response from all of us. Besides, he doesn't want to kill us so he might hold back even if we fight."



The person who corrected her earlier coughed again and said, "I think you meant to say "He should back off." I think so because you have no way to say with certainty that he will back off."

She had to ask, "What is wrong with you?"

The Supreme beast said proudly, "My mentor said that I should pay attention to what I say as the utilization of words is the root of wisdom."

She scolded him, "It is a pity that your mentor didn't teach you to have a spine."

The Supreme beast didn't get angry. He said with genuine pity, "And it is a pity that your mentor didn't teach you the values of wisdom. It is why you are about to risk your life and future for 1 point and 10% of your resources. Tell me, is 1 point and 10% of your current resources more valuable than your life and future?"

"My pride and honor as a Supreme beast are worth more than everything I own. I am also sure that we will not lose anything. If the Shadow of Despair is smart, and I think he is, he will back off if we show a united front. I might not be good with words like you but I know that in most battles, half of it is won with bravery and morale."

Chapter 1254 Victory Of The Few Over The Many.

?Someone else interjected before the argument got out of hand. He said, "Creating a united front sounds like a good idea. But what if you are wrong? We will lose more than 10% of our resources and 1 point."

The Supreme beast that was good with words didn't back down. He said, "Excuse me but I don't think it is a good idea. If bravery and morale were so good, there wouldn't be numerous seas of despair. We are Supreme beasts and we embody the victory of the few over the many. I don't think uniting will work at all. Even if it does work, we should prepare to lose some of our lives. That is also something my mentor taught me about wisdom. She said to always prepare for the worst outcome so that..."

She cut him off, "Fuck your mentor and whatever she said. I am sure my plan will work. Let's vote about it."

"Alright. Let's vote."

The 6 of them in the alliance voted. The majority voted to capitulate and pay the "rent." That decision didn't go well with her.

She said to them, "I am disappointed in the five of you."

Someone suggested. "We might change our minds if you get other alliances to unite. If we can't unite then it is of no use even if we agree with you."

What this person said made sense. So she tried to contact the other Alliances and create a unified force. It didn't work out. They didn't trust each other enough to consider her idea a good one and not a scheme to make them do something foolish and be eliminated for it.

She was willing to swear Oaths but not many were moved by it. Most of them have come to the conclusion that if all 99 of them combine their might and fight him, it is obvious that at least one of them will be eliminated and many more of them will lose out.

At the end of the day, the Shadow of Despair is not asking for too much. They have only been mining for 2 months so they don't have a lot. They can easily give out 10% of their resources.

A single point is also not too much to give up for peace. The alternative is to fight and lose more. And they can't forget that the others are their competitors too. The ones that have a lot of points to spare consoled themselves with the fact that the ones that have little are going to be hurt more than them.

And so they did nothing. At least not together. Some were rash enough to try and fight him. They refused to be exploited even when they saw what would happen if they resisted. They were beaten within an inch of their life. Then they paid more than they should have.

Most people allowed themselves to be exploited without resistance. But they didn't do it without the intention of vengeance. They began planning how to beat him in the future. If what he said was right, then they have a year to prepare for the next round of exploitation.

As for Legion-5, he got 70 points and a lot of resources after a round of collecting rent. Some people didn't have any points and they couldn't get any from their poor Alliance. He beat them up first before

showing some understanding. He decided to let them off by taking 30% of their resources. Then he informed them that he would collect double their rent in the future.

Legion-7 mocked him, "Look at you. You have become soft."

Legion-5 didn't deny it. He sighed and said, "I have to become understanding since times are so hard. Besides, I can't eliminate them for poverty. I will consider this loss and investment."

Legion-7 continued to mock him. "Right. An investment with a 100% return rate. How magnanimous of you."

Legion-5 was too shameless to refute that he was magnanimous. He knew Legion-7 was being sarcastic but he is not going to let that shame him from being greedy.

His greediness aside, he understands that points are very difficult to get. The main way is to subjugate new hexes and set up new bases. It has only been 2 months so most of them haven't accumulated enough manpower to start warring against the plane and not many of them were lucky enough to come across valuable resources around their base.

He didn't kill the poor ones because they would be of no use to him out of the rite of passage. Unlike the others, they are not his competitors. They are his precious leeks. As a good farmer, he shouldn't uproot the roots when farming. Even weak malnourished plants should be given the chance to grow. He will gain a bigger harvest in the future that way.

He also made sure to tell all of them of his position to them and inform them of the benefits it would bring to them. He had said to them, "I am your landlord now. You have paid your rent so it is my duty to protect you. You can ask for my help if you face off against any particularly troublesome enemies in the plane. Of course, you have to pay me for the help. Nothing is truly free in this world and the sooner you learn that, the better it will be for you."

That was the last thing they heard before he left them to exploit others. It was advice that would shape the course of their lives and they got it from him cheaply. He is magnanimous that way.

Legion-7 said, "I must say. These kids have a good temperament. I expected all of them to come rushing at you to fight you to the death."

"They didn't because they are afraid of me. They will challenge me when they regain their confidence."

"I expect that they will be ready by the next time you try to extort them."

Chapter 1255 Immunity Vs Defense.

?Legion-5 shrugged. "I don't want to bully them. They are just kids. I am just taking a little from them to stay out of their way. But if they don't appreciate my kindness then they will regret it."

He truly thinks of them as kids and he thinks his extortion of them is a kindness. The rite of passage might be a competition to them, but it is not to him. It is a means to an end for him. To achieve that end, he extorted them.

He didn't need to or had to do that. There are other ways to get points for him. But the other Supreme beasts need him to not try to get points by killing and eliminating them. So yes, he is doing them a favor by not attempting to kill them and just settling for extortion.

He is being kind because it is the smart thing to do. He can eliminate all of them if he wants to. But what good will that do for him? It would do little good seeing as he is not aiming to bully some kids. He aims higher so it is better to use the kids as tenants to acquire points that will make him strong enough to achieve his great goal.

Legion-7 said, "Anyways. Let's use our ill-gotten gains to get the divine ability that we want before they run out."

"What do you mean by ill-gotten gains? I worked hard for the points. I didn't cheat the Supreme beasts out of it. They get protection and I get points. It was an honest deal and I have held up my own side of the deal

"Alright. You worked hard for them and you will need to work harder in the future if you still want to make the transaction with them. So let's do something about divine abilities."

Legion-5 agreed. "We planned to get the divine ability of the giants of order to bolster my immunity That will make three defensive divine abilities apart from the boost of the dragon heart so defenses should be good enough. We should look at recovery abilities next."

He entered his base after making another round of orders for upgrades and production. At this point, his base has increased the number of cannons to 10, increased the energy capacitors to 50 times its original size, increased the energy reactor's energy production rate by 10 times, and increased the energy barrier defense by 5 times.

Those are the main upgrades. He also increased the production speed of the printer up to 6 times so that the base would be able to convert the resources he just acquired into bots, battlesuits, and golems as fast as possible.

To top it off, he increased the detection range and sensitivity of the surveillance system. This will ensure that enemies are sensed early and his Cannon will be put to good use.

The 50 times increase in his capacitors will ensure that each cannon is able to fire its attack at least 5 times each and the increased detection range will give the energy capacitors more time to replenish their energy storage with the energy supply of the reactor.

The time for the capacitors will be further increased due to the fact that the energy reactor can produce enough energy to maintain the energy barrier indefinitely. So if his enemies can't breach his energy barrier, they will be quickly bombarded to death.

The next upgrade that he is focusing on in this round is to increase the capacity of his base so that it will be able to hold more troops. Then he sat in the core room to consider how to spend the points that he worked for. Others may call it ill-

gotten gains, but they will be wrong to do that.

He looked through the list of divine abilities but didn't focus on defensive divine abilities anymore because they had decided on that. The Liquid graviton divine ability is their main defensive divine ability and the divine ability of giants of order is their divine ability for immunity while the Origin diamond divine ability will ensure that his defensive power can be turned into attacking power.

The divine ability of giants of order is not as strong in the aspect of defense compared to the origin diamond divine ability. But it will grant him the strength of giants and their immunity to spells and other kinds of abilities.

The immunity is very important because there are a lot of divine abilities that can bypass physical and magical defense. He knows this for sure after looking through the list of offensive divine abilities of the scout and special class.

There are a lot of divine abilities for immunity in the list but there is none as comprehensive as that of the giants of order. Other divine abilities can protect him from certain laws such as earth, fire, wind, etc. But only the divine ability of giants of order can protect him from everything apart from the soul attacks.

Even illusions are not safe from the resistive power of the law of order. The divine ability of giants of order is so strong that it prevents them from growing. It is undoubtedly another great divine ability. He will be handsomely rewarded if he sells the information to the supreme alliance but he is not going to do that.

Legion has sharing issues. They would rather wipe out the giants of orders than share their divine ability with the Supreme alliance. It will be difficult to make full use of the divine ability because of its resistance to everything but Legion is not going to take that chance.

If they can use it because of Legion-7, then the Supreme Alliance will be able to find a way to use it too. Legion would be underestimating the supreme alliance if they thought otherwise.

Legion-5 said to the tree father, "I will need the divine ability of giants of order very soon. When can I get it from you?"

Chapter 1256 Recovery After Immunity.

The tree father replied, "I'm working on it."

Legion-5 snorted, "We both know that you're not putting a lot of effort into it."

The Tree Father retorted, "And we both know that you're nagging me so that I can put in a lot of effort into it. Unfortunately for you, that's not going to happen. Not until you show me that my efforts won't go to waste."

"Fine. I will get going with the test with divinity soon. In the meantime, you should put more effort into looking for a suitable target so that we will start as soon as possible after I confirm my compatibility with divinity."

"Fine," the Tree Father said reluctantly.

Legion-7 joined in, "Don't forget to prepare a lot of divinity for the demigod. That way, the divine ability we will get from the demigod will be more stable after we kill it."

Helios chuckled to himself, "I killed one demigod of order in the past. To think there will come a day when we create another one to kill. It reminds me of the good old days when my suspicious and overly protective dad was my biggest problem. I also had legs and arms and could move around."

A demigod for a Celestial is a dangerous matter. Not only is it dangerous but it also requires a lot of effort and it is expensive. Legion-5 is confident that he will pass the compatibility test with divinity so he wants them to start preparing for the demigod.

They plan to use one of the tree father's created vessels to impregnate a transcendent giant of order. It is only such a being that can bear his child. Then he will bestow that child with the divinity of order to enhance his divine ability.

This will create the strongest demigod ever. Then they will kill the demigod as a mana entity. Considering the fact that giants of order are born as mana entities, the demigod will be killed as soon as he is born.

So there shouldn't be any risk to the tree father. The divine crystal that the demigod leaves behind will then be given to Legion-5 for him to acquire the divine ability of Order.

It is a good plan but anything can go wrong. After all, the tree father is not without enemies who are ready to take advantage of any weakness he exposes.

Legion-5 encouraged the tree father, "There is no need to worry. The mother of the child will be constantly watched and won't be ever allowed to leave the kingdom of life. Everything will be fine as

long as you don't let her leave captivity and kill the child as soon as it is born. So even if someone reincarnates into the demigod like Helios did, the outcome of Stelios will not repeat itself."

The Tree Father warned him, "I would tell you that you're playing with fire by messing with order but you won't listen to me. So I'll just say that you better succeed."

Legion-5 didn't promise that. He said, "Unfortunately I can't promise success. I only hope not to die."

He knows that what he is doing is very risky. After all, Order is a supreme law. At best, he would be repeating the danger that Helios faced as a fetus. He would be in danger of freezing and be unable to make progress like the giants of order. But unlike Helios and the giants of order, he would be willingly courting death and not be confronted by it because of his birth.

So not only is he in danger, he is also putting the tree father's Authority in danger. But He is still going to go through with it though because creating a demigod of order is the only way for them to get the divine ability of order. The divine ability of giants of order is in their skin and it will die when they die. The only way to preserve it is to have it coalesce into a core through divinity as seen in demigods.

So the danger to the tree father cannot be avoided. The danger to himself also can't be avoided if he wants the strongest version of their divine ability. This is important because they chose the divine ability of the giant of order not only because of its powerful immunity. It has an important part to play in Legion-5's plan to become a world god without a Supreme law.

They would have chosen it even if it didn't have powerful immunity. It is good that it has immunity because it satisfies Legion-7's need for protection and his need to withstand Aeternus's assistance. So the stronger the divine ability of the demigod of order the better.

He asked Legion-7, "So which Recovery ability should we choose?"

"Don't choose the energy recovery divine abilities. Choose the healing recovery ones. And don't choose the one based on life essence or vitality. Choose one that can bring you back from the brink of death or one that can prevent you from dying at all."



The next thing on their agenda are recovery divine ability so Legion-5 focused on them in the list. Recovery divine abilities are an important part of any warrior be it energy recovery or injury recovery. They must have one or Legion-7 will never be content.

Defense is not enough to be able to survive in the toughest situation. Warriors have to be prepared to be injured. They are not scouts who are prepared to avoid being injured. It is the job of warriors to take on the most dangerous missions and the strongest attacks so there are several recovery divine abilities for them.

With recovery divine abilities, a warrior can keep on fighting for a long time and maintain their top strength through it all. The best recovery divine ability is the heart of a life tree. With it, a warrior can convert Origin energy into life force which mean that they can heal themselves of any type of injury.

Chapter 1257 The Next Best.

As long as a warrior with the heart of a life tree possesses Origin energy, they will never die. They can even recover from having their body smashed to pieces.

To be honest, it is a slight exaggeration to say that warriors with the heart of a life tree can never die. There is a limit to the recovery power of that divine ability. For example, the explosion of a star will destroy a warrior and the heart instantly.

Then again, trying to withstand the explosion of a star is going overboard. As long as warriors are not exposed to that kind of massive and instantaneous destruction, they will never die. Unfortunately, it is not allowed for warriors.

Legion doesn't need the heart of a life tree either so they turned to other alternatives. It is just that their choices have been drastically reduced because of the type of dragon heart he has.

The next best recovery divine abilities are the extra life divine ability of the Blood Giants, the blood wrath divine ability of the Wrathful Orcs, and the life duplication divine ability of the Hydra.

The Blood Giants is a race descended from the hybrid descendants of a demon of Carnage and some other race that has now gone extinct. The blood giants have the innate divine ability of having multiple hearts. They gained nothing from this divine ability apart from the redundancy it granted their circulation system.

If one of the hearts of a Blood Giant is destroyed, they won't die because they still have their other hearts. Of course, there are many ways to kill someone such as cutting off their head or letting them bleed to death. Their numerous hearts can't help in such a situation.

So they were normal for all intents and purposes until their divine ability awakened a second time as transcents. They gained the ability to sacrifice one of their hearts to heal themselves of most, if not all of their injuries. They could have up to 6 hearts so this ability became a literal lifesaver.

They still had a weakness though, their hearts wouldn't help them if they died too fast. If they went with the path of their divine ability to become titans of law, their divine ability awakens further and makes them immortal as long as their hearts have not been sacrificed yet.

A titan of law of the Blood Giant race with the third awakening of their divine ability won't be able to recreate their hearts after it is destroyed because they lack control over their concept. But a Sovereign can die, resurrect, then start creating the sacrificed heart immediately.

So a Sovereign of law of the Blood Giant race is essentially immortal like Origin gods as long as they get enough time to replenish their hearts. The only weakness is that the resurrection is instantaneous and it will consume some of the stats of the Sovereign so they will be weaker after their resurrection.

This is a significant weakness because they will become easier to kill after their resurrection. If the person who killed them before is still around, then that person can kill them again until they run out of hearts to sacrifice. Still, the divine ability is very good. Someone who is not familiar with their divine ability might be caught off guard by their resurrection.

The next best recovery divine ability on the list is the blood wrath divine ability of the Wrathful Orcs. The Wrathful Orcs are demonic descendants like Supreme beasts and the Blood Giants. Their ancestor was a demon of wrath so the Wrathful Orcs are similar to Rage Beasts in the way that Blood Giants are similar to Vampires.

Wrathful Orcs get stronger the more they are wounded. Their divine ability does not heal them. But it will keep them alive by making them stronger. If they can kill their enemy before their death, then their divine ability has saved their life. If not, then their divine ability will allow them to escape faster.

The blood wrath doesn't recover vitality at all. Instead, it helps to maintain fighting prowess no matter the injury. Most times in a fight, it is the person that can outlast the others in a fight that will win.

Its weakness of providing a passive boost that can't be controlled is fixed at the Sovereign of law level. At that level, a Sovereign can burn their life force to become stronger. This makes it attractive to warriors. They usually pair it with the third best recovery divine ability to acquire a recovery ability on par with the heart of a life tree.

The third best recovery divine ability is the life duplication of the Hydras. The Hydras are a natural race like elves. They are not descendants of hybrids of demons. Hydra's have part elemental bodies that can be regenerated indefinitely as long as they have the element they need for the regeneration.

A Water Hydra can regrow their head and other part as long as they have water around them. They can even use the injury to double the amount of body parts they have.

The regenerated body parts are temporary as it is not supported by life force but they will allow the Hydra to maintain and even surpass their fighting prowess during their fight. They are essentially immortal as long as they have the element of their choice around be it water, earth, air, or fire. Subsequently, their weakness is that they won't be able to heal at all in the absence of the elements they need.

This weakness can be solved at the Sovereign level as Hydras become capable of using Origin energy as a substitute. So they will remain immortal as long as they are not killed quickly, cursed, or deprived of Origin energy.

When the life duplication divine ability is paired with the Blood Wrath divine ability, it creates a powerful combination. The Warriors can injure themselves to grow stronger and also regenerate injured parts to become stronger. So they will remain whole as they become stronger.

Chapter 1258 The Time Worms.

These three divine abilities are very powerful. Unfortunately, Legion-5 can't use them. This is because of his dragon heart. Lightning is highly destructive so it doesn't go well with regenerative divine abilities.

It would have been a perfect combination if there was lightning hydra. Unfortunately, there isn't. In fact, lightning is one of the weaknesses of Hydras. They can't heal injuries created by Lightning. So assimilating the Life duplication divine ability of Hydras with his dragon heart is asking for trouble.

While Legion-7 can overcome the resistance of some divine abilities to his dragon heart without destroying their function, they won't be able to get enhancement between the divine abilities if they are not compatible.

If they want to fuse a divine ability with the dragon heart and they want them to amplify each other, then it must be one that must work with lightning. This narrowed their options for recovery divine abilities to two.

Legion-5 said, "We have lightning elemental bodies and time-based recoveries. I assume we will be taking the time-based recovery."

Legion-7 agreed. "Yes. That's the best we can get."

Time-based recovery divine abilities are not actually the best recovery divine ability or the best of the options they are limited to. Lightning elemental divine ability will grant them the fastest recovery. It will be directly amplified by the dragon heart and it will grant them a certain level of physical transmutation.

The physical transmutation will grant them an elemental body that will allow physical attacks to pass through them. So they will gain partial immunity to physical attacks. Its weakness is that they will become highly susceptible to magical attacks but that can be fixed by their immunity gained from the divine giant of order.

It is a great divine ability but it is unfortunate that it is not completely compatible with them and it will reduce the overall defensive capabilities of the other defensive divine abilities like the Origin diamond divine ability. It will be a waste of the Origin diamond divine ability if they go with this option.

Most importantly, the Lightning elemental divine ability is directly rejected by the liquid graviton divine ability. The two of them cannot work together even if they are fused much less amplify each other. Legion-7 won't allow anything to reduce his defense so they are not taking it.

So they are going with time-based divine abilities. These divine abilities are compatible with almost every other divine ability. They make the body recover from injuries but don't recover energy. In fact, they consume a lot of energy and they are also very difficult to combine with other divine abilities. This is because the law of time is very difficult to comprehend.

The best time-based recovery divine ability is the one from a race of time worms. They are a very powerful race that recovers from injuries by reverting their state of existence. They can revert from near-death situations to total and complete health because of it.

This reversion happens nearly instantly. One moment they are almost dead and the next they are whole and hearty. They can't recover after death like the extra life divine ability but they can always recover for as long as they want and as long as they have energy.

So they are not limited to the amount of hearts that they have. If not for the fact that they have a weakness to ice, then the time worm race wouldn't have been defeated by the Supreme Alliance.

For some weird reason, frozen parts of the time worm don't recover when they revert their state of existence. Any concept that freezes them renders their recovery ability useless. They will still recover if they are not completely frozen but they will permanently lose the frozen part which will injure them more than the damage they sustained from the ice.

Ice makes it so that it is better for them to suffer the freezing than to try and recover only for them to lose the injured part forever. It will be as if a large part of them was cut off when they reverted. This weakness led to their defeat and subjugation. Legion-7 lamented for them. "It seems no race is safe from the Supreme alliance. Even such a powerful and near-immortal race were enslaved successfully."

Legion-5 was also moved. "It makes the eye of weakness tempting but we can't afford a slot for it."

That made Legion-7 chuckle. "If we had our way, then we would get every divine ability. No amount of slots would be enough to quench our greediness."

"That's true. We can only comfort ourselves with the fact that the eye of weakness has no path forward."

The dazzling array of divine abilities in the list is a temptation beyond any other. They want to get everything on it and not only the eye of weakness. With the eye of weakness, they would be able to identify the weakness of a race just by looking at them. Unfortunately for Legion-5, they only have 9 slots so they can't have everything they want.

It is painful to look and not be able to take whatever divine ability they want but they alleviate their pain with some mollifying information. One such mollifying information is that the eye of weakness is a dead end.

Every Supreme beast that has ever used it couldn't bring it to the Origin god stage. They lost it because they couldn't comprehend the law needed to fuse it completely. If not for this weakness then the eye of weakness would become the next great divine ability.

The conjecture is that the race it belongs to are descendants or creations of a world god and the law in their divine ability is a false law. Since false laws can't be comprehended without direct access to the Supreme law that they come from, the Supreme Alliance couldn't comprehend it.

They are like Vampires in that way with a unique path of power. Their path of power is similar to the path of perfection but it relies on a false law.

Chapter 1259 The Failure Of The Flames Of Rebirth.

Vampires comprehend the law of blood which they have exclusive access to while the Wicca with the eye of weakness have access to a false law.

The Supreme Alliance was able to defeat this race despite their ability to identify weaknesses because Supreme beasts are most aware of their own weaknesses and they have each other and their numerous divine abilities to make up for it.

Unfortunately, the Supreme Alliance couldn't make full use of the divine ability they gained from the Wicca race after gaining victory over them. Their failure is similar to their failure to crack the ability of healing and resurrection of Vampires. They can't comprehend the false law of weakness without the permission of its creator but they would rather not gain that permission because it would mean giving up their existence to that creator.

It is not a rare situation for a divine ability to go to waste like that. The Supreme Alliance has encountered it several times before and it is not something that can be solved by offering one's self to the creator of the world god. This is because there is also the problem of compatibility with the false law.

If Ragnarok didn't have the law of life within his divine ability be converted into the law of blood after he was bitten by his father, then Legion could never have gained access to the blood law even if they somehow gained a heart of Carnage and wrestled away its control from CARNAGE.

So many powerful divine abilities like the Wicca's will go to waste no matter how much the Supreme Alliance or Legion wants them. And they are a lot too because special races like the Wiccans or Vampires are not rare in the void universe.

Most powerful supreme races usually have powerful ancestors or creators. Legion knows for certain that dragons and phoenixes have powerful origins too. But dragons and phoenixes have different types of origin.

The power of dragons can be stolen because their ancestor didn't give them power based on false laws. The flames of rebirth of phoenixes on the other hand have never been acquired by anyone including the Supreme alliance. Even Legion-7 failed in his attempt to reincarnate into a Phoenix.

Legion-7 consoled him, "There is just so much to be had but we have to remain content with the time reversal divine ability of the time worm for now."

Legion-5 agreed. "Besides our aim is not divine abilities, it is perfection."

Divine abilities are good but each one of them is not without weaknesses so they can never be good enough for Legion. They aim for perfection without weakness. It is something that these divine abilities don't have individually. But Legion can achieve it through each other. If they gain perfection, then no ability or power can defeat them.

Legion-5 decided to get the divine ability of the time worm called the time reversal. The other divine abilities that they need have to be sourced elsewhere. The rest of his wealth will be spent to purchase life essence and other things that the other clones need.

It is not that there aren't more divine abilities to be acquired as a warrior. There certainly are more divine abilities for various sections such as the energy section for warriors. Warriors need these types of divine abilities to continue fighting regardless of the availability of ambient energy.

Then there is a section for speed. Warriors don't need to be as fast as scouts, but they shouldn't be slow either or it will be a weakness. They have to be able to at least obtain a temporary surge of speed for situations when they need it even if they are not fast normally.

There is also the perception section of divine abilities that are needed for dodging. Not every attack needs to be blocked or weathered with their bodies. Warriors have to be able to dodge to preserve their fighting prowess. They also must be able to perceive their enemy if they are to hit them reliably. So perception is very important.

The last section for warriors is the spiritual defense measures. Not every attack is physical or magical. Some attacks wear on the mind and disrupt the consciousness. The disruption of their senses due to illusions could be fatal. It will surely render them useless or a burden to their mates. This is a weakness that must not be allowed.

Those four sections are very important to warriors. A warrior is not complete without them. Every warrior must make sure that they have at least one of them. Legion-5 can't get them but he is not worried about them. He is lacking in perception but Legion-7 isn't. He also isn't lacking in spiritual defense because of Legion-7.

No clone that has been saved in Legion-7 is susceptible to spiritual or mind attacks. Not even a world god can bully them in that aspect without meeting them physically.

As for speed, he has that covered with the crystal space divine ability. This kind of speed can't compare to the time hop of the one-legged crane race who can increase their speed with the power of time, but it will do for a warrior.

The time reversal divine ability is very powerful but it is very cheap. He got it for just 30 points. It is because it is not in high demand and it is also very easy to acquire. They just have to freeze the time worms with ice.

Then he got the liquid graviton divine ability with 30 points which made for a total of 60 points. He still has 30 more points so they looked for things that other clones need.



They bought a lot of things for the world fragment that they are building. Legion-7 will be able to send them into Legion-1's inner world when he completes the fusion of the crystal space butterfly's divine ability.

It will be a gruesome sight since Legion-7's tentacles will have to break out of his body, grab the items, and then send them away. But it will not be painful for him so he doesn't mind.

Chapter 1260 Legion-5 Vs Realm Lord.

He said to Legion-7, "I think that does it for now. I have the dragon heart, you, the origin diamond, the space-surfing divine ability of the crystal space butterfly, the liquid graviton, the time reversal of the time worm, and the immunity of giants of order. All we have to do now is fuse them and acquire the others that I need for my plan."

Legion-7 observed carefully before giving the verdict. "Everything looks good. But we will have to see them in action before we can be certain."

"I don't think we have anything to worry about," Legion-5 said confidently.

He is fully decked out. He has defense, recovery, immunity, and movement covered. He is not lacking in attack means either. The diamond Origin divine ability can turn his great physical strength and defense into the sharpest attack.

There is also his dragon heart. It has taken care of attack, augmentation, and suppression resistance. The diamond Origin takes care of short-range attacks while his dragon breath takes care of his long-range attacking means.

The Dragon Heart is a true all-rounder. It augments his other divine abilities with dragon force, grants him increased defense with his scales, ignores suppression thanks to his dragon might, and grants him a powerful attack to top it off. When combined with his other divine abilities then he has the right to be confident to survive any situation.

Legion-7 suggested. "Let's see if you will survive the means of other Supreme beasts through the list of divine abilities."

Legion-5 accepted the suggestion confidently. They used the information present within the list to determine how well he would fare against other powerful Supreme beasts. They have seen the other divine abilities already but it became novel when they combine them with each other and pit the combination against themselves in mental battles.

There are several templates of the classes available that they used to test themselves. They found several examples of the combination of divine abilities. It made them realize the full capabilities of divine abilities when used in tandem. But even so, they were able to hold their own.

Legion-5 declared confidently. "There is just nothing to get."

Legion-7 agreed, "If there is something I still crave, it would be the ability of the god of fate."

"That's true. That god could become untouchable but there is none like it. The divine ability of giants of order will have to do."

"There aren't any tempting soul abilities either. The Enslavement divine ability of the one-man army class is good but it is not good enough."

Legion-5 shook his head in disappointment. "We don't need any enslavement divine ability that can't help us enslave gods and Origin gods. Your other soul abilities are not lacking to the best that they have."

Their thorough examination of divine abilities made them realize the full value of Legion-7. There is no divine ability that can compare to him. There are divine abilities that can do some of the things that he can do but Legion-7 has many divine abilities combined together on his own. Adding him to Legion-5 made them beyond what other divine abilities can provide other Supreme Beasts.

Legion-7 is not without weaknesses of his own. He can attack others but he needs to do so with actual contact. He needs to have his tentacles touching the person to manipulate their soul. But that won't always be available.

Unfortunately, this is not a weakness that others can take advantage of because of Legion-5. Apart from that, there is almost nothing that Legion-7 can't do with the soul. He can even overwrite someone's consciousness.

They didn't let their confidence blind them though. Experience is the best teacher, but they don't need to wait and experience defeat before they learn from it. They can use the information they have available to simulate battle conditions to determine their actual power.

They used all the knowledge that they had to simulate various conditions to learn from it. One of the virtual entities that they fought with was the realm lord. They argued about the outcome of that fight for a long while without any solution. Other clones joined in but they still remained divided. It is because they don't have enough information about his abilities.

Most of their time was spent on mental simulations like this and assisting Soverick with comprehending laws. In the meantime, Legion-5 acquired the soul fire divine ability and upgraded his base some more.

The purchase of the soul fire divine ability is to have an explanation for when he displays some of Legion-7's divine abilities. All his purchases are tracked so he can use the purchase to fool the Supreme Alliance.

He won't assimilate the soul fire but he will pretend to do so by giving it to Legion-7 to consume. Unfortunately, Legion-7 can't gain abilities through devouring seeds of power. The best he can do is copy the abilities of gods but they are limited to the soul.

The rite of passage continued in Legion-5's absence. He didn't go out of his base at all. Instead, he spent most of his resources to upgrade his base.

He doesn't plan to subjugate any hexes and build more bases so he concentrated all his wealth on this one. It is a good idea since if he will be attacked, there is only one base of his to be attacked. Everyone that wants to fight him can find him here so he better be able to stand his ground.

For that reason, he made sure to create a standing army. All the mana entities that he acquired as resources from the other Supreme beasts were turned into mechanical soldiers. They were encased in the battlesuits that he produced to acquire the power of titans of law.

This strength is only physical. They are not as fast as real titans of law but they can match them in physical strength. Of course, titans of law don't fight with just physical strength so the mechanical soldiers can't match a titan of law one on one.