

GREED: ALL FOR WHAT?

Chapter 1341 The Hunt Continues.

Legion-7 returned and became an inert black hole in the spiritual dimension. Unlike an active black hole, he was not producing gravitational force to pull souls and soul prowlers to himself. However, soul prowlers still rushed towards him. They sensed cosmic energy from him which is more powerful than divinity. They wanted him more than ever before.

Unfortunately for them, they couldn't do anything to him. His soul is still protected by his shard of power so he was intangible to spiritual entities.

However, even that protection was unnecessary. He has soul force and soul fire, and his soul has been crystalized by cosmic energy to become something similar to a seed of power.

Not only that, he is a living Authority. It made it so that his soul was nearly indestructible and his soul fire could burn his enemies. If even a Supreme law can't do anything to him, then some soul prowlers on the brink of death can't do anything either.

So all the soul prowlers couldn't do anything to him. Only the great mother could but Legion-7 was intangible so the great mother could only watch on. Then Legion-7 awakened and returned to the world of manifestation.

He broke through the layer of the law matrix and appeared in the world of manifestation as Legion-5. The soul prowlers were unwilling to watch him leave. Unfortunately, they couldn't do anything to stop him.

They couldn't even follow him out of the spiritual dimension. All of them were helpless about the situation but not the great mother. She couldn't touch him but she could track him.

At any other time, this would have been fruitless and useless. The spiritual dimension and the world above are not synchronous. After all, they don't exist in the same dimension.

It is nearly impossible for beings of the void universe to enter the spiritual or phantom dimension unless they meet certain requirements. But unlike the phantom world which is a mirror of the void universe, it is impossible to enter and leave the spiritual dimension from the same place.

Exit and entry into the spiritual dimension are also random. So it is useless to trail behind Legion-7. But Legion-7 happens to have an anchor in the world of manifestation.

Legion-7 can enter the spiritual and appear anywhere in it, but he can always return to Legion-5 immediately whenever he enters the world of manifestation. So the fragment that the great-mother sent after him was able to locate Legion-5 directly. Legion-7 didn't notice because the soul fragment didn't track him with spiritual energy.

The great mother is someone with a spark of consciousness like him so she didn't need to use spiritual energy to keep track of him. She made sure to hide as far as possible from him while she made a soul fragment follow the beckoning fluctuations that he was inadvertently released to entice other soul prowlers.

The soul fragment appeared in the Stellaris plane of the high heaven realm. From there it was easy to find Legion-5.

"I have found you immortal one." She said in glee. "You have only become more delectable in the time that we have been apart. That is very good. We will meet again very soon."

The great mothers began moving to claim the new spark of consciousness that they had encountered. They can't do anything to him in the spiritual dimension but they don't believe that they will be so impotent in the world of manifestation.

Besides, they have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Even the presence of the Supreme Alliance did not deter them. And so, the hunt continues.

-----Back To Legion.

Legion-7 seemed to sag as he said, "Fortunately the Kickstarter worked."

He is truly exhausted. As the main laborer in that project, it is no surprise that is tired. Just the work he did baiting CARNAGE with the cosmic energy-infused world spark is enough to put any on edge and stress them out.

"This is good. We are one step closer to building our artifact," Legion-5 said in relief.

But Legion-7 still felt traumatized. He couldn't help but say, "It was dangerous for a moment there. We almost lost Ragnarok. It was not easy slipping the World spark past the demon god of Carnage. Fortunately, it gave up on the plane when WRATH showed up."

"If a demon god is already so dangerous. A world-ender will be more dangerous. And we have one within Legion-1. We nearly died trapping CARNAGE. All of us could have died and yet we succeeded only to have a more dangerous entity to contend with. This is madness."

Legion-7's voice was still shaking. He is not someone with a weak mentality. He has gone up against the likes of the great mother and the Will of the void universe and he survived. Even so, he still can't believe what they just succeeded in pulling off.

Ragnarok was to destroy the Lumen plane for the purpose of making CARNAGE angry with him and also making CARNAGE give up on the plane.

Their thought process was that if CARNAGE became very angry with him, then it was highly likely that CARNAGE would chase him to the ends of the universe if it must. If that isn't enough for CARNAGE to be determined, then CARNAGE will surely chase after Ragnarok if Ragnarok possesses a world spark.

It was Legion-7's job to place the world spark in the plane. He didn't give the World Spark to Ragnarok directly so as not to seem suspicious. They had to make it look natural and they also had to make sure that CARNAGE wouldn't sense Legion-7.

So Legion-7 waited until CARNAGE stopped barricading the plane. That happened when CARNAGE saw WRATH appear. It gave up on the plane and the blood moon in the sky disappeared.

Ragnarok saw the blood moon disappear so Legion knew CARNAGE had given up on the plane. It was then that Legion-7 used Legion-5's space crystal butterfly divine ability to transfer the World Spark to the Lumen plane by using Ragnarok as the spatial beacon.

Chapter 1342 The All-Seer's Confidence.

Ragnarok did his part very well too. He acted surprised and intent on getting the World Spark. They successfully baited CARNAGE into the trap that they had prepared for him.

"What a rush." Legion-5 said. "We would have been in big trouble if something had gone wrong. And we are still in danger. I doubt you can protect us from a world-ender."

Legion-7 replied solemnly, "I can't. I still can't handle Aeternus's Chaos energy. A demon god is a threat to me until I unite with our origin. I am certain that there is nothing I can do to protect us from a world-ender. We would surely need a supreme law if we are to survive CARNAGE's breakout from the world engine"

Legion-5 sighed. "Should we be doing this even if we can? The plan almost doomed us and we are still playing with fire."

Soverick interjected. "I said it was going to work and it did. This is going to work too so what are you worried about?"

Legion-5 chuckled and rolled his eyes. "I know. You saw everything and you planned for it. Our great seer."

His voice was laced with sarcasm but Soverick ignored it and confirmed with pride, "I did see it. I also planned for failure. CARNAGE can't escape. At least not on his own."

Soverick is very confident for an Origin god who dares to mess with something world gods wouldn't want to mess with. This is because of his powerful eyes.

Since he didn't need to hide under the gaze of world gods anymore and had lost his title, he didn't need to keep hiding his strength. Especially not when Legion needs it the most. So he created his concept and became an Origin god.

The law of fate on its own is a law that specializes in seeing the future. The future is indeterminate so sensing it much less seeing it is very difficult. One would need a high law to do that.

With the law of fate, one can do something they don't know how to do because there is a possibility of doing it in the future. As long as something is possible for them to achieve, the wielders of fate can bring it to fruition.

He used the high law of fate and also causality for his concept. Causality is about linking the present and the past. With Causality, one can find out what happened in the past to create the present.

It is the specialization of the actions of the past leading to the effect of the present and the actions of the present leading to the effects of the future. With Causality, one can achieve something they shouldn't be able to do simply because someone else has done it before.

As if that isn't enough, which is not strange for Soverick, he also used the law of time in addition to fate and Causality. The law of time specializes on the present. It brings the effect or events of the future or the past into the present.

One might say the law of time is the combination of Fate and Causality and they would be right. Unfortunately, time is more difficult to comprehend and use. This is because of the element of randomness.

This randomness comes from the ability to bring the future to the present. Because the future is uncertain, the effect of this ability is also uncertain.

There's another randomness created when someone is attempting to change the past or bring the present to the past. This randomness is so great that the law of order actively opposes it. It is why time travel is banned in the void universe.

In fact, manipulating time on a significant scale in the void universe has also been banned. No one can use the law of time on other Origin gods. The void universe usually only maintains their immortality but it will interfere with such a thing.

This ban made his self-created techniques mostly useless. He can only use them on those who haven't become one with their concepts. Fortunately, the concept for his eyes doesn't need the law of time to work on others.

So the law of time is crippled despite being powerful. But with the addition of fate and Causality, most of its abilities have been increased. When combined with the law of space and all the other laws that Legion has comprehended, it helped Soverick to create an eye that can see everything there is to see.

So Soverick was confident of the success of their plan and he is not ashamed to state it. In fact, he becomes quite angry when the success of his plans is questioned. Unfortunately, he can't do anything to Legion like putting them in an artifact that will take over their existence and use them as a weapon.

Ghaster's painful experience with the living artifact might have been a one-time thing, but the howls and screams of demons and even Origin gods participating in Helios's and the Tree father's experiment have proven that there are many things worse than death.

Soverick assured them, "There was nothing to worry about and there is very little to worry about in the future. The prison we built for CARNAGE is not so easy to break. And even if it does break out, the first sage will be there to take most of the heat for us."

Legion-5 grumbled, "Very little problem to worry about he says."

Legion-2 ignored his grumbling.

Legion-7 spoke, "Fortunately the plan didn't fail and we didn't have to use your contingency plan. I am very sure that the first sage would not like the outcome of your contingency plan."

Soverick shrugged, "We will just hide in the realm. He won't be able to do anything to us then no matter how angry he is."

Soverick is always prepared. He didn't learn that lesson from the first sage. It is a trait of Legion as a whole. His all-seeing eyes has only made that trait more effective and efficient.

Chapter 1343 A Dangerous Hobby.

It was because of the trait of preparedness that he survived the first sage's scheme against him in the Unified Skill Index. And it is because of this preparedness that he planned for a way to divert the disaster that would have occurred to them had the plan failed.

That contingency plan which is the same one they have in case CARNAGE escapes is to divert most of the calamity to the first sage. So even if the plan to use CARNAGE as fuel to kickstart their World Engine failed, they would have angered the first sage at most and had to limit their activities to the realm. That isn't much of a problem for them.

It is still a risky and dangerous plan that they executed only because of their trust in Soverick. If they can't trust themselves, who will they trust? If it were any other person who certified the plan and recommended it to them, they would have run away without turning back.

"Enjoy your rest for now Legion-7. We have a lot of work to do to put up my new and improved law matrix." Soverick said to Legion-7 before turning his attention to analyzing CARNAGE to help Aeternus with the comprehension of the law of Chaos.

They have just finished a plan that took hundreds of years of work. They are tired so they are going to rest a little. Of course, they won't be wasting their time during this rest. They will just do less intensive and dangerous things like developing themselves before they resume building the world fragment.

Legion-5 asked Aeternus, "What did the demon god of Wrath give you for selling the coordinates of the Lumen Plane to it?"

Aeternus replied, "He promised never to harm me until the end of the era of conquest and to protect me against GREED during the era of conquest."

Legion-5 chuckled. "What a fortunate demon god. WRATH is lucky that he wasn't the one that took the bait."

AETERNUS added, "It is also good for us that WRATH didn't fall into our trap. I will have a protector during the era of conquest against GREED. GREED won't be able to interfere with our plans then. Better CARNAGE than WRATH."

Legion-5 nodded in agreement. But he still complained, "Still, the price of the coordinates of a plane for protection seems to be too high. Is WRATH the greedy one all along?"

Aeternus chuckled at that. "It might be because I antagonized the demon gods during the setup of the Abyssal Coalition."

Legion-7 agreed. "If I were WRATH, I would be pissed at you too and ask for an exorbitant amount to protect you."

Legion-5 snickered, "WRATH didn't gain anything at the end of the day so his attempt to fleece us failed."

AETERNUS also chuckled. "I am sure WRATH will be very wrathful because it missed out on a world spark. It will be doubly wrathful when it finds out that it was all a trap."

They all laughed just thinking about it. The thought that they manipulated beings stronger than them and dared to trap one is truly an amusing pastime. If it weren't so dangerous, then they would do it more often.

WRATH didn't find the Lumen plane by chance. Its coordinates were leaked to it. The Origin gods of the Lumen Plane were bitter about the loss of their plane but they were not bitter enough to find a demon god to leak the location of their plane to a demon god. Even if they were that bitter, Aeternus had already made a deal with WRATH before they could attempt it.

Aeternus is wealthy. He doesn't lack normal things and the WRATH can't give him what he lacks. WRATH doesn't even have a world spark while they are willing to use a world spark as bait to trap demon gods. It is safe to say that WRATH doesn't compare to them in wealth. If not for its power, then they wouldn't have needed to bait it too.

Aeternus asked for protection from WRATH. WRATH thought it was doing Aeternus a favor but it didn't know that it too was being targeted by them. Legion prepared for a lot of alternative outcomes. WRATH didn't come to the Lumen plane just to make CARNAGE give up on the plane and to make CARNAGE preoccupied. WRATH was also an alternative target for their trap.

If by chance, CARNAGE didn't go after the world spark because it was suspicious, WRATH would have surely gone after it. The presence of WRATH would have surely compelled CARNAGE to also go after it. Either way, at least, one of them would have taken the bait and fallen into the trap.

If it was WRATH that fell into the trap, then Legion would have had no need to worry because WRATH swore not to harm Aeternus no matter what Aeternus did. At the time WRATH took that Oath, it didn't think there was anything a demon king could do to harm it. And the Oath had a deadline. So it was willing to swear the Oath for a chance to deal a massive blow to CARNAGE.

That Oath would have led to its enslavement within the world of Legion-1 had it taken the bait. And he wouldn't do anything to them even if it broke out because it would be harming Aeternus.

Legion-5 said proudly, "We are getting closer and closer to greatness. One of us might not be able to achieve it, but together, perfection is made possible. For we are Legion."

Aeternus and Legion-7 finished his sentence for him.

"And Legion is seeking perfection in numbers. To acquire perfection as one."

Some might say that they courted death with their risky plan and those people would be right but those people would never be able to achieve what they achieved. It is because they have such a dangerous hobby that they can break their limits and the limits of what's possible in the void universe.

Chapter 1344 Gambling Addiction.

It is a dangerous hobby to manipulate entities more powerful than them but it is also rewarding. It is even more dangerous to scheme against a demon god and a world god. But they succeeded and created a Kickstarter for their world engine.

It is because it is so rewarding that their plans for Hadrick and Ghastorix are still in the works. They have tasted success and they won't stop until they achieve perfection.

Legion-5 said to them, "Speaking about perfection, I feel like my giant of order divine ability is not perfect yet. Is there anything we can do to increase it? I need it to be at its very best if it is to be the foundation of my plans."

He has already received the crown that Aeternus has prepared for him and it is very powerful. It is on the level of a concept. The divine ability of order that he got from the tree father on the other hand is on the level of a demigod. He is not sure it will be able to handle what he intends to use it for.

The Tree Father didn't even bother to talk since he knew that Legion-5 would always be greedy for more. He has done all he can do short of giving his Authority away. The divine ability has been delivered and he is not willing to do anything else.

It was Legion-7 that appeased him, "We have gotten the best that we can have. The giant of order divine ability cannot awaken further without the full law of order. I have done my best to fuse it right now. But you won't be able to get the full divine ability until

the law of order is comprehended. We have to wait for Soverick to use his eyes to crack the law of order or Helios to comprehend it."

"Forget it. I will use what I have to test my hypothesis." Legion-5 said. "I can't wait for Soverick. He is too busy right now with the world-ender. Helios will also take forever."

Legion-7 agreed. "We can't wait for Soverick at all. Not only does he want to use the world-ender to help Aeternus crack the law of Chaos, but he still has the world fragment to plan for. We can always get the full law of order to unlock the law of order later."

Legion-5 agreed grudgingly. "I guess I will have to rely on the godhood and Authority of the Celestial Supreme to enhance it."

The Tree father finally spoke, "I knew you wanted something like that."

Legion-5 shrugged. "We have already invested so much. I think we should give it our best shot so that our investment won't go to waste. Come on. It is just one Authority of the Celestial Supreme. We have a lot of them."

"We have them to use to get resources to build our law matrix. You are asking for too much."

They argued for a while but Legion-7 ultimately got what he wanted. It is a he said, they have already invested a lot into his plan. It won't do for it to fail because they withheld some resources.

The Tree Father is the mind of reason advising them not to gamble too much on his plan. It is just like the normal opposing inner thoughts of others. Unfortunately, the inner voice of caution and reason usually loses out to that voice that encourages people to keep gambling.

So the Tree Father lost and Legion-5 got the Authority of the Celestial Supreme. It was sent to him through the spatial channel between clones created by Legion-7.

Legion-7 received the Authority of the Celestial Supreme in the inner world. It was heavy to move about. When he considered that he would be the one to do most of the work in Legion-5's project, he couldn't help but complain. "This has to work."

"Even if it doesn't work, it is unlikely that the Authority of the Celestial Supreme will go to waste. We have very little to worry about."

That last sentence caused Soverick's face to twitch. But he ignored Legion-5. Even if he doesn't know if Legion-5's plan will work. This is because there is no precedent for it in the past.

He is only certain that it will lead to powerful consequences because his vision of its result in the future is messy. It is as if something powerful that he can't gaze upon will interfere.

The first time he encountered such a situation was when he gazed at Mother High Heaven after defeating the Celestial Supreme Ode. So his best guess is that the Will of the void universe will be involved in Legion-5's future. After all, it still hates Legion-7 very much and Legion-7 is one of the cornerstones for this project.

This is why Legion thinks it will fail and why the Tree Father wants them to cut their losses short. However, it is because they know that what they have prepared is lacking that they want to invest more.

Aeternus spoke, "It seems I have a lot more work to do before we can get the world fragment online. I will go and attack that Gattling plane. It should give Legion more wealth and another Authority of the Celestial Supreme."

Legion-7 likes that idea very much. "You should do that. But not soon. I want to be there to smash Kilorita's face in myself. Your Chaos energy is no fun at all. It doesn't give tactile feedback of violence at all."

Aeternus agreed and returned his attention to the current plane that he is invading. Legion is very wealthy thanks to his successful invasion of many planes and Legion-1's thieving career in the immortal lands. But the cost of the world fragment has drained them and they will need more if they are to purchase a world seed.

They have so much currently that a world fragment is not enough to drain them of their wealth. But a world seed which is the most expensive of the three fragments of a world heart is a massive burden on Legion. That means the Gattling plane will be invaded to help bear that burden for them.

Chapter 1345 A Daring Plan.

The invasion is nothing personal or for revenge. Kilorita did steal the child of the plane from Legion-7, but that's not the reason why they will be invaded. Legion-7 hid a lot of the wealth he took from the dead gods in the plane. Someone has to go and get it. Plus there's more wealth that the Celestials are hoarding. So the invasion is strictly business.

It may have a side of pleasure but what was strictly business was when the tree father made a demigod of order and killed the girl for her core so that Legion-5 could acquire the divine ability of Order. It was also business when Legion-5 killed several great gods to enhance that divine core to the level of a great god.

Many people have sacrificed a lot for Legion-5's plan including the clones of the Legion. Aeternus even gave him one of his crowns and helped him get a Celestial godhood of order. This is just to see if his plan will work. If it works then he will need even more investment.

One of the major investments he might need for his project is a world seed. This is all because Legion-5 believes that the combination of Legion-7, who is a living Authority on par with a Supreme law, with an inner world, the Godhood of a Celestial, the Authority of the Celestial Supreme, and the crown of a demon king will lead to something great.

Legion-7 has a spark of consciousness which represents the apex of spiritual Authority. The godhood of a Celestial represents the apex of divine Authority while the crown of a demon king represents the apex of sin Authority. All of these will be fused on a foundation of the law of order which is the divine ability of giants of order. Then it will be enhanced by the Authority of the Celestial Supreme.

Legion-5 has been preparing for this combination for a while now. Many great gods have died so that he can use their godhoods to perform experiments. The remaining godhoods that he didn't use were given to Aeternus to make up for the Celestial godhood that he would need. But the Authority of the Celestial Supreme is unpaid for and has already caused a deficit in their wealth.

Fortunately, Legion-5 is ready for the fusion now. Still, he did some final preparations. At this point, their understanding of the laws and the world has reached a level that most Origin gods cannot compare with. It is because of their understanding of the world that Legion-5 thinks his plan will work.

They know that a world is made up of a world spark, a world engine, and a world seed. So if he is to become a world god without a supreme law, he is going to need all these things or things that will substitute for them.

Legion-5 himself intends to become the world engine. He has a dragon heart that is the apex of the path of perfection. This heart is capable of refining normal spiritual energy into dragon force. This dragon force can replace the soul force of origin gods to refine void energy into Origin essence.

They have already seen in the situation of Legion-8 that if the soul force of an Origin god is used to create dragon force, then cosmic energy can be utilized to a certain extent.

While Legion-8 can only use cosmic energy to strengthen his inner world, they have gone further than that because Legion-7 combined with Legion-5's inner world. Legion-7's partial manipulation of cosmic energy plus the dragon heart's potential for the manipulation of cosmic energy should ensure the success of becoming a world engine.

This is in an attempt to create a small low-powered world engine capable of growth but it is only part of the equation. The result of the fusion of Legion-7 and his inner world will be empowered by the fusion of the Celestial godhood and the divine ability of giants of order. Then it will be balanced by the crown of Chaos.

This second part of the fusion is to elevate the substitute world engine into something powerful enough to carry a world. It is only then can he fuse with a world spark and world seed to become a world god without a Supreme law.

To create the effect of a world spark, he intends to fuse the Authority of the Celestial Supreme with his substitute world engine and use the product of the fusion to advance to the Origin god level.

So whatever he creates will be his concept and should substitute for the need for a world spark just as the concept of a realm lord substitutes for the world spark in a world heart. It is a daring plan that aims to achieve qualitative power through the advancement of the product of quantitative fusion.

That will surely make it into a world spark and if his substitute world spark doesn't work either, Legion-7 will fill in it for it when they become an Origin god.

He is confident that his plan will work because Legion-7 is already the equivalent of a world spark. He grew from the level of a living Authority to a living world spark after refining the Supreme law of the Serpentine world god. All that will be left his plan works is the world seed.

Legion-5 finished reviewing the plan and checking to make sure everything was alright. Then he said, "Let us begin."

His dragon heart has fused with Legion-7. His giant of order divine ability has also fused with it. The divine ability of giants of order awakened a third ability when it was upgraded with the godhood of all the great gods that he has killed over the years.

As it is, it has broken through the limit of great gods and sovereigns. But it won't be able to awaken further without a supreme law. That is enough for what he wants to do.

Chapter 1346 First Half.

The divine ability of giants of order is not a concept yet but it will do since he has Legion-7 as the substitute for the lacking law of order and the Authority of the Celestial Supreme if need be.

The first thing he did was to assimilate the Celestial godhood and the crown of a demon king into his slots. The assimilation was easy. His existence warped and shifted slightly to accommodate them. It helped that his divine ability could assimilate anything and that the Celestial that the godhood belongs to is dead and the demon king the crown belongs to is not resisting his assimilation.

He said to Legion-7, "I feel so heavy."

"It is probably because you have completed your slots or because you are carrying all the types of authority."

"That's probably true. Now one should have three different types of Authority but I did it."

"That's special and all but you have to hurry up before the Celestial godhood turns you into a god."

"Right."

He moved on with the next step. He has filled the 9 slots he has in his shapeshifting ability. Some of them have fused so all that remains within him are 3 slots. Two of the slots contain the Celestial godhood and the crown of the demon king. The last one is the product of the fusion of the other 6 divine abilities including the giant of order with the dragon heart as the base.

He pushed the fusion of the Celestial godhood with his dragon heart. Nothing went wrong. Godhood doesn't reject anyone as long as they are on the path of perfection. All they have to do is give up their Origin and any power related to laws and they will become gods.

He is not giving up his powers of law but he has assimilated the godhood and he has a divine ability that likes to fuse with divine power so he was able to direct the divine power towards more productive aims instead of becoming a god.

The law fragments of Order within the divine ability of giants of order accepted the Celestial godhood of Order easily without any resistance. After all, the Authority of a Celestial is a facet of the law of order.

This fusion led to the direct recreation of the true giant of Order that Helios once killed, only stronger. A white bone armor grew over his whole body including his head. Meanwhile, all of his other divine abilities transformed into Stigmata on his body. They appeared as glowing tattoos on his white armor.

Legion-5 exclaimed, "I feel glorious."

He can feel immense power thrumming through his existence. It is almost as if the divine ability of the giant of order has come alive within him.

His inner world is also changing rapidly. A fire started in his inner world due to Legion-7's soul flame and the Celestial godhood. It refused to burn Origin energy and was instead burning his soul force.

Legion-7 said anxiously to him, "This is not sustainable. Do something quickly."

They have encountered something like this before when Legion-7 first got his soul flame. His existence was being consumed to sustain the flame. That was solved by giving it Origin energy to burn. Unfortunately, this flame is closer to a god fire than a soul flame. It doesn't want Origin energy.

Legion-2 advised, "Give it the Authority of the Celestial Supreme."

Legion-5 hurriedly absorbed the Celestial Supreme. He agreed with Soverick's conjecture that the Authority of the Celestial Supreme will be able to solve this issue because it is the only thing they have that is capable of producing mana, origin energy for a plane or divine energy, and Authority for gods.

It is even capable of utilizing cosmic energy so whatever the flame needs, it is likely that the Authority of the Celestial can give it to it. Even if it doesn't work, then they will be able to knock out a lot of energy types that the flame doesn't want with a single move.

It was a wise move to do so because the flame stopped consuming his dragon force and inner world. Not only that, his inner world began enlarging and also drawing cosmic energy into itself without him needing to force it.

As the cosmic energy entered his inner world, the fire within it began refining the cosmic energy just like a world engine would do. It is undoubtedly a positive indication even though it is still lacking because the refinement is very slow.

Legion-5 was elated. "This is good news. It means my plan will work. And it is only getting better."

Legion-7 on the other hand was stressed. He complained, "This might actually kill me."

He is only exaggerating. He is not going to die but the developments are having a heavy toil on him. The inner world of Legion-5 is his body so all the changes are happening to his body and affecting him directly.

It was also the spiritual matter that made up his body that turned into the flame. So he lost both his spiritual and physical body to the fire. The good news is that cosmic energy is rushing into his spark of consciousness and making him stronger.

Legion-7 is not the only one growing stronger as cosmic energy entered their inner world. The white bone armor around Legion-5 was also hardening and the stigmata were stirring up the various law fragments of the divine abilities they held in the law matrix around them. He has truly become a vessel of order.

Many of his Stigmata affect his body so his white bone armor took on some of their properties. First, it shifted into large plates so his armor became rough as if carved from rock. Then it turned into black armor. His shoulders enlarged and another pair of hands grew out from them.

He became a four-armed armored behemoth. He is different from normal Behemoths in that his armor is not smooth. It is made of black crystal scales layered on top of each other to form thick interlocked plates.

A/N: Do you remember that poor demigod that Helios butchered and sacrificed to open the gate to the abyss in the Zargoth plane? Yeah, that's a true giant of order. Helios on the other hand was a true sun giant.

Chapter 1347 The Second Half.

On top of the scales are the divine Stigmatas. They formed tattoos that have been etched deep into his existence. He has no face or eyes. His head just like the rest of his body is sealed tight within the armor so he looks like a knight wearing heavy armor.

The armor is truly heavy. It is made from crystalized graviton so it is very heavy. But he feels so powerful that he can't sense that heaviness.

"It seems I have lost my flexibility. I can't revert to my normal physique anymore." He commented.

Legion-7 informed him, "That is the price to pay for fusing with order."

"It will be worth it."

"The good news is that you won't die even if you fail. The bad news is that you will remain like this forever."

"Still worth it."

"I hope so. And I hope you have a solution for the stubbornness of order."

Not only has he lost the ability to shift his body, the law of order is not done with him yet. It is trying to lock up his soul and energy too. The divine ability that he gained from the giants of order has become too powerful and is going haywire. Even Legion-7 is about to be frozen.

Legion-5 said with expectations, "I hope Aeternus's crown won't disappoint me."

The crown of Chaos is very dangerous but it is all they have to curb the influence of the law of order. He doesn't want Legion-7 to have to forcefully destroy his world engine so he forced the crown to fuse with his inner world.

They don't know what will happen because he is the first being in the universe who possesses the crown of a demon king without being a demon. Other supreme beasts don't have his mutated divine ability that can fuse with anything apart from seeds of power.

To other people, the crown of the demon king cannot even be acquired unless the demon king gives it. That is the only way to get it because killing the demon king will make the crown disappear.

But no demon king is going to give up their power. Not even other demon kings of kings who have several crowns will give up any of their crowns. And even if they did, the crowns would be useless to other Supreme beasts because it would be like a rock to them and they can't assimilate a rock.

The crown is not a rock to him. It became an organ as soon as he assimilated it. It even wanted to turn him into a demon of sorts. Fortunately, the assimilation is not complete yet or the corruption from the crown would be irreversible.

"Please work out." He said as the slot with crown approached his newly created world engine.

If this doesn't work out, apart from losing his world engine, the crown of Chaos won't give him a good ending too.

Legion-5 could have assimilated any crown with any type of sin and it would have probably been safer to use other sins apart from true Chasi. But he chose the crown representing the Authority of Chaos so that he could match and neutralize the law of order within him.

This wouldn't have been a problem had he not used the godhood of a Celestial of Order to increase the power of his inner world. But he had to use the godhood of order because it is the only one that can fuse perfectly with the divine ability of giants of order and enhance it.

Their only confidence that everything will be alright is because Soverick said that they are not at risk of dying. They have cut off the flow of divine life energy and Chaos energy into both Legion-5 and Legion-7 so there won't be a repeat of the previous accident.

So they are fairly sure that Order and Chaos won't create big problems for him. Even so, they were watching with anticipation and fear as Legion-5 began fusing the crown with his inner world. This is because this is the point where they are sure that there will be a problem.

They don't have control over Chaos like Aeternus. Their souls have not been modified and they haven't comprehended the complete law of order so they certainly cannot control the crown or the outcome of the fusion at all.

They were right to be worried but for the wrong reasons. The fusion didn't happen. Their inner world refused to fuse with the crown. The crown slammed against the inner world and encountered resistance so it bounced back against their will.

"Fuse!" Legion-5 roared.

But roaring didn't help. The inner world refused to fuse. The crown is eager for the fusion. It would have clashed and fought with the inner world if it had the chance but the power of order has grown too much for Chaos to affect it.

Legion-7 observed, "Do we get another crown to empower Chaos?"

Aeternus sent another over crown before they agreed to use it. That action signified the intent of Legion as a whole so Legion-7 sent the crown into the slot containing the first crown of Chaos.

The first crown fused with the second one and became bigger. Then they tried the fusion with the world engine again. Unfortunately, the fusion still didn't work.

Both he and Legion-7 are trying their best to bring the two remaining slots together. But their effort is leading nowhere. So they did the only thing they thought could help apart from getting more crowns. They forced cosmic energy out of the inner world into the crown.

The crown of Chaos began to strengthen at a fast pace. It reached the maximum level of a demon king very quickly which enabled it to overpower the resistance of their inner world. The two of them began to fuse. Not only that, they didn't explode.

It made the two of them sigh in relief.

"Finally,"

"Looks like everything is going to succeed without a hitch."

They felt the stubbornness of order begin to fade as it was contaminated by Chaos. Their inner world had to find a balance with the crown so it stopped trying to freeze them. But then the unexpected came.

A/N: Cue the ominous music.

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Chapter 1348 Third Half.

They knew that messing with Chaos, Order, and divinity was dangerous. They knew that from personal and clear experience so they were very careful in their fusion. They didn't bring Chaos energy or the divine energy of order into the fusion at all so as not to recreate the terrible events that almost killed them.

Their carefulness was fruitful and they even succeeded in creating a functional world engine. Unfortunately, there was something they didn't count for in this fusion. They didn't account for the sparks of power and what they would do when presented with Chaos, Order, and divinity.

It is not their fault that they ignored the shards of power. After all, Legion-5 might as well not have one. It hasn't done anything to him or affected him in any way so they overlooked it.

They knew that their sparks of power were there but they didn't think the two black orbs would affect the fusion. They were wrong.

The current fusion process created conditions that were similar to the situation that led to the creation of the shards of power in the first place.

The two black orbs were not deterred by the absence of Chaos energy and divine energy. They stopped their usual motion of rotating around Legion-5 and Legion-7. They left their orbit around the two of them and fused as one.

The anchor of the two shards of power, which is their souls, also fused. Legion-5 became Legion-7 and Legion-7 became Legion-5 because of it. There was no difference between them. Their thoughts, Will, and matter be it spiritual or physical became one under the laws of the universe.

A myriad of effects occurred due to their strange state. Legion-7 possessed 9 divine abilities while Legion-5 possessed a spark of consciousness. Legion-7 had become the nascent world engine, which meant that Legion-5 had also become the nascent world engine.

That meant the world engine had many divine abilities and a soul spark. The soul spark is a living Authority while Legion-5 became the body for the world engine. All in all, the world engine had everything to come alive. It ought to have a Supreme law for that but it doesn't need that anymore.

It was a strange state for them. A lot of things were happening to them one after the other. They became a Celestial of order. Then they became an Origin god of Order. Next, they became a demon of Order.

They couldn't keep track of the changes at all but it felt to them as if they had ascended into a strange state of existence where anything was possible. They didn't feel like they were in danger at all. In fact, they felt elated but the other clones were anxious and felt threatened.

They all screamed in panic, "Stop them."

The two of them were pulling the other clones to fuse with them across space and time. They had to resist the pull since they didn't want to damage their existence. Unfortunately, Legion couldn't stop the two or draw them back from their strange state.

They couldn't even communicate with either one of them. For the first time in their existence, they had a language barrier.

Their messages reached Legion-5 and Legion-7 but those didn't understand them at all. It was as if they were speaking two different languages which should be impossible. However, it is understandable since one group are living entities while the other two have become a world engine.

The best Legion could do was stop the flow of energy to them. It didn't seem to help since Legion-7 was in possession of a lot of Origin energy.

Origin energy was consumed rapidly as Legion-5 and Legion-7 continued to ascend. Their state of existence ascended while their minds descended. They fell below the law matrix to the boundary between the light side of the universe and the dark side.

Above them is a net of invisible and numerous visible colors. The net allowed for matter and energy to manifest in the forms that are experienced but it also limited what they could do. But the two of them have escaped its range so they can do anything they want now.

All they need to do is to expand and become a world. If they anchor that world to their life anchor within their Origin with a supreme law then they will complete the evolution of their state of existence and descend completely into the dark side.

They thought as one in anticipation, "We will be GODS!"

Their ascended state is intoxicating and they want to maintain it forever. Unfortunately, the clones are not supporting them. Legion-1 refused to allow them to fuse with their Origin core and the others refused to give them energy.

This resistance made them dissatisfied and angry. It made them roar in displeasure, "GIVE US WHAT WE NEED!"

The clones refused. Aeternus withheld Chaos energy, the Tree Father withheld divine energy, and the others withheld Origin energy from them. Only cosmic energy which is beyond their control could continue to enter their existence to reinforce it.

"IGNORANT BEINGS! WHY DO YOU PERSIST IN YOUR MEDIOCRITY LIKE SO?! LET US ASCEND TO TRUE GODHOOD!!!"

They felt angry and irritated. Not only are they not being supported, but they are being hindered from ascending. Anyone would be angry even a god. However, attacking the clones never crossed their minds. They could only admonish the other clones in hopes that they will support them.

It is unfortunate that they are just wasting their efforts because the other clones can't understand a word of what they are saying. The other clones couldn't even understand their intent and emotions. All they heard was incomprehensible gibberish.

Soon they ran out of Origin. Their existence began to flicker and they began to return to the world of manifestation.

They roared unwillingly, "NOOOOOO! GIVE US WHAT WE WANT!!!"

But the pull didn't stop. Their existence doesn't have enough weight to keep them in the dark side and they don't have a supreme law to force it. If nothing changes, then they will fall back to their previous state.

A/N: There shouldn't be a third half but the impossible has become possible thanks to the shard of power.

Chapter 1349 Ascension State.

They can't even use the immense power they have in this strange state because they don't have a supreme law. Their Will couldn't be manifested but they felt an overwhelming and powerful Will around them that could help them.

They know this with certainty due to the connection they have with this Will in their strange state. So they tried to grab onto the Will but they didn't have the necessary tools to hang on.

They said to the Will, "HELP US."

They pleaded for help but the Will of the Universe didn't help them. It could easily help them if it wanted but it did the opposite. It lashed at them and yanked them back to the world of manifestation.

All of Legion heard the intent of the Will of the void universe. It said to them, "You are not welcome here."

It spoke in a language that both the normal clones and the scrambled clones could understand.

The scrambled clones said before they left, "WE DON'T NEED YOUR WELCOME!!!"

They actually did. They didn't get it so they failed to ascend. The fused shards of power separated so Legion-5 and Legion-7 separated again. The removal of their strange state also unscrambled their minds.

The two didn't feel any different. They even asked, "What happened?"

All the clones slumped wherever they were. They were both relieved and tired. The harrowing experience lasted for a total of eleven seconds. It felt like 11 years to the clones but it only felt like an instant of unconsciousness to the two of them.

The restoration of the connection of their minds allowed the two of them to experience what Legion had just gone through. Their minds cleared up immediately. It was like cold water was poured over a hot metal. They realized that they had almost lost themselves at that point.

"That was unexpected." They both said at the same time. "We almost died."

Their thoughts were synched for a short time in their strange state but some of its effects remained even after it was gone. It will disappear in time but for a while, their train of thought will be incredibly similar.

The clones had a lot to say. "Yes, it was unexpected."

Soverick mulled over the memories of their experience. He said to them, "What is that state?"

"I don't know. It was strange. They had the power of a Celestial at some point and the power of a demon at some other point."

As an entity with the power of gods, demons, and Origin gods, they ought to be able to recognize every type of power they encounter but can't pinpoint what kind of state the two of them experienced.

"It felt like raw power. It could do anything and it was very powerful. It was almost at the level of Supreme Origin gods or maybe at that level."

Legion-7 lamented, "It was that powerful? I think we missed out."

"I don't think you were lucky at all. You were going to die."

"You two couldn't control that kind of power at all. You were more likely to tear yourself apart."

"So the will of the universe did us a favor?"

"Not exactly. It is more like it felt threatened and didn't want to share its power."

"That might be true. You two were drawing upon the power of the order in that strange state."

"It was dangerous but it confirms that complete Unity is possible and very powerful."
Legion-1 said.

"The fusion of the shards is also possible."

"And the necessary state needed to use utilize them at their fullest potential was also discovered."

"But do we really want to recreate the necessary state for it? The third time might be the one that kills us."

"It is inevitable at this point. We have all the necessary parts and they will fuse when we achieve Unity."

"I think we must prepare for this outcome when we build the world fragment and when we try to become world gods."

The brief ascension had enlightened them because they experienced a state of existence that was beyond them. They know now that power is power regardless of the forms it comes.

It was as if there was a similarity between the path of divinity, the path of perfection, and the path of demons. This similarity is the foundation of power. It was what enabled them to change between being a god and a demon. Unfortunately, they don't know what exactly that similarity is.

What they did learn is how to bring out the full potential of the shard of power. They know now that the fusion of divine energy, Chaos energy, and divinity of order is all they need to recreate that special state.

Soverick said with certainty, "This has been enlightening. I should learn to trust myself more. After all, I was right to think that the Will of the void universe would appear."

Legion-7 interrupted him, "Now don't start bragging. You thought we would fail and we didn't."

The Tree Father piled on the blame, "You also thought that they wouldn't die. But not only did the attempt almost get them killed, they almost killed us too."

Soverick maintained his sense of superiority. He said proudly, "I was still right. They didn't die and neither did we. If anything, I would say that I did more work in this than anybody else so I think that success wouldn't have happened without me."

Legion-7 ignored him and continued, "Not only didn't we fail, we even discovered that if we can recreate controllable conditions similar to the conditions that led to the creation of the shard of power then it is possible to bring out the full potential of the shards of power."

Legion-5 added in full support, "Speaking of bringing out the full potential of the shards of power. We should be able to help with that."

That drew all their attention to his inner world. Soverick fused his eyes to gaze upon. His gaze pierced through the barrier around the ancient battlefield, the barrier of the Stellaris plane, and focused on them. He found them quickly and began inspecting their inner world.

A/N: Soverick was right though.

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Chapter 1350 The Foundation Of Power.

What Soverick saw provided all of them with an in-depth view of his inner world. They were further intrigued by what they saw. Their inner world appeared to be a machine to them. They are not strangers to the operation of this machine but there's something else going on within them that the world engine within Legion-1 is not doing..

Helios asked Legion-5 in anticipation, "How do you feel? Can you convert cosmic energy into power now?"

"Let me see."

All the clones focused on them. Their strange state ended but it left lasting effects on them. The most obvious change is in their inner world. It has become two spheres.

The outer sphere is the black sphere formed by the crown of Chaos around the inner one which is a multicolored and shifting sphere formed by the fusion of Legion-7 and the dragon heart.

Between the two spheres is a golden ring similar to the one in Legion-1's new world. It is the manifestation of a world engine. It is smaller but it still has similar functions. Even better is that he can control it like an organ.

Legion-5 willed the golden ring into action. He pulled Cosmic energy into it and It answered his call immediately. The cosmic energy disappeared as it was converted into something that can't be seen but can only be felt.

He felt the product of the conversion immediately. It was like he was growing bigger but his size and mass remained the same. He is like a rock lifted up and higher into the sky by cosmic energy. He was not moving and his position hadn't changed but the potential energy within him was increasing rapidly.

Legion-5 spoke. "I feel like I am ascending again. Only weaker."

Soverick observed coolly. "That is a success. It is largely inefficient but you have managed to create Cosmic force."

Legion-7 pointed out excitedly, "This is what we are missing. This is the foundation of power."

Soverick was surprised. He asked uncertainly, "It is?"

He knows of the existence of cosmic force because he has seen its effect in the void universe. But he didn't know it was the foundation of power.

"Yes, it. It is similar to what we experienced. It is the power to change the world. It is the foundation of all forms of power."

Soverick had to agree. "I guess one had to experience it to understand it. It seems power is the ability to change the world without regard for laws and rules. But how much of the world can you change?"

Legion-5 pressed his hand against the world. He tried to push it but it didn't budge. It only rippled slightly. The world rippled in front of him like the surface of a lake. Space and time were distorted in that region but it was smoothened out quickly by the void universe.

They didn't have time to become excited because Legion-5 was smacked in the face by some unseen force. The blow sent him flying and caused him to age visibly.

He has eternal life so the wrinkles disappeared and the weakness in his body was healed. Even so, he felt a residual resistance from the world around him. Just moving around felt more difficult as if friction of the air and ground had suddenly increased.

Legion-5 grumbled, "It seems some things shouldn't be attempted even if you can."

Soverick chuckled, "That's the backlash from the void universe. It doesn't like changes to time."

He shouldn't age since he has eternal life as a Sovereign of law but that backlash sapped him of his time and potential. That's how serious the backlash is.

Legion-5 stood up shakily and complained, "My Will is lacking. If I had a stronger Will I would be able to mobilize more cosmic force."

"You need a world to increase the power of your Will. That means you need the world seed." Soverick stated. "But be thankful that you didn't have enough Will. You also don't have a Supreme law so you would have created too much change and you wouldn't have been able to withstand the backlash. Any more and you could have died. You will need a world to withstand that kind of backlash."

Legion-1 was relieved. "Either way cosmic force will change a lot of things for us."

Soverick doused his enthusiasm, "But we can't control it yet."

Legion-7 is the most excited about the development. He said in anticipation, "We will be able to build the law matrix easier this way. My control of laws has improved tremendously with cosmic force."

Soverick warned them, "But we should be careful with it. We can't withstand the backlash yet. It is a sensitive bomb that can blow up in our face."

Legion-5's anticipation for the world seed increased. "I need to become a world quickly. If I am already this powerful without a world seed, then I can only imagine how powerful I will become with one."

Soverick had to express the warning again, "That's good and all but I recommend that we take things slowly and experiment more with this new power before we raise our hopes."

They are not listening to him. The other clones know to be careful of such a dangerous power but not Legion-5 and Legion-7. They are yearning for it like a rich man who has lost his wealth.

That short experience that they can't remember has changed them in a subtle and unknown way for them to be content with their current weak state of existence. They want to return to that special state where anything is possible.

Cosmic force is a game changer in the very sense of it. It appears to be a force created from the inherent capability of changing the world beyond the power of laws.

It is above divine abilities and concepts. It is like the potential for change. These changes are not ordinary changes like speed and strength but the change in the fundamental aspects of the universe.

A/N: Can you remember when Cosmic force was mentioned in GREED? I'll give you a hint. It has something to do with Ragnarok.

Chapter 1351 Unavoidable Backlash.

Legion has only seen this kind of fundamental change twice. That was when the realm lord froze the plane when he met Legion-7 for a deal. The first time was when Zernon of the Zargoth plane froze his plane. Zernon was still lacking because he only froze space but that is still powerful.

Zernon's ability to do so shows that cosmic force can be wielded with the law of order. But they haven't gone through Zernon's route. They have gone beyond it to achieve something extraordinary.

Time and space of the void universe can be manipulated beyond what is allowed and Will can be made manifest in any manner. Anyone who has ever experienced it would be changed too. If it is a forbidden fruit then it is too late for them to rid themselves of it because they are already addicted.

Legion-5 tried again to wield cosmic force. He didn't try any arbitrary compulsion of the world with it. He focused all the power into the manipulation of space. Space froze around him for a while. Teleportation and movement was banned in the frozen space.

He was marveling at his work when the backlash of the void universe hit him in the face again. The backlash wasn't as heavy as the previous one but he was still pissed.

"What the hell? I didn't even manipulate time?"

Soverick pointed out, "It doesn't matter if you did or not. Any change in the world that is not in line with the rules of the world will receive a backlash. You didn't use the law of space for what you did. You brute force the change so you have to bear the friction and collision with the laws of the void universe."

Legion-5 sobered up. "I didn't use it for up to a second or anything powerful and yet the backlash is this heavy. This thing might kill me if I use it on others."

Soverick almost rolled his eyes. "That's what I have been saying."

Legion-5 still didn't give up though. "There has to be some loophole to this."

Legion is not a stranger to cosmic force since they produce a lot of it through their world engine. The Kickstarter they built is based on the manipulation of cosmic force through the antagonistic reaction between a Supreme law and a world-ender. But they can't control any of it.

Legion-5 on the other hand is lacking in quantity but he has complete control of what little he has. So he believes he can find a way to minimize the backlash.

"I have to find a way to minimize the backlash or I won't even be able to practice with it without being in danger of losing my life."

Soverick advice, "The best idea I can think of is the same thing I figured out about the shard of power. The Shards of power also manipulate cosmic force. That's why it can do almost anything and also why the void universe doesn't like it. We have to find something to bear the backlash. Something like a world fragment with a very powerful law matrix."

Legion-7 agreed. "Now we have more reasons to make the world fragment very powerful. If cosmic force is truly like we think, then it has the potential to be useful in any Universe or any place with different rules. We just have to be able to bear the backlash."

The tree father observed. "It is a pity that we didn't break any rules though. I thought for sure that combining the three paths would lead to something."

Legion-5 thought about it and gave a possible explanation, "It is probably because I am still on the path of perfection. I haven't truly become a world yet. The world seed might change that."

Legion-8 explained, "Besides, you are not the first being in the void universe who is a living world engine. The ancestor of dragons already did that."

"That's true." They all said in agreement.

They thought about Legion-8 and his ancestor. The ancestor of dragons is a creature born at the Supreme Origin god level. He is a creature that sprang forth from the void universe and not from any living entity.

Legion-8 knows him to belong to a class of special individuals called the Primordials. They are a very powerful group with special abilities that go beyond the common sense and all of them were born with the power of Supreme Origin gods without having a Supreme law.

Some of them were born with cosmic force at their direct beck and call. So Legion-5 is not the first to become a living world engine. After all, he used the facsimile of the inner world of the ancestor of dragons to achieve control of cosmic force. It cannot compare to the original inner world of the ancestor of dragons.

Legion-8 continued, "He is too powerful. But I am not hopeless. I have the shard of power and as much cosmic energy as I need. The ancestor for all his greatness had to scavage the void universe for cosmic energy. I am at least better than him in that aspect."

Legion-1 decided, "Let's rest for a while before we tackle the next phase of the world fragment. We need to do our best for it and no matter what, we must expedite Unity."

Soverick suggested, "I will work on Chaos law with Aeternus in the meantime. I am sure the world-ender will give us something useful."

Aeternus agreed, "There is no rush but the sooner I become a demon god the better."

Helios also suggested, "The law of order also needs to be tackled. I feel that there is a lot to be gained from it. Especially in the line of the manipulation of cosmic force. Maybe we will be able to reduce the backlash of the void universe with it."

But Legion-5 shook his head. "Unfortunately, comprehending the law of Order is too dangerous. It is more dangerous than comprehending any supreme law. We would need a concept to protect us to safely comprehend it."

Chapter 1352 Legion-8's Future.

Soverick warned, "Even then, it might not be truly safe. After all, the law of order and the void universe are the foundations of immortality. It will be like fighting water with water."

They know a little about how powerful the Law of order is and they know a lot about how intolerant it is to usurpers. From this, they can come to the conclusion that the law of order won't take kindly to them trying to comprehend it.

Legion-7 said with determination, "All we need is to become Origin gods. Then we will try again. It can't stop us forever."

"I will become an Origin god soon," Ragnarok said. "I will truly become Ragnarok the ender of worlds. I might become the third one of us to become an Origin god. Maybe I should be called Legion-3 then."

Aeternus sneered, "Good for you. I was the second one of us to acquire the equivalent power of an Origin god. By that logic, I should be Legion-2."

The Tree Father stated, "Actually, I was the second one to acquire the equivalent power of an Origin god so I..."

Ragnarok interrupted him, "You don't count. You awake as a Celestial. Besides, you were the very last to wake up. It wasn't even close."

Legion-7 interrupted their bickering, "I will practice building a concept first. The cosmic force will make our concepts perfect. It is a pity that I can only build one for all of you but I can't possess one myself"

They rolled their eyes at that. "You literally eat seeds of power. What are you complaining about?"

"You are talking about practicing with making concepts as if you are doing us a favor and are not doing it to eat them."

Legion-7 didn't bother to defend himself. He is indeed going to eat the concepts they make. Ever since they stumbled on how to make concepts when they failed to start the law matrix they made, it has become his favorite pastime in Legion-1's inner world.

They made Legion-1's second concept and Soverick's eye. Soverick's eye was particularly tricky to make since he prioritized seeing the laws in the concept rather than controlling the laws with his eyes. This was difficult to achieve which led to many failures. Legion-7 couldn't be happier about the failures though. And now, he wants to go and "practice" some more.

Of course, Legion won't stop him from doing so. After all, Legion-7's practice with making concepts is a good thing. It means he will get better at constructing law matrixes. That's important seeing as their requirements for their world fragment have increased with the discovery of cosmic force.

Legion-5 didn't participate in the mental discussion anymore. He was trying to find a way to minimize the backlash of the void universe to cosmic forces. He did find a way and that was to manipulate basic elements without using mana or laws.

Creating fire for example produced very little backlash. But the backlash remained and it increased exponentially over time. It was as if he was climbing uphill with a rock on his back.

It was a good feeling manipulating the world beyond the scope of rules but he had to stop because Soverick discovered that the backlash had far-reaching consequences. Apart from the short-term repercussion of the backlash which is the force that slams into Legion-5, there is also the alienation of the world around him.

The void universe remembers his transgressions so it makes it more difficult for him to use and comprehend laws. This alienation is silent and slow-acting but it affects all of them including the unborn Legion-8 so Legion-5 had to stop practicing with cosmic force.

Without much to do, he joined in the mental conversation. He heard Legion-8 say, "You guys should get stronger quickly and come to help me when I hatch. I am very sure the dragons won't be happy with me. The dragon spirit will be definitely pissed. In fact, it is already moving against me."

That got all of Legion's attention. Legion is very important to them as he represents another way to access cosmic force. They can't lose him so they began planning for the future.

Legion is not at all subdued because of the knowledge of the existence of Primordials. These beings and world gods will be their competitors when the end of the universe arrives and even before then. Primordials are powerful but Legion is not without recourse.

Just like Legion-5 is trying to become something unique by becoming a world god without a supreme law, the whole of Legion is trying to become a unique world god.

In fact, the level of world god is not the limit for them. It is just a step towards perfection. Legion-8 is a good step in that direction so he must not be lost.

They finished their planning which made Legion-5 realize that he couldn't lay about anymore. He has to do his part in securing Legion-8. This starts with collecting his rent and ending the rite of passage.

First, he checked up on what he has achieved recently.

NAME: Agrivo839,371,456A (Legion-5)

RACE: Supreme Beast.

BLOODLINE: Unknown Royal bloodline.

POWER LEVEL: Sovereign Of Law.

PHYSIQUE: Body Of Law (50%).

HP: INFINITE

STAMINA: INFINITE

ENERGY QUALITY: Origin Energy.

ENERGY QUANTITY: 372,789,286

VITALITY: 12,023,501,884

ENDURANCE: 6,672,493,458

STRENGTH: 9,307,293,005

AGILITY: 3,628,437,835

PERCEPTION: 5,547,890,325

SPIRIT: 5,551,011,300

POWER: 112%

AMPLIFICATION: 10,000

DIVINE SENSE (GRADE): 1,000,000,000 (E)

OTHERS

MANA AFFINITY: 85%

LAW AFFINITY: 50%

ELEMENTAL AFFINITY (GRADE): LIFE (DIVINE), DEVOUR (DIVINE), LIGHT (DIVINE), DARKNESS (DIVINE), FIRE (DIVINE), WATER (DIVINE), EARTH (DIVINE), AIR (DIVINE), LIGHTNING (DIVINE), SOUL (DIVINE), TIME (DIVINE), SPACE (DIVINE), CREATION (DIVINE), DESTRUCTION (DIVINE).

DIVINE ABILITIES:

COSMIC DRAGON HEART.

ORIGIN DIAMOND.

SPACE CRYSTAL BUTTERFLY.

TIME WORM.

LIQUID GRAVITON.

SPARK OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

GIANT OF ORDER.

DEMON KING CROWN.

CELESTIAL GODHOOD.

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Chapter 1353 Overly Enthusiastic.

"Impressive." Legion-5 said to himself.

He has achieved all of these without comprehending laws. He has the consumption of copious amounts of life essence purchased with points to thank for this. All the laws they used to fuse his divine ability were based on Legion-7's comprehension. He hasn't used any laws at all.

He can invoke the law matrix of the void universe for the rewards of his own comprehension but he doesn't need them and he doesn't want to draw any attention to himself since he is a young supreme beast who shouldn't be able to comprehend laws in such a short amount of time.

Legion-7 scoffed. "The supreme alliance is impressive for having so much life essence or the poor supreme beasts that you fleeced for points to fund your gluttony are the impressive ones. You are not impressive just because you ate so much."

Legion-5 shrugged. "You are just angry that I didn't give you life essence to eat."

Legion-7 is indeed a little miffed about that but what he said is true. The increase in his stats is all thanks to engorging on life essence. Legion-5 didn't really do any work other than collect rent from the other supreme beasts.

It is impressive that the supreme alliance can provide as much life essence as he can pay for. It is just noteworthy, not important, that Legion-5 didn't give Legion-7 any life essence because it would go to waste on Legion-7.

"I gained several new affinities. That has to count for something." Legion-5 said.

Most of the new affinity is due to an upgraded dragon heart. The dragon heart used to be responsible for only his affinity with the law of lightning which is already a rare affinity in the void universe.

But then they completed the fusion and upgraded it into a Cosmic Dragon Heart. This granted both of them an affinity with destruction, creation, space, and time. Even Legion-8 doesn't have an affinity with space and time. Only Soverick and Legion-1 do.

"No, it does not count. I fused the divine abilities perfectly so it is my credit that you gained more affinities. I am the impressive one."

Legion-5 reminded him, "How impressive can you be? You would have died without me."

Legion-7 had to admit that it was true. But that doesn't mean he has lost the battle for the impressive stats. He said, "You will also die if I die."

That's true too. If Legion-7 dies, all the clones that he has united with all follow. Legion won't die completely because there are still other clones that haven't become one with him yet.

Legion-5 turned his attention to his POWER stat. He has yet to take advantage of the basic amplification of power from his dragon heart because he hasn't spent enough time producing dragon force. If he spent just the time that the fountain of life spent in the Lumen plane, then he would have more than a 112% amplification.

He got these in just a few thousand years. A 100 Origin cycle and the ten million years it contains will be more than enough to make him terrifying.

Dragons get more powerful the older they get. When combined with their eternal life, it makes for a terrifying source of power that can be acquired by sleeping. Even though he is young, he already has a power rating of 10^{14} . That's 10 times stronger than a new and normal Origin god. That's not even counting his special inner world.

They discussed for a while before Legion-5 decided it was time to collect rent from his tenants again. He left his base to go to his neighbor's.

The plane has changed over the years of constant battles. The supreme beasts have become stronger and richer. It has been almost a thousand years since he last collected rent so he is expecting a lot in rent.

He also half expected to be attacked when he came out to demand rent. A thousand years is enough time for people to become impetuous and decide to be resistant to extortion. But the first tenant he met with didn't resist at all. He even smiled at him.

"Welcome, Shadow Of Despair. I have been expecting you. It is good to see you again."

This was the guy that he beat up the first time and took his base. He rebuilt his base and it has gotten much larger. There are several cannons and golems to defend the base. The defense of the base cannot compare to his though. But it is good enough to fill the owner with confidence.

Legion-5 was surprised that the confidence acquired from the cannons was not enough for his neighbor to defy him.

He asked, "Is it really good to see me?"

"Yes, it is. I am so glad that you are here." The supreme beast said ecstatically. "I would like to invite you to come in and have a chat. How about it? I have some delicious native delicacies with me. You won't regret it."

"Is that so?" Legion-5 asked.

If he had eyes, they would be narrowed right now. He smells something afoot. His target of extortion seems overly enthusiastic. He might be overthinking things but he is certain that he won't be entering the base for anything. That's not paranoia. It is being reasonably cautious.

"No, I won't be able to enjoy your delicacies. I am very busy right now." He replied.

"What a pity." The renter said with a little sadness. "Since that is the case, what can I do for you?"

"I want 10 points and 10% of your resources." Legion-5 declared.

"That's quite a lot. You will be taking almost all my savings of points. Please reduce the rent."

Legion-5 said sternly, "Don't test me. You know the drill. I make the demand and you deliver or there will be a reckoning. There is no negotiation."

The Supreme beast said hurriedly, "Yes yes. I will bring the resources over immediately."

Chapter 1354 How To Beat Warriors.

Legion-5 said with disdain, "You better do that."

Then he warned, "And don't play any tricks. Bring out exactly what I asked for and nothing less. My patience has already been pushed to the limit with your attempt to negotiate with me so expect swift punishment if you try me again."

The supreme beast returned to his base and began sending orders. Golems moved about immediately. They brought out carts of resources one after the other. Because there are a lot of resources, it will take time to bring out 10% of it. Legion-5 was willing to wait and act like he didn't know what they were planning.

Their mobilization of troops was secret enough. In fact, they didn't have to try much to keep it from him. But they can't hide the amassment of troops and the mobilization of said troops as soon as he left his base from Legion-7.

He would be naive and foolish to believe that they are bringing those troops over to give them to him. He is neither of those things and he thinks the worst of people so he knows their motive.

Legion-7 chuckled. "These supreme beasts have grown up and become big boys now. They think they can rebel now that they are adults."

Legion-5 didn't mind. He shrugged and said, "I don't have to hold back either too. After all, they are adults now. They aren't kids to be sheltered. It is also good that they are going to gather up as one. I will be able to settle all of them once and end this rite of passage as soon as possible."

Legion-7 agreed. "Yes. Let's end the rite of passage. We need freedom and reduced observation to achieve the next step safely."

Then he advised, "I recommend that we become an Origin god first. That is the best assurance that you won't become corrupted by the world seed. I know I am the one that will bear most of the load of being the world spark but it is better to be safe than sorry."

They are already planning for what they will do when the rite of passage ends. His quest to become a World god without a Supreme law is not finished and it seems the next step on their agenda is to achieve immortality and have a concept to protect their existence from the likely corruption of a world seed.

This precaution is important because every fragment of a realm heart is dangerous. The world seed is not as dangerous as a world spark but its ability to bestow infinite potential for evolution is not a gift if he can't control the evolution. Evolution without direction is mutation. It is random and can be fatal. It is important to at least be able to stop themselves from succumbing to it even if they can't control the world seed.

Meanwhile, things are happening in the background. The supreme beasts noticed when he left his base. They saw a black armored figure leave the base that they had all been watching for years. He looks very different from what they know of him but that didn't stop them from moving into action immediately.

"Quick, quick." They roared. "He is out to steal our hard-earned resources again."

"We will show him that we are not to be taken advantage of without due repercussions."

"We have to be fast. His neighbors can't delay him for much longer."

Every single base still standing began mobilizing their firepower. But he was rushing his current tenant so they are running out of time. He refused to enter the base to chat and eat so they decided not to bring their armies except for the ones that they could carry the army with them like the enslavement class and the one-man army. Instead, they came alone and as fast as possible to stop him. The army will have to join them in battle.

Every Supreme beast in this alliance to stop him flew to his position immediately. They reviewed what they knew about him along the way.

"He is a warrior class. He has exceptional defense and speed. He has the suppression immunity of a dragon heart and the lightning breath that comes with it. He is capable of accumulating his attack to deal a single devastating blow. All in all, he is an exceptional warrior."

"He truly is an exceptional warrior but he is only a warrior. We will use the contingency plan for fighting Warrior class beings. Warriors will hold him down, Positive buffs will enhance our warriors and keep them alive, and negative buffs will create weaknesses in him. The one-man army will harass him and sacrifice their soldiers at critical times to keep us alive and to interrupt his attacks. Finally, scouts will kite him, look for openings, and deal defense penetrating attacks."

"We are counting on you scouts with burst damage. You are our best shot to bring him down. As for the special class, you should hang back and do what you can."

They have accumulated a lot of information about the Shadow of Despair over the years through his fight with the gods. Now they have made plans based on that information.

They are sure that he has changed over the years. They are certain of it considering the amount of points he took from them. He had to have done something with those points, but he is still a warrior, and the warrior class is well understood. If there is a weakness for the warrior class, it will be the scout class.

The scout class can't take a blow from warriors but warriors can rarely hit them either. Scouts on the other hand can deal devastating attacks to warriors. They focus on perception, evasion, speed, and burst damage.

Not all scouts have a high burst damage, but those that do can one-shot an enemy or at least grind them down with a torrent of fast penetrating attacks. This is their major reliance in the upcoming battle.

Chapter 1355 The Able Audience.

They can all agree that a team of enemies with a single person from each class will find it difficult to withstand the Shadow of Despair. But they are not a team of 6 enemies. They have 70 warriors who have become able to venture to the divine plane to harass the Celestials. If they can already match some Origin gods in power, surely they can destroy a single Sovereign no matter how special that Sovereign is.

The invigilator and observers were watching too. The Mechanical Emperor laughed at the sight.

"Look at these fools. On one hand, they have wisened up and they didn't line up to fight him. On the other hand, the fact that they are ganging up on him is enough to make him the best Supreme beast in this rite of passage."

The observer beside him said, "All of them are ganging up on him like he is a boss. He has only exchanged for 6 divine abilities and a lot of life essence. He is not the boss they think he is. All of them have complete 9 divine abilities. I think that they are overreacting."

"It is not their fault." The Mechanical Emperor explained. "He has created a shadow of despair over their hearts so they have to take him seriously. They want to take him down with everything that they have. They might win, but no matter the outcome, he is already on top of them because they had to gang up on him."

"You don't think they will win for sure?" The observer asked incredulously, "I know he has grown stronger. I can feel it and see it but do you really think he can beat 70 Supreme beasts?"

The Mechanical Emperor did a mental shrug. "Beating him and sending him running is easy. But actually eliminating him from the rite of passage is not going to be easy. There is surely going to be a massive loss even if they achieve it. I think so because of the liquid graviton divine ability that he exchanged for."

The observer nodded in understanding. The liquid graviton divine ability is very heavy and very tough. It is a material that can withstand the explosion of a star as long as there is enough Origin energy to replenish itself. It makes Warriors very slow but it makes up for it by making them nearly indestructible. It helps Warriors achieve the epitome of invulnerability that they aim to become.

"The only way to eliminate him is for them to grind him down until he runs out of Origin energy. That means they must not let him enter his base to replenish his energy." The observer said after considering the situation.

"It is going to be a long fight then because he has been staying in his base for hundreds of years. He must have accumulated a lot of Origin energy."

The Mechanical nodded in agreement. "I must say that I quite like this Agrivo839,371,456. He is not like his mentor who tried and failed to eliminate everyone early. Only to resort to explosives. Agrivo839,371,455 had the strength to eliminate them but he allowed the Supreme beasts to develop."

The observer snorted. "He is just smarter than Tanc830,428,723C. He didn't leave them alive because of charity. He used them to gather points without doing the missions. Now it has come to bite him in the ass so maybe he wasn't that smart. He should have eliminated them when he could and monopolized the plane."

The Mechanical Emperor simply smiled and said, "We'll see about that."

Everyone in the plane was paying attention to the mobilization not only the invigilator and observers. The gods of the plane, their guest, the people of the plane, and the other Supreme beasts that had refused to join hands to take on the Shadow of Despair.

One of the supreme beasts watching is a column of white fire. She stopped paying attention to the spread of her soul upheaval disease in the plane to watch this fight.

She is a negative buff class Supreme beast that fused soul fire plus the great divine abilities of metal fire, diseases and plagues, and the undead lord. Those are four main divine abilities of which 3 are great divine abilities.

The other five divine abilities are auxiliary divine abilities. They make the undead that rise from those killed with her disease become stronger than when they were alive instead of weaker. These undeads are actually reinforced with metal so they are durable and more powerful.

What's most peculiar about her disease is that it spreads through memories instead of through air, blood, or contact. That means anyone that has seen an infected will become infected too and anyone that has heard the description of the disease will also get infected.

The clearer the description of the disease they hear, the faster they will be infected. The disease will start to appear on their body first as sores which will reinforce the mental image and hasten its spread.

It is an infection that cannot be stopped or avoided. It can only be resisted. Failure to resist means death. It caused the death of 10% of the whole inhabitants of the plane.

That means only one person was responsible for the death of more than 1 billion people. She is the major reason why the supreme beasts began to attack the divine plane this early. They ran out of enemies to kill.

It is no wonder why this Supreme beast is too proud to gang up on one Supreme beast. But she intends to watch and see how the giant that bullied them will be put down. Then

she will take over his position as the overlord of the plane and collect rent from the others.

She said in anticipation, "Hurry up already and fight. Beat him up so I can beat all of you up."

Chapter 1356 Taking Advantage.

More than pride, she didn't want to join the fight against the Shadow of despair now because she wanted her fellow Supreme beasts and their alliance to suffer. They have been pressuring her and limiting her progress with their alliance so she wants them gone.

She is very dangerous so they wanted to get rid of her. It is only because the cost will be too much that they didn't attack her outright. At least not until they eliminate the Shadow of Despair. But they threatened her in the meantime. She had to keep her disease in check.

She could have disobeyed the alliance and killed more people in the plane but she didn't want to fight them because she is very easy to kill despite her ability to cause the extinction of all life throughout the plane.

She is not a warrior so she is not durable. She a hybrid of a one-man army and a special class that targets every intelligent being. But none of the great divine abilities she assimilated increased her survivability hence why she didn't fight with an alliance of Supreme beasts who know her weakness.

Things will be different when she becomes an Origin god and the threat of death is reduced or when she fuses her several divine abilities so that she can escape into her undead. But that isn't so now. She can't run away or they will destroy her base so she can only suffer under their pressure.

Their hold on her will surely be lost when they attack the shadow of despair and suffer loss. Then she will attack them all at once. They are in the same place so she can eliminate the majority of them and reduce the threat that they have on her.

She is already mobilizing her troops for the battle that will ensue after the Shadow of Despair falls. She is not the only one doing this because she is not alone in this thought. There are several other Supreme beasts aiming to take advantage of the situation. They

want the fight to start and end soon so that they can rush in and reap the benefits. But the fight didn't start early.

The Shadow of Despair ignored his enemies as they assembled. He didn't do anything even after they assembled. Instead, he waited patiently for all of his resources to be sent out from his neighbor. He confirmed that they are really 10% with an Oath to that claim. Then he collected his 10 points.

He said to the tenant, "Very good. You have done well. I know that you are hoping that I will be defeated and your points returned to you but I appreciate your cooperation nonetheless. It is nice doing business with you."

The extorted supreme beasts didn't deny it. But he also didn't address the claim. He said, "It is my pleasure too."

Legion-5 felt amused. "I might return for that chat and delicacy that you offered. I assume I might be thirsty after the work I am about to put in."

The supreme beast chuckled and nodded. "It is likely so. After all, this is the first strenuous work that you are going to do in almost a thousand years now. If you survive it, you are welcome to come and chat with me. In fact, I will serve you hand and foot and fulfill any demands you have concerning food and drink."

He almost said that he would fulfill any of the Shadow of Despair's wishes but he changed it because of the bad feeling he has.

It is easy to promise things and it might look safe to promise servitude since it is unlikely for the Shadow of Despair to survive the beating that is about to come to him. But he stopped himself because he was not so certain about that outcome now that he had met with the Shadow of Despair again.

Others may not know it but he can feel his divine abilities shaking within him. It is as if they want to vibrate and break down. But they can't break down because they are immortal. Even so, he can't activate his divine abilities because of the situation.

He doesn't know why it is so. He would like to believe that it is because he is nervous but he knows that can't be true since he has gained perfect control over his body as a transcendent and perfect control over his concept as a Sovereign of law.

So he suspects that it is the Shadow of Despair's fault. However, he doesn't want to accept that explanation. After all, he has never heard of any divine ability that could cause that.

He might not want to believe it is caused by the Shadow of Despair but he is not going to join in attacking the Shadow of Despair because of this feeling. So he bid farewell to

the Shadow of Despair and ran back into his base. He closed it up, locked it down, and raised up all his defenses. He became a tortoise in a very sturdy shell.

Legion-5 watched him go with a chuckle.

"You scared him." Legion-7 said.

"I didn't mean to. The divine ability of giants of order is too strong. Just its effect due to proximity is enough to render him meek."

"It is good that this rite of passage is about to end. A few more hundred years of you in this plane and this plane will become barren. You might not be able to hide it from the Supreme Alliance anymore."

"Yes. This plane has suffered enough. It is time to end its misery." Legion-5 said.

Legion-7 laughed. "I hope for the plane's sake, you won't end its misery the way Ragnarok put the Lumen plane out of its misery."

That made the two of them laugh. They chatted casually as the workers he sent for carried his resources to his base. He made sure that they were all gone and his bounty safe and secured before he turned to address the colossal elephant in the room.

Chapter 1357 The Fruit Of Preparation.

70 Supreme beasts stood as one in the air while they faced off against him. Their position was not random. They were obviously in some formation of some sort.

He noticed that the first line was made of warriors with defensive features. Behind them are millions of soldiers of various types created or summoned by the one-man army. This line is also surrounding him right now. The other Supreme beasts have scattered themselves amongst the soldiers so it will be difficult to single them out and kill them.

He said to them, "I hope for your sake that you have come to me to hand over your rent together and do me the favor of shortening my work."

It is clear that they are here to fight him. The soldiers were already surrounding him so he didn't need to ask. But he asked and they replied. They deployed their domains on him.

Their powerful divine sense spread into the world to take control of it. They couldn't control the world but they were easily able to control more world power through it. They were also able to burden him with the power of their mind to deprive him of world power.

That is as good as any answer about their intentions. He felt the world freeze around him in an attempt to slow him down and weaken him but he just chuckled. Then he deployed his domain in retaliation.

Or he tried to deploy his domain. It didn't work. His inner world refused to cast its influence into the world.

His confidence took a hit when he tried to deploy his domain. This is the first time he will be using it since he became a Sovereign so the resistance of the law matrix around him was unexpected.

"What is going on? Why is the law matrix antagonizing me?"

Legion-7 answered, "I don't know. But it seems the void universe doesn't want you to use your domain."

He groaned. "This fight is going to be difficult without a domain."

Legion-7 declared, "It might be the fault of the crown of Chaos and not the law matrix. After all, demons don't have domains."

"It might also be the Celestial godhood. It is not compatible with the path of perfection." He thought to himself in displeasure.

"The good news is that you definitely won't need to create your own supreme law to become a world god."

The supreme beasts aren't going to let him delay any longer. The Warriors swarmed him. He is on the ground so they had to fly down to attack him. He did it on purpose to somewhat limit the directions that attacks will come from.

A black hole opened on his helmet and a torrent of concentrated lightning was ejected from his face. This is his concentrated dragon breath. It is so concentrated that the lightning is in the plasma state.

The torrent that came out of his face was white and silent. The tiny torrent expanded and exploded in front of him. It rose high like a tide made of violent white energy meant to drown out his enemies. It is a gift that he has been brewing for many years.

A warrior stood out from the rest. This warrior didn't try to defend against the attack. She bore the full attack with her whole body. Her arms were spread wide as the attack washed over her.

Strangely enough, the attack didn't hurt her. The tide of energy more than 100 meters tall fell on her and into her. It collapsed at the point of contact with her and entered her body. It was as if she was swallowing the attack.

It was an impressive feat. Her actions protected everyone behind her. But she reached her limit soon. It was then that the others stepped in to help her. She has bought them enough time to defend themselves and they did so by attacking what remained of his dragon breath.

Their attacks were like stones sinking into an ocean. They were swallowed because they couldn't resist his dragon breath. However, their efforts managed to destabilize the dragon breath before it overwhelmed her. The dragon breath exploded impotently before them instead of amongst them.

The attack exploded into a ring of fire. It boiled the air and the mana it contained. The shockwave caused by the superheated air alone killed tens of thousands of soldiers who were too close to the explosion.

The rampant wave of energy radiation that followed was more deadly. All the supreme beasts had to resist it with their divine sense and world power. It took all their combined might for them to survive it.

"We would have been wiped out if we hadn't prepared for his accumulated attack." They thought to themselves in fear.

A single attack of his and they could have died. But they didn't die because they were prepared for it. They had yet to sigh in relief when he struck again. He passed through the center of the explosion to strike the warrior who defended against his attack.

She defended herself. Her arms were crossed in defense against his punch. But that didn't stop her from flying backward and smashing into everything behind her as she was sent out of the battlefield.

Her speed of exit was so fast that it was after she was gone that the sound of the punch whistling through the air and striking her was heard. It was the sound of thunder followed by an almost inaudible groan of pain.

The rest moved into action immediately. A hole had appeared in their formation because of that punch but they were quick to rectify it.

"Quick, unleash the accumulated attacks."

They didn't only plan to neutralize the accumulated attack that the Shadow of Despair is famous for, they also prepared their own for him. They are using them now that he is so close to them.

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Legion-5 stomped in the air and his figure flashed. He was shooting forward to enter their formation when he suddenly stopped as if he had struck an invisible obstacle. Whatever they hit him with seemed to have worked.

It felt like an invisible mud monster. The force that blocked him was wet and slimy. It attached to his body and burdened him. It slowed him down and even wanted to drag him down to the ground.

But he shrugged off the force and continued moving forward. Whatever it was, it washed over his armor like water on oil. Next came the targetted curses and weakness buffs that they had brewed for years for just him. Those struck him head-on and froze him again.

Next came the pure damage attacks. They are all energy attacks like his. They have prepared for years for this moment and now they bombarded his frozen figure from every direction. He couldn't dodge them at all.

They could have used these energy attacks one after the other for maximum efficiency but they used all they had to break through his defense once and for all. That is the best way to ensure effectiveness against a warrior. If they can't break through his defense, then it is useless.

The deluge of attacks created an explosion. Another mushroom cloud rose at this point. The plane shook again as the earth quaked. People stumbled and some bent down hugging their heads and hoping that the world wouldn't end.

The sound of thunder rang out because of the explosive shockwaves. It destroyed the eardrums of many people while the blast of light and heat blinded and destroyed weak things it touched.

The location of the fight is at the center of this explosion so it has become hazy and the ground has cratered. Still, the fight hasn't ended.

The supreme beasts hid behind their shields while the positive buff class tried to keep the warrior close to the explosion alive with their accumulated buffs.

It was a difficult task because the fallout of the explosion alone had taken the skin and some tissues off of many warriors. Many of them are just hanging on for dear life so they require a vast amount of healing.

"That should do it. If he is not dead yet, then he should not be far from it."

Another said with a chuckle, "All we need to do now is grind him down. And that's if he somehow manages to survive that."

The person that spoke last tried to chuckle but the chuckle was awkward because no one was in the mood to laugh or be amused. If the Shadow of Despair does survive then it will not be a laughing matter at all.

They were all nervous waiting for the result of their efforts. All their attention was focused on the locus of the explosion.

They waited and didn't rush forward to attack him because the zone around him was a death zone of corrosive ionized matter and deadly radioactive energy. Anything in such an environment is going to be attacked over and over again.

They can't even use their divine sense to perceive what's going on in this zone. It is certain that even if the Shadow of Despair is not dead, this place will remain dead for an Origin cycle to come.

They didn't hear anything from the death zone. There was only silence which they hoped would continue forever. But they saw a shadow move from the ash-saturated superheated air above the death zone.

Someone warned with a shout of fear, "He is still alive."

The Shadow Of Despair is alive. He flew out of the death zone and rose to the sky. They couldn't believe what they saw. His body was still intact. And worse than that, the little injuries on his armor were healing as they watched.

It was obvious to them that not only did he survive, but even his defenses had not been broken yet.

Legion-5 asked them calmly, "Do you feel it yet?"

His tone was calm but his voice washed over them like a hot liquid that burns and freezes the burns. Some of them shivered because of it. It is unbecoming of Sovereigns of law to behave like that but Legion-5 is an entity that has left a shadow in their heart.

He asked them again, "Do you feel it rising within you?"

No one answered which made him shake his head in disappointment. He is honestly impressed with what they have achieved. They gave it their all and managed to make him freeze.

They achieved this mostly because even though he is very powerful, he is in a state of balance between order and Chaos. The negative buffs shifted that balance and made him freeze.

Even so, it is impressive that achieved it. After all, that is the only weakness that he has and they were able to exploit it.

That is something they ought to be proud of. As for the rest of their attacks, the best they managed to achieve with that was to tickle him. If the attacks were not concentrated in the first place, they wouldn't have managed to tickle him at all.

"You have done well. But do you feel it?" He asked them again and this time he took a step towards them.

They couldn't help but take a step back from him. That feeling he was asking about began to rise faster within them because of his sudden movement. It is because they understood at this point that this fight would not end well for them even if they won. That's if they win.

Legion-5 laughed. His laughter of derision seemed to have woken them up from their nightmare.

"Attack!" Someone roared.

The Warriors stepped forward to do their duty again. Legion-5's voice rang in their mind with a sigh. "It seems it is not enough."

Chapter 1359 Let It Drown You.

Then he took another step forward and he disappeared. He didn't become invisible. He just moved so fast that they lost track of him.

They don't know how he did it. All they know is that he suddenly has a supreme beast in his grasp. This Supreme beast was far behind the warriors and hidden within the army. So it is understandable why he is shocked and surprised that he landed in one of Legion-5's four arms.

"Do you feel it yet?" Legion-5 asked the helpless Supreme beast.

His voice was like the call of death. The supreme beast he was choking didn't answer. He tried to resist but both his divine sense and all his divine abilities did not respond.

Even his mind seemed to be unraveling. It was simply because Legion-5 was touching him.

Legion-5 encouraged him, "Feel it. Let it drown you. Lose all hope."

The supreme beast began to evaporate in his grasp. His existence was unraveling into its basic components in the hands of the Shadow of Despair.

"Let the shadow of despair swallow you up and bring you to peace."

The surrounding enemies weren't just watching him. They were attacking him with everything they had. But most energy attacks didn't reach him before they were unraveled.

They are not the accumulated and concentrated attacks that they used earlier so they can't withstand the power of order spreading out from him.

Only physical attacks can touch him at this point. But any attacker or attack that gets close to him might bear more damage than they can manage to inflict on his armored figure.

The supreme beast in his hand didn't dissolve completely. He cried out in pain for a while but he was ultimately saved by the Mechanical Emperor. Legion-5 could have prevented the teleportation that whisked away his prey from his hand but he didn't.

"How lucky," Legion-7 said. "I wanted to see what it felt like to have your existence disintegrate."

Legion-5 agreed. "Supreme beasts are truly lucky. I am one of them so I too am.."

He was already shooting towards another target but he was interrupted by an attacker. Someone glowing in bright white light collided with him in the air. He grasped the punch meant for his face so he was not harmed. But then something exploded in his face.

The explosion washed over him and took a layer out of his armor. It was an attack far more powerful than the combined attack that struck him earlier.

The explosion was so powerful that his scales broke and layers of his white armor turned to ashes. However, it regenerated instantly with the use of his time rewind divine ability. He didn't use Origin energy to regenerate because he didn't want to underestimate this person.

He was ultimately unscathed but the shockwave of lightning and thunder that the explosion caused harmed the enemies around him though. It was like a rolling cloud of death. Everyone it touched was saved immediately by the Mechanical Emperor. They couldn't resist the attack at all.

Only Legion-5 and the person who just attacked him remained in the vicinity of the explosion. The explosion had cleared out their surroundings of enemies and created a ring of space around the two of them.

The smoke of the explosion cleared to reveal his pristine armor and the expressionless face on his armored head.

"Interesting." Legion-5 observed. "You must be the one that blocked my attack earlier."

She didn't say anything. The space between them suddenly became charged with power and energy. Then a torrent of plasma lightning exploded out of her into him. He was struck at point blank and sent flying.

It was the same attack as the previous one. It was very powerful and very concentrated. He struck the ground in a sorry state but the attack didn't let him go. It fell on him even as he hit the ground.

The attack struck him and the ground in equal proportion. It sought to eradicate him and the ground. The ground was shaved to form a crater filled with lava. Even the lava evaporated until only a bowl-shaped deep depression in the earth was left.

This time the attack damaged the supreme beast army more than before. Another death zone was created but it was in the midst of the supreme beasts so a lot of their manpower died. The warrior that struck him looked at everything in the air while struggling not to pant.

"Did I get him?" she asked hopefully.

She got her answer soon enough. There was a chuckle from the depth of the crater. The bottom of the crater cannot be seen due to the cloud of ash-saturated superheated air obscuring sight and the radioactive energy around it that is destroying divine sense. But his divine sense was unharmed.

His divine sense spread outwards so his chuckle appeared in everyone's mind and helped them to determine the situation at the bottom of the crater.

The female warrior said to him, "Do you remember me now weirdo?"

There has only been one Supreme beast to call him a weirdo so he surely remembered her.

She continued proudly, "You said that I should prepare myself for a beating the next time I meet you. I did more than that. How do you like my preparation now?"

Legion-5 chuckled. "Very interesting. My own attack was used against me. Isn't that the power reflection divine ability? How adorable."

The attack she struck him with twice was his super-

concentrated dragon breath. She had absorbed it earlier when he attacked them with it. Then he punched her away. She returned and used his own attack against him now.

She thought it was a good move so she didn't like Legion-5 call it adorable. So she frowned in displeasure.

"You don't think it is adorable? That's unfortunate. I only consider it adorable because its weaknesses are glaring."

A/N: What are the weaknesses of the power reflection divine ability? There are at least two that I have shown.

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It took a while but Legion-5 finally came out from the new zone of death. He was delayed because he couldn't bend space within the death zone. His accumulated dragon breath is that powerful.

His enemies were there to welcome him. They had him surrounded on all sides. It would have been imposing had they not been full of trepidation.

This time, they couldn't deny the feeling of despair when he asked them about it again.

"Do you feel it now? It is creeping forward slowly but surely. It comes when hope fails. I bring it forward as sure as day. For it is despair and it is my shadow."

They didn't attack him because they knew that most attacks would fail to pass through the death zone. The plasma lightning attack is that powerful. Even its leftover destroys everything. They can only wait for him to come out before they attack again. But they were preparing for him during the wait.

"We must be close now. We are almost there." Someone said in hope.

They have to believe it or give up. Their courage rose as if fought back the despair. But then he disappeared from their sights and their hearts fell.

He was already attacking someone by the time they found him. They found his position readily when thunder boomed behind them. As they looked, someone was almost smashed to pieces with a punch. They weren't because they were saved at the last moment, but they did lose half of their body.

They were fast to react but he was already on top of someone else by the time they moved to corner him. Another person fell victim to the collision of their body with a fist as heavy as a mountain moving at a speed that sound couldn't catch up to.

Their siege is useless to someone who can surf space. He moved again with a single step and he appeared at the edge of the battlefield beside a supreme beast. He struck them with a punch.

It was a simple punch but it wasn't so simple to the recipient of his generosity. To them, something cold doused them. It froze them up. Their minds slowed down and their consciousness became stagnant. Whatever divine ability they had flickered and turned off.

World power had also stopped responding to them. They became as weak and helpless as lambs. So they looked on with confusion and fear as his fist smashed into them.

They did nothing to defend themselves. It was not because they didn't want to do anything. It was because they couldn't. They had to watch on and allow themselves to be punched. Then they were teleported away and eliminated. He would then disappear to find another target.

"This is almost too easy." Legion-5 thought to himself.

If not for the Mechanical Emperor, he would need more than a single punch to eliminate the supreme beasts. But the mechanical emperor deemed it too dangerous for them to continue fighting after a punch so he saved them. It made eliminating them require less work on Legion-5's part.

The major reason why they can't stand against him is because they are not warriors who can withstand massive amounts of damage and they don't have bodies of law so they are incredibly fragile compared to generic Sovereigns who went through the level of titan of law.

They don't have the innate resistance of a body of law so their control of world power is also weak and they can't withstand the dissolution of order around them.

Not only did he ignore the warriors, but he also ignored the soldiers of the armies or enslaved animals and targeted only their masters, the Supreme beasts, to great effect.

Fighting the soldiers is just a waste of time. It is better to remove the source of the one-man army once and for all. If he can't do that, then he would rather remove the vulnerable positive buff, negative buff, and special class from the fight.

Meanwhile, all their energy attacks be they from divine power or world power can't touch him because of the dissolution of order. He is immune to their curses and special attacks.

What's worse is that even their existence is not safe from it either. They lose control of their concepts whenever he gets close to them. It has made easy pickings of them. Each movement of his leads to the elimination of a supreme beast. And he is fast so he will eliminate all of them in less than a minute at this rate.

The supreme beasts tried to stop him. They had some success too. A warrior with a dragon heart and a divine ability to freeze space deployed his domain and combined it with his divine ability when things started looking bad for them.

The suppression locked down space but it also slowed down everyone else. This is a domain meant to counter fast scouts but it is being used against a warrior.

The domain stopped Legion-5 from warping space which is a success. But it didn't stop his advance. The suppression couldn't freeze because of his dragon heart. He was like a bull breaking through every obstacle. He might have slowed down, but he was still capable of bringing an enemy too close to death with a single punch.

He is already immune to suppression and he could be immune to the space lock if he used cosmic force. But he didn't use cosmic force because it was just a fight with kids. It wasn't worth it to expose such a secret. Besides, the backlash of using it would hurt him more than his enemies can manage.

However, the domain stopped him from hopping around so they could surround and restrict him which they did next. They fell on him and buried him with their bodies. He has finally been subdued.