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Tempest sneered at her. It didn't show on the face of her divine body so she was able to lie with a straight face. "Don't worry. As I said, I only came for the 9 Crowns. I'll be out of your hair as soon as I get what I want."

She is already thinking about what she will do after her special weapon returns. She is confident of its return because she was able to defend herself against the 9 Crowns

attack. That means her Authority is greater than his.

That means his true body won't be able to resist the golden spear and will die. Then his altar will be destroyed, and he won't be able to resurrect in a long time.

She took a great risk coming here with the divine weapon. It is a risk that might lead her to losing such a powerful weapon. But she couldn't give up on getting the 9 Crowns reward. After all, if the reward for merely being the first Godling is so good, the reward for being the first true god must be better. So she took the risk.

It was as she had said, she already knew the location of the base of the 9 Crowns because Tempest came to her with that information. This was before the divine council that occurred earlier today.

Tempest had heard about her bounty looking for the 9 Crowns, but she had been resistant about helping a god as powerful as her. After all, she knew what the danger of having such a powerful god become her enemy could lead to. It wasn't difficult to imagine because she was doing the same thing to the godlings close to her territory.

So she didn't want Crystal Hoard anywhere near her territory. Unfortunately, 9 Crowns pushed her to desperation until she was willing to have such a dangerous god as any. It was then that they decided to plan an ambush for when the 9 Crowns will come and it seemed to have worked.

Crystal Hoard had only wanted to confirm the information she got from Tempest earlier today when she announced that she was looking for information on the 9 Crowns at the divine council. She didn't expect that the 9 Crowns himself would swindle her right in front of everyone. It is just one of the many sacrifices that she has had to make in her pursuit of him. This ambush cost them a lot. The ambush itself was easy to set up since Tempest and the traitor God knew each other in the void universe. But the rest of their preparations had been expensive to make.

Crystal Hoarder had possessed her Oracle and waited for hours and was prepared to wait for days, so that she would be able to protect herself and make the first move as soon as possible.

Now all they have to do is rush to the location of the 9 Crowns' Oracles and kidnap them. That way, they will be able to force him to do their bidding when he eventually resurrect.

The weapon is called god killer but it won't kill the god permanently. Not when their Oracle is still alive. She will still have to do some things to make his death permanent.

According to her estimate, with the 9 Crowns' altar destroyed, he would be respawned at the divine investiture. But that will take at least a week because it is not his altar resurrecting them. That is more than enough time to get his Oracles.

She is sure her plan has worked out. All she is waiting for is for the spear to return to her. Then she will venture into his territory and take his Oracle without any issue.

The spear will return as long as the 9 crowns is dead. That should have happened so the spear should return anytime soon.

But the spear didn't return soon. What occurred was that 3 other orc true gods arrived. Crystal Hoard saw them from afar. Their presence made her frown. She turned to her accomplice and asked, "Who are they?"

Tempest looked at the 3 clones and said, "I have never seen them before."

Crystal Hoard asked, "Who are you?"

"Our identity is not important. We are here to help the 9 Crowns."

"It seems you are not confident enough to share your name. That's good. It means you are wary of me. Here's another good thing. We don't have to fight. I can pay you double whatever the 9 Crowns has offered you.

She is negotiating because she is waiting for her God killing weapon. Without golden light, even if she wins, she will only destroy the avatars of the three gods. But if she loses, she will lose her Oracle.

It wasn't in her plan to fight 3 true gods after fighting the 9 Crowns and it certainly wasn't in her plan for golden light to take so long to return. So she wouldn't mind if the negotiation actually diffuses the enmity with the three true gods.

However, her hopes were dashed. The three of them were not tempted by her offer. The fingers of the 3 true gods lit up with the cold white light of a Divine Strike.

Crystal Hoard was enraged but she retaliated. Her finger lit up too and she attacked them. She was afraid she was too late in reacting, but that wasn't so. The strange thing is that even though she was late to attack, her attack was the first one to fly forward.

Her face lit up when she noticed this detail. She thought to herself, "It seems they were only trying to scare me. They didn't want to attack. But this good too. I have taken the initiative."

If one of the avatar dies, that will leave two. She and Tempest will have a better chance against the remaining two.

Unfortunately this didn't happen. The 3 clones were indeed trying to scare her. She fell for their ruse when she attacked first. They attacked as soon as she attacked.

A/N: Bonus chapter for Hansroy Nielsen. If you haven't read DESTINY GAMES, please check it out.

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The 3 clones attacked Crystal Hoard at virtually the same time. It looked like they attacked the same time because the interval between the moment they attacked was too short.

3 divine strikes flew towards her. They also used Insight to confirm her identity.

NAME: Dancing Feet (Possessed)

AGE: 23(50)

FAITH: Crystal Hoard (Fanatic)

CLASS: Oracle

SUB-CLASS: Priest

TIER: 0

LEVEL: 100

HP: 40/40

CONSTITUTION: 4

STRENGTH: 4

VITALITY: 4

SPEED: 4

SPIRIT: 84

FAITH: 100

MANA: 1%

ABILITIES: EYES OF FAITH, INSIGHT, SPIRIT COMMUNICATION, TREASURE SENSE. DIVINE SPELLS.

STATUS: Happy And Fulfilled.

Crystal Hoard not only has more Authority than them, but she is also a God king with a boost to her Authority so their attacks are bound to fail to bypass her defense. That's why they let her attack first.

One of the avatars was struck with her attack. Its divine shield crumbled as expected. The avatar winked out immediately.

As for their attacks, the first attack was blocked by her shield. The second one was also blocked. But the barrier broke. This is because it had become weakened from the first attack.

Crystal Hoard had rolled and dodged as soon as she attacked. But the three attacks didn't miss her. The following two would have missed her had they been created at the same time as the first. But they weren't. They was a slight delay that ensured that the following attacks were made after she moved so they trailed her position.

This was out of her expectations, but she still reacted. She tried to create a new shield. Unfortunately, she has to wait for a second after her first divine spell to use another one.

There is a cooldown between each use of divine spells. While divine spells can be cast nearly instantly, a god won't be able to use another until after a second. This can create quite the problem if the god was the first one to attack.

This meant her Oracle became open to the 3rd attack. It was struck without a shield to protect it. So it went up in smoke and ashes immediately.

The death of the Oracle was not in vain. One of the avatars had been defeated. That left Tempest and two remaining avatars.

Tempest had attacked later than Crystal Hoard, and her attack had been blocked by the shield of the avatar she attacked. That was proof that she couldn't win this fight on her own.

She would need other helpers who could plan and attack in perfect synchronicity with her in order to defeat them. These strict requirements had to be met, or her helpers would be divided instead of working together as one.

She didn't have these kinds of helpers, so the two clones didn't attack her. She relaxed a little when she saw that they didn't attack her.

She said to them, "We can talk about this. I'm sure we can come to an arrangement."

The fingers of the two lit up immediately. They said to her, "Disband your Pantheon and join up with the 9 Crowns' Apocalypse Pantheon."

Her face fell, and the glowing eyes of her Oracle flickered. She said, "Anything but that." One of the clones said, "We will ask you one last time. Consider your answer carefully and use the information that this request is what the 9 Crowns paid us for to influence your decision-making. We have to meet this request at all costs. We have signed the divine contract, so there can't be any negotiation."

The other clone also insisted, "Disband your Pantheon and join the Apocalypse Pantheon now."

She didn't reply. She was struggling to make a decision.

They decided to urge her. "You have 10 seconds to make a decision. You have used 3 seconds already."

She asked them, "Will I be allowed to become a domain god?"

Joining a Pantheon is not something to be taken lightly, if only for the fact that leaving it is not easy. One will have to pay an exit fee. In her situation, she had set the exit fee for her pantheon at 100,000 divinity.

This exit fee is not something she can change at anytime, even as the god king. She will need the consent of the other gods when they are about to join her pantheon or when they are already in the pantheon. But like right now, the consent can be forced.

So if she doesn't want her gods to leave, she can make things difficult for them. That means if the 9 Crowns doesn't want her to leave the Apocalypse Pantheon, he too can make things very difficult for her.

Not only that, a god in the Pantheon has to tell their believers about the god king. They have to let them know that there is a god above them. It must be in their religious text and be depicted in religious murals. So if she joins the 9 Crowns' Pantheon, all of her believers will know that she is just a surbordinate god.

Not only will that damage her prestige, it will also funnel her believers to the god king. That way the god king will gain an advantage in numbers of believers and the boost from the title of god king. It will become even more difficult to challenge the god king and win. These are things to consider seriously if she won't be able to leave the pantheon easily. Not that she has much of a choice. So she decided to consider the bright side of this proposition. She thought to herself, "At least they are not going to kill me permanently. As long as I can become a domain god, I can suffer any injustice."

Joining a Pantheon isn't completely a bad thing. At least it is not supposed to be. There are many benefits to be had by those in a pantheon other than the god king. The other gods in the pantheon gain the ability to descend to the mortal realm through the altars of other gods in the Pantheon. This way they can always help each other.

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There are other benefits, none of which she has enjoyed because she has been the only one in her Pantheon. So she is not losing much by giving up on it. What she cares about more than her Pantheon is the ability to acquire a domain. It is after all what every god came to this world to acquire. If she can't get it, then she is willing to lose her last Oracle now and try to find another means of survival.

Legion considered the question and replied, "You can become a domain god anytime you want. The 9 Crowns won't ask you to limit your growth. But you have to tell him when you acquire information about a domain and you have to sell any extra domain you have to him."

She replied, "Alright. I have disbanded my Pantheon. I will await the 9 Crowns request to join his Pantheon."

Their faces fell as they said, "Don't lie to us. You haven't disbanded your Pantheon."

She insisted, "I have."

One of the avatars said, "We have our methods to know if you have disbanded your Pantheon or not. So we know that you are lying to us. But we will give you another chance. You have 5 seconds. You either disband your Pantheon or we kill you now. We don't have time to waste with you."

She thought that the 9 Crowns was dead, so she was hoping to bluff his helpers. After all, if he is dead, then there is no way for him to send the request to her. Only if he is alive would he receive the notification that she is already in a Pantheon anytime he sends the request to her.

Now she doesn't know what to think. She suspects that these two are bluffing her. It is either that or the 9 Crowns is still alive. She thinks the latter is unlikely, but it will explain why the golden spear hadn't returned after it was thrown.

She decided not to take the risk and disbanded her Pantheon immediately. She was hesitant because it had cost her 10,000 divinity to create it. That is a lot of divinity to lose at once, but she had to let it go. It was better to lose that than her Oracle.

She was surprised when she got the request to join the Apocalypse Pantheon immediately. Her face fell when she saw it. She didn't know what to think.

She thought to herself, "How is he not dead? Did Crystal Hoard lie to me? But for what?"

One of the clones urged her, "What are you waiting for? We don't have all day."

That question jarred her from her thoughts. She accepted the request and became a subordinate god of the 9 Crowns.

The two of them knew immediately she agreed. They nodded and said to her, "Continue your work here. Keep these Oracles hostage. But let their gods become true gods as soon as possible and join the Apocalypse Pantheon."

Then they turned and left. It is the best that they can do, even though they want to do more. They want to punish the traitor for betraying them, but unless they can meet him in the void universe, they will have to be content with making things difficult for him and Tempest in other subtle ways.

They messaged the traitor privately and assured him that they would keep to their promise. They didn't lie about that. His Oracle has indeed been freed by Tempest. Now he is a free god.

According to the divine contract, he hasn't betrayed them. That means they have to fulfill their own side of the bargain, which is to free his Oracle from Tempest. But the Oracle didn't say anything about coercing him to join their Pantheon or making things difficult for him after he has done that.

They can have fun by telling Tempest to try and wipe out his religion after she lets go of his Oracle. That way the two traitors can make things difficult for each other in God's Domain while being friends in the void universe.

They don't have to do much to make his situation worse than a kidnapped Oracle. Unfortunately, they don't care about the pleasure they can gain from torturing him as much as the power they can gain from him. So they will settle with stealing his believers while he has to watch as their subordinate.

In the meantime, the two avatars joined up with the four other avatars that were hiding in wait. They disabled their avatars and remade them in their territory. Then they went on to harass the two true gods on the right side of their territory.

Those true gods have been able to resist all along because only one avatar came to trouble them and they could reinforce each other quickly as they are in the same Pantheon. But Legion is going all out now.

They don't want to waste time anymore. Either those gods become their subordinates or they can lose their Oracles, priests, and believers in droves. They don't intend to waste words, time, and divine energy to persuade the two of them anymore. Besides, they have something else that is very important and difficult to deal with right now.

---In The Divine Realm.

Legion-9 was keeping down the golden spear. It wants to fly away either to wreck havoc or return to its master, but they are restricting its freedom.

It is not an easy job at all. It has only been a minute, but they have spent 6,000 divine energy on keeping it still. It costs them 100 divine energy every second to keep it captured. So one might say that even though it is not moving, it is slowly killing Legion-9.

He has a little over 10,000 divine energy, so he can keep it still for 100 seconds or 1 minute 40 seconds before he has to let it go or die trying. Even with the help of the other clones, the best they can do is 14 minutes before the spear kills them all.

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Legion-9 couldn't believe it. He said, "This is clearly an abomination of a weapon. Why is it so strong?"

The angel confirmed his suspicions, "It is because its owner is stronger than you."

But that only gave him more questions. He said, "So this is what an Authority weapon is capable of. How did she get such a weapon?"

There's eight of them still alive and one Crystal Hoard. They should have more divine energy than her, but her Authority is stronger than them individually. They have been able to curtail the spear at the expense of copious amounts of divine energy, but their problems with it are far from over.

Legion-2 said, "At this rate, it will kill us before we can steal it."

Legion-9 chuckled and said, "It killed Legion-1 with one strike and will kill the rest of us in 14 minutes. Unless our believers can provide 100 faith every second and we can convert it with enough divine crystals, we will die just by holding on to it. What a joke."

Legion-3 refused to give up. "It is too powerful to give up. If we can't have it, then we must destroy it."

They had asked their angel how to subdue the weapon and make it theirs, but it said it didn't have any information about that. They had been frustrated with it because it was the same reply it gave them when they asked about how to forge Authority weapons or how Crystal Hoard got the weapon in the first place.

Legion-4 suggested, "Maybe we should use it to get some ransom from Crystal Hoard. She has been requesting for communication for a while. I bet she is anxious."

Legion-3 insisted, "Anxious or not. We can't let her get back this spear. It is too dangerous."

Legion-2 said, "We don't need to give it to her. We can just lie about giving it to her while we get something from her."

Legion-5 shrugged and said, "I doubt it will work, but we can try it out."

Legion-9 reminded them, "I'm dying over here. Whatever we decide, we must decide in 13 minutes."

With that decision made, they decided to hear Crystal Hoard out. She had been terribly anxious, but she didn't show any of that when they finally spoke with her.

She said calmly and with confidence, "So you are still alive. Consider me impressed. Tell me, how did you do it? Was it your reward for being the first true God?"

Legion-2 asked, "What do you want?"

She snorted in displeasure. "It is not your fault. It is my fault for miscalculating. You have won this time around, so you can feel cocky all you want. But you can forget about stealing my spear."

Legion-2 offered magnanimously, "I am not a thief. How about I buy it from you?"

She roared in reply, "Never. You can forget about having it. I will never hand it over. It will either belong to me or it will be destroyed. No one can have it."

Legion-3 muttered to himself, "That is something we can agree on."

Legion-2 didn't say that. Instead, he said, "You have no choice in the matter. The spear is in my hands, and I can do whatever I want with it. Now, unless you have an offer to make, you should shut up and stop wasting my time."

She calmed down too. She even became smug and said, "1,000 divinity. No more, no less."

Legion-2 asked incredulously, "Do you think I am a fool?"

She remained smug as she replied, "I don't think you are a fool. But I know that you can't use the spear, and you have to keep using Divine Energy to suppress it. I don't know how you and your helpers have managed to hold on until now, but I don't think you can last for much longer."

"It is only a matter of time for you to run out of divine energy. At that time, my spear will return. So you either take the 1,000 divinity now or lose it completely."

She felt very confident in her conjecture. The fact that the 9 Crowns decided to contact her is proof that they can't steal her divine weapon. If they can't, then they must be trying to get benefits another way. That means she hasn't lost the initiative completely.

She advised them, "Don't try to take it out to find someone with greater Authority than mine to refine. Not only am I at the top of the Authority ranking with the highest Authority in Gemmis, I will also be able to sense my weapon immediately you leave the safety of your hotel."

She smiled and said smugly, "You have no more cards to play. Take the 1,000 divinity and hand over my divine weapon."

Legion-2 thought about it and decided to agree. "Alright. I will send someone to meet you to collect the 1,000 divinity. I will hand over the spear after I have confirmed the divinity."

She chuckled and said, "I have an even better idea. Let's do the transaction through the altar. Let the divine realm handle the exchange. This way, you won't be cheated. Don't worry. I will take care of the 5% transaction fees. I will add an extra 50 divinity so you don't suffer any loss."

Legion-2 chuckled then. He said, "You are good. You're not bad at all. But you have forgotten that we can destroy the weapon if we can't have it."

She refuted him immediately, "It is you that is mistaken. I haven't forgotten anything. I would rather the weapon be destroyed than you have it. So your choices are to destroy it and gain nothing or to return it to me and gain 1,000 divinity."

Legion-2 cut off the communication channel with a heavy heart. Not only is 1,000 too small, they can't give their enemy back the weapon that she used to kill them.

He sighed and said, "Fine, let us destroy it."

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The other clones nodded grimly. Then they turned towards their newly created altar. It is the best way they know to destroy a weapon. This way they will be able to get something after the weapon has been scrapped.

They need all they can get, if only to upgrade their new altar. The old one and all the upgrades they had done to it to increase the amount of prayers that it could hold have all gone to waste.

They will have to spend more divine crystals to increase the capacity of the new one, and they will have to spend divinity to shorten the resurrection time. So they were hoping that the golden spear will produce some rare material after it has been scrapped to make up for their losses.

They weren't sure it would work since this divine weapon is clearly different from the other types of weapons they have acquired from gods who dropped them after dying. So their eyes lit up when they saw that their altar accepted the divine weapon.

The spear sank into the black cube with golden runes on it. This cut off Crystal Hoard's access to the spear immediately. The golden spear still isn't theirs, but they don't have to spend divine energy to suppress it anymore.

They now have the option of keeping it that way or destroying it. Unfortunately, there is no benefit they know to keeping it. Not only is it still not theirs, but they also won't be able to gain anything from it, and they also won't be able to forge any more weapons until they have resolved the spear.

They clicked the forging option on their altar in order to destroy it. It gave them an error.

-Can't forge weapon.

-There is an external influence on the weapon.

-Spend 26,345 Divinity to remove influence.

-Yes or No?

They didn't understand the prompt, as it is the first time they will encounter it.

Legion-2 mused, "It is just as we guessed. This weapon is different from other types of divine weapons. This might be difficult for us."

Legion-3 asked the angel, "What does this mean? Is this the price we have to pay to destroy it?"

The angel replied while holding its little chin, "The weapon is not yours, so you can't do anything to it. You have to remove the external influence on it first. When you do, you will be able to do anything you want to the weapon, including destroying it."

Their eyes lit up when they heard that. Their angel smiled and continued, "The price to remove the external influence is not a random number. It is dependent on the Authority of its rightful owner. So this 26,345 is the power of Crystal Hoard's Authority."

Legion-8 was excited. "So the altar can grant us ownership of the weapon, but it will require us to pay divinity equal to her Authority to remove her ownership of it. I like that kind of exchange."

Legion was glad to see this. Unfortunately, they didn't have 26 thousand divinity to change the ownership of the god-killing weapon. But they were not unhappy. In fact, they were the opposite of unhappy and many more.

Legion-9 sighed in relief and said, "This is good. At the least we don't need to spend divine energy to keep it anymore."

As if to approve of his words, they received a communication request from Crystal Hoard.

They decided to ignore it because if they didn't want her to get it before, now they won't give it to her even if she offers them 100,000 divinity for it. But they might be tempted if she offers them 1,000,000 divinity. That's another reason why they don't want to hear her speak. They don't want the temptation.

They think very highly of the golden light god killer weapon. The fact that it just killed Legion-1 with a single hit can't let them let go of it. It is the fact that they understand why that is very difficult that they appreciate the golden light.

For one, they haven't heard of any divine artifacts that use Authority as a means of attack. This is the first time they have heard or seen any weapon like golden light. So it is a very rare weapon, just like Myriad Armament.

They understand that they are ignorant of most things about this world and even the void universe as a whole, so a weapon like golden light might exist somewhere and might even be common there.

But in the current situation of God's Domain, even if there are divine artifacts that use Authority, they are unlikely to be able to evolve like golden light and make use of up to 90% of Authority. Even their upgraded divine spells can only use 20% of their Authority. That makes golden light a currently unmatched means of attack.

As if that isn't bad enough, while 90% of 26,345 should be enough to kill Legion-1 even with his defense of 8,000 divinity, he shouldn't have died because he was nowhere the weapon. It was his avatar that was attacked, not him.

The death of his avatar shouldn't have affected him. But not only did the avatar die, it was used as a channel to invade Legion-1. From there, the full power of Crystal Hoard's Authority destroyed Legion-1 from within. He couldn't resist at all.

Now they know that it wouldn't have mattered what the defense of his divine body was as the attack wasn't external. It was internal, so it rendered his defenses useless all because his avatar was killed earlier by the weapon.

So all in all, the golden light is too powerful and too dangerous. Now that they have it in their grasp. It has to belong to them. They will never give it up. They would rather destroy it than let it go.

Legion-7 commented on the weapon, "The ability of the weapon to attack from within reminds me of the first sage. So technically, we have been burned twice by that trick."