

## **GREED 41**

Chapter 41 It Is Never Too Late For Regrets.

In the void just outside the realm of High Heaven, within the folds of space and swimming around leisurely is a gigantic whale-like creature. The creature has small fins that do nothing for the movement of this terrifying large creature.

The creature had 6 eyes, each side of the head had 3 each. It had 8 horns in a ring above its head, this ring was incomplete. The number of horns on such a creature signifies its level of power and age, eight horns is a sign of it being at the sovereign level. When this creature becomes an origin god it will have ten horns that will grow into a crown.

This creature is a world beast. It is weak for a void beast, most void beasts are terrifying creatures of great power and might. World beasts have a huge body that is both their strength and weakness.

Even though they are fast for their huge bodies, to sovereign hunters that amount of speed is not enough to deter them. Sovereigns are more than capable of hunting world beasts below the titan level, while origin gods usually hunt titan and sovereign level world beasts.

No one hunts origin god world beasts because it isn't worth the effort. A truly powerful origin god wouldn't hunt for world beasts because he would have easier things to do to earn money, and weak origin gods don't dare to hunt Origin-level world beasts because that would spell death. Death is expensive even for origin gods who have the ability to pay the price. While death means the end for lesser beings, to an origin god, death is just a regression in progress.

World beasts are proficient in the laws of space but can only use their racial ability to attack when they are below the level of origin gods. This is because even though their core allows them to use space laws they don't have a powerful enough soul to use it. Instead, they have a clumsy body that will not do anything to deter powerful hunters.

They don't have any attacking ability apart from their innate one. People call this ability void devour, but origin-level world beast upgrades this ability to world devour. Their ability goes up from just consuming a small volume of void energy into consuming an incredulous amount of space, all matter and energy will be consumed and digested within the world beast.

The most important change to their innate ability after the upgrade is the addition of a lockdown to the targeted area as soon as they open their mouth. So while a void devour can be easily thwarted by moving out of the targeted zone, world devour prevents that through the creation of a lockdown.

The inner world of world beasts isn't really large or well developed at the stage of sovereign and below. Order truly comes to the inner world with the breakthrough to Origin god level. At this stage, their inner world becomes conducive to life. The inner world will be able to support life but it won't be an ideal environment yet.

The inner world of this particular world beast which seems at the titan level is something out of the norm. Apart from the ridiculous size and quality, there is also the cursing origin soul within it. Titan-level world beasts shouldn't have origin souls, much less cursing ones.

Moments ago this Origin soul had experienced a monumental development because of some of his actions. Gehald the Origin soul cursed and gnashed his teeth. He truly felt a loss, he couldn't blame anyone but himself for it. The reason for his anger at himself is the information that was transmitted into his mind from the sphere within his Origin soul.

He had been anxious and afraid before he got into contact with the sphere. This fear didn't entirely come from the mysterious space and the weird talking consciousness. This fear came from a piece of knowledge he acquired about the reincarnation array he used to simulate his reincarnation.

The origin god that wrote the secret tome where he found the theorized concept of simulated reincarnation also warned that the use of the reincarnation array could lead to extremely bad luck if completed successfully. Even though the author had stated some convincing argument about how reincarnation is breaking the laws of the universe, stealing the fortune from heaven, cutting of the destiny of unborn children, tempting fate, etc Gehald didn't take it to heart.

Back then he had said "What is bad luck to the strong? Only weak people will complain about bad luck. The strong will have control over their fate" he dismissed the notion of bad luck. But now, he wasn't so sure. "Could it be? It shouldn't be right?"

The shock of the information he got from the sphere was making him doubt his previous stance on luck. When he touched the sphere a string of information was transmitted to his mind. He found out that the sphere was a universe artifact.

Now he knows what universe artifacts are, they are simply artifacts that break the operating laws of the universe. There can be weak ones and there can be strong ones. The universe artifact has bounded with

his soul and cannot be removed, even his permanent death, if possible, will only cause the artifact to disappear.

He had always thought origin gods couldn't die but he learned that rule-breaking exist in the universe and some people like him pioneer this endeavor. The pioneers are rewarded with a universe artifact, and he just happened to be rewarded with a very weak one. Not only that, the extent of the effect the artifact will have on his soul is dependent on the number of origin passages that he created.

The sphere is a soul augmentation artifact. It has a few functions, one of which is soul defense, the other is to increase the integrity of his soul. These two are all passive abilities. It has only one active ability which is to use the created passageway that connects all his soul fragments as a single consciousness to send across energy. He wasn't exactly sure of the effect of the passageway, he only knows that it works in the form of a hivemind and it connects the soul fragments no matter the distance or obstacle.

"Does it make the soul fragments into parallel minds of a single consciousness or multiple connected consciousnesses?" He asked the sphere but it wasn't talking.

The silence of his soul occupant made him unhappy again, he was unhappy earlier because he could only have 9 parallel minds instead of 11. He is filled with regret but he could only blame himself because back when he was creating the origin passages, he didn't put in much effort.

He thought that what he had accomplished was more than enough. Some people struggle to make 5, but he made 8 of them out of a maximum of 10. It was all because of his high mana affinity granted by his Elven race back then and not his hard work. But now his past has come to bite him in the ass.