

## **GREED 411**

Chapter 411 Wait And See.

The two sides began to argue. Combative words were tossed around until it was about to escalate to real combat.

"Silence." The Celestial Supreme stopped them.

"Helios is a criminal of the church of order and numerous other churches. I have sent out forces to apprehend him. We will have more information when he is apprehended."

The gods calmed down and listened to him. After all, his words are final.

"He will be interrogated in front of all the gods once he has been apprehended. We will find out how he got his powers. We will get to the bottom of everything. Then we will decide what to do with that information. Helios will then be killed for his sins. He must die to atone for his error of casual murder of soldiers, priests, and an enforcer of the church of order."

The gods settled down after hearing what he said. Most of them have been placated by the willingness of the Celestial Supreme to be open-minded. They are especially impressed that he will interrogate Helios in front of everyone. They expected him to hog the secret of Helios' power to himself. It seems he is taking this seriously and sees it as something that concerns everyone, not just himself.

As for the death of Helios, so be it. They don't care about that. More than half of them want him dead anyway. He is the source of the problem that is about to challenge their way of life. As for the other half that might care about Helios, they are not willing to argue his case with the Celestial Supreme.

Helios might be the savior of the race if his secrets turn out to be beneficial to everyone but he is weak and he has angered the wrong person. No one favors him enough to try and change the Celestial Supreme's mind. The Celestial Supreme has already made a lot of concessions for everyone, they can't ask more of him.

It is highly unlikely that any plea for Helios will work anyway. Both Helios and his father have offended the Celestial Supreme. There's probably nothing that can change the Celestial Supreme's mind about killing them. The debut release occurred at N-ov3l-Bin.

The Celestial Supreme became satisfied with the response of the gods. He couldn't help but smirk inwardly though. He is amused because he lied to them and they believed him hook line and sinker.

His reply appeased both sides since it is still uncertain what the outcome will be but he gave his forces orders to kill Helios not to capture him. He is not a fan of change and Helios represents a huge possibility of that. There's no way he will allow the possibility of being usurped to exist within the plane. He was interested in figuring out Helios's allegiance and his source of Origin energy before. But now, Helios's secrets will die with him.

His eyes glinted as he thought to himself, 'My plane, my rules.'

The God of Knowledge asked, "How do you intend to apprehend him? If what we just saw is real, then he will be a king of law and he must also have access to Origin energy."

Helios has to be taken seriously now. He is not some freshly baked transcendent. He is a freshly baked king of law with Origin energy to wield his control over the laws and as such deserves to be taken seriously. They cannot hope to apprehend him with ordinary transcents.

The Celestial Supreme replied, "I'll do whatever it takes."

It isn't a good answer but it is good enough for the gods. They are able to glean from his words that he will pull out all stops and that is good enough for them. It has to be good enough for them, because if the Celestial Supreme fails to apprehend Helios, then there's nothing they can do about it.

The meeting dispersed and Celestial Supreme returned to his divine kingdom. Then he descended into the mortal realm. This time he didn't descend as an avatar. He descended into a transcendent. A group of giants of Order are rushing toward Helios. A colossus in full transformation is holding 9 other transcents in his hands as he ran forward.

All of a sudden, the mild eyes of the Colossus turned black and white. One eye was pure white while the other became pure black. The Celestial Supreme spoke through his vessel to the others that he is carrying.

"Buckle up. We will pick up speed."

Then it activated an ability. "God step."

The long legs of the transcendent reached forward as he ran while the space between the legs of the Colossus shrank. The transcendent suddenly gained a massive boost in speed as it covered more distance.

The hidden god might have a lot of vessels but the gods also have one or two around. Transcendents are smart and will probably not go for becoming a vessel, but if you brainwash them well enough from childhood with religion, then it is highly possible for them to be foolish enough to become vessels for gods. It is this kind of thing that is under threat of extinction if the path of perfection opens up to giants of order. Then transcendents will disdain to be vessels even more.

These 10 transcendents are the bulk of the Celestial Supreme's stash of vessels. He had been keeping them for emergencies but Helios's breakthrough compelled him to bring them out. There is no greater emergency than the rise of the path of perfection. It will mean an end to the way of life of the giants of Order and the destruction of his world order.

The group of transcendents made a good time. They reached Helios quicker than expected, ready to do battle with him and capture him. Another divine council was called for this occasion. It wasn't to discuss but to watch the fight. Only the Celestial Supreme has any divine Influence in the surrounding so they need him to show them the fight. This is a fight that is being witnessed by all the gods. It is a fight that will alter the future of the giants of Order.

Chapter 412 Ushering The War Of The End.

They found the golden figure still sitting in the air and meditating. The golden figure opened his eyes when he sensed them. They were still kilometers away but Helios couldn't wait for them to come to him. He stood up and did one final check to get ready.

NAME: Helios (Legion-4)

TITLE: Child Of The Virut Plane. Child Of The Sun.

RACE: Sun Giant.

BLOODLINE: Sunfire Royal bloodline.

POWER LEVEL: King of Law.

PHYSIQUE: Half-Celestial Body.

HP: INFINITE

STAMINA: INFINITE

ENERGY QUALITY: Origin Energy.

ENERGY QUANTITY: 204,838,119

VITALITY: 100,000,000,000

ENDURANCE: 100,000,000,000

STRENGTH: 100,000,000,000

AGILITY: 100,000,000,000

PERCEPTION: 100,000,000,000

SPIRIT: 100,000,000,000

AMPLIFICATION: 100

AUTHORITY: Celestial Of The Sun.

DIVINE SENSE (GRADE): 10,000,000,000 (B)

## LAWS

1. Fire: 100%

2. Light: 2%

3. Order: 0.001%

## OTHERS

MANA AFFINITY: 100%

LAW AFFINITY: 50%

ELEMENTAL AFFINITY (GRADE): FIRE (DIVINE), LIGHT (DIVINE), ORDER (DIVINE).

STATUS: Excited.

A lot has changed in the short time he became a transcendent. For one, he is not a transcendent anymore. He is a king of law with a power amplification of 100 for mastering a single law. He knows other laws but he can't use them because of the fragments of order that have fused with his existence. He has been condemned to only use the law of fire, light, and order.

His breakthrough gave him more than the Authority of a king of law and the 100 amplification that comes with it. It also increased his stat by 100 times. It is something that happens during every breakthrough starting from the level of transcendent. Each breakthrough multiplies your amount of

Authority and your stats by 10. Since he broke through twice, he got 100 times multiplication to his already bogus starts.

The multiplication of power during breakthroughs is common. Even though he broke through twice in a roll, he got what he should get. What isn't common is his power that was multiplied. Normal transcendents have a starting stat of 10,000 stats and a maximum of 100,000 through the absorption of origin energy. They stop growing when they reach this limit, only the blessing of the universe can make them grow after that.

Origin Energy has a limit on how much growth it can afford a transcendent so they need the blessing of the universe or what is specifically called cosmic energy. The only way to get that blessing is to comprehend laws and break through the ranks of a lord, king, titan, and Sovereign. By that time, they will reach 1 billion in stats and have an Authority of at least 10,000. He has 1 billion stats already without becoming a Sovereign.

The multiplication of his abnormal power required a lot more than the universe usually gives to others. His unusual breakthrough caused a strain on the law matrix of the universe and created that phenomenon that is visible throughout the plane. He absorbed a lot more cosmic energy than normal. So the pillar of fire that was created for his breakthrough as a king of the law of fire could be seen all over the plane.

"It didn't work, but we have alternatives. We will break another law of the universe. It is just a matter of time." Helios said to himself and to the others in his mind.

They had hoped to be rewarded for Helios's feat but it didn't happen. Apparently, what they did is not unprecedented. It was unlikely for them to get it anyway since there are several races similar to giants of order that have no restrictions on stat growth. Dragons don't have a limit to their stats. Normal mana entities are limited to 1,000 stats, giants of order to 5,000 stats, but Dragons take the cake by having no limits.

The older dragons get, the stronger they become because they continue to accumulate Stats. So it is highly likely for a lazy dragon to sleep and accumulate a billion stats and then breakthrough because it can, not because it wants to or need to.

His eyes became cold when he is reminded of dragons. He is also reminded of his promise to that dragon that treated him like an ant during the trial of heaven. That dragon had smirked in disdain at him. He

promised their entire race Chaos and Legion will fulfill its promise. Revenge will come in time to the dragon race. They will feel what it feels like to be hunted by a superior organism.

"We'll get dragons one day, but for now, I'll take care of this nuisance and usher in the war of the end."

He turned his frosty white eyes on the incoming enemy, "He is going all out huh? That's good, I should too."

Helios activated the runes on his body and began to transform. The surface of his skin morphed and hardened into pieces of white armour. He became encased within a suit of white armor with golden runes etched into it. Then he grew two more pairs of arms making for a total of six.

Four of his arms morphed into hollow cylinders while he put his two remaining arms together. The two arms combined into a large barrel which was then enlarged. Red javelins began to form within the hollow cylinders that the other 4 arms formed. The javelins are made of Origin energy fashioned with the full might of the complete law of fire and combined with the divine power of a celestial.

It is an upgrade on the sunbow that demigods of the sun use. His sun cannon shoots giant arrows instead of the small ones that are normally used. He needs something bigger. After all, this is not an archery test imposed on him by his divine brother. He is fighting the forces of the Celestial Supreme.

"Time to send a greeting. It's basic courtesy." He grinned and said.

The four hollow cylinders began firing their payload. They took turns shooting the javelins and reloading. Firery he'll fell on his targets.

Chapter 413 Deceit.

The four hollow barrels turned red-hot as they accumulated power. Then they infused that power with Origin energy to form javelins fashioned with the law of fire. Then they propelled their payload at great speed toward the incoming enemies.

The javelins of fire shot through the air at hypersonic speeds, 5 times the speed of sound. The group of transcendent saw the attack and were not caught unawares since Helios fired from a great distance. The lead Colossus dropped the nine transcendents that he is holding while it went forward to defend against

the projectiles. The nine transcendents began to transform, some of them became Colossus while the others became behemoths.

The behemoths don't change in height, they still remain giants reaching up to 100 meters tall but they acquire two more arms and don armor made out of hardened flesh. They are rumored to be strong enough to crush almost anything with their four arms.

The two forms of Colossus and Behemoths are mutually exclusive. They are the two possible outcomes for giants of order as transcendents. Colossi possesses a relaxed lock of Order fragments. It enables them to expand their form while Behemoths can't because the lock of Order is very rigid and resistant to change.

Colossus or Behemoths, all of these transcendents that are attacking Helios have something in common. Their eyes are black and white orbs of fire. They are vessels being empowered to the limit of safety. The light in their eyes is not the light of a simple god's descent but a visual indication of the extreme option of a god's empowerment.

These transcendents are using not only the divine power of the Celestial Supreme, but they are also using his god-fire to empower themselves. It is suicidal but it is the only way they know to apprehend a king of law while they are transcendents. The debut release occurred at N-ov3l=B(j)n.

The forefront Colossus continued to run toward Helios to preoccupy him while the others transform. Its two burning eyes indicate that it is the Celestial Supreme that is in control. The Colossus extended its divine sense reinforced with divine power to block the projectiles. The divine sense solidified into small hovering shields that will block the spears.

The Colossus used its eyes and mind to track the trajectory of the projectiles and placed the 10-meter rectangular shields accurately within their path. Colossus can create shields like this because of the loose grip of the chains of order on their body and mind. They are able to use the solidified divine sense of transcendents through the gaps in Order.

The shields were placed more than 1000 meters away from the Colossus giving it enough time to make adjustments if the shields fail. It even added a backup shield behind the first one all in preparation for its failure. The shields didn't fail. The first Javelin struck a shield and created a giant explosion. The same thing happened to the next three javelins. The Colossus sighed in relief after confirming the efficacy of the shields.



"This is enough then." It said and picked up speed.

The ground shook harder as the feet of the Colossus increased their frequency of smashing into the ground. It has confidence in its shields so it can move forward without being too cautious.

The four hollow cylinders reloaded and discharged their payload for another round. The Colossus matched forward undaunted. It moved its shields around to intercept the continuous attacks. Its confidence has been boosted by the successful blockage of the first four attacks, so it had no worries about what will happen next.

The javelins struck the shields and exploded far away from the Colossus. It was another waste. Helios's attacks failed to penetrate the shields but he didn't give up. He fired more projectiles at the Colossus.

The Colossus yelled in bravado at Helios, "You will fall beneath the might of order."

The next wave of projectiles arrived again. The first javelin hit the well-placed shield and penetrated it. It also penetrated the backup shield cleanly. Then it continued on its way to the Colossus.

The Colossus was about to snort in derision at Helios' continuous yet ineffectual attacks but the passage of air was disrupted in his throat when his shield failed him.

The outcome was not expected to say the least. It caught the Colossus by surprise but he has time to react since the shields are so far from it. It may have reacted late because of the shock, but it still reacted. The Colossus is not a transcendent for nothing. The Celestial Supreme increased the power of the blazing fires in its eyes and created a much stronger shield. But its effort was futile. The javelin suddenly sped up doubling in speed and reaching Mach 10. The Colossus miscalculated and the shield was too late to be useful as the javelin closed in on it.

The javelin aimed for the chest of the Colossus so it used its large arm reinforced with power to try and bat it away. It didn't go well. The javelin sank into the arm and exploded. The explosion spread fire across the arm destroying it in moments.

The Colossus wasn't given time to handle pain. Its distraction with the first javelin made it miss the other incoming ones when they also doubled in speed. So another javelin took its right leg and then the left leg.

The Celestial Supreme is the one controlling the power of his god fire and he is limiting its output to a level he estimates will be enough to subdue a high god. Helios is a new King of law so his estimate should have been enough to match him.

His estimate was enough for Helios's first round of attack and the second. That should have been the end of it. Unfortunately for the Colossus, Helios was pretending to be weak. He is not an ordinary king of law. Helios's deceit cost the Celestial Supreme the life of one of his transcendents and the fight has only just begun.

Chapter 414 Play Time Is Over.

God fire is the very flame created from a god spark when someone becomes a god. It burns almost everything apart from the god that it belongs to. Even a vessel that is attuned to that god is not safe from it. A god needs it to convert faith to divine energy so it is very important to a god. It can be said to be the foundation of their faith.

Using the god fire on things apart from faith energy will deplete it until it dies off because only faith can fuel it. Using it on a god's vessel will quicken the rate at which the vessel deteriorates and dies. It will also weaken the god. That's why the Celestial was holding back on using his full power from the start.

He didn't go all out when the battle started. It would have been a waste of both god fire and vessel if his full power wasn't needed. It is a good decision too since his full power shouldn't be needed for a king of law. But who would have thought that the limit of the estimation of Helios's power is not the limit and that he would fool them?

Holding back made the first vessel unprepared for the sudden onslaught of attack. The Colossus stumbled and began to fall as it lost its limbs. It still struggled to fight back. A fight has not ended until death so the Celestial Supreme increased the power of the god-fire to the level of a grand god. If the power of a high god cannot stop Helios's attacks, surely the power of a grand god should be able to.

The Celestial Supreme still held back from using its full power. There is no indication that it needs its full power. It might be that its inexperience with fighting a king of fire is what's causing the poor showing. He created stronger shields with the power of a grand god to block incoming projectiles. That still wasn't enough.

The javelins penetrated the shields again. They struck the Colossus on the head and torso spreading fire all over it. The Colossus died before reaching the ground. It went out in flames after taking several hits of the javelins of fire.

The other nine transcendents were inwardly shocked by the quick death of their comrade but they didn't show it. The Celestial Supreme controlling them has a strong hold on their emotions and behavior. Instead of being slack-jawed, they used the time that their comrade bought for them with his life to get into formation.

7 behemoths took the vanguard and the remaining two Colossi in the group reduced their heights to match the behemoths and followed along. The behemoths didn't care for shields as they ran toward Helios without worry. They can't create shields so they have to rely on their armor. Their armor has not disappointed them so far so they are confident of its defense.

The javelins of fire impacted the hard body armor and exploded but the Behemoths were unharmed. They ran through the explosion as if they are taking flame showers. The combination of their armor and the divine power of a grand god protected them from Helios's fiery wrath.

Their formation held up under the assault of the javelins. None of the javelins could get past their impenetrable defenses which left the Colossi behind them safe from harm. That was until the spears began moving erratically. They stopped moving in straight lines and instead swerved around the behemoths to bombard the Colossi behind them.

"Move on." The Celestial Supreme decided.

They had two options, slow down to defend the two Colossi or continue forward to stop Helios from trying to stall them. The Celestial Supreme can sense a terrible power brewing within Helios and he chose to prioritize it over the safety of the two Colossi.

The two Colossi defended themselves against the bombardment by creating shields at the level of a Celestial. Their shields blocked all the attacks keeping them sound and safe. They followed behind the Behemoths without any issues until they began to slow down. Their speed dropped as they weakened. Then they died after defending numerous waves of attack.

They became too weak to put up their defenses and were struck down but it wasn't Helios that killed them. The burden of using the power of a Celestial finally got to them and they were consumed by the God fire that previously protected them. Helios only provided the reason for them to be condemned to a painful death of having their body and soul consumed by the fire of a god.

The Celestial Supreme's decision to sacrifice the Colossi was the right one but it changes nothing. Helios specifically targeted the Colossi in their group because they can enlarge while Behemoths with incomparable defense can't enlarge. A colossus would have been able to reach him quickly if they are allowed to use the advantage of their size.

The lack of defense of the Colossi made them vulnerable to the javelins and made them great targets. It also kept them at bay and gave Helios time to do what he wanted. He started attacking them at a great distance away so he was ready for his full attack by the time the strong Behemoths could get close.

Helios grinned as he saw the 7 intact behemoths coming for him. His divine sense whispered to them, "Playtime is over."

He has been preparing something within the barrel that he combined two of his arms to form. He fired it now and the world became dark immediately as the Authority of the Celestial god of the sun was used. The light of the world disappeared because the power of the sun entering the plane has been funneled into Helios. The stolen light was then pumped into the barrel.

The power of the sun isn't being used to power the attack that is to come but to ignite the attack. The attack is powerful enough without the power of the sun, it just needs something to get it moving. Like a little push to make a boulder roll down a mountain. All that power is just for the little push.

Chapter 415 Separating Chaff From The Grain.

The barrel formed by his two arms glowed as if he is holding a small but very bright star. The origin energy within it that has been woven into a small star core with the law of fire was then ignited by the power of the sun. Then it was fired. The barrel released a large beam of pure white full of power and energy. The beam moved at the speed of light, undodgeable and unstoppable. It lasted for only one second but it was enough. The barrel disintegrated into motes of light after performing its duty.

"Celestial Authority!" The Celestial Supreme exclaimed in shock.

He realized the level of the threat immediately. It is worse than his most daring estimate. So he cranked up the god fire within his vessels. It turned from a spark into a big roaring flame. In the darkened world that Zargoth has become because of Helios's attack, 2 prominent sources of light were seen. One is a giant phantom dressed in white armor with black hair. The phantom bent and used its body as a shield to protect something. The other source of light is a star rising with overwhelming momentum and trying to engulf the phantom.

The phantom resisted for a brief moment before it was consumed. Then the rising star hit its targets and cut them to pieces. The beam of light continued to wreak destruction behind the behemoths. It cut into the ground and created a deep, narrow canyon that almost ran to the edge of the plane.

The canyon stretched like a gaping maw from behind the Behemoths to places afar. The canyon continued in length even as the beam turned sand into lava and created diamonds in their depths. A deep and dark crevice forever marred the Zargoth plane. The beam would have set the plane on fire if there are forests or split mountains apart if there were mountains.

The light of that beam blinded anything using eyes that gazed upon it, even transcendents. It was like a flash bomb went off in the plane. Transcendents and mana entities will heal the damage to their eyes but the rest will be blinded forever for daring to look at the manifestation of the Authority of a Celestial. It is unfortunate for them since any being alive right now just barely survived the suffocation attempt of the Celestial Supreme.

Of the 7 behemoths, only one survived. This special behemoth saw the bright light that cut through them like sharp shears through wheat and survived. It was shaken and it showed in its behavior. The poor behemoth seemed ready to fall or be blown away by the slightest wind. Even the Celestial Supreme was also shaken. He felt the aura of a Celestial on Helios but he didn't expect that he would have access to Celestial Authority too.

In fact, the entire pantheon of gods was shaken. They are all shaken because they sensed the use of multiple Celestial Authorities in the mortal realm. Not one, but two different Celestial Authorities. Even two mortals can deduce as much by the sight of the two clashing forces. They sensed Celestial Authorities from both Helios and the surviving Behemoth. They can't question the Celestial Supreme yet since the fight has not ended.

The behemoth that survived looked shakily past the sliced bodies of the other 6 behemoths to stare behind himself. A sea of lava that wasn't there before has appeared behind him. The sea is made from molten sand and it extends far beyond his eyesight. There's also the canyon that extends through the sea to beyond his sight. He gulped involuntarily. Then it turned back immediately.

Helios had appeared before him. Helios clapped and spoke. "Welcome, Half Celestial. Now that the chaff has been removed from the grain, we can get to business. Don't you think?"

The behemoth's eyes widened. He muttered, "You know about me?"

Helios answered. "Of course, I do. Why else will I sit here waiting for you slow pokes? I could have run away if I wanted to escape. But I wanted you here at this very spot. Welcome again."

He has imbued the power of celestial light into his body through his runes and through his breakthrough with the Celestial energy of the sun god so he is very fast. There's only one person that can compete in speed with him in the entire Zargoth plane and that person is currently incapacitated. So he can be considered the fastest person on the plane. Escaping is not a problem for him but he waited here for something. That something has been delivered to him.

Normal vessels can't wield god fire without burning up. Normal vessels certainly cannot use a Celestial Authority. If Helios sits here and fights enemies sent by the gods to capture him, the gods will have to send vessels that they can express their full power through. That is the only way for gods to use their power in the mortal realm.

If he pushes those vessels to their limit then the gods will resort to the use of god fire. If he pushes those vessels far enough, god fire will burn them up. That is unless that vessel is special. If that special vessel is a Half Celestial, then that special vessel will surely use the Celestial Authority of order and survive his attack made with the Celestial Authority of the sun. Then he will have what he waited here for.

It helped that this plane is backward and not developed enough to use golems as their vessels. They still use transcents as their vessels. Fortunately for him, what he needs is a special transcendent not a golem. He would have continued to create trouble for the gods and they would have continued to send forces to stop him until he gets what he wants.

The behemoth backed up in fear. It asked fearfully, "What do you want from me?"

Helios answered with a grin. "Why don't you surrender and you will find out."

Chapter 416 Butchered Like A Pig For A Sacrifice.

His six-armed figure in white shiny armor doesn't look heroic to the behemoth. Helios looks more like a death knight masquerading as a holy knight to the behemoth. The flesh of the Behemoths that came with it is still burned and smoking beside him. Even though Helios is only 10 meters tall, he seems terrifying like a demon from the abyss. The behemoth turned and ran.

Helios shook his head. "Foolish. I just said I am fast and you turn to run."

He isn't the only one with that opinion. The Celestial Supreme has the same opinion and is shouting it to the mind of the behemoth.

"Stand your ground and fight. Running is not the answer."

But the Behemoth won't listen now that it has regained control over its body. "I'm not doing anything you tell me, father. Not again, not ever again."

Helios flashed and arrived behind the fleeing behemoth. He stomped on the back of the behemoth and brought him to the ground. Then he pressed him down with his weight. One doesn't have stats in the 100 billion and not be heavy. He might look small but he weighs as heavy as a small star. The Origin energy he has been accumulating since his breakthrough from its unlimited source has increased his weight beyond the heaviest object found naturally within a plane. So the behemoth couldn't push him away.

Four of his arms held down the struggling behemoths while the other two morphed into blades. The blades are white solid constructs made from light and fire. They are also vibrating at a very high frequency so that they will be able to cut through matter easily.

He said the behemoth. "This is going to be very painful. Demonic sacrifices require it. I'm going to need you to brace yourself and stay still."

The terror of the behemoth only increased. It screamed, "Please let me go. I'll do anything you want. Anything."

Helios disregarded his pleas. "I wouldn't put that on you. I'm more of a doer. If I want something, I take it. I don't like to receive handouts from others."

He ignored the shouts, pleas, and promises from the behemoth and began the gory work of butchering the sacrificial lamb. His two blades used the small vulnerability between the different parts of the body armor to cut into the flesh of the behemoth. The vibrating blades cut into the tough flesh like very sharp saws rending it apart and causing thick white blood to flow.

The screams of the behemoths only increased after Helios got to work. The screams were irritating but Helios ignored them. It is the consequence of his current endeavor and he needs his offering to be alive during the sacrifice so he has to bear with it. The Celestial Supreme didn't ignore the screams.

He kept shouting to the screaming behemoth. "You're useless. Stop shouting and use your Authority. Do something. You are not my son for nothing. You should not be butchered like a pig."

The behemoth didn't stop screaming but it activated the Celestial Authority of Order. A phantom of the Celestial Supreme appeared around them but Helios exploded with the Celestial Authority of the Sun before it could do anything. He created a domain with his divine sense and filled it with plasma from his body. Then he ignited the plasma with Origin energy.

It looked like he became a star for a brief instant before he exploded. The explosion scattered the phantom as the Celestial Authority of the Sun clashed with the Celestial Authority of order. The behemoth, which can be called the only true giant of Order in the Zargoth plane couldn't do anything to stop Helios.

Helios targeted the joints of the limbs first. He cut the wrist and ankles. Then the joint of the elbow and the knee. Followed by the sockets at the shoulders. It is bloody work but he did it stoically. He isn't taking pleasure from it, but he will take pleasure from what the act will bring for Legion.

The situation is certainly odd but a lot of odd things have been happening recently so the gods watching don't know what Helios's aim is. Any transcendent from a normal race will be able to call out the first odd thing. It is that Transcendents don't have flesh and blood. You shouldn't be able to cut off their hands because what you're cutting off is a part of their existence that looks like a hand.

If you cut off a normal transcendent's hand, it can be easily reabsorbed back into the body of the transcendent unless the arm is destroyed. If the arm is destroyed, the transcendent can easily regrow another arm as long as they have energy and no laws are used in destroying the arm. But this is not the same for giants of order.



Giants of Order are anything but normal. Their transcendents are the same too, they are abnormal. They have two major and one hidden option for when they become transcendents. If the chains of order in their body entrap their soul too much as it usually does, the giant becomes a behemoth. Their existence becomes a prison cut off from the external world and resistant to changes. That rigidity means you can cut off their body.

If in a rare situation, the soul escapes the bondage due to some innate talent, the effect of a particular rune on their body or exposure to Origin energy, the giant of order becomes a Colossus. They are capable of expanding the cage that is their body to great sizes and they also lose their resistance to the external world due to it.

The already weakened cage that is their body will collapse when a Colossus dies. That's why every Colossus that he has killed didn't leave behind any corpse. Their body functions like those of normal transcendents. They disappear once they lose their connection to the consciousness of the main body.

Fortunately, this special Behemoth is not like a Collosus or else Legion would not target him as offering for a demonic sacrifice.

Chapter 417 Half-Celestials.

It is how normal transcendents should behave after they die. But the corpses of the behemoths remain and have littered the ground all around. If the Colossus were hated in the ancient battlefield because of their impetuous absorption of origin energy, Behemoths are loved because they don't drain Origin energy and because they leave behind materials for Origin weapons when they die.

The third and hidden option is when it is a demigod that transcends. The divine power within them fuses with their body and allows them to continue using runes. They can only use runes that match their divine power but it is still an advantage. Priests are stronger than giants of order in the mana stage because of the superiority of divine spells but that changes as transcendents.

Demigods are so powerful that they are more powerful than both Colossus and Behemoths. The body of demigods behaves like that of Colossus and Behemoths. You can cut off body parts to use but those body parts disappear when they die. That is why he needs this special Behemoth alive as he prepares his body for what is to come. But that isn't the reason why he is after this particular demigod that looks like a behemoth. He could have found any demigod to use but he wanted this particular special Behemoth.

Demigods are very rare because of their low birth rate and because most of them die trying to fulfill the requirements of heroic feats needed to become divine lords. Even rarer than demigods are children of Celestials, like the behemoth that Helios is butchering. Other gods give birth to demigods, but a Celestial gives birth to landed gods.

Landed gods are gods without divine kingdoms. They can roam the mortal realm but lack the protection and authority of a divine kingdom. You won't be able to tell a landed god apart from a vessel until they exhibit certain traits. One such trait is using the Authority of a god.

These landed gods created from a Celestial are rarer to encounter than Origin essence. They are very rare for various reasons. A true God cannot copulate with a mortal while two gods can't conceive together. Only a demigod, one that is part mortal and part divine can help conceive the child of a true God. That is a tough requirement.

Conception as a result of copulation between a mortal and a god is very difficult. Conception between a mortal and a god of the race of giants of order with low fertility is extra difficult but possible. Conception between a true God and a demigod of the giants of order is next to impossible. The chances are so low that any resulting conception between a god and a demigod is officially a miracle.

But that is not the biggest problem that limits the number of children of celestials. These landed gods are born with a divine ability like any demigod, but instead of using the small divine power that they gain from their divine parent, they use the Authority of their parent. This access to authority is not freely given either. It is more like they have equal access to the Authority of their parent.

In a nutshell, Half-celestials are born to usurp their parents and will achieve it if they become capable of wresting control of the Authority away from their divine parent. So a celestial usually kill his or her child as soon as it is born. People are selfish, they don't like to share, and the gods are more so. No god will want to leave a real threat to their Authority alive.

Celestials had to struggle every step of the way to acquire their strength but a half-celestial gains their Authority simply by being born. That is unfair. The combination of fear and jealousy leads to the murder of a lot of half-celestial babies. It is a miracle for a half-celestial to be conceived. It is another miracle for them to survive their childhood. That's two miracles needed for one to encounter a half-celestial. It practically borders on delusion for you to hope to encounter one.

Some foolish celestials have been known to swallow their kids to prevent that future. They are too soft to kill the baby Half-celestial outright like a smart person. It has been shown that it is a stupid idea and it will not solve the problem.

The half-celestial don't die in the stomach of the Celestial. Instead, they gain access to the Celestial's infinite storage of divine power and grow up big and strong. Then they bid their time and take over their parent's Authority when they are weakened.

So swallowing a half-celestial doesn't remove them as a threat just like avoiding a problem will not solve the problem. Destroying the problem is certain to end the problem. But the Celestial Supreme who is known for his control issues and refusal to share power for some reason didn't kill this special behemoth.

This Behemoth is a true giant of order just like Helios is a giant of the sun. They both have access to the Authority of a celestial god. This behemoth was born with the divine power of order. So instead of the divine power weakening the effect of the law of order on his body during his breakthrough to transcendence, it enhanced it to great lengths. That's why he is the only one to survive Helios's decimating attack and the major reason why Helios is butchering him for a demonic sacrifice.

He might look like a normal behemoth but the other behemoths couldn't survive the attack even though the Celestial Supreme ramped up the god fire to empower them. They all died because no matter how much power he gives them, they don't have his Authority.

They need that Authority if they hope to match an attack that is equivalent to the power of a Sovereign and is catalyzed by the Celestial power and Authority of the sun. No amount of power can stop his attack without an Authority of equal level. This Behemoth hence filled every checkbox for preferred offering. He has a Celestial Authority, he is a giant of Order and to top it off, he is weak. It is practically divine providence.

Chapter 418 Like Father Like Son.

His attack with the Celestial Authority of the Sun separated the useless chaff from the grain. The attack required a Celestial Authority to survive. He would have simply waited for the Celestial Supreme to send more if that attack had killed every single one of them. Fortunately, he got what he wanted on the first try because the Celestial Supreme decided to go all out from the start. Now he gets to use the behemoth for the glory of Legion.

To be precise, Helios needs his flesh and blood because he has the Authority of Order imbibed into his body. He can ask the screaming behemoth nicely for his help and skip the butchering but why bother?

Asking for help will allow opportunities for mistakes and failure. Failure cannot be allowed because it is another clone of Legion that is at stake. If you want something done right, it is best you do it yourself. So Helios will sacrifice this behemoth to the will of the abyss with his own very hands.

Above In The Divine Plane.

The gods are all silent. The sounds of pain that the behemoth is making as it is being butchered filled the council hall. No one said anything but their eyes are all focused and questioning the Celestial Supreme for answers. None of them knew that he had a child. He hid his child well while he forced their own children into dangerous quests for heroic feats.

He is usually the one that judges others, but this time they are all silently judging him. Their eyes focused on him and judge him for his hypocrisy. Only one person didn't get the memo to keep quiet.

Harkam asked out loud, "Didn't Stelios just become a Celestial? Why is it that the sun dwarf has access to the Celestial Authority of the sun too? How does this work? I thought only the children that a Celestial birth to gets access to their Authority but what about Helios? He was born when Stelios was a grand god. Is it that all the children that Stelios gave birth to get access to the Authority? Are all his divine lords now landed gods too? I am so confused right now."

No one could answer. They are all confused too. So they looked towards the one that should have the answer. But even the Celestial Supreme is confused about Helios. Still, he has to say something. At least to reduce the awkward atmosphere.

He spoke up. "I had a son."

He had a son with a female demigod that he is not willing to speak of.

"I kept him a secret because he doesn't like disturbance."

More like his son was petrified of the world. The Celestial Supreme likes order and has decided to impose his own order on the world through total control, but his son believes total control is impossible. The boy also likes order but the world is too chaotic for him. The Chaos of the world made him afraid of

it, so he sequestered himself away in a safely ensconced location where he can exhibit total control. The father and son are both obsessive but at different extremes.

"He volunteered to help fight Helios."

The son refused to fight or learn how to. That's why the father let him live. But the boy refused to help the father fight a threat when the father came asking for help. The boy refused to go outside of his domain into the world, so the father forcefully took over his body and mind. A half-celestial is a perfect vessel for a celestial. Other vessels will burn up and die when they come in contact with the god fire of a god but not a half-celestial. Half-celestials were made to take over from their parents after all.

The Celestial Supreme kept talking. "It came at a great cost

It wasn't easy forcefully taking over the body of his son but he was able to do it because he is much stronger. It is risky though since it goes both ways. Just like a Celestial can take over the body of his child, his child can also absorb him to rob him of his power.

"Despite the cost, I assembled the best of my vessels to get the work done."

He decided to use the best of his resources in the mortal realm to end the conflict as soon as possible. He wanted to avoid the wastage of personnel and time. He also wanted to prevent errors. He still has a silent war going on between him and the hidden god. So it is best that he be efficient about eliminating Helios.

"But they failed and things have obviously gone out of hand."

The ten vessels he sent are the best he can field but it apparently wasn't enough. They set out to face Helios and they were trounced epically. The boy regained control when the Celestial Supreme used his Authority to save him. Since they both have control of that Authority, the boy's weak mind used it to regain control of his body. But unlike the Celestial Supreme, he doesn't know how to use the Authority or how to fight. Now he has fallen into Soverick's hands and is being butchered.

"I don't know why he is cutting up my son, probably to spite me but we will know soon."

He sighed. "There's nothing we can do anyway. All we can do is watch. I am open to ideas."

He felt resigned. He has tried everything that he can do against Helios on such short notice and it has failed.

The gods felt different emotions. No matter their opinion on the development of their race with the opportunity for the path of perfection, it doesn't feel good to be helpless and unable to do anything to anyone. Resignation is the option meant for the weak. It is unbecoming of the gods to become so helpless but they know better than to do something stupid. They can all still hear the pitiful cries of the poor son of the Celestial Supreme.

Chapter 419 No More Celestials.

That attack that Helios produced which tried to split the plane in half is enough for them to know that Helios is as powerful as a sovereign of law or a Celestial. They can't do anything to him. In fact, they are not safe from him. They can only hole up in their divine kingdoms like Stelios if they want to be safe. Only a Celestial can keep themselves safe from him.

The god of knowledge stood up and asked, "On behalf of all the grand gods, we will like to know if it is allowed for us to ascend and become Celestials."

There's something they can do but it is the trump card of the gods. They are not willing to use it yet and it isn't even certain that it will work on Helios. They would rather invest in something with more certainty. Something like ascending and becoming Celestials.

The god of knowledge has spoken to some gods and this issue is most pressing. He chose to stand up and state it because the Celestial Supreme said he is open to ideas. He wouldn't dream of asking for such a thing were the situation not so dire.

The Celestial Supreme slammed his hand on his desk. "Never. It is not allowed."

Having other Celestials will strengthen him far more than killing and absorbing other Celestials. Celestials can only grow stronger by absorbing other Celestials but qualitative changes can only be achieved if they absorb a Celestial with a similar Authority or compatible domain. Not a lot of domains are compatible with Order. One of them is Justice, the imposition of rules and the enforcement of them.

The opposite domain is also very compatible. Like Day and night, light and darkness, power and weakness, strife and peace, Order and Fate. Absorbing an opposite domain helps to shore up the

weakness of a domain. Fate which represents the randomness of the world, if combined with Order will lead to the possibility of total control.

But the celestial supreme can't absorb fate because he is weak to it. It is the problem that comes with trying to absorb your opposite domain. You have to overcome your weakness, face it, and triumph over it. Since he can't do that yet, having more celestials to empower him is a good thing but he will never have it.

Apart from his dislike for more threats to his power, the process of creating Celestials is too chaotic. Grand gods will turn against each other and kill one another for power. The divine plane will be thrown into utter Chaos. It is not a welcome prospect considering the shambles that the mortal realm is in right now.

The Zargoth plane will be compromised in both the divine and main plane which will make them a prime target for invasion if he allows the ascension of Celestials. He can't allow the Chaos and the vulnerability so he said no.

The god of knowledge didn't back down. "What if you cannot protect us?"

He raised his voice then. "Then you die because if you become a Celestial, I will kill you myself. As long as I live, there will never be another Celestial."

"But what about Stelios?" The goddess of power and might asked.

"What about him? I will get rid of him soon enough. I will not allow another Celestial to exist until I am dead." The Celestial Supreme promised.

They began arguing when they heard someone say something totally unrelated to the topic.

"What is the sun dwarf even doing?" Harkam asked nonchalantly. He is totally unconcerned with the turmoil going on around him.

He doesn't care about becoming a Celestial because he doesn't want to become a Celestial. He plans to become an origin god. He didn't go to great lengths for Tanya only to seal his fate as a Celestial god. What is he going to do for fun for all of eternity? Having a child will come with very serious repercussions when he is a Celestial. What if he is really fertile and doesn't need a demigod to conceive a child? Being a Celestial is a lot more trouble than it is worth to him.

Anyway, if he has to become a Celestial because he has to, then he won't bother with the Celestial Supreme. He isn't one to worry too much about consequences and future problems. A threat to his life that can only be resolved if he becomes a celestial means he has to become a celestial whether the celestial supreme likes it or not. He doesn't care about the Celestial Supreme's opinion about it.

There's no need to argue with anyone about that. He is going to do whatever he has to do to stay safe. So he is more focused on Helios than on the argument with the Celestial Supreme. That's why he noticed the odd thing that Helios is doing. It may be weird but it is more interesting than the argument that the gods are having.

Everyone turned their attention toward the screen. It showed Helios using the white blood of the son of the Celestial Supreme to draw lines on the ground. These white lines look like holographic constructs hovering in the air. They formed layers of concentric circles with intricate runes drawn in the space between each circle. Helios continued to work as they watched and it took hours before he finished drawing the elaborate circles. The largest circle at the edge spans 200 meters across

The god of knowledge exclaimed, "Fascinating work. This is a new kind of rune manipulation. He drew out the runes from the transcendent's body and soul and is using them as threads to weave a different tapestry. How did he come up with this?"

What he is seeing has successfully diverted his mind from the argument about whether it is allowed to become a celestial or not. He began scribbling down in another tome as he muttered.

"This is just genius. It's wonderful. I have never been so fascinated by rune-making since Stelios. Truly like father like son. Those two are too similar."

Chapter 420 Borrowing Celestial Authority.

The other gods ignored the god of knowledge's ramblings and focused on what Helios is doing. But try as they might, none of them could glean any meaningful information about his actions.



The behemoth at the center of the circle is unable to move as his blood is siphoned from his shoulders, thigh, and neck to form the circle. He is not dead but he can't escape because the circles create a burden on him that prevents him from moving. He also can't heal because of the constant drawing of blood. He is both the ink and focus of the rune circle.

The god of knowledge spoke again. "Wait a minute. I recognize some of this. I have seen similar records of this from a long time ago written about a god of knowledge. It is related to the gate that connects the Zargoth plane to the ancient battlefield. I have to consult the archives."

Then he disappeared from the council room. The other gods shook their heads and returned to watching Helios. That's the second time in recent times that someone abruptly left the divine council in the middle of a meeting. The first time caused a lot of weird stuff. The odds of this time being any different are too low. His abrupt exit served to increase the unease that they are feeling from watching Helios work.

Helios placed the parts he cut into several sections of the circle. The feet, legs, thighs, hands, forearms, arms, and tongue all reach 19 body parts. The torso of the behemoth makes 20. Then he clapped his hands and exclaimed.

"That should do it."

He nodded appreciatively at his work. Then he hurriedly bent down and began pumping energy into the circles to activate them. He seemed to be in a rush to finish whatever he is doing.

The white lines of blood that formed the circles turned golden gradually as they activated. They activated from the edge and progressed steadily toward the innermost circle where the behemoth is. The Celestial Supreme couldn't wait anymore to see what Helios is trying to do because he started to feel a pull from his Authority. It is a very uncomfortable feeling that he is willing to bet good money on that it must be related to what Helios is doing.

He sent an avatar down immediately and appeared beside Helios.

"What are you up to?" He asked calmly.

Helios chuckled and answered. "I got this idea when I experimented with the body of the demigod of the sky god. Do you remember him? Great guy with a nice character. He has purple hair."

The Celestial Supreme's face hardened as he heard Helios rambling on about the description of some demigod he killed for his first heroic quest. To say that he is not interested in that demigod will be an understatement. He doesn't care at all and he would like Helios to get to his point but he kept quiet because it is not a good thing to shout profanities at someone you need something from.

Helios finally finished his description.

"You don't know him? So I wasted my time describing him to you? What a shame. You should have stopped me."

The Celestial Supreme's eye twitched but he stopped himself from verbally lashing out. That's the only thing he can do anyways. Lashing out physically won't get him anything. So he better keeps his only card close to his chest.

Helios continued unhurriedly. "Anyways. His death granted me my first Heroic feat. You decreed the need for heroic feats so I have you to thank for giving me that opportunity. Can you believe it, a good thing simply fell into my lap. I wouldn't have been able to get it since my father didn't allow me to go out. The sun god was always so overprotective of me. He..."

"Don't patronize me." The Celestial Supreme growled.

"Or else what? What are you going to do about it?" Helios asked calmly.

He continued to input energy while the Celestial Supreme fumed silently.

Actually, there is one last thing he can do to resist Helios but he isn't willing to play that card yet. He is considering if it will be worth it. If it fails then he will have no more trump card in the mortal realm. He knows that there's another threat apart from Helios. He has not resolved the problem of the hidden god. So even if he is willing to use that trump card, he shouldn't waste it on Helios.

Besides, Helios is not an immediate threat. He will need to go to the ancient battlefield soon but he will find it impossible to leave the plane. Then he will come running to him the Celestial Supreme for help. So in a way, he has something that Helios needs.

He gained some confidence and decided to break the silence. He sighed and asked Helios, "What do you want in exchange for my son's release?"

"Don't you worry about that. I'll get what I want soon. Then I'll give you your son or whatever is left of him after I am done with him."

The Celestial Supreme began brooding again. Helios's words didn't make him feel safe. The pull on his authority has only gotten stronger.

He had to ask, "Are you after my Authority?"

Helios answered to ease his mind. "Don't worry, I'm not after your Authority. Well technically I'm after it, but it is only temporarily. You will have it right back. In fact, I'm doing you a favor. You will have total control of your Authority when I am done with it."

Then he ignored the glare that was directed at him. The Celestial Supreme was still stewing when he heard a very important notification from the divine plane.

The message said, "ATTACK FROM THE ABYSS IMMINENT. THREAT LEVEL 1A."

"What? Why now?" The Celestial Supreme exclaimed in surprise.

Zargoth plane is about to be invaded by demons. It is one bad thing after another for the poor Celestial Supreme.