

## **GREED 461**

### Chapter 461 The Mark Of DEATH.

The GodSlayer is a very tall white tower with a large crystal sphere at the top. It is in the shape of a cylinder and it also has 10 cylindrical crystal spokes connected horizontally at its base which end in their own smaller spheres. The spokes are not in physical contact with the tower. There is a thin space between the spokes and the tower so the spokes are being held with force instead of a physical attachment. Their connection with the tower makes them capable of rotating around the tower in parallel to the ground.

The GodSlayer was constructed and kept in the mortal realm. The grand gods wanted to keep it hidden so they didn't bring it to the divine plane so that the Celestial Supreme wouldn't discover it. That didn't work out so well and the gods need the GodSlayer now so they brought it up to the divine plane to prepare and use it.

The Celestial Supreme and the god of knowledge are tuning the machine for action right now. They are also loading it with divinity. They are putting items with divinity into a hatch at the base. The items with divinity will speed up its loading time. The attack can be made ready quickly but the gods aren't willing to sacrifice too much for something that might not work. They donated the mandatory minimum and nothing more.

They have placed all their hopes on the GodSlayer. It is a fine machine that can be fired at any target in any part of the plane be it the mortal realm or the divine plane. It is a weapon that can help them bypass the suppression of the mortal realm to deal the demon king a deadly blow.

The god of knowledge was talking to the Celestial Supreme about the GodSlayer before Stelios arrived.

The god of knowledge said to him, "The machine has not been optimized for Authority. It can activate with it and load an attack empowered with it but it cannot fuse the power of the Authorities into one. So it will be more like two bullets within one shot instead of just one large bullet."

It cannot fuse two Authorities with a power of 10 into 20. Instead, it will damage twice with 10. The disadvantage is that if 10 is not enough to damage or overcome the defense of the target then two of the attack probably won't work for entities of their level. Quality is more important than quantity in an attack. The advantage is that since the attack is undodgeable, it will damage the target twice.

The Celestial Supreme replied, "We don't have a choice. We are running out of time and from what I just sensed, the liberation army has been wiped out."

It was then that Stelios joined in. He ignored everything and rushed straight for them.

"What's the problem?" The Celestial Supreme frowned and asked.

Stelios answered, "We have to hurry. I don't know what that demon king is up to but we don't have time. All the gods that participated in that battle could die anytime now."

The Celestial Supreme, the god of knowledge, and the gods that heard what he said were taken aback. Stelios's claim is pretty serious. It is life and death serious.

Stelios continued talking. "He marked us somehow. I tried resisting the mark and had to endure his attack."

"There's no mark. What nonsense are you talking about?" Harkam asked incredulously.

"I know that he tried to mark me but I resisted so the mark is not on me. I don't know where it should be but it should be somewhere on you. Check everywhere. Check your Godhood too."

No one believes him. They looked at him with the suspicion that he is trying to pull a prank on them and they weren't willing to fall for his tricks.

"Check everything." The Celestial Supreme ordered everyone.

The gods began checking reluctantly. The idea that the mark could be on their Godhood reduces Stelios' credibility that they could be marked but there's no harm in checking. They will check if only to prove Stelios wrong. He could be joking but it will be a lousy joke in these strenuous times. It is a joke that they will not let him outlive. They plan to mock him about it for a very long time

They checked their divine bodies all over and found nothing. Then they checked their Godhood and found something. There was a small black scythe on their bright multicolored Godhood.

Their mouths hung open in shock. They were really marked. They were marked and they didn't even know when.

Harkam said as if complaining, "But we only used vessels."

The Godhood of a god is the center of their existence. It is the foundation of their power. It is the spark of their god fire. Their divine bodies are like a vessel that surrounds their Godhood. The divine body is like the soul body of transcents. It is made from the fusion of the soul and the body except divine bodies have divinity added to the mix. This means that there are three barriers that have to be overcome for something to reach the Godhood.

For anything to bypass their divine bodies, it must be able to combat the three components of the divine bodies. It has to bypass their body, soul, and the resistance of their divinity. Even if there's such a thing, the god fire should burn it away.

How a mark got to the core of their being without them knowing is beyond them. He didn't mark their body or soul but their Godhood. If that is placed aside, then they still have to explain how he managed to mark them at all. They were using vessels not their avatars. Damage to their vessels shouldn't affect them at all.

"Could it... Could it be that... That time that we had a premonition... Premonition of death?" The god of power and might asked.

Her fear made her question come out in a stutter.

Chapter 462 Loading The GodSlayer.

Gods shouldn't be marked through vessels. That's the norm. They also shouldn't be harmed through vessels either but they really thought that scythe was going to cut them at that time. They shouldn't be scared to death through vessels too but their instincts screamed out danger. There are a lot of things that shouldn't have happened but here they are with the mark of a scythe on their Godhood.

The real reason why Stelios' vessel was the last to die is that he chose to resist the mark of death. The attack was supposed to mark him and then destroy the vessel but as a Celestial, he noticed the hidden danger. The word DEATH wasn't a simple word, it was backed with Authority so it needed Authority to resist which the other gods are lacking in. The ignorant fools didn't even know that they had been marked.

"What do we do now?" Harkam asked in desperation.

Zernon spoke up to stop the gods from panicking. "This has changed nothing. All we have to do is to get rid of this demon king. All of our problems will disappear once he is eliminated. We will consider other options only after his death doesn't solve this problem. But until then the death of the demon king is our priority."

Harkam said. "Then let's eliminate the demon king as quickly as possible."

He dropped a lot more items with divinity after speaking. The other gods followed suit and donated more items to speed up the loading of the GodSlayer. They were willing to wait a few moments ago but they can't wait anymore right now. They want the demon king gone for good and the mark removed as soon as possible.

Ignorance is bliss. If the gods didn't know about the mark on their Godhood, they would just be a little traumatized about the fight. Now they are desperate and deathly scared. They are willing to do anything to get rid of the marks on them. They don't want a foreign object or energy to be near the core of their existence. Their most secure place has been compromised and they are desperate to change it.

Their desperation made them increase their donations of items with divinity. The crystalline tower of the GodSlayer lit up and became translucent after engorging on divinity.

Zernon said to them. "It is ready. Let's load up the payload."

The gods nodded. Zernon and Stelios entered two of the smaller spheres at the end of the horizontal spokes. 8 other grand gods entered the remaining 8. The crystalline spokes became translucent immediately after the payload was loaded.

The spokes began to rotate. They have a lot of divinity in them so the rotating spokes accelerated quickly. Soon they became a blur around the base of the tower. A bright multicolored fluid began to come out of the smaller spheres at the end of the spokes. The fluids could be seen within the translucent spokes. It passed through the spoke and entered the tower.

A reaction occurred within the space between the spokes and the tower. The fluid was supercharged within that space within a short time before it entered the tower. The fluid had become white by the time it entered the tower. It began to ascend the tower and it underwent numerous other changes through the different stages of the tower during its ascent. It became a three-colored fluid with clear distinctions by the time it reached the sphere at the top of the pillar. There's white, black, and orange representing the three Authorities present in the attack.

The god of knowledge watched the changes with the utmost alertness and scrutiny. He remained glued to the side of the GodSlayer and ignored the storm of lightning and wind hurricane that is brewing due to the machine's activation.

He said in anticipation, "This is a momentous occasion. The GodSlayer is going to be fired for the first time since its conception. What a sight."

It is a fulfilling sight to see the work of generations of gods of knowledge finally bear fruit. It is not their creation but the gods of knowledge have invested a lot of time and energy into the work so they consider it theirs.

His eyes gleamed with unshed tears as he said, "It is like giving birth to a child and finally having the child come of age."

The GodSlayer might as well be the child he never had since gods of knowledge can't conceive children. Their divine bodies are in the form of sheets of paper. It is not a type of body that can create offspring.

The mantle of God of knowledge is transferred to whoever is able to decipher the code used to encrypt the knowledge contained within the sheets of paper. It is an appropriate test of worthiness because you have to really enjoy the pursuit of knowledge if you can't do any other pleasurable thing ever again.

So he feels delighted to see the GodSlayer finally used despite not being the original creator. The creator probably wouldn't be happy to see who is using it. Kerons the god of justice will probably be rolling in his grave right now.

"It's a pity that the creator is dead. At least he won't have to see his best work being used by his enemy. He was talented though. I wish I had his flare for destruction." He muttered as he gazed at the GodSlayer in awe.

The god of justice, the creator of the GodSlayer, is also known as the father of annihilators. He invented annihilators and his priests were known for it. It was odd that the god of justice had a flare for destruction. His Stigmata couldn't be cracked while he was alive. It was after his death that the secret of annihilators was cracked. It was cracked and shared by his murderer.

It is the same murderer that is also using the GodSlayer that he created. Anyone will not have a peaceful death if they know that their rival invalidated their life's work and is using them for their own benefit.

Chapter 463 Primal Fission.

It was after the death of the god of justice that the priests of other gods began to use the annihilators. But their's isn't perfect because there are still some things missing.

They used to be called the Annihilation of justice before it was changed to Annihilators. The annihilation of justice doesn't miss at all but Annihilators miss because they don't have a targeting and homing system. Other priests can only use Annihilators as mana entities whereas the demigods of justice back in the day could use them as Transcendents

The annihilators that they are using are just an imitation of the original. It hasn't been fully cracked so there's even more to it. This same god of justice conceptualized and tried to build the first GodSlayer when annihilators were not enough to kill the then god of Order. His idea for the GodSlayer is something that can be considered crazy at best because he intended to use gods as ammunition for it.

The god of justice wanted to harm the god of order but the god of order could resist everything he could dish out with that white armor of his. The god of justice knocked against the god of order during one of their numerous fights and cut the god of order's lips by smashing his head on it. That gave him the idea to smash his entire being into his enemy.

Of course, the collision had to be done right. His experiments showed it is feasible because a really powerful collision between two strong compact entities tends to harm them both. It also tends to produce a lot of energy during the collision. He called the phenomenon primal fission. His crazy theory of collision became a feasible theory but the god of justice died before it could be realized.

The gods then perfected the process. A collision is harmful to the two colliding bodies. At best you get a pyrrhic victory. But if one target is made to bear the brunt of the collision then it becomes a good victory. This can be done by concentrating the fallout energy from the collision onto the target.

The grand gods used their knowledge of how annihilators work to create a functioning GodSlayer. Annihilators create power by converting divinity into an unstable form. The process is highly inefficient but it can release a massive amount of energy. If not for its shortcomings then it is possible to use it against transcendents and gods.

The GodSlayer takes this process to a higher level. It converts gods into an energy form. This energy form is created by stretching their divine bodies and overpowering the divinity within them with the greater amount of divinity that is in the GodSlayer.

The energy is then empowered, reinforced, and insured against loss through the use of divinity. Then the GodSlayer will hold onto the Godhood while it flings the energized divine body as an attack. The GodSlayer will lock on to a target and fire the energy at it. In a way, the GodSlayer functions as a slingshot. It shoots extremely unstable divine energy at a target instead of stones or rocks.

The attack from the GodSlayer is undodgeable. It will bypass all defenses and hit the core of the target so the collision will occur within the target. There is no way the target will go scot-free from the attack even if the core of the target is strong enough to resist the attack since its body will be the battlefield. The target will have to deal with the explosion that will occur within their body.

If the core of the target isn't strong enough, then it will break and that will be the end. The body and the core will both explode. Either way, collateral damage will be incurred by the target and only by the target while the energy will be retrieved by the GodSlayer after the collision. The Godhoods within the GodSlayer will attract the energy back to itself and then the process of transformation will be reversed.

For a god, their core is their Godhood. The gods that formed the energy will be harmed but their injuries will be healed quickly with the divinity within the Godslayer before they transform back into gods. Everything should be alright for the gods that were used as ammunition since their Godhood is safe and sound within the GodSlayer.

This is all theoretical since the GodSlayer hasn't actually been fired before so the god of knowledge is anticipating how the attack will turn out.

The god of knowledge muttered to himself, "This is where something wrong will happen if it is going to happen."

If there will be a malfunction that will disrupt the firing of the machine, it should occur now. Because if it doesn't and the GodSlayer fires, then there's nothing capable of stopping it. The internal collision will occur and the energy from the fallout will rip apart the demon king's body and also destroy the stronghold. If the GodSlayer is to be stopped, it has to be stopped now.

The god of knowledge was right. Something unplanned did occur. Two unknown forces began acting on the large sphere at the top of the tower. They are not external forces but inherent conditions activated by the loading of the GodSlayer. The 3 colors of the loading of the attack changed to 5. Two more Authorities have been added to the attack. The two additions are green and gold.

The god of knowledge was confused by the development. He wondered aloud, "That won't stop it. It will only make it more powerful."

The addition of the two colors indicates the addition of two more Authorities which will make the attack more powerful instead of sabotaging the GodSlayer. It meant that these saboteurs, whoever they are, have failed miserably.

He began laughing to himself. He found the idea that the sabotage strengthened the attack instead of stopping it to be very funny. Whoever sabotaged the GodSlayer had to be stupid or they made a mistake which also translates into them being stupid.

Chapter 464 Hidden God Meets Hidden God.

The god of knowledge stopped laughing when he realized that something is amiss.

"Forget about their stupidity, how did they even manage to know about the GodSlayer? Was the project not a secret as I thought?" He stamped his foot on the ground and complained. It seems everyone knows about his secret project. It is a humbling and shameful realization.



He soon found something else odd about the change to the GodSlayer.

"That green should be the authority of the god of the church of life, the hidden god. Who is the other one? Is there another Celestial I don't know?"

So the Saboteurs failed and that is funny but the fact that two unaffiliated entities with Celestial Authority managed to tamper with the GodSlayer is enough of an insult to him. It meant that others knew about the GodSlayer apart from the Celestial Supreme. One of them is the hidden god and the other one is some unknown celestial. He knows of the hidden god and has seen the manifestation of its Authority to recognize it. He doesn't know the other Authority.

Either way, the GodSlayer can't be stopped now. Not that it needs to be stopped. The situation is clearly in the gods' favor now. The GodSlayer is being strained because of the extra power but it is stronger than before. That demon king is sure to be riddled with holes if he doesn't die outright. The core of a demon is its soul so the demon should die or be expelled back to its resurrection point in the abyss if it has one.

The gods watched with anticipation waiting to see the result of a one-of-a-kind weapon. Meanwhile, there's an awkward situation inside the large sphere that contains the bulk of the attack.

All the gods have been rendered unconscious to protect their minds from the effects of the collision except Stelios and Zernon. The two of them are Celestials with Authority so they remain aware of the situation. They were able to notice the odd enhancement of the attack by two different Celestial Authorities.

A green flame and a golden string appeared beside the symbol of the star and that of the hammer and the scale. The hammer was confused by the situation too. It jumped to a conclusion.

He yelled at the newcomer, "You scoundrel, you're trying to sabotage the attack."

He sensed everything carefully and realized that everything was going well, too well, better even.

"Wait, you're making this better. Are you trying to help with killing the demon king?" Zernon asked them in a quieter voice.

He felt impressed by these two Celestials' willingness to forgo their hatred of him so that they can destroy the demon king. He is also chilled by the act of the god of life who is trying to get rid of the demon king after having benefitted from the demons. All in all, he is impressed with their dedication to the plane. Their action won't stop his hatred of them. It will only make him lenient when he gives out their punishment in the future.

Stelios was more confused about something else. The Celestial Supreme might know the two helpful guests but he doesn't know who the golden string is.

But it was the green flame that asked the question that he wanted to ask. "Who are you?"

That is the elephant in the room. Few people know who the golden string is. Not even the hidden god knows about this hidden god.

The golden string hummed and answered. "I can't say."

The green flame continued to examine the golden string but it couldn't discern anything from this unknown Celestial.

It muttered, "This complicates things. It seems we had the same idea. Either you had it after me which makes you a manageable threat or you had it before me which makes you a terrifying threat. Either one isn't good and they both complicate matters."

The golden string chuckled. "It's funny that I think otherwise. Then again, I might just be biased. After all, I had the idea first and I also knew you would be here."

The green flame turned silent at that.

The hammer and the star were listening to the conversation but they don't understand what was going on. Zernon became suspicious because of the cryptic conversation and something unexplained became glaring.

"Wait a minute. How did you void your contract of non-interference?" He asked the golden string.

He wants to know how the god of fate bypassed the restrictions of their contract to help him. He doesn't remember freeing the golden string from the contract so the god of fate shouldn't be here. The god of fate should be lazying about in his divine kingdom of fate strings, not in this attack.

Zernon doesn't know that the help that the two newcomers are currently rendering was programmed into the GodSlayer sometimes before the GodSlayer was loaded. His sense of the outside world is limited in his new strange form, so he thinks that these two added their help only recently. So the god of fate has not broken his contract. If he knew this then he wouldn't have asked that question.

The god of fate turned silent this time around.

The green flame asked the golden string, "Is your Authority Fate?"

The golden string continued to remain silent.

The tree father couldn't help but think about his situation. He found out about the GodSlayer when a kidnapped demigod tried to batter with him for his release. The demigod didn't know much about it or what it does but he overheard it from a god. The tree father's found it through a plant spirit. Then he planted an attachment on the machine after examining it.

What he planted on it was hidden from the other gods. Even the Celestial Supreme didn't sense it because it wasn't active. It will only become active when the weapon is ready to launch. The attachment can enhance the attack or blow up the GodSlayer. The attachment is a vestige of the tree father so the tree father is not actually here.

It is obvious that the golden string is a vestige too but when did he attach himself too it? Was it before or after the tree father decided to sabotage the GodSlayer? Also, how come they both had the same idea?

Chapter 465 Immense Danger.

The vestige of a Celestial is very expensive to make. It is also easily destroyed. It is like an expensive consumable but it has the advantage of being concealed and controllable from a distance. The tree father didn't need to worry about the expensive cost of divinity since the gods were generous with divinity when they exchanged it for their demigods. So the vestige was a good idea to stay in touch with the GodSlayer without being close to it.

The tree father chose this plan of action because Legion believed that if he can find out about the GodSlayer from some random demigod that he kidnapped, the odds are that others have found out about it and it is not a secret. He could have destroyed it but the weapon was developed to harm the Celestial Supreme so the tree father decided to render assistance if it is used against Zernon or destroy it if it is ever used against Legion.

Unlike what Zernon thinks, the GodSlayer is not being used against Legion. Zernon has made himself vulnerable on purpose by entering the machine and targeting Aeternus. So the tree father thought he should get some help for his foolishness. That is why the vestige of the tree father is amplifying the attack.

All of these started a while back and yet a hidden god that even legion doesn't know about says that he thought of this plan and he knew that the tree father would be here. If it is true, then this Celestial is highly likely to wield the power of fate. It also means that Legion's plan might not end the way it thought it would. There is an unknown entity they didn't account for. Unfortunately, nothing can be done about it now. The die has been cast.

'Too bad that Soverick hasn't become a titan of law yet.' The tree father muttered to himself after accepting the situation.

Back To Demon King Aeternus.

Numerous red shadowy figures like wraiths or ghosts were moving around him in a haphazard manner. They started to pop like bubbles when he sensed the incoming danger. He stopped practicing and became serious. If he had hair in his body, it would rise right now and become stiff. He would have goosebumps if he also had skin because of the sensation of danger that washed over him.

"It is time." His voice was calm but heavy just like the heaviness that is suddenly weighing on him.

He knew when the weapon was loaded through the tree father. He knew it was aimed at him through the tree father and he can confirm it to be aimed at him through the force that has locked onto him. He knew when the weapon was fired at him through the tree father, the force that locked on him, and the Intuition of danger. He knows all of these and yet he felt fear. They say that the fear of the unknown is the greatest fear. They were wrong.

Anyone of the sources of information he has would have been enough to inform him of how much danger he is in. Just his intuition will do or the amount of power that the tree father can sense, or the tangible force that suddenly fell on him as he was locked. All three made sure to drive home how much danger he is in and help him determine how seriously he should take this attack.

His golden eye sockets looked up at the sky as he muttered. "This could actually kill me."

The incoming attack is a type of attack that cannot be messed with. The scale of the danger is massive and beyond the scale of their plan. A lot of energy empowered with 5 Authorities is coming at him. If it clashes with his soul then his soul will crumble and he will die. He will die because he doesn't have a resurrection point. He hasn't created a plane in the abyss yet, a death will mean no coming back for him.

Of course, it is not the attack that will kill him. The attack will certainly injure him but his eternal soul will remain. It will just render his soul too weak to withstand Chaos energy anymore. The rebellious energy will run amok and ravage his soul once it is weak enough. It is like an opportunistic killer, just waiting for the right time to rear its corrosive head. Chaos energy is something that even his eternal soul cannot survive much less in a weakened unprotected state.

Chaos energy might have been docile but that's only because the power rating of his spirit has always been higher than that of Chaos power. The incoming attack will put him back in the situation he was in as a mid-rank demon when he amplified his soul injury by using power beyond him after numerous high-rank demons tried to kill him. He can handle an Origin god's domain now but it will be useless against what's coming for him.

And yet he smiled. "Now we've got you where we want you. It's good enough for now. We'll deal with the anomaly after."

He is locked on. It's like a string has been attached to him pulling the attack toward him. The sky changed colors immediately after the weapon was fired. All the colors of the world were washed away leaving the world in white and black. Only green, orange, and golden colors were allowed to remain in the world. It is evident that the Celestial Supreme is wielding the full power of his Authority and everything not aligned with his will is being washed out and overridden.

Aeternus's eye sockets blazed as he brandished his claymore against the onslaught of power that is rolling toward him like a tsunami. His figure blazed with a black all consuming flame in resistance to the

ban of the Celestial Supreme's will. He is a demon with Authority so he doesn't need to listen to a Celestial even if that Celestial is the Supreme.

He began pumping energy into his claymore in preparation for his reply. The gods have gone to such an extent just to eliminate him. It is only appropriate that he gives them a worthy reply. Above all else, he is a polite demon king. Polite, not petty.

Chapter 466 Trade By Batter.

If you can dish it out then you must be able to take it too. If the gods don't expect him to retaliate then they are in for quite a shock.

"Don't break now old friend," Aeternus said to his quivering claymore.

His claymore is not the only thing quivering from the energy overload. His soul is also being pushed to the limit of his ability trying to parse the attack. His soul reached its limit and came up short. There's just too much information and factors to consider if he intends to replicate that attack and even enhance it.

The attack of the GodSlayer is not some simple spell or even a complicated spell. He will take any type of spell right now. At least, spells have structures. Unfortunately, the attack of the GodSlayer is no spell. It is not a divine ability either. It is a chaotic phenomenon. It is 8 grand gods, 2 Celestials, and 5 Authorities smashing into him. How is he to copy the action of a getting to collide?

Even worse, the attack is a physical phenomenon turned magical and maybe spiritual. Aeternus cannot copy physical attacks. He can only copy magical attacks using his POWER OF ENVY. He can reflect all types of attacks using SPITE OF ENVY but he cannot reflect something of that level. It is too large. He will be overwhelmed.

Fortunately, he is not the only one trying to parse and analyze this attack. The tree father is giving him close-up and in-depth information about it. He is also using his sin ability to the best of his ability to acquire information. All that information is then analyzed by all the 9 minds of Legion. 2 good heads are better than one. 9 excellent heads can create a miracle.

Different processes are taking place within Aeternus's mind right now. Ideas, concepts, energy functions, and constants are swirling in a whirlpool of chaos in his mind. He can control Chaos energy but what he is asking Chaos to do is insane so he has to dictate each step of what he wants down to the nitty gritty.

Chaos energy might be able to do anything and everything but it needs instructions and a template to adhere to. Aeternus is trying to form the template but what he has in his mind is a whirlpool of instructions. The instructions need to be connected to one another into a viable structure that is similar to that of the incoming attack if he intends to replicate it.

This whirlpool is beyond his ability to control but 8 other tethers are pulling on the edges of the whirlpool and giving it structure. All 9 of them are easing knots, performing enormous calculations, and assembling instructions as fast as possible. The whirlpool of chaos was forcefully given form.

Finally, a ball started to rise from the whirlpool. This ball is the order that has been given to Chaos. Chaos can form anything and it has been made to form this ball. It didn't do it willingly but its willingness was overridden by force.

9 excellent heads can replicate an attack constituting the physical collision of 8 grand gods, 2 Celestials, and 5 Authorities converted into an All-Existential attack. They can't enhance it but they can do it fast enough for Aeternus to counterattack which is more than enough for their plan.

The golden string within the attack of the GodSlayer finally spoke broking the silence.

"Impressive. I feel the change in the strings of fate." It said to the green flame, "It was nice working with you. We'll see soon."

The tree father snorted and ignored the god of fate. He focused on the most important thing right now which is Aeternus's strike. He didn't let the fact that the god of fate can tell that Aeternus succeeded to get to him.

Aeternus swung his claymore at the attack with all his might. His claymore now glowing a black light rose and fell. It took some of the flames burning on Aeternus's body with it as it fell and produced a black wave that rose up in opposition to the attack of the GodSlayer. The wave morphed into a terrifying Black skull. The black skull has five horns, each with a different symbol etched on them. The symbols are a string, a flame, a hammer, a scale, and a star.

The Black skull rose up to the sky to meet the 5-colored wave of energy crashing down from the heavens. The two attacks clashed violently and shook the world with a loud thunderclap that is akin to a giant clapping. The world brightened because of the explosion of light then it darkened when the

firmament was torn asunder. The sky was ripped apart and the light of the sun disappeared into the void of space through the years.

The resulting thunderclap rocked the world and deafened all who heard it. The earth shook and the sands of the desert were kicked up into a hurricane. Fragments of the two attacks fell and scattered into the plane where they wrought destruction to lives and properties. Fire and brimstone fell to the earth. It looked like the world was ending.

The plane suffered and will continue to suffer the repercussions of that collision for some time to come. The entities within the attack of the GodSlayer are not having a nice time either. A collision with something of equal power occurred and it occurred outside of the core of their target. It is against the script. A terrible gift was to be forced onto Aeternus but they got something in exchange. They were not up to participate in such a macabre trade by batter.

The two conceptual phenomena suffered as the two attacks that embodied them sought to eradicate each other. The gods that formed the energy had their very being destroyed. The pain they felt could not be measured, quantified or qualified. It couldn't be measured against anything else because the only thing they felt is pain. Pain became their whole world but this isn't the end of it. More things that can cause pain are on their way.

Chapter 467 Round 2.

It turns out that making yourself into ammunition to be tossed at something in order to invoke primal fission through a direct existential collision is not a good idea after all. There is a risk of cracking the consciousness of those that volunteered themselves as ammunition. No one told them that when they were keeping for the job. In fact, by all logic and the reasoning of all that is possible, this shouldn't be happening.

Fortunately for the gods, their attack ultimately won the clash. Theirs is a dynamic attack. They have protective mechanisms put in place to protect them from the fallout of a collision. They also have the divinity to replenish lost energy and power. So while the Static Black skull reduced in power, theirs remained constant and eventually won the clash.

"That was unexpected but things are still on track. We can still do this." Zernon said to the reeling Stelios.

It was unexpected that the demon king could produce an attack of such magnitude either by copying it or creating it himself. Zernon knows about demons of envy and what they can do. He also knows that they can't do what just happened even if they are demon kings.



The attack of the GodSlayer is chaotic and powerful. In a sense, it is not a single attack but 5 different attacks made to look like 1. A demon king capable of copying it will have no need for a demon stronghold or the culling of churches to weaken gods. They will be able to singlehandedly take down the divine plane and kill all the gods in their prime.

A demon of that power has no need for schemes. What use are schemes when pure power is easier and faster? So he didn't expect this retaliation from a demon king that pretended to be a high-rank demon and his in the mortal realm. But now that it is over things can go on as the gods planned.

The power of the GodSlayer's attack remained the same even after the black skull was eliminated and they are still en route to the demon king. The attack is undodgeable after all. All seems to be well. They had a minor hiccup along the way but things should be smooth sailing from here on out.

Zernon looked around and couldn't see the other two Celestials. They are gone and so are their Authorities. Unlike the other Celestials who got into the GodSlayer and were loaded together with their Authorities, these two were only vestiges with their Authorities within the GodSlayer. These vestiges are not part of the original power of the attack and as such cannot be replenished.

Zernon didn't have time to think about the possibilities or repercussions when another black skull appeared and locked onto them. Aeternus had raised his claymore and produced another attack similar to the first one. The sight of the second black skull sent the possibilities of their absence to his mind unbiddenly.

"This is impossible." He screamed in panic.

Stelios joined in. "You have doomed us."

It turns out that all is not well. It is one thing for the attack to be copied at all, to say that it can be copied twice is just absurd and bogus nonsense. But that absurd and bogus nonsense will be their doom because that black skull still has five horns with five symbols while they have lost two Authorities. It is 5 against 3 now instead of 5 vs 5.

They watched as the black skull zoned in on them and clashed head-on with them again. Their world turned upside down and they thought they would die. The pain didn't threaten to overwhelm them this

time, it overwhelmed them. Their consciousness was rent apart and was on the brink of collapse. They were so close to death that they would have died if they didn't have any divinity left. But they survived. It cost them all their divinity but they survived. That skull was vanquished against all odds for the good of all giant kinds.

"Let's hope this will still work." Zernon thought to himself.

He didn't say it out lest he jinx them. They didn't come out of that clash unscathed. They have lost a lot of power but they still have three Authorities. The damage they can cause has reduced drastically but they can still damage the demon king. This is what they planned from the start anyway.

His eyes widen silently as he saw the third skull racing towards them. He didn't even bother to exclaim. He does not doubt that they would die here.

'Maybe I shouldn't have locked the god of fate away.'

He began to feel regret for how he has treated the god of fate. The assistance that the god of fate and life rendered indicates that they might care about the plane and want to get rid of the demon king. They both have issues with him but they still added their Authorities to the attack. They might fight but they came together when the plane needs it the most.

Who could have known that the demon king is an impossibility made possible? Who could have known that he can replicate their attack? The demon king replicated the attack not once, not twice, but three times now. No one in their right mind can expect such a thing. He didn't expect it at all. If he had he would have implored the god of fate and the god of life to assist him so that their attack will be at its strongest.

"Wait a minute. If there is someone who could have expected this, it has to be that god of life that worked with the demon king."

The thought of the god of life made him realize something. He realized that maybe it wasn't so unexpected after all. The tree father used to work with the demons and might know what the demon king is capable of. If that is true, then he is at the wrong place at the right time.

Chapter 468 Round 3.

"I am in a Deathtrap." He grinned deprecatingly to himself. "I was played."

He realized too late that he has been played. The god of life probably knew the capabilities of the demon king. That's why he didn't sabotage the GodSlayer when he found out about it. The only one that probably truly cared about the plane is the god of fate. He can be trusted because he never done anything to endanger the plane.

He shook his head in regret. "I should have invited him for this attack."

He felt regret for not trusting the god of fate. They have a long history and the god of fate is a giant that will ultimately try to protect his plane as compared to the god of life who betrayed the plane. If only he had invited the god of fate to join in the attack they won't be in such a bad situation.

He closed his eyes waiting for death. If he is to go out then he will go out bravely. The skull crashed into them and ravaged them. They were quickly pushed to the brink of death so the fail-safe of the GodSlayer was activated.

A fail-safe mechanism has been programmed into the GodSlayer to protect the lives of its ammunition. It will activate when the attack has been compromised to a certain threshold and there is no divinity to repair it. The GodSlayer forcefully withdrew the attack. It used the Godhood in the pillar to pull on the energy that made up the attack. The attack flew back towards the divine plane while the black skull chased them relentlessly.

The skull followed closely behind what has now become a small sphere of three-colored energy that used to be the size of a wave of the ocean. The two of them disappeared into the sky. They entered the divine plane and went straight to the GodSlayer.

The GodSlayer is still running so it received the remnants of the energy with minimal issues. It performed according to its design but it didn't account for the skull. The skull crashed into the GodSlayer since it swallowed its prey making the machine become easily overloaded when it was trying to reform the ammunition it made. Then it blew up.

Unfortunately for the gods, they were standing around the GodSlayer in anticipation of its result. They didn't know about what transpired in the attack or how it performed against the demon king. They don't have any priest or influence around the demon fortress. They were waiting for the attack to be retrieved

so that the reformed gods will tell them how it went. What they got was an explosion for their effort and hope.

The gods protected themselves as best as they could but scores of them died. Only grand gods could withstand the explosion but the ones too close to the explosion died. The god of knowledge is one of such grand gods. The explosion ravaged and tore his paper body apart. The death of the child he never had killed him too. It seems he was too attached to his prodigy for him to continue living after its death.

The explosion died down quickly after wreaking havoc on the gods. But the problem of the gods hasn't ended. The scythe in the godhoods of those still alive began to vibrate. They fell to the ground in pain as the core of their existence began to ache.

Meanwhile, the GodSlayer was destroyed leaving two orbs of power. All the grand gods that were involved in the attack died including Harkam leaving the two Celestials or what remains of them. One orb is white and black while the other is orange like a tiny star. The two of them have suffered so much damage that they can't even take on a form anymore. They are near death with only their consciousness active.

"We are alive," Zernon exclaimed in relief.

He said to Stelios. "We should get to our divine kingdoms and try to heal."

He was about to whiz away as an orb can only do when he was suddenly attacked from behind. The orange orb jumped on the white and black orb and bit it.

"What are you doing? Get off me." He shouted in panic.

"Or what. You ruined us. Give me your power. I'll be a better leader." Stelios replied.

He refused to let go of the Celestial Supreme and began to consume him. The Celestial Supreme is much stronger than the sun god even without the Authority of the Supreme but they are both weakened and dying while the sun god is getting support from someone else.

It is like savings and investments. Zernon had invested all his assets into that attack while the sun god only invested 40%. The remaining 60% is somewhere else and giving him returns on his savings. Savings always give poor returns compared to investments. His returns are like that of savings because of the poor help that Stelios is getting from the other 60% but it guarantees that he can not die.

As long as that 60% is still around somewhere and Stelios is the true God of the sun with the divine flame to prove it, then he will remain alive unless Helios decides to let him die and lose the 60%. So his situation cannot get much worse unless he dies while Zernon is actually dying.

Zernon yelled as they struggled. "You ungrateful bastard. I helped you when your own son stole your power. I saved your life when your son tried to kill you. Now you're betraying me. I wish I had never helped you."

"You led us to our doom. I have repaid you for your favor by helping you. We are even now so it is not a betrayal. I don't have a choice, I need you to die for me." Stelios shouted.

Their deal was for Stelios to assist the Celestial Supreme in killing the demon king. He believes that his part is done since he put his life on the line for it. A rare opportunity has presented itself to him and he is going to take it.

#### Chapter 469 Desperation And Necessity

Stelios's decision to turn on Zernon is not unfounded. He was already in trouble losing 60% of himself. Losing 39% has pushed that to doomed. He can't heal right now. He already sacrificed everything he had including his divine lords to become stable enough at 40%, so there is nothing he can do now except to have a bump in power.

He felt a pull on himself when Helios came to the divine kingdom last time. His separate body parts tried to reunite. He could resist Helios back then but that has changed now that he is too weak. He will have no choice but to be imprisoned in that jail in Helios' Stigmata if Helios comes to the divine plane again.

So this is very important for him. He needs the Celestial Supreme to die so that he can live. Besides the necessity, he deserves to be the Celestial Supreme. He has been patient and served his due for a long time. It is time to be the Celestial Supreme and this moment is the weakest that Zernon is ever going to get. This is a reward for his patience and he will take it regardless of his need for it.

The two Celestials engaged in a Deathmatch with no one to intercede. None of the gods helped them because they were fighting and losing to the scythe attacking their Godhood. The scythe is not harming them, it is only disconnecting their Godhood from their body temporarily. It made them vulnerable and unable to resist what happened next.

The residual of the black skull attack transferred to all the gods around after losing its target. Tiny black threads of darkness used the scythe as a beacon and wormed its way into their bodies where it began to rampage about. The scythe within them became empowered with the power of 5 Authorities and permanently severed their connection to their Godhood. Then the remnant of the black skull destroyed their divine bodies.

The gods were dying all around them meanwhile, Stelios's hold on Zernon continued to increase over time. Unlike Stelios that has reached his lowest point and cannot go any lower, Zernon is weakening and he is weakening fast. Fighting Stelios is a losing fight. He has to go all out or he will die.

Even if he manages to repel Stelios, he will be close to death like never before unless he can consume the sun god but that's a long shot. If he were capable of that, he would have turned on the sun god right from the start, not the other way around. He did two things at once. He called for help while he gave up part of his body to Stelios.

A section of the white and black orb separated from its main body. The section that got divided is also the one that Stelios is latching on to. Stelios grabbed onto it thinking that he is making progress with it his endeavor to eat Zernon. He was effectively stalled trying to digest the sacrifice.

The piece that was sacrificed might be small but Zernon is stronger than Stelios. He is much denser so it is going to take time for Stelios to digest it. Zernon took the opportunity to run away. He chose to run towards the helper that he called for. Stelios gave chase after digesting the piece soon after but a gap as already been created between the two of them.

The two Celestials disappeared from the divine council chambers leaving behind the dying and dead gods. The council chamber has become a scene of death and destruction. The once scenic view of stars above the chambers has disappeared to show just pitch-black darkness. The explosion of the GodSlayer did the most damage to the location. Large fractures spread throughout the floor and walls.

There are no bodies to allude to the death that occurred here despite the number of gods that have died. Their bodies have been consumed leaving behind multicolored orbs. These multicolored orbs are

the Godhood of gods. Their numerous amount is the only indication that there used to be a lot of gods here.

The glittering godhoods that littered the place began to change. Black and red tendrils of energy engulfed them and gave shape to them. These shapes were at first indistinct until they became red shadows with two bright and pure white eyes. The red shadows are holding a black scythe. It is the same black scythe that used to mark the Godhoods.

More and more godhoods from the gods that the explosion killed became Aeternus's divine avatars. Aeternus might not be here but he is capable of expressing his will through his DIVINE AVATAR ability. The black scythe took over the Godhood now that their previous owners are no more. It will be bad if all these ownerless Godhoods fall to the mortal realm to create a new batch of gods. That will invalidate a lot of Legion's work.

The vulnerable godhoods created by the explosion were the first to be converted into avatars of the divine demon king. These avatars locked onto the direction that the two Celestials flew and joined in the chase. Then the gods still alive were killed by the combined effort of the scythe and the remnant power of the skull. They too were converted and also joined the chase. Soon all the gods became demonic wraiths and chased the two celestial orbs.

The targets of the chase continued their struggle without care. Stelios has grown stronger so he is faster than before and he is gaining on Zernon. Zernon's headstart is dwindling and he will eventually be caught, Fortunately, his helper has arrived. He just has to hold on for a little more and he will be saved.

A god covered in golden armor rushed towards them from the opposite direction. The armor is made of tiny strings of different colors meshed together to make the golden color. This god flew towards the two of them from the front while the red spectres chased them from behind. The first to reach them will be the winner.

Chapter 470 Zerkon Vs Zernon. Fate Vs Order.

Zernon became elated at the sight of the approaching god. The golden armoured god is his salvation. He screamed with all his might. "Help me, Zerkon. Help me."

He has no time for formalities like calling him the god of fate. He is too happy to act estranged. The helper he called for is the god of faith after releasing him from the contract of non-interference. The god of fate was the only god that didn't attend the divine council meeting so he was spared the fate of death.

It has been a long time since he called the god of faith his real name. Zernon didn't expect the god of fate to answer his call for help since he forced him to stay hidden all these years. But here he is. This just goes to show that he should have trusted the god of fate more.

Stelios became agitated when he noticed the new god. He also noticed the red specters chasing them but they don't matter yet. If he can't get Zernon then his fate is sealed anyway. So he began burning parts of himself to speed up and catch Zernon. It is very painful but it is a sacrifice he is willing to make for his life to get better. After all, he doesn't have much else to lose.

Unfortunately, a half-dead Celestial cannot compare to a fully healthy Celestial decked out in armor and ready for battle. There is no way he can match the god of fate in speed. The red spectres also couldn't catch up because the two of them are running towards the god of fate.

The god of fate closed in on Zernon first. He smiled when he reached Zernon.

He said to him as he grabbed his target, "I'm here Zernon."

"Thanks for coming to help. I have mistreated you all these years and yet you have come to help me. Will you forgive me?"

Zernon was full of appreciation for Zerkon. He began thanking him and expressing remorse for his past behavior.

The god of fate stopped him. "There's no need for that. You were just doing what you had to do."

"Yes, I was. Wait, where are you going?"

Zernon noticed that Zerkon was flying toward Stelios instead of away from him. So he asked for information about their destination.

Zerkon replied, "To finish what I started."



The Celestial Supreme agreed. "That's good too. That ungrateful bastard betrayed me. Kill him for me. I am sure to heal a good portion if I can consume him."

"Oh, there will be killing and consumption for sure." Zerkon smiled and said.

Then the god of fate reached out and grabbed Stelios too. Next, his body inflated into a round ball that engulfed the two Celestial orbs. The red spectres watched unable to do anything as the god of fate took both the god of order and god of the sun.

Zernon and Stelios found themselves within a large space within the ball that the god of fate has become. Both of them are confused about what's going on. Their confusion was not cleared by what their captor said next.

Zerkon told them, "Now no one can interfere. You can fight to your heart's content."

The two of them would have hung their mouths open if they had mouths in their current state. They thought the god of fate came to rescue Zernon but it seems he has other plans. He wants them to fight to the death without interference.

Zernon asked in fear. "What are you doing brother?"

Gone is the calling of the real name. Zernon disregarded the use of names and resorted to pointing out their familial connection in this dire situation in hopes that Zerkon will change his mind.

"Brother?" The god of faith laughed. "When was the last time you called me that? I can't remember. But I do remember the last time I called you brother. It was back then when I begged you to spare me. I had just become a Celestial but you refused to budge on your rules. You wanted to kill me. You wanted to kill your twin brother because of narcissism that you call principles."

Zernon begged. "I said I'm sorry. I had to."

"I knew you would do it because I know you had to. You have always been obsessively stubborn. I knew you would try to kill me and I knew you would fail. But I begged you to spare me anyway. You didn't listen to my pleas and you even refused to let me go when you couldn't kill me. You had to imprison me in my own divine kingdom before you were satisfied."

Zernon yelled, "Kill me then. If you are so bitter about how I treated you then you should kill me with your own hands. Kill me yourself."

"Oh, how I wish I could kill you. I am sure I would relish the pleasure of robbing you of your life. Unfortunately, I can't. I can't kill anything. It is the cost of being an observer."

Stelios' confusion has only grown stronger as he listened. He thought for a second that the god of fate wanted to kill him when he grabbed him. He was wrong about that but the reality of the situation doesn't make much sense either.

He thought to himself, 'The Celestial Supreme had a brother? The god of fate is a Celestial? The brother of the Celestial Supreme is the god of fate? He also had a son that he hid from all of us. There's so much we don't know about the Celestial Supreme. Now his brother wants to kill him instead of helping him? And I thought my family is messed up. My fake son tried to imprison me while I ate my real children.'

"Now finish what you started. Kill him." Zerkon said to Stelios.

Stelios is more than glad to kill Zernon. The two of them resumed their deathmatch under the gaze of the helper that Zernon called for meanwhile the red spectres are locked outside unable to interfere.