

## **GREED 481**

### Chapter 481 Authority And Its Sources.

The way the believers view a god determines what is compatible with the god. Zernon is seen as a strict god with rules and regulations. He likes law and meting out justice. He protects the mortals by keeping order in the mortal realm. He is the god of order and justice. His believers don't see him as a sunny god that brings life and light. He doesn't invoke happiness in them as the sun god does. He is more like a strict father that is always frowning at misdeeds and punishing rule breakers so the domain of the sun is not compatible with his divine image.

The god of the sun on the other hand is ancient. He is very powerful and very wise. He brings light and life. He and the domain of order is not a perfect match but they can see him using his incredible power to maintain order in the plane. So the domain of order is compatible with him. He is fusing with it and will then become a level two Celestial.

Then he will need a domain that is compatible with both the sun and the order for him to become a level three Celestial. The god of fate is very compatible with Order but he didn't take it because of karma. He made sure that there is no leverage of karma between him and Legion by giving all of them what they deserve.

He gave nothing more or less than what they deserved so that they will not be able to have any hold on him. He doesn't need the domain anyway. The Authority of the Celestial Supreme makes him a level-two Celestial without needing to upgrade himself. That is enough for him to be untouchable in the divine plane.

There is more to power and survivability apart from the level of Authority. Zernon was a level three Celestial as the Celestial Supreme but he couldn't kill the level one god of fate. His power didn't stop him from being killed at the end of the day.

Domain interaction is very important when gods fight for supremacy. Stelios won't be able to match Zerkon now that he is a level-two Celestial. Not that he needs to worry about that kind of thing. It is a fight that cannot happen anymore. Fighting amongst gods is not in Stelios's future anymore. He has a very important job for the upcoming experiment. That should make him very busy for the nearest foreseeable future.

The orange orb within Helios's Stigmata finally finished evolving. It glowed brightly and became completely white. Helios began to glow too as Stelios finished his evolution. Stelios woke up to an unfamiliar and yet familiar void. It took a while for him to figure out where he is. He has been shackled

by crystal vines that have wormed their way into his body. The vines are siphoning his divine power for Helios to use. Stelios started to panic after realizing his situation. Then he began to beg.

"Please. Please. I beg of you. I will do anything you want if you will let me go. Please."

Helios ignored his pleas. He said to all of Legion, "I have everything now. We can move on to the next phase."

The sun domain contains elements of both light and fire. It has elements of order now Stelios has absorbed the domain of order. Helios has fragments of the law of fire, light, and order in his body. Those fragments have finally been complimented with similar divine power. It has elevated his body from that of a half-celestial into a temporary body of divine law as long as Stelios stays within the divine engine.

This is necessary for their next experiment. He theorized that the rune-creation ability of giants might lead to the answer about Authority. Runes are actually fragments of the law of Order made to create things using divine power.

Authority is the foundation of power in the void universe. It is also the source of power for gods. It is bestowed to them by the plane through their domains. It produces the divine power that is used to subvert laws, including the law of order itself.

Divine power subverts all types of laws. Gods use it to impose their will upon the world instead of comprehending laws. But it is only the subversion of order that leads to limited creation. So the authority of gods is a very important item to study if Legion intends to crack Authority or at least get to the bottom of creation without being a world god.

The importance of Authority cannot be understated. Gods need it and so do those on the path of perfection. Even do need Authority. They all have different sources but they grant power.

Those on the path of perfection get theirs through comprehending laws and the subsequent bestowal of it by the universe as a reward for their effort. Demons are granted one when they pass the trial of the abyss, then they have to get more by killing Celestials. Gods get theirs when they are elevated by faith and receive the plane's acknowledgment.

In every case, Authority is granted from an external source. Legion hopes to crack the secret of its creation and become able to bestow it upon itself or at least change it. Every clone of Legion has put a lot of effort into this endeavor. They have fully analyzed the Authority of gods and the Authority of sovereigns. But they haven't analyzed the Authority of Chaos. It is what they hope to achieve today.

They hoped to acquire information about the Authority of demons but they don't have the authority of other demon kings to work so they will have to work with Aeternus's Authority over Chaos even though it is dangerous. Chaos is dangerous since it tries to destroy everything that it comes in contact with.

Demons are associated with Chaos so the information that they get from Aeternus should be relevant, unbiased, and primal, unlike the several types of Authority of demons. The alternative is to acquire several types of Authority from the different sins but that is tedious and unreliable.

Chapter 482 The Quest For The Secrets Of Authority.

Helios has checked the behavior of the power of order in Zernon's arm against the demon power in Beelta's body. The outcome has always been mutual destruction. A smaller amount of the arm causes a large portion of Beelta's body to explode. That's because of the difference in power. It means that they should expect catastrophic consequences when they work with the Authority of Chaos.

Legion has information about how Divine power acts with laws. Divine power usurps laws. It is especially glaring how divine power can weaken the power of order. So Helios tried to understand how divine power will react to chaos but it turned out badly. The divine power of order in Zernon's always exploded whenever it reacted with sin energy in Beelta's body.

The experiment was dangerous but it was also enlightening. Unfortunately, Helios had to cut his project short now that Zernon is dead. He doesn't have any material containing both divine power and the power of order. That what's Helios is here to supply by using Stelios as the source.

The divine life energy of the tree father always burns up whenever it comes in contact with Chaos too. It is why Aeternus cannot take advantage of it for his trial. Helios had the idea to use Aeternus's energy to interact with his divine energy and see how they will react.

So the aim of the first experiment is to see how Chaos will react with Order and divine energy. Having that information will make them much closer to analyzing Chaos Authority and figuring out what Authority is. It is the first experiment in a long line of research objectives.

"Alright. Let's make contact." Helios said after preparing the first procedure.

He cut himself and let his blood flow. He used a receptacle to contain the blood. Then Aeternus made a tendril of chaos energy and dipped it into the container. The tendril sizzled on contact. The reaction turned the blood into ashes while producing smoke.

Helios said. "That's disappointing and underwhelming. I expected more."

"It is no different with how chaos energy reacts with other matter anyway," Aeternus observed.

"You think?" Helios asked him.

"It is better to test and confirm it."

They decided to test the reaction of chaos energy with other materials and they found the reaction to be similar. Chaos energy will corrode anything it comes into contact with be it organic or inorganic.

"Let's move on then," Helios said dejectedly.

He hoped that the first procedure will produce something worthwhile but the reaction of Chaos energy with his blood seems no different from its reaction with other materials. This means that they will have to finally channel Chaos energy into the mind network of Legion.

Legion has always held back on allowing Chaos energy to pass through the soul sphere. Chaos energy is rebellious and very dangerous. It might harm the soul sphere and it will definitely harm the other legions. The harm that it will bring to the other clones is absolutely certain while it is uncertain of the effects it will have on the soul sphere since it is a universal treasure. It is an endeavour with serious risks hence Legion's reluctance.

Legion wouldn't take this risk if not for the perfect control that Aeternus has recently acquired over Chaos and the opportunity to get more data. Legion can sacrifice a clone for its greater good but Chaos energy can put all of them in jeopardy. So even though Legion trusts Aeternus completely, they must plan for accidents. It will be naive to believe that nothing will go wrong.

If something can go wrong, odds are that it will go wrong so Legion has taken some precautions to mitigate the damage that Chaos energy will cause. Chaos energy will transfer from Aeternus, through his soul sphere, and to Legion-1. Legion 1 is the central station since he has the main soul sphere. Then Legion-1 will direct it to Helios.

Legion-1 is a bonafide Origin god and should be able to control and cut the connection of Chaos energy if anything goes wrong. That is the original plan and they shouldn't need more if everything goes well. If not, Aeternus can cut off the flow from his side. If that doesn't work either, then the tree father will crack Aeternus's skull open through his eye sockets.

The damage should stun Aeternus and cut off the flow at least temporarily. If that doesn't work, then the tree father will kill Aeternus and end the flow of Chaos energy for good. That will surely end the flow of Chaos energy. It is better to sacrifice one clone instead of all of them. It is a pragmatic and effective plan but Helios doesn't like it.

He is the one at the most risk in this procedure but all of Legion is at risk too. This procedure is incredibly dangerous and it could lead to either he or Aeternus dying. The rest could suffer varying levels of injury too so he isn't exactly looking forward to the situation. That's why he was hoping for something during the first procedure despite Soverick's opinion that nothing useful will come out of an external reaction. They were all hoping for something important too.

They are all not comfortable with the idea of Chaos energy rampaging through their mind network but Soverick believes that the perfect control and perfect senses of their bodies and soul will create an environment that will help them observe and acquire the best information about the interaction between Chaos energy, divine power, and order. So they will do it despite their reluctance.

"I am ready too." The tree father said.

The vine placed in front of Aeternus's face began to glow with a green light. The tree father infused it with his Authority. It will shoot forward when necessary and do what it needs to do. Aeternus won't resist either. It is for the good of Legion.

And so it began. Aeternus began transmitting Chaos energy through the soul sphere in his soul. He didn't have to do much. Chaos energy is always eager for action so he simply stopped holding it back and let it flow through his soul to the soul sphere.

## Chapter 483 Chaos And Order. Creation Or Destruction.

Aeternus felt pain immediately as Chaos energy bypassed his soul defense and entered his soul. It began wreaking havoc as it is wont to do. It reminded him of his days as an unborn fledgling. The pain was that bad or maybe even worse. His Chaos energy has grown just like he has. It is currently in the divine rank with enough power to erode Authority itself so his powerful soul is not immune to its effects yet.

Chaos energy tried to gush into his soul without restriction so he had to funnel it through a narrow path eroded in his soul to the soul sphere. The pain is worse than having something sharp used to pierce his soul. It threatened to cloud his mind but he held on with the promise that his suffering shouldn't take long. The test shouldn't last more than a few seconds before he has to shut off the flow of Chaos energy. So he had to endure for a short while before the pain is over.

The energy passed through the soul sphere to Legion-1 and began corroding his soul too. Legion-1's soul is much more resistant to it due to his fusion with a concept so he can handle the corrosion for a longer time while maintaining his full mental prowess. It is more than enough since they only need a short time to observe the changes that will occur between the interaction of chaos energy and Helios. Everything is going as well as they planned so they proceeded.

They confirmed that he is able to shut down the flow of Chaos energy at any time before they proceeded. Legion-1 allowed the chaos energy to go to Helios and only Helios' soul sphere. That's when things went wrong. Helios imploded immediately. It happened too fast to be stopped.

There was a snap. That's the sound the implosion made. The space Helios was occupying suddenly became void of matter due to his volume reducing so much and so quickly. It occurred in an instant. Matter from the surrounding rushed to fill the artificial void. And the effect of the implosion on the environment ended there but it had far-reaching consequences for Legion.

Chaos can be anything. It is matter and energy in an excitable and primordial state. It can do anything and it is ready to do anything at the next opportunity to do it. Order on the other hand is control. Order is the system of rules that gives Chaos form and leads to creation.

The two of them interact in the world occasionally. This reaction doesn't occur peacefully. There is always a fight for supremacy. Order has to be stronger than Chaos or Chaos will destroy Order. There will be no creation if Chaos is stronger, only destruction is possible.

The interaction of Order and Chaos can lead to either destruction or creation, but there's a state in between. A state of infinite possibilities. Anything is possible with creation while only one thing is possible with destruction. But as long as one or the other has not occurred, literally, anything can happen.

A potent supply of infinite Chaos met with a very powerful source of the Authority of Order within Helios and created a singularity of infinite possibilities. Anything can happen, but destruction is more likely. The input of Chaos is stronger than the combined leverage of the fragments of order, divine power, and domain of order that he has within him. So Chaos is winning the interaction. The outcome of such an interaction is destruction.

In fact, destruction was supposed to happen but Helios's soul is eternal. It was made eternal by the universe. It means his soul should last forever as long as the universe exists. The hurdle of immortality isn't much to a singularity of possibilities. An eternal soul can become a fragile soul. All the eternal soul means is that it will take the singularity some effort to overcome its immortality before it can destroy it.

So the singularity targeted the source of the immortality which is the void universe itself. The void universe is not so easy to change. It will need more effort to override Helios's immortal soul but it is certainly possible.

The effort the singularity needed to achieve the destruction of Helios' soul turned what should be an instantaneous state of possibilities into a prolonged state of possibilities. It allowed another thing to influence it.

Helios is not some lone entity. He is part of a collective. Something happening to him will affect the others. The effect it has on others can be good or bad. In this situation it is bad. It is extremely bad.

The implosion had affected the other clones too. A void suddenly appeared in their mental space and consciousness. They went from being 9 to 8 in an instant. Their existence tried to fill up this void. Origin energy from Soverick, Chaos energy from Aeternus, and Divine energy from the tree father rushed beyond their control into the singularity like a flood. It is like adding fuel to a fire. It has a very bad effect.

The singularity became strengthened by the addition of copious amounts of energy. It was supposed to destroy Helios and wink out of existence once it loses its foundation but the addition prolonged its existence. Now it can do more.

It doesn't help that the supply of Origin energy and Chaos energy is infinite. It means the singularity can do as much damage as the limited supply of divine energy can sustain and it is a lot. A Celestial has an infinite supply of divine energy after all and the tree father has been stockpiling divine energy.

The damage won't be widespread because of the limited divine energy from Legion-9 but it will be total damage. Guntu has torn a hole through a plane with his concept of destruction before. This singularity is greater than a mere concept. Its destruction is total. It will tear a much deeper hole through the fabric of the universe in its attempt to overcome the concept of the immortality of an eternal soul.

#### Chapter 484 The Void Universe Was Designed.

The hole that the singularity will make might seem much smaller than the one Guntu made when compared to the size of the universe but it will lead to far larger repercussions. The singularity can't destroy the void universe but it can remove everything that has to do with Helios from the universe. Removing an eternal soul from the space-time continuum will leave a black space in the fabric of the universe or what one might call a hole. This hole will exist on every level of the universe including its cosmic barrier.

A universe needs its cosmic barrier much more than a plane needs its barrier. Unknown and dangerous things that should be kept outside the universe will be able to come into the universe. There have to be reasons why they were kept out in the first place and odds are that those reasons are very good. So the consequences of their gaining entry into the universe cannot be good and that's an understatement.

That's just the least of the universe's concerns if the singularity goes off. A hole in the fabric of time and space is much more concerning. The singularity has turned from being a threat to Helios and Legion to actually threatening the entire universe. If something is not done, the consequences of its destruction to the universe will be severe.

Fortunately, the void universe did not come about by chance. Unlike some other universes, it was designed and created for a purpose and there are watchers and protectors of the void universe. The Protectors monitor it and make sure the mechanism of the universe is maintained. The Watchers are mainly concerned about fulfilling the purpose of the universe.

Like in any organization, there is a disagreement based on their aims. Watchers and protectors are also in disagreement. Protectors hate the organisms in the void universe. They believe they are the cause of instability in the universe. Watchers believe in the organisms of the void universe and their ingenuity. They are willing to help the inhabitants of the void universe because the aim of the universe is linked to them.



There are other more important reasons for their conflict but the two parties can always agree in the face of a threat to the fabric of time and space of the universe. The singularity has to be addressed before it goes out of control. But first, a pause.

The universe froze. Time came to a standstill in the void universe. All energy in the universe froze and paused its transformation from one form to another or from energy to matter. Matter ceased to change without time and all states of matter became stagnant. Space became stagnant without the flux of matter. Entropy ceased to increase.

The consciousness, processes, and mechanisms of the reactive universe ground to a halt. Only the unreactive portion of the universe and the consciousness of unreactive entities continued to work. Legion's mind was pulled into one of the unreactive spaces in the void universe.

The consciousness of all clones of Legion was pulled into a dark space. Their minds are like 8 orbs of light and 1 shiny point of light belonging to Helios, all linked together by the energy of a single Origin. Three massive consciousnesses appeared above their minds.

The pressure of the three consciousness weighed on Legion like a heavy mountain. The light of Legion's mind dimmed and waned under the pressure. Thought became too slow and heavy to move.

"So it is you."

"That explains it."

"Last time was mediocre."

"But you have turned mediocre into excellent."

"You have gone beyond expectations."

"This is a truly exemplary performance."

"It is also a very serious matter."

"It is a very dangerous matter."

"But it is undeniably exemplary."

The three gigantic consciousnesses began to talk. They took turns to talk. One spoke after the other and completed a sentence or finished it. There was no difference to tell if they were starting a sentence or ending one. Their voice flowed from one sentence to another with only the meaning behind it being undeniable.

Their mental transmissions felt like heavy blows. They spoke one after the other finishing each other's sentences so it felt like a constant hammer is smashing into their mind over and over again. Even Legion couldn't brush off the painful impact they have on it. None of them could tell who is speaking and where the voices are coming from. The transmissions simply bombarded their minds with the information.

All 8 of them remember a similar event that took place when they were born. Three consciousness talking without a definite end or beginning. Where you can't tell when one is starting and another is finishing. Helios can't think right now so he is the only one spared from the pain. He has his own brand of pain to deal with it. Having your existence compressed into a very small point cannot be a pleasant experience.

The pressure and pain rendered them powerless. They can't resist the suppression alone. But they can manage if they pull together their mental resources. It took all of their willpower to talk.

"Are you world gods?"

The three consciousness paused. Then they began laughing. Legion recognized that laughter. He wasn't angered by the reaction of the three consciousnesses to his question. He simply sighed and accepted his weakness. He can't do any other thing anyway. He has no other choice but to listen until they are done and be freed from here if they wish for it.

It took everything he had to ask that question and they dismissed his best efforts with a laugh. Their laughter might be derisive but it also answered his question. They think that the idea that they could be world gods is funny.

The three consciousness returned to being serious after their short moment of amusement.

"You have broken a tenet of the universe."

"You have tampered with the limit of power."

"It is dangerous."

"But rules are rules."

"Excellence deserves to be rewarded."

"You shall be rewarded."

Chapter 485 The Fourth Consciousness.

Another consciousness appeared suddenly and interrupted their discussion. It invaded this unreactive part of the universe without any effort. This consciousness had a dark, chilling, and harrowing presence. Its aura made Legion shiver involuntarily.

The fourth consciousness screamed in anger. "Who the heck just did that? Let me see who is responsible for almost destroying the universe."

The roar brought with it an extra impact of pressure. Legion felt like fainting. He has not felt like losing consciousness naturally since he was a mana entity. He has felt like losing consciousness before when he was weaker but those were from unnatural causes and are signs of dying. This situation is also unnatural and he might as well not survive it.

All three consciousness blasted at the intruder. "You are not welcome here."

They spoke the same sentence for the first time. Their agreement create a powerful Union of will that slammed into the fourth consciousness.

The intruder didn't care. It shrugged off the blow and continued yelling. "I am here for my pound of flesh and I must have it. I will not back down until the source of this calamity is eradicated. I hate these vermin at best but this one has gone too far. The entire universe was literally at stake. I must have him."

Legion almost fainted there and there as the waves of the scream lashed at him. It was not the blow of sound waves but something like psychic pressure. It was not intended to harm him either. The fourth consciousness is only talking at a higher wavelength. It is his fault for being unable to keep up and comprehend information at that level.

The three consciousness had to shield him from further damage from the exposure to a higher-order information state. Then they rebuked the intruder.

"Enough."

"Rules are rules."

"No matter what you think."

"No matter what you wish to do."

"He will be rewarded."

"Those are the rules."

The fourth consciousness finally relented. Even it can't flaunt the rules. Plus it is a stickler for rules. It would prefer not to break rules if it can't because no matter your best efforts, chaos begets chaos. Breaking rules leads to the breaking of more rules which will lead to the universe finally unraveling.

It said to them, "Fine. But I must have him when you're done with him."

"That's none of our business."

"You can get him as long as you can catch him yourself."

"We will do our job."

"And only our job."

"We are not obligated to hand him over."

"Those are the rules."

The three refused to bend. They will do their job and only that. They certainly won't do something to sabotage their purpose. Legion has shown potential so there's no way they are going to hand him over.

The fourth spoke calmly this time. "I am not forcing you to hand him to me. I want you to do me this favor for the sake of the universe. Think about all the good that will be done to the universe if this disruptive vermin is removed."

All three of them said at the same time. "No."

"You can't be serious. This dangerous brat should be eliminated as soon as possible. Who knows what he will get up to? Do this for the void universe, not for me. How about it?"

They refused. "We refuse."

"We reward."

"That's our job."

"You punish."

"That's your job."

"Do your job."

"And we will do ours."

Watchers reward those that break a rule of the universe because they believe that it is necessary to achieve the aim of the universe. For their mission to be achieved, the rules of the universe have to be broken. They believe that you can't create new from old unless you sacrifice the old. Creation from destruction. Life from death. It is the cycle of existence. They represent the chaos of the universe.

Protectors on the other end hate breaking the rules of the universe. They enforce it seriously and hunt rule breakers to stop the spread of chaos in the universe. The greater the offense, the greater the hunt. They represent the order of the universe. They don't care for the greater aim of the universe only for its stability.

The three consciousness refused to change or bend to the will of the fourth. They will do their job and only that. They certainly won't do something to sabotage their purpose. Legion has shown potential so there's no way they are going to hand him over. The fourth consciousness is stubborn and so are they. They were created this way and for this purpose. Nothing can change their mind except the creator itself.

The fourth consciousness fumed silently. It turned its attention to Legion and directed a focused stare of hatred at them. There are no eyes or body parts in this world but Legion understood the concept of an intense stare nonetheless. The understanding that this fourth consciousness will like nothing more than to end them settled on their already addled mind without much difficulty.

It probably did it to scare Legion. Unfortunately for the fourth consciousness, Legion can't get more scared and afraid for their lives than they already are. There is only so much fear that they can produce and they have reached that limit sometimes ago. So Legion simply received the intimidating glare with resignation.

The fourth consciousness huffed when it noticed its efforts going to waste.

It said to the other three, "Get this over quickly then. I can't wait to start the hunt for the little troublemaker."

The three consciousness resumed their judgment after his urging.

"In light of the current situation."

"And for the sake of the universe."

"The most appropriate reward is the origin flame."

The fourth consciousness interrupted again with a shout of surprise. "What?"

"I understand that you have to reward him, but the origin flame?"

"You're giving him more POWER. Are you kidding me?"

The three consciousness sighed in dismay. It seems that they will be here for a long while.

Chapter 486 The Origin Flame Vs The Ichor Of Creation.

"That will grant him too much power, literally. It will make it very easy to create more chaos in the universe. I won't have it. I'm willing to break the rules to ensure it never happens. I will do anything to stop this madness from propagating any further."

The fourth consciousness ranted and swore that he won't allow Legion to get the Origin flame. It did not sit well with it that Legion will receive a part of the Origin flame and it is ready to throw a tantrum over it.

The three consciousness sighed as one. Then they asked him.

"What do you suggest then?"

The fourth consciousness became silent as it considered the question.

"How about the fulcrum of possibilities?"

The three consciousness sighed again. They are clearly exasperated.

"Your anger has blinded you."

"The fulcrum of possibilities will prevent him from having POWER."

"But it will not solve the problem."

"We cannot interfere in the workings of the universe."

"Those are the rules."

"He has to gain control of what he created."

"So we have to give him something to subdue the singularity of POWER."

"It is for the sake of the universe."

"The fulcrum of possibilities will only turn the outcome of destruction to creation."

"The outcome of destruction is bad."



"But the outcome of Creation can be anything."

"Anything is also bad."

"The laws of the void universe would be warped beyond compare."

"Unnatural things will be created."

"The chaos will be debilitating."

"We are doing this."

"For the sake of the universe."

The fourth consciousness became silent again. The fulcrum of possibilities is the best thing he is willing to let Legion have. It will convert the destruction of the fabric of space and time of the universe into creation. The outcome of destruction is bad. Even a tiny hole in the universe can be devastating. But the three consciousness are also right. Creation is indefinite.

The outcome of destruction is definite and certain. Anything can happen with creation. The outcome of creation is infinite. The universe will be fine with creation but the ensuing chaos knows no bounds.

The best outcome for the universe is stability. Destruction will remove from it and cause instability. Creation will add to it, warp it, or change it which will also lead to instability. So the problem has to be solved at its source by the person that created the problem.

The fourth consciousness gave another suggestion. "How about the ichor or creation? Let's give him the ichor of creation too. That should work."

"So you are willing."

"To give him two rewards."

"Instead of one."

"Is that wise?"

"He will still."

"Become too powerful."

"With the two of them."

The three of them asked him to rethink his suggestion. Yes, the ichor of creation will enable Legion to become able to wield creation after the destruction of the singularity has been subverted by the fulcrum of possibilities. That will limit the chaos that production can make since Legion will only be able to create things that are in line with the laws of the void universe. But is giving him two such powerful universal treasures better than one? What the fourth consciousness is hoping to avoid will still happen.

The fourth consciousness yelled at them, "I know it is a bad idea but you're not giving me much choice. I would rather let him have the blood of the creator and the fulcrum of possibilities rather than let him have the origin flame. I just don't want him to have the origin flame."

The singularity of power has broken the limits of the universe. It is similar to trying to put too much data in a data storage device. It is more like too much data suddenly appeared within the data storage. The data storage will crash. Or a number too large for the universe to express suddenly appeared in its programming. The universe will crash.

The problem can be averted if the singularity of power is annexed into the limits of the universe. If it is annexed, then it won't be able to hurt the universe. But that means the vermin troublemaker might also be able to take control of it. Legion is the one that created it in the first place. But it couldn't control what it created.

The fourth consciousness' dilemma is that the origin flame will be able to annex the singularity of power but Legion will also gain control of the singularity of power. He has to choose between the good of the universe and getting rid of the troublemaker.

"Think about it like this."

"The ichor of creation can and will."

"Create a lot of chaos."

"In the void universe."

"It will also."

"Grant the Authority."

"And Power of creation."

"Consider that the."

"Origin flame can also."

"Grant power but it."

"Is too much to control."

"The worst can."

"Yet be avoided."

"With the origin flame."

The fourth consciousness sighed. "Have I told you that I hate you guys?"

They answered. "Yes, 61,321,735,793,267 times now."

It snapped at them. "Fuck you."

Then It turned to Legion and said, "The Protectors are on to you. I dare you to become a world god. Then you will be close enough to our existence that we can make contact with you. Give us the chance to rip you apart."

It turned silent after saying its piece. The three consciousness resumed their judgment.

"We will continue."

"Legion is it?"

"You have the Chaos flame."

"You have the Divine flame."

"You have an Eternal soul."

"You have met all the requirements for the Origin flame."

"You shall receive the Origin flame."

"Let it be so."

Something settled onto Legion's soul and pulled their consciousness away from the world of judgment.

The fourth consciousness muttered wistfully. "I hope he doesn't survive the birth of the flame. I hope he dies to the flame. He will do the whole universe a world of good if he just dies. I know I'll be very happy if he dies."

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The three consciousness exchanged a glance. They shared information among themselves quickly and they decided to say what must be said.

"Our job is done."

"He is gone."

"You can hunt him now."

"So leave us."

"We find your presence."

"Very irritating."

The fourth consciousness sneered. "Like I like being here either. I'll leave if you let me see how he created the singularity of power."

It can do it itself but it doesn't want to start going through the logs of events of the entire void universe. It has better things to do like protecting the universe unlike the three of them whose job is to watch for potential. They are practically voyeurs.

The three of them showed it how Legion did it reluctantly. It is not against the rules to show it and they didn't want to but they want it gone soon.

"It's all your fault. You gave him the soul connector. How could you not foresee this? You could have given him the soul copier or the soul formatter. That would have been enough. I am sure he would have appreciated it better because he wanted to have infinite bodies." He started accusing them as soon as he saw the records.

"The soul copier and soul formatter are too dangerous."

"He could create a multitude of clones with it."

"We couldn't allow that."

"So we gave him something weaker."

"There is an infinite number of."

"Combinations among the races."

"Who would have thought he would combine."

"A chaos entity, a divine entity, and an entity of order?"

"The chances are too low to be considered."

"Chaos entities are rare on their own."

"Who would have thought an origin soul."

"Can withstand chaos energy?"

"Then there is the uniqueness."

"Of entities of order."

"Entities of Order can't grow."

"And are usually killed early."

"Besides."

"It is impossible to stop."

"Those that have broken."

"A law of the universe before

"From breaking another one."

"If they did it before."

"They can do it again."

"It is not our fault."

The fourth consciousness refused to accept their explanations. He yelled angrily at them, "It is so your fault. The soul copier and formatter won't allow him to share energy or power with his clones. They might even create a different Origin and turn against him. No, they would certainly have turned against

them. There's no way to control so many clones on his own. That would have surely ended this problem at the root of the matter."

The soul copier is a universal treasure that will enable one to create copies of one's soul. It will print new souls with the memories and consciousness of the original. The souls can be reincarnated just like the clones of Legion did. The soul formatter on the other hand will format the soul of a living person into that of Legion.

The two universal treasures would have allowed Legion to create as many clones as he wants. He would not have been limited to just a total of 9. But the clones would also not be connected like the clones of Legion are. It is this connection of the same origin that allows the clones to share energy and thoughts. It also made it possible for Chaos energy and Origin energy to fuse. Without that connection, this entire disaster could have been averted. In fact, Legion would have been too preoccupied with the rebellion and betrayal of his clones to get into more trouble.

"If we did that."

"Then he could break."

"The limit of the universe."

"And find a way to."

"Control an uncountable."

"Amount of clones."

"The universe will be overrun."

"We would have."

"Created a disaster."



"We sought to."

"Limit the amount."

"Of clones he had."

"We deemed it."

"A better option."

The fourth consciousness did not agree. "No, he won't be able to gain control of all of them. It is impossible."

They began to argue. The fourth consciousness refused to accept their explanation. It maintained that controlling an infinite number of clones is impossible. That will need a mind as large as the universe itself.

The three consciousness don't agree with his assessment. Anything can happen just like a simple Origin god can threaten the universe. They even showed him evidence of possible combinations that can achieve it. The fourth consciousness was not convinced. But they want this to end so they gave up.

"At least,"

"Now we know for sure."

"That he cannot."

"Create more trouble."

"He cannot break."

"A greater law of the universe."

"He has acquired POWER."

"POWER is the limit."

"Of the VOID UNIVERSE."

The fourth consciousness agreed for once. He said, "That's for sure. What else is greater than POWER? You also gave him a piece of the origin flames."

The three consciousness sighed in relief that the fourth consciousness finally agreed with them.

"Don't be relaxed yet. It is not a good thing. I never said it was a good thing. We haven't seen the end of this. More trouble..." The fourth consciousness was talking when it suddenly paused.

It asked them. "Isn't one of his clones a dragon? Isn't it also an unborn dragon? Please tell me it is not a dragon still in its egg."

The three consciousness became silent but it didn't help. The fourth consciousness blew his top.

"You nincompoops. You do this every time. You give them rewards without considering the repercussions and I have to clean up your mess. It's just like that time you gave something inappropriate to the youngest vermin to become a realm lord and you were surprised that he broke another law of the universe."

He continued to rant while the three consciousness bore his criticism silently. The fourth consciousness has the right to be angry. They really dole out rewards without thinking about the consequences too much. It is in their nature just like it is in the fourth consciousness' nature to clean up that which would

threaten the stability of the universe. If they were too careful then they would hamper the potential of the rule breakers and that is against their purpose.

Chapter 488 The Origin Flame.

The fourth consciousness complained and complained. It kept mentioning their mistake about the youngest vermin to become a realm lord. It swore of how it will smother the good-for-nothing vermins and put an end to their shenanigans in the void universe. Then it suddenly stopped cursing at them.

"Wait a minute." It said.

Then it went through the records again. It scrolled through the information of the youngest vermin to become a realm lord and Legion.

"They belong to the same realm tree? This is a conspiracy. These vermins are scheming to destroy the void universe. This is all your fault. I hate you." He said hastily before rushing away.

The three consciousness sighed in relief. They know the fourth consciousness is rushing to make plans to eliminate the two troublemakers. But they are just glad that he is gone. They can't do anything about his enmity with the inhabitants of the void universe and neither do they want to. They have done their part and that's that.

"That makes 61 trillion."

"321 billion."

"735 million."

"793 thousand."

"And 268 times now."

"At least."

"He is gone."

"We have peace."

That is the latest count for the number of times the fourth consciousness has expressed its hatred for the three consciousness. It hates them a lot. Those are just the number of times that it has given voice to its opinion of them.

It is moments like this that they wished the creator of the universe was around. If he/she were around, then they would have been able to heal the damage to the universe without any problem. Then they wouldn't have had to give Legion something to annex the singularity of possibilities.

It all ended well for the void universe anyway. The process of fixing the singularity has begun and will end with or without Legion. The universe will be stable and that's all that matters.

Back To Legion.

Their consciousness was battered and bruised by being in the presence of the four consciousness. The pressure of the four's existence threatened to smolder his existence. Then something was attached to them and they were tossed out abruptly without care. It was not a pleasant experience. Both his entry and exit were done without care for his well-being.

Then a fire started in Legion-1's soul. He is the true Origin god and the one most connected to the law matrix of the void universe so he is the one to bear the spark of origin flames. It started as a spark but quickly became a flame that used the law fragments from the concept of life that Gehaldirah used to become an Origin god as kindling to burn.

The fire then spread to the other souls through the soul sphere including Helios' supercompressed existence. The flames entered the singularity of infinite possibilities and joined in the tussle going on between Chaos and Order.

Then there was a big bang. The singularity of infinite possibilities exploded outwards. It is the most painful thing that any Legion has ever felt. It felt like their consciousness had fractured because it is being put through a blender and roasted at the same time. But it isn't over. The ordeal continued.

The tides of the explosion brought with it a sudden force. The force threatened to overwrite anything and everything, including Legion. The force spread to the other souls immediately. It set their souls on fire when it found it lacking. That's only because they are also eternal. If they were not, then they would have been overwritten and turned into more flames.

This sudden force didn't affect Legion-9's soul because of the divine flame. It also didn't affect Legion-3's soul because of the Chaos flame it found there. Instead, the force pulled these two flames toward Helios's soul. It wanted to collapse back to a singularity but these two flames are anchoring it and prevented it from collapsing.

So it started to pull them. Except their souls are not pushovers. They refused to move. They have eternal souls too. Aeternus has the Authority of chaos and a soul as powerful as that of an Origin god, he refused to let go of his flames. The tree father has the Celestial Authority of Life and perpetual immortality, he also used the strength of his soul to refuse to let go.

The three forces entered a tug of war. On one side is the force of possibilities powered by the origin flame from 6 sources and on the other side are the Chaos flame and Divine flame powered by two 2 sources. Helios is the fulcrum of the struggle, the base of the tug of war. His fate hangs in a balance and so does the fate of the others. If they lose to the force of possibilities then their existence will be overwritten to save the universe. They will have paid for their mistake by sacrificing themselves.

The two sources are supposed to lose but Aeternus and the tree father have Authority and powerful souls to use their Authority. None of the other clones are as powerful as them apart from Legion-1. Legion-1 is on the other side of the fulcrum and is also helping to keep the balance. He is the original source of the origin flames so he is using it to undermine the force of possibilities. So the two sides are in a stalemate. They have formed a sort of equilibrium.

The situation can't remain like this forever. The singularity has become the force of possibilities but it wants to collapse and wink out of existence after being destabilized by the origin flame within it. But the Origin flames also found something it wants to combine within their connected souls. It wants to combine with the divine and Chaos flames. Something had to change. One side has to give up.

Something did change. Time brings change. Something that was supposed to occur instantly was being dragged out because of the unwillingness of the immortal souls. It allowed for change.

Chapter 489 Fusion Of The Flames.

The delay and the stalemate allowed change to occur or in this situation, it allowed for the creation of what started this entire thing in the first place. Fusion began to take place. The force of possibilities lost the struggle. Origin, Chaos, and Divine flames started to fuse by the force of possibilities.

Part of the Chaos flame was transferred to the other souls and the same happened to the divine flame. The struggle allowed these two flames to spread to the other souls. Then the three flames began to fuse by using up the force of possibilities as the impetus for the change.

Origin flame is the first flame that burned within the ocean of primordial chaos at the beginning of the universe. It is the spark of order that gave Order to chaos. It is Order. It is rules. It is control. It has been called different names. The original flame. The first flame. The flame of creation. A piece of it no matter how small is very powerful. It isn't something that came from the void universe. It is something that brought about the void universe.

The three flames began to fuse except this time the eternal soul of the clones of Legion are involved. 6 of them are the sources of the origin flame. So the 6 of them can control the reaction during the fusion. The other two just have to hang on till the fusion is complete.

It's like walking on a tightrope or on the edge of a cliff. They can't speed up the rate of reaction of the fusion too much or they will lose control and be destroyed. They also can't be slow with the reaction or Aeternus and the Tree father will become too tired and let go of their flames. That will lead to losing control and getting destroyed. They have to maintain balance and tread carefully or they will fall.

Achieving balance is easier said than done. It isn't easy when your mind is literally on fire. None of the flames are friendly to others. The origin flame was already too much. The addition of the divine and Chaos flames more than tripled their pain. Those two extra flames will burn anything they come in contact with and like to burn exposed souls the best.

The 6 in control have to endure the pain of their souls burning. The burning is creating the origin flames and it is being fuelled by Origin energy. The pain is overwhelming. It is tempting to just let go and die. The pain will certainly end when they die. The other two have to withstand the force of attraction pulling on their Authorities to rip it out of their souls.

But they didn't choose to lose control and die. They chose to fight. There isn't any one thing that made them all determined. It could be their obsession with power. Or the laughter of derision they got from the three consciousness. Or the scorn from the fourth consciousness. Or the fact that they were pulled

against their will towards a place they know nothing about and judged without being capable of interfering at all. Or it could be that they have each other to rely on.

It could have been anything that made them determined or a collective of numerous things. Whatever it is, it made them hold on and wait through the fusion. The origin flame expended the force of possibilities to fuse with the chaos and divine flame to Create POWER.

Then POWER collapsed except this time it collapsed on the 9 souls. It attached itself to their souls like the initial singularity of possibilities. It won't create any problems because it has been assimilated by the law matrix of the void universe. Then the universe resumed and the clones of Legion woke up from their nightmare.

Aeternus's eye sockets blazed as his soul awakened. He looked around and found everything to be the same. He would have thought all they experienced earlier was a nightmare that they all experienced if not for the terrible headache that is threatening to split his head.

They are still in a forest and the wind is still blowing gently through the leaves of the trees making soft rustling sounds. Only a short three seconds have passed since their mistake. Nothing seemed to have changed except Helios. His body collapsed but he isn't dead so his body is rebuilding itself.

A tiny star is blazing brightly and creating a large halo of golden light. The rays of light being produced began to weave together like golden threads to form Helios' body. It is a weird sight, to say the least, but Helios is healing and that's all that matters. Aeternus was more concerned about the black orb floating around in circles around Helios. He knows that all seven other clones including Legion-1 all have the black orb.

The only clones that don't have the black orb floating around them are him and the tree father. Instead, their Authority has changed into a black orb. Aeternus's red crystal between his horns has become a black orb and so has the tree father's Godhood changed into a giant black orb. Something very strange is going on with the dragon clone though.

"I don't feel any different," Aeternus muttered as he examined himself.

He felt for changes in his body and soul and found nothing. He just feels extremely drained and weakened. He expected to feel empowered after going through all of that.

He just shook his head and sighed. He felt relieved just like the other clones of Legion. It is right to be relieved after having a very close encounter with death. It isn't the death of a single clone but the complete and total death of Legion. They would never have resurrected. Their entire existence would have been destroyed. They had felt that distinct possibility and it was sobering.

"I can't control it." Soverick said.

"I don't feel any difference." Legion 6 added.

"I feel something. It broke me free." Legion 7 said with excitement and relief.

Numerous reports from other legions kept coming in. They didn't feel any difference apart from Legion-7 that suddenly became free from a certain enslaved situation.

Chapter 490 The First Oddity.

Some of them noticed a change but others felt exactly the same. The dragon clone was going bonkers though. It seems that whatever they had gone through affected their souls but they don't know to what extent. They can't even control or influence the black orbs.

Aeternus grumbled to everyone else, "I hope that isn't everything it can do or it won't be worth it. We almost died because of it."

He knows that the freedom that Legion-7 experienced is good and that what Legion-8, the dragon, is going through is epic but he isn't satisfied with the black orbs yet.

Legion didn't hear most of what the four consciousness said because it was killing Legion to listen to them. The three consciousness had to shield Legion from most of the conversation or they would have died so all they know is that they almost died. They were very careful too. They did everything they thought would help prevent such a situation but it happened anyway. He believes that what they've gotten is not worth what they experienced.



Most of Legion agrees with him. Legion-7 is whooping for joy though but his opinion doesn't really count. His situation was so bad that death would have been a blessing so something as little as freedom is very much worth it to Legion-7. They would all feel it were worth it if they had been in his situation but they aren't. Aeternus is a demon king, not a slave so it will take a lot to impress him.

"I'll just work on my sin abilities." He said to himself.

Aeternus decided to practice after poking around and finding nothing. Even their stats screen showed nothing. It seems that they have not changed in any visible way. He decided to wait for Helios to finish rebuilding his body before he leaves for the abyss. Meanwhile, he will work on his sin abilities.

He has not gained control of his mark of sin but he has been able to modify his abilities to some extent. The one he was working on last time is the DIVINE AVATAR. He was trying to create avatars with power without using the Godhood of gods or his crowns before he was interrupted by the liberation army and the attack of the GodSlayer.

He chose avatar creation because it should be the easiest. He wants to base the avatar on his soul energy and Chaos energy instead of Godhood. He has been trying different methods to create a strong avatar but he has failed. His practice didn't come without benefits though. He got a lot of data from it. He was also able to create the reaper attack from it. The attack that decimated the liberation army and marked the gods was the reaper attack.

He tried creating an avatar now to practice while he waits for Helios to heal. Chaos energy and Soul force came out of his hand and formed a ball. He began shaping the chaos energy with his soul force. The ball fell from his hands and began to morph. It expanded and became a thin outline of a translucent red shadow. The shadow is in the form of a flat wraith. It has arms but no legs.

Then he funneled Chaos energy into the shadow. The red shadow thickened and grew. It became three-dimensional as it grew. Its features became clearer and clearer. The arms grew thicker and its eyes opened to show a golden light shining from within the wraith. It is like its red body is a shell containing a light source.

"Hmm?" Aeternus muttered when he noticed something different.

He could feel chaos energy still funneling into the shadow. It ought to have stopped. This is the limit of what he used to reach. The avatar will awaken and then stop growing. So it has always been weak. But this time it isn't stopping. It kept filling up and solidifying.

"This is strange." He muttered as he watched the shadow grow.

The red shadow became life-like. Its red skin seemed as if covered by red blood. It became three-dimensional. It lost its hollow look and changed from being a shell for the light within to become a statue with a torch in its head.

The outline of a black scythe began forming in one of its hands. The outline also solidified but this time it took soul force from him instead of chaos energy. The shadow itself is formed from chaos energy fused with soul force but the black scythe is formed purely from his soul force. It should not be so. It is confounding to Aeternus that it is so.

"Well, this is very odd." He observed with the look of someone that has seen something shocking.

Soul force comes from the eternal soul of an Origin god. It exists as a result of an eternal soul pushing against or pulling the world. It is not energy or matter. It is power. It is a force. A force brings about change. A force can not exist isolated from the world. A force should in fact become apparent because of its interaction with the aspects of the world.

It is like isolating the forces of pull and push or gravity and pointing at saying "That's the force of gravity."

No, it is not done and that's why he is shocked. The force of gravity is perceived through its effect. Like a fruit falling from a tree. Not by a round ball of gravity that can be seen or interacted with. And yet, it is happening.

The black scythe that he used to make before with the divine avatar and with his attacks was made with Godhood and chaos energy as the base or chaos energy and soul force. Nothing should be formed by soul force. It is a force, not energy or matter.

His confusion and perplexion didn't change or affect what was going on though. The avatar finished its growth with a scythe formed with soul force.