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Chapter 621 Something Fishy About Soverick.

He flew to the mountaintop to rest. The fight exhausted him in mind apart from his visual prowess. He needs to rest and he needs to digest the law of order that he just swallowed. He has defeated the final boss of the arena so there's no need for him to worry anymore.

The Arena announced his feat to the world and he received the notification of his feat.

PERSONAL MESSAGE

-(CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING A GLOBAL FEAT)-

YOU ARE THE FIRST ONE TO DEFEAT THE BOSS OF YOUR ARENA.

-(CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING A LOCAL FEAT)-

YOU ARE THE ONE THAT DEFEATED THE RANK 10 MONSTER OF YOUR ARENA.

-(CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING A UNIQUE FEAT)-

YOU HAVE ACHIEVED UNDEFEATABLE FOR DEFEATING EVERY FOE YOU FOUGHT TILL RANK 10.

The Administrator's POV.

"I have a lot of questions. But I want to state first that I am just glad that I didn't bet on your champion losing." The serpentine monster said.

The sage didn't say anything. He was frowning.

So the serpentine world god asked. "I expected you to be gloating right now. Did you not expect this?"

"I expected him to win." The sage answered. "I just didn't expect this. I have a lot of questions too."

The serpentine world god nodded. "It is understandable. How can a king of law wield such power? I would believe it if you told me he is a titan of law with a concept. That is the minimum to utilize a conceptual power like that. Don't you think?"

What the serpentine world god said made the Sage frown more. The sage replied, "Yes, I think so too. Something doesn't add up. That eye of his is too powerful. He just used the power of time. Which means he has made a lot of progress in comprehending the law of time. He also used the law of space earlier. It seems he might have comprehended all the laws needed for him to become a titan of law. That will explain why he is using conceptual attacks but he is clearly not a titan of law."

"But he doesn't have laws in this world fragment. No one can use the laws that they comprehended. Laws are clearly absent. Only a titan of law can use the abilities that he has displayed without having access to laws. That is unless they are all the abilities of his eyes. That will mean that his eyes have multiple divine abilities. It is either that or he is secretly a titan of law. Something is not adding up."

The sage is concerned he has missed something important about Soverick and it has something to do with his skill set. A normal battle sage becomes capable of creating their skill set when they become a transcendent. Perfect control of their body and mind allows them to fully utilize their power. It is then that they create different fighting styles more suited to them. That's why he didn't question the fact that Soverick has a skill set.

But he is beginning to question things in light of recent events. He missed it when Soverick used WORLD BREAKER but now he can see the sequence after the use of DANCE OF THE SPECTRAL WIND and this EYE OF BEGINNING. There is something about Soverick that he can't see. Each of his moves is a thing in the realm of concepts. They need titans to create or envision. Anyone that can envision such a thing should be a titan of law already.

It is either that or his eyes are too powerful for what a king of law should be able to do. His last move which he used to revert the Viper back to its original form is too powerful considering that what he reverted is not some ordinary being. It is a being created using the law of order of a world god. That Viper might as well be a very weak version of an origin god but Soverick managed to overcome its

defense and force it to change. It is absurd and unbelievable. He certainly wouldn't believe it had he not seen it himself.

The most significant change that his current underestimation of Soverick has caused is that Soverick will be getting the complete law of order of the serpentine world god within the Viper. The sage planned for a Soverick to gain a little bit of it. That would have been enough for what he has planned. But Soverick exceeded his expectations. He should be happy with Soverick's performance but he can feel that Soverick is deviating from his plans and that is not good. Losing control of the situation is not good at all.

The sage couldn't help but look at Soverick sitting calmly on top of the mountain.

The sage wondered to himself, 'Something has to be responsible for his power. It is either his eye or something else. Either way, he will become much stronger when he becomes a titan of law and I will have had a hand to play with it.'

The sage didn't know a lot about Soverick before he added him to his plans. He is now worried about what the impact of his influence on Soverick will create. The child of the plane is already this powerful. It could be his eye or something he doesn't know but one thing is sure, and that is that Soverick will become more powerful once he becomes a titan of law.

It is certain now that Soverick has comprehended all the laws of his eyes. The sage is sure of it because he got the information from the Ghastorix family. They got his affinity when he performed the life survey and Soverick has shown incredible familiarity with all the laws of his affinity including the law of space, time, and causality. So the sage is sure that Soverick can become a titan of law anytime he wants but Soverick has not. Something must be holding him back.

Chapter 622 Moral High Ground.

The thing that holds kings of law back from becoming titans of law is the image of their concept and the chances of success in creating it. A king of law must know what they want to be and how they want to be. Some kings need inspiration but no amount of inspiration will be good enough to combine 9 laws into a concept. That's why the sage was sure that Soverick will take the bait as soon as he saw the pillars that led to the competition arena.

Soverick got a taste of the Sage's law of order during their first meeting. Then he saw that the pillar has hints of it. He will surely try to get more of the law of order to fix the problem of his concept. A concept is a tiny aspect of the law matrix of the universe, the law of order is the backbone. So Soverick should be able to find something that will help him to become a titan of law from the sage's law of order. That's why the sage used his law of order as bait.

The sage didn't know what motives Soverick will have for participating in the competition. But the sage knew that the promise of power is a great motivator. But now the sage isn't so sure he did the right thing to use his law of order to bait Soverick. There's too much unknown about him. The sage doesn't even know why Soverick is so powerful.

Uncertainty is bad for someone that schemes like the sage. The sage began to rack his brain and consider the possibilities. He reviewed all his encounters with Soverick to see if he has missed something. He searched and searched but he couldn't find any reason for the strength that Soverick has shown.

Then he began to search his knowledge about ocular powers but he can find any ability that allows battle sage monkeys to fuse their eyes and make them stronger. He also can't find any ocular ability that will allow one to revert an entity to its primordial form and swallow it whole.

He would have confirmed with his future sight if it were someone else but it has become difficult to predict Soverick a while back. His title of the child of the plane prevents him from being scried. Now he doesn't know how Soverick managed to all the law fragments instead of scrambling for them as they disperse after killing the Viper.

'Maybe I shouldn't have baited him with the law of order. If the worst comes to pass then I am creating a monster.' he muttered to himself.

He was roused from his mental exercise by the shout of his co-administrator.

The serpentine world god pointed an accusing finger at the sage, "What have you done?"

The sage shrugged. "I have done a lot of things. To which are you referring to?"

The serpentine world god turned the finger to Soverick. The two of them are using their minds to watch the competition so the finger is directed at the physical location of Soverick in arena 28. It is enough for the sage to understand what the problem is.

"You mean your law of Order?" The sage asked.

"Yes, my law of order. How dare such a lowly creature gaze upon the secrets that I have uncovered about the Void universe?"

The serpentine world god can feel the law fragments of the Viper begin to form connections and join together. It is not some passive thing either. Someone is actively putting them together like solving a puzzle. It doesn't take much investigative ability to know who is responsible for the change.

The sage shrugged again. "What can I tell you? That Soverick sure has a lot of gall. He has no fear at all. What an ignorant boy. I'm sure he won't be so ignorant when he is done with what he is doing."

The sage spoke calmly and nonchalantly but his co-administrator didn't think it is a good enough reaction. In fact, it is the opposite reaction that he wants to receive right now. The sage disregarding him like that does not appease him at all. It does the opposite of appeasing him.

He brought back the finger and pointed at the sage. "You did this. I know you did. Don't deny it?"

The sage tsked and wagged his own finger back at the world god. "Now don't go about throwing baseless accusations at people. I am not the one that decided to interfere in the competition midway. I am not the one that decided to overwrite the last boss by injecting your own law of order into its form. I did you a favor and this is what you repay me with? I will not take such scandalous accusations from you."

That didn't placate the serpentine world god either. His eyes began burning with anger. The space around them began shaking. The surrounding matter began to break up as if an unseen earthquake just passed through. Energy became chaotic and toxic to all life.

"This was your plan all along. You tricked me." The serpentine world god's voice became low and rumbling. It reverberated through the air and echoed against unseen walls.

The sage wasn't even looking at his co-administrator. A zone of calmness surrounded him where all the changes caused by the temper tantrum didn't reach him. He is looking through the competition but he can still reply calmly, which he did.

"Correction. This is not my plan all along. This was a plan. There are other plans that I have put in place to get what I want. When I get what I want, you will know. Don't let this little victory blind you to what's more important."

Then the sage pointed out that he has the moral high ground by saying, "Besides, you made the changes yourself. I didn't ask you to. Then I even gave you the chance to undo the changes that you made to the last boss. You didn't take it. Everything that has happened is your fault."

Chapter 623 Checkmate.

What just happened is one of the sage's plans. He would have gotten what he wanted either way which is to win the bet. He allowed the serpentine world to change the last boss of Arena 28 so that he will have to input his own law of order into the arena since he wasn't the one that created the arena. It will give Soverick the chance to get a hold of it if he manages to defeat it. He had faith in Soverick to at least be able to match the absolute domain and defeat the Viper.

Then the first sage gave his co-administrator the chance to revert the changes in exchange for him changing the last boss of the arenas under the control of the serpentine world god. The sage would have done something far stronger than the absolute domain. If even Soverick had to resort to using such a powerful move to kill the last boss, then the race of the serpentine world god will never be able to acquire the keys needed to unlock the next designation after Emperor.

It was all part of his plan. But the sage will not allow himself to be slandered like this. He has the moral high ground. He didn't coerce the serpentine world god into making those changes. Everything that happened is all because of the serpentine world god's selfish attempt to hinder Soverick. The dragon made Soverick suffer. Now it is the turn of the serpentine world god.

"How was I supposed to know that he can decipher the foundation of a world with his eyes?" The serpentine world god asked with barely contained anger.

The fact is that he is very angry and he would very much like to resort to violence. He couldn't have considered or expected that Soverick could get a hold of his law of order and manage to put it together. Even if he did, he still wouldn't decide to remove the changes he made to the last boss because that will have allowed the sage to make changes to his own side.

So he was checkmated right from the moment the sage allowed him to make the changes in the first place. The sage had allowed him to tweak the dragon and remake the last boss into a Viper without asking for anything in return. Now he knows it wasn't benevolence or blind confidence in his champion. He was set up nicely. That's why he is very angry.

His anger threatened to overwhelm him but something was nagging at him that requires his attention.

He decided to rectify it so he asked the sage, "Wait a minute. Does he have your law of order?"

The sage shrugged again.

"Stop shrugging." The serpentine world god stood up and yelled.

The sage shrugged again and replied, "I don't want to stop shrugging."

He doesn't want to stop and the serpentine world god can't make him stop no matter how agitated it is.

The serpentine world god cradled his head with the numerous hands he has. He lamented with a shake of his cradled head, "This is bad. If he has your law of order, then he has for both of us. That means he can gain control in both zones. This competition is going to shit. You have practically handed him the reins to this competition. You have fucked me."

The sage nodded in agreement. "That I did. That I did. And I must say, it was pleasurable. It is even better than sex."

The two of them control different sections of the competition for the two different planes. These two sections are composed of arenas created by the two different world gods which means that they have two different law matrixes. It is one thing for Soverick to gain control of one law of order, but two is very

bad. It means that Soverick will become near impossible to handle when the final challenge that will decide who wins the competition starts.

Now the serpentine world god fully understands the choice the sage was giving him. It was to either have an unstoppable Soverick or for the sage to create an unstoppable enemy for his own side.

"So this was your plan all along to win the bet."

The sage was quick to correct him again with the tone of a scholar teaching an ignorant child. "You're wrong again. This was "a" plan to win the bet. I have several plans and several cards in hand. Don't let this little victory blind you to the greater aim."

"What can be greater than winning the bet?" The serpentine world god asked incredulously.

The sage refused to specify. He said, "You'll know it when it happens."

The serpentine world god scowled. He couldn't decide if the sage is trying to trick him or not. It is a common dilemma that those that encounter the first sage face. They don't know if they are being manipulated or not.

The serpentine world god declared. "This means war."

Regardless of him being manipulated or not, this competition has taken on a hostile edge. He thought the competition would happen without sleaziness and schemes. He thought wrong.

The sage waved away his threat. "It has always been war. The fact that you have been ignorant of it all along doesn't change what it is. Your arrogance blinded you to it. You didn't care if we are at war or not because you believed you had nothing to fear either way."

The serpentine world god scoffed as he said, "You are not going to win this easily. Nothing is set in stone. I am not so helpless.

He can't say that the sage is wrong and that he wasn't looking down on the sage. He can't say he didn't underestimate the battle sage monkeys. He did underestimate the battle sage monkeys and the

situation is currently unfavorable to him because of it. But that doesn't mean he will roll over now. He will not be defeated easily. Besides, this is just the first out of 4 challenges.

Chapter 624 The Vipers.

The serpentine world god is understandably distraught. The sage on the other hand remained nonchalant about the serpentine world god's insistence not to give up. He shrugged and said, "I know that victory will not be easy and that you are not so helpless in this situation. That is why I tried so hard to empower my champion."

The serpentine world god sneered. "We'll see if your champion is up to the task."

There is a large reason why the sage had to put a lot of things into action to win this bet. He can't be laid back like the serpentine world god. It takes confidence to bet a lot of wealth on a competition and the serpentine world god has a lot of it because of the divine ability of his race. Their divine ability isn't the absolute domain. That's just a technique. A technique that can be learned can not be the reason why the sages decided to wipe out the entire Viper race in the Virut plane.

Most of those in the Viper race are normal but the few that awaken their divine ability are monsters. They become paragons of their race. It is because of these few that the sages decided to wipe out all of them so that another paragon cannot rise up. The battle sage monkeys succeeded in doing so in the Virut plane. But the Virut plane is not the only plane in the realm of high heaven with the Viper race.

In the very beginning of the realm before the creation of planes, the realm of high heaven was a single landmass. Then chunks of it were torn away, separated, encapsulated, enlarged, and reinforced to create a plane. Some planes were without life and needed seeding but some planes had the original races that used to live on that piece of land.

Now, not all members of a race happen to be in the plane at the time of its creation. The original landmass was not separated based on race distribution after all. So sometimes, a race can be in more than one plane in the realm. The same happened to the Viper race. They were in the Virut plane and also in the neighboring plane beside the Virut plane.

The other plane that the Viper race is in succeeded in defeating the other races and subjugating them. They didn't need to wipe out the defeated races because they have confidence that nothing can threaten them. That confidence is the same one the serpentine world god had. Now the battle sage

monkeys have to face the enemies that almost defeated them. They also have to face their dreaded paragons who are now stronger than ever.

The Viper paragons are the reason why the serpentine world god felt confident in winning the bet. He even bet at 6 folds his previous debts. The sage understands why he is confident and that is why he too must create his own paragon. Even with Soverick's current power, the scale has only been balanced. There's a 50/50 chance that the battle sage monkeys will still fail.

The sage sighed and said to himself. 'It will have to do.'

The chance would have been higher if the sage managed to edit the final boss of the arena of the Vipers. That will cut off a lot of the power of the paragons. The survival challenge is more than it seems just like this competition is more than it seems. Survival seems to be the aim of the challenge but those that are content with simply surviving will be mediocre.

It is very important to defeat the final boss. Its importance cannot be understated. If Soverick had failed to defeat the last boss, then the 50/50 chance will be reduced to 10/90. It is because Soverick will lose a lot of opportunities in the next challenge. The fate of the bet and the greater purpose of the competition will fall on the others but even with how powerful they are, none of them are paragons.

Of course, without Soverick there, the serpentine world god would not have decided to modify the last boss, and Arena 28 might not have had a problem defeating the last boss. Soverick's presence changed a lot of things. The sage ensured that he attended the competition with bait. The bait had to be something worthwhile for someone as powerful as Soverick. But it seems that the bait might be too powerful. So the sage has made some sacrifices just for him to create this 50/50 chance.

'To live is to learn and I have now learned to expect the unexpected from Soverick.' The sage thought to himself ruefully.

His suspicions might be incorrect. His law of order might not change Soverick too much. It is near impossible to fully utilize the law of order of a world god as a king of law. So the odds that his suspicions are incorrect are very high considering the difficulty of it coming true. But if there is something that the sage believes in, it is that if something is possible, then it can happen no matter how difficult.

So Soverick might do something unprecedented with the law of order. He just didn't expect it to happen when he was determining the bait because it couldn't be expected. It is supposed to be an impossible outcome but recent events have shown that it might be possible. That thing with Soverick's last move has shown him that there are a lot of things he doesn't understand about Soverick. That means he can't predict Soverick accurately anymore.

It is not a situation that can be helped anymore or improved in any way. It is already cumbersome to expect everything possible. That has already made the sage a terrifying force to be reckoned with. But that's the limit of prediction without using the Revelations of fate.

To add everything impossible to the mix is to expect anything. Then you might as well not plan at all because anything can happen regardless of your plans. The sage can't do that. But this situation has taught the sage something important. It is to expect the unexpected from Soverick.

Chapter 625 Idleness Is The Devil's Advocate.

The Competition continued as the days went by. People fought and died. Some performed well and some didn't. Those that performed well rose steadily in power as the months went by reaching rank 9 too. They all avoided the mountain at the center of the Arena like a plague. They know that Soverick has defeated the rank 10 on it and is officially Rank 10 now.

The monsters of the arena gradually increased in power without Soverick's presence to cause an unnatural spike so the competitors gradually became stronger with time. Their fear of the mountain didn't change when some of them achieved rank 9. Soverick defeated the only rank 10 monster that will ever appear in the arena and has become a rank 10 himself. They also have not forgotten that Soverick defeated the rank 10 monster as a rank 9. They determined it to be a bad idea to cross him.

The only way to become a rank 10 is to kill the boss of the arena. Since Soverick has done that, there is no hope of becoming a rank 10 for anyone else. The route of killing many monsters to advance won't work to achieve rank 10 because rank 9 monsters are very rare. No one can hog one to themselves when they appear. The competitors had to share and people stole kills.

Everyone that takes part in killing a monster earns scores for it but it's the person that deals the killing blow that earns the power of the death mark. It was slow going for a while with very few rank 9 competitors. They were content with doing nothing and waiting for the survival challenge. But the number of rank 9 competitors increased steadily until it reached 10. It was then that rank 9 monsters stopped spawning. And it was then that they started to get ideas.

Ten rank 9 competitors who are also very talented now have nothing to do after rank 9 monsters ceased to spawn. There is no more danger and threat to them within the competition. Well, there's one threat but he is taboo. Or he used to be taboo when they had other more sensible and safer things to do. He might not be a taboo anymore now that there are ten rank 9 with only one of him and now that they don't have anything else to do. There is actually only one way to find out.

It is said that idleness is the devil's advocate. There is no devilry involved in what is about to happen, but idleness surely had a hand in it. These talented and stupid people got together to talk about the proverbial elephant in the Arena. They met at the foot of the mountain too so that they will be able to quickly climb it once an agreement is reached. It is very clear what they have come to discuss.

One of them asked the others. "So what do you guys think? It can work right?"

She is the one that called for this meeting. She has shared her plan with them and now is asking for their opinion.

Another one asked, "How sure are you about your hypothesis? A lot is riding on it. Our lives depend on its validity."

He is just one of the other 9 that answered the call for the meeting. He isn't so sure about the feasibility of the plan. He wants to know if the plan that the lady proposed is certain to work.

The first one replied, "I am 100% certain. I have a reliable source."

Most of these rank 9 competitors have a faction that they lead. Some of them were helped to reach rank 9 by their faction so that they can represent their interests. The female battle sage monkey that called for the meeting happens to be part of a faction that hates Soverick. She has the largest faction composed of thousands of people and these people all want to kill Soverick. She called this meeting so that Soverick can be killed.

Her source of reliable intelligence is from one of her zealous followers who has been monitoring Soverick's fight. They discovered something that might be Soverick's weakness. It has bolstered their confidence. They might not be so confident if they had seen Soverick's fight with the last boss. Had they seen his fight, then they wouldn't consider attacking him at all. It is as they say, Ignorance is bliss.

A third person spoke, "So you're saying that his gravity manipulations won't work as long as we can resist it by manipulating world power? That means that we need an artifact from this world."

People have found that they can create weapons and artifacts themselves. This world functions similarly to the real world and they have had a year to explore it. Some crafters among them succeeded in creating powerful weapons but they can't compare to the weapons of this world.

The only way to access world power is to be bestowed an artifact after killing a monster that is two ranks above your rank. The plan to kill Soverick is based on using world power to resist his manipulation of gravity. The person that thought of it determined that Soverick couldn't control the dragon because of its ability to manipulate world power.

The female battle sage monkey answered in the affirmative. "Yes

She is sure about the information and she is willing to bet her life on it for the chance to put Soverick down.

"In that case, I am out."

"Me too."

"I don't have an artifact. I guess I can't join you."

3 people voiced their decision not to participate in the attack since they don't have an artifact bestowed to them by the world. These people are ignorant about Soverick's power. They believe that his gravity manipulation is his most powerful arsenal and that they need world power to resist it. The ones without artifacts cannot join in then. They have been saved by the lack of artifacts.

Chapter 626 Common Sense.

"I have to decline. I care a lot about my weapon."

One decided not to participate because he doesn't want to lose his weapon. If they fail and die, then they will lose their weapon because it will not follow them when they die. These artifacts are very valuable and this person doesn't want to lose theirs.

The female battle sage monkey tried to convince him. "There's nothing to fear since we won't fail."

But the person was not convinced. He said, "You must be foolish if you think there's nothing to fear in attacking the child of the plane. You must be very foolish indeed."

Soverick is not an ordinary person. He is a genius and worse than that, he is the child of the plane. What they have seen of him is just his personal strength. He hasn't used the abilities of his title to fight yet but what they have seen is already enough to put fear in a sane person. To say that there is nothing to fear is to be insane. It is common sense to be very afraid of him.

"I think this is a bad idea. Having access to world power is not enough to defeat Soverick. He has access to it too and I am sure he can use it better than all of us. So I won't be joining you in this foolishness."

Another one refused to participate in the attack. Their rank 9 strength has not filled this person with confidence about attacking Soverick. It was not a long time ago when people were hiding in the ground and under rocks as Soverick turned the arena upside down. That kind of memory doesn't just disappear. Even now, it is a warning not to foolishly fight Soverick even though death is not permanent here. A weapon has not reduced the veracity of the immense threat that he constitutes.

Having a weapon has given them access to world power but controlling the world power is another thing entirely. None of them are titans of law or Sovereigns. They have never had any experience with world power. World power needs skills in manipulation, control, and utilization. Getting access to world power doesn't make all of them equal. It certainly doesn't make them equal to Soverick who could already steal world power without a weapon.

To base their confidence in killing the child of the plane on world power can be considered foolishness by some. In the very likely scenario where they die for this foolishness, they will also lose their weapon. All in all, it is not encouraging to fight Soverick when they might lose the weapon that gives them their naive confidence.

"I think you might have a chance but I am not willing to risk my survival for your very small chance of victory." Another person bowed out.

This person has a weapon and has not died even once in this challenge. That means they will earn a feat for surviving. They are not about to risk a feat for a chance to defeat Soverick so they decided not to participate too.

The female battle sage monkey tried to convince again, "We might all earn a feat if we manage to defeat Soverick and whoever kills Soverick will become a king at least. We can take his crown. Think about it."

"Might and if. Your plan is based on a lot of possibilities and only one certainty. It is not enough."

They did not listen to her. The person that kills Soverick will become a king. That is certain. But it is not certain that they can kill Soverick. It is not even certain that they can defeat him and the chance of defeating him is reducing as more people drop out. On the other hand, it is certain that this person will earn a feat if he simply survives. Fighting Soverick is courting death which is the opposite of surviving. He doesn't want to court death.

The female battle sage monkey watched these people retreat into the forest with their factions or alone. She is tempted to force the ones without factions to join her using the strength of her faction. Being a rank 9 doesn't mean a rank 8 cannot kill you. The power system of this world doesn't change you or increase your life's order. The world empowers your actions. So you run faster and you hit harder but the defense of your body doesn't increase.

The competitors are not like the monsters. They are not as durable as the monsters they fought. A rank 4 giant bird can still rend a rank 9 competitor with their claws if the rank 9 is not careful. That means the thousands of people she has in her faction can certainly defeat a single rank 9 competitor. It will be easy to overwhelm these deserters with numbers. But she decided not to do that.

She will very much love to see them die for not agreeing with her but it is not wise to create more enemies especially when they are already going up against the strongest and best. The fact that she won't be able to kill them permanently is the major problem. They will come back and they will still have their rank 9 strength so it is a bad idea to make enemies of them. One enemy is already enough. Adding more rank 9 enemies to the roster of enemies can only end badly.

She is being cautious which is commendable. But ignorance will see her efforts undone. She didn't see the end of Soverick's fight with the dragon or his fight with the rank 10 monster and she didn't see the

robe he was given on the mountain so she doesn't know that he has already been given the title of a sage.

She missed a lot of things about Soverick. If she were aware of one of these crucial matters, maybe she wouldn't have decided to fight him. It is commendable that even in her ignorance, she knows that Soverick cannot be underestimated. That's why she didn't go up the mountain alone. She called a meeting and asked for help for her insane quest

Chapter 627 Mission Impossible.

Six people left leaving four people who remain steadfast to the cause of vanquishing the tyrant. These four are two males and two females. All of them have weapons. They might not have earned it due to pure talent and skill but they have it nonetheless. All that is required to earn a weapon is to be the one to deal the killing blow to a monster two ranks above your rank. It might be difficult to do so as a solo fighter but those with factions have a way around it.

The female that called the meeting looked at all of them and said to them. "There's nothing to lose apart from our scores and maybe our weapons. We might not be able to use the weapons when we go to another challenge so they might not be very important. I might be wrong and the artifacts turn out to be important but I believe that trying to kill Soverick is worth it."

The two males nodded in agreement.

One of the males said, "I will be satisfied if I can just hit him once."

The other male spoke with hot-blooded passion. "That won't be enough for me. I want to crush him and destroy him."

He made a fist and his eyes shone with determination as he spoke. The other female didn't say anything. She just listened and went along with them. She can be considered to be a very beautiful battle sage monkey. She has pink fur and purple eyes. Her white robe is elegant and fitting to her body.

The way that she looks around with unfocused innocent eyes makes others want to protect her. She looks definitely out of depth and out of place in a team that can only be called a suicide squad. No one

warned her otherwise. She has to be competent in one or another for her to become a rank 9. Or she could have been very lucky to reach rank 9. In that case, her good luck so far is finally catching up to her. It is time that luck takes its pound of flesh from her.

The four of them prepared and ascended the mountain. They chose to walk rather than fly. If their plan fails and Soverick can manipulate their gravity, then they want to be on the ground not in the air when it happens. The first female battle sage monkey has experienced what it feels like to be locked in a giant earthen ball and made to fall to the ground from a very great height. She will tell you that it was not a pleasurable ride.

It took a while but they soon reached the peak. They saw Soverick sitting and meditating with his eyes closed. They noticed something about the robe he is wearing. It is giving off a lot of energy fluctuations. The energy fluctuations are far above what a normal robe should have. It is almost like he is wearing an artifact, not a simple reinforced fabric.

"Wait a minute. Is that another artifact? Does he have two artifacts? How am I supposed to hit him now that he has both a defensive and attacking artifact? I am out of here."

The male that would be satisfied with just hitting Soverick once gave up after sighting Soverick. You can only get and use one artifact in the challenge. If you have gotten one before, you can't get another one if you lose it. And you can't use another one if you took it from someone else. That's what they have been told and also experienced so Soverick shouldn't have two artifacts but it looks to them that he has two.

It is already difficult to hit Soverick just once. His aim can be considered a pipe dream but this new development has made that nearly impossible. He is giving up while he can. He turned around and ran away down the mountain as fast as possible leaving the other 3 behind.

"What a Coward." The first female that arranged the meeting said after the deserter left them.

She feels like shouting actually but she didn't. She said it quietly so that the noise won't spook Soverick. She knows that he is probably aware of their presence but that has not alleviated her deep-seated fear for him. She wouldn't be so opinionated as to call someone a coward if she knows how Soverick got that robe. Unfortunately for them, they are facing his front and can't see the words written on the back of his robe.

"Now it's three of us. We can still do this." She said to the others.

The only male in the party nodded and affirmed his will. He has a strong will that will not be overcome easily. The other female tilted her head at the words. It was neither agreement nor disagreement. It seems that she is confused about what's going on but she followed the other two as they continued up the mountain.

One of Soverick's eyes opened to focus on them. The gold pupil lined with a ring of multicolored iris sent an involuntary shiver down their spines. The three of them stopped immediately and froze. The situation continued like so for several moments as the eye moved to examine them one by one.

Soverick broke the silence. "I wonder. Should I call you brave and courageous or stupid and foolish?"

The second female spoke. Fear took over her features. Her naive look changed into a terrified one as she spoke quickly. "I am neither. I am simply intrigued. I followed them to watch the fight up close."

It seems she has finally realized the immensity of the situation that she has gotten herself into and now she wants no part in it. She looked straight into his eye as she said those words. Her soft words and the way her eyes shimmer make her look harmless and innocent. A formless wave spread out from her. The wave invoked feelings of peace and calm toward her.

Chapter 628 Instant Friendship.

Soverick's eye sparked and became glazed. He found the second female battle sage monkey to be more pleasant looking the more he looked at her. He also felt that he has seen her somewhere but he can't recollect where.

He smiled at her. Then he said, "Interesting."

The other two didn't take her betrayal kindly.

"You bitch. I'll come after you forever no matter how this goes. You have made a terrible enemy today. Do you hear me? You have made a terrible enemy today" The first female promised vengeance with a loud angry voice.

The determined male was speechless. He couldn't believe his ears. It is true that the lady never indicated to follow them verbally. She just followed them up the mountain and is only now saying that she wanted to watch. Of course, he is not going to believe her. She is obviously lying. What she did is worse than cowardice. She didn't bow out earlier. It is until now that they need her the most that she is making her betrayal known.

He felt too stunned to speak but the fury in his eyes said everything that needs to be said. If he could, he would tear her apart with his bare hands but he can't. She is strong and they are also in front of the child of the plane. It will not do to embarrass themselves like that. That is if Soverick will be content with simply watching those that have come to fight him fight amongst themselves.

Soverick's single eye regarded them slowly. The playful smile on his face did not alleviate their fears. The male gripped his hammer tighter while the female readied her shield to block any attack from Soverick. They remained like this for a while. Silence returned. No one said anything, moved or made any noise. The only thing that could be heard is the howling of the cold wind on the mountaintop.

The female with pink fur and purple eyes had those same eyes trained on Soverick except the eyes are shimmering. She waited to see what Soverick's reaction will be.

Soverick asked them, "You have come to attack me. When will you do so? Or are you waiting for me to make the first move?"

His words made them realize that they came to fight him not the other way around. It is foolishness to wait for him to make the first move unless they are very confident in their prowess and victory. Having the confidence to survive a single move of his will be very hard to explain as not underestimating him. Letting him make the first move is just utter foolishness. So they moved to attack.

The two of them took a step forward and froze when his single eye shone violet light. His multicolored iris turned into a Violet ring around his golden pupil. The two of them also flashed a violet light as if they reflected the light coming from his eye. Then their bodies exploded. They would have died but they were saved by the brand in their bodies.

Their brand protected them from further damage, took them away, healed them, and then spawned them somewhere else leaving their artifact behind. Their lives were saved but they are not unscathed. He took something far more important than their artifact from them. The violet light in his eye died down and he turned it towards the remaining female.

"Now what do I do about you?" He tapped his chin and wondered out loud.

"I am not an enemy. I am a friend and friends are kind to one another." Her eyes shimmered brighter as she spoke.

Soverick's single eye shimmered too. He nodded in agreement, "That's true."

She took his agreement as an encouragement to step forward. She watched his reaction but he didn't seem to have noticed her movement. So she said, "Kindness means helping one another."

Soverick agreed with her again. "That's true too."

"It is the duty of a good friend to help another friend." She took another step closer to him as she spoke.

She continued to move closer to him as they chatted. Soverick's multicolored eye shimmered brighter and brighter. It produced a faint pink light similar to the one in the female's eye. That pink light is about to overwhelm all the other colors in his eye.

She asked him. "You are my friend right?"

"I don't think so. Friends don't try to brainwash other friends." He disagreed with her for the first time.

His reply startled her. That wasn't what he is supposed to say. He is supposed to agree with her and become her friend instantly. He is not supposed to blurt out what she is trying to do. Her confusion cleared up as she watched his eye become clear. She doesn't need to wonder what's about to happen.

"Oh no." She exclaimed as she took a step back in fear.

"The law of illusion is it?" He asked her calmly.

She didn't reply. She turned and ran. Talking now will not save her so it is best that she escape for her life. Unfortunately, A field of nullification spread out from him and she froze. He clawed at her with one of his hands and activated gravity control. She flew into his waiting hand. His hand gripped her neck tightly. Then he removed the field of nullification.

She smiled even though his grip threatened to crush her neck. Her smile is very wide. It is obvious that she is very happy instead of being afraid.

"I've got you now." She said triumphantly.

A pink domain sprang out of her body and enveloped them both. The domain began to enter Soverick's body through his hand that is touching her. She continued to smile as she waited to see the reward for her efforts. She became ecstatic when she saw his multicolored eye turning pink again.

She laughed and laughed. "Imagine it. The great and mighty child of the plane has fallen to me. He has become my thrall."

Chapter 629 The Abomination Within The Consciousness.

Soverick's eye turned pink completely. He was frozen in his action of gripping her neck. The entire pink domain entered his body and dug into his consciousness seeking to control it. It made her even more happy.

A domain of a transcendent is an area under their control. They can use their domain for numerous things but the only way it can affect another transcendent so seriously is if it is enforced by a law. In the case of this lady, she has managed to comprehend the equivalent of the law of illusion in this world fragment and she is trying to use it to gain control of Soverick.

Soverick could have defended against her easily but he allowed her to do what she wanted. He opened his consciousness for her domain to enter without resistance. Then her consciousness flowed from her body into his. It is how she gains control of her thralls. She will modify their consciousness with hers so

they will always obey her. It is how she managed to accumulate her faction. Her subordinates and helpers didn't follow her willingly.

She continued to guffaw. "Look at me now. They said I shouldn't do it. They said it was a bad idea. Have I not done it now? Truly, victory favors the bold."

Her aim for this competition is Soverick and only Soverick. She comes from a prestigious bloodline that manipulates people against their will. That's another way of saying they enslave people. Soverick is a big celebrity. He is strong, talented, and very special. It makes him an obstacle to overcome. Or in this case, it makes him a challenging target to enslave.

She is not the only one in her family who wished to control the child of the plane. But she is the only that decided to go through with it and attempt it during this competition. Everyone else had too much common sense, just a healthy amount of fear and a set of working life-preservation instincts which prevented them from actually going through with their silly wish.

Those good qualities of theirs held them back. It protected them from danger and also prevented them from getting the success that she has just acquired. They will regret their decision when they hear of what she has accomplished. She can just imagine their stupid faces being morphed by intense jealousy. It amused her to no end and made her laugh louder.

Her laughter got cut shut when she finally reached his consciousness. She found Soverick's consciousness to be like an abyss and at the bottom of the abyss is a grotesque entity with multiple eyes. This entity is all eyes around a single giant eye and black misshapen flesh. The single giant eyeball has many eyes on its ugly body. It looks like a deformed demon beholder.

This abomination said to her, "You have seen what you shouldn't see. Don't worry. It is not an offense. I allowed it. It is because you will be useful. You will be very useful."

Then the abomination chuckled evilly. The sound it made crashed against her consciousness in a most unpleasant manner. The abyss began to churn and spin like quicksand. Its spinning pulled on her consciousness to bring her towards the abomination within Soverick's consciousness.

"Nooooo." She screamed and tried to return to her body but there is no way back.

Soverick had shut down the opening in his consciousness. She couldn't escape. She continued to fall down the abyss kicking and screaming while the demonic entity reached out with tentacles to grab and pull her down. She eventually fell down to the bottom of the abyss and the abomination swallowed her for its nefarious purpose.

Their battle of consciousness took a while but it was an instant in the world. She had just laughed after gaining access to his consciousness. Then her purple eyes dimmed and her body began breaking down. Pink fumes rose from her body as if she is evaporating. Her entire body turned into pink smoke that drifted away with the wind.

"Be careful what you wish for." He said with a sneer as he gazed at the pink smoke.

The pink in his eye has disappeared completely. All traces of her in the physical world of manifestation is now gone. The last bit of her is within his consciousness where it will be put to good use by Legion-7. It is not an enviable fate at all.

She could have fought him with the others and had a taste of his WRAITH OF DEATH: GHOST OF THE FUTURE. It is a move that reflects the damage that a future version of his enemies will suffer if he fought them. It is a lazy move best used on enemies that are too weak for him to bother with.

Using it on dangerous entities that can actually harm him can lead to a backlash because he too can suffer in such a fight. He won't be able to heal that backlash because he won't have the time to just like those two. So it is very dangerous to use.

The two fools that came to fight him are harmless so he used it on them. He could have used it on her too with the worst that would have happened to her being that she loses her weapon and her rank 9 power like those two. But she decided to bite more than she can chew and lost her soul in the process. The two of them might be fools but the one that wanted to enslave him is the foolish clown. She is worse than a fool.

He shook his head. "What a clown. She tried to control me. Me of all people. It would have worked as a not-so-funny joke that she tells but she actually tried to go through with it. This is Stelios all over again except more stupid."

She is not the first person to try and possess or enslave a clone of Legion. In fact, some have succeeded. Legion-7 has experienced slavery personally. But this female battle sage monkey has not reached the level required to enslave him.

Chapter 630 A Mountain Within A Mountain.

Stelios tried and failed to possess a clone of Legion so her failure is not special. But he considers her to be worse than being foolish for attempting it at all. She is a clown that isn't funny who then decided to do something dangerous to prove that she is funny. She played with her consciousness without knowing what she is getting into. That is literal because she actually left her body and entered his in her attempt to enslave him. She didn't know what she was getting into at all.

The consciousness of a transcendent is their most important asset apart from Origin energy. They can lose their body but they will regenerate it as long as they are still alive. Their consciousness is contained within every part of their body so a transcendent will survive their head getting crushed. The consciousness can be likened to the identity of a transcendent. It is what keeps their body and soul together.

Her divine ability allows her to use her consciousness to manipulate the consciousness of others through her eyes. As they say, the eyes are windows to the soul. Unfortunately for her, she met a consciousness that she cannot manipulate. She met a mountain of a consciousness and paid the price of gaining entry into the core of that mountain. She had to meet the Mountain within the first Mountain.

She is far too weak to manipulate a consciousness that can manipulate the law matrix of the world. His mind has survived going into the world of concepts and back. His mind swallowed parts of the law of order of a world god to give to Legion-7. He is already too much for her to handle much less Legion-7 and himself together. Her consciousness is but piecemeal to him.

Her attempt might seem less significant than what Stelios tried to do with Helios but it is not. Stelios tried to use the gap between Helios's consciousness and his body to eject Helios's consciousness and possess his body. Stelios was also highly ignorant of who he was messing with.

This lady tried to change his consciousness itself. She didn't want to gain control of his body but wanted to reshape the very fabric of his mind and she knew full well who he is. He is not some random person. He is the child of the plane. That should have counted for something. Ignorance is not a valid excuse for her. She is plainly suicidal.

She probably did it because she thought she had nothing to fear. The rules of the competition emboldened her. Her attempt to control him is more invasive and more stupid. Stelios was able to escape because of the gap between his body and soul but there's no gap for her to escape through. He has a soul body now due to the fusion of body and soul. Her body thus fell apart without a consciousness to hold it together.

He looked within himself to see what has become of her. The giant eyeball with several eyes on it has reprogrammed her consciousness and is using it to intrude on the core of the world fragment. Legion-7 modified her using the law of order of the sage making her consciousness look like a string of instructions similar to the law matrix of the arena. This will ensure that the resistance of the core will be significantly lower and he will be able to get easier access to it.

He has finished mapping the law matrix of this world fragment before he fought the last boss. He got what he wanted to get. He got power and he got knowledge. It is the same power that he used to strip those two of their power. He used WRAITH OF DEATH: GHOST OF THE FUTURE to bring about the effect of their future fight into the present. His understanding of time made him realize that everything that can happen is currently happening including both the future and the past.

His eyes aligned a future where he destroyed them to the present. This should have caused their death but the brand on their bodies saved them. That brand is under the control of the core of the arena so he can't control it. What he can do is influence the privileges of the brand on them.

One of the privileges is to be saved from death and respawned somewhere else. He can't change that since it is not changeable. Another privilege is the power system of this world. He can't remove it either but he can reset it since it is a changeable factor.

The power system empowers the competitors by a certain amount based on their rank. He can't remove the augmentation entirely but he can reset the rank to 0 which eliminated the empowerment of this world entirely. It must have been very hurtful for them to lose all their progress but they can regain it if they put in the effort. What he did to them is temporary.

That is one of the powers he got from his tinkering with the law matrix. He found a lot more beyond his reach when he was done with it. He could be satisfied with what he has achieved or he could seek out more.

The power he got is not permanent. He will lose it when the competition ends and he has to leave the arena. There are all sorts of limits on what he can do with the power too. Those are already enough reasons to convince him to seek out more.

He doesn't really need a reason to seek out more power. He will always be seeking out more power and only power if he can. But a reason to seek out power is always great. He can use it to explain his current actions to the sage in case the sage is mad about the death of a competitor.

He will start his exvuse with, "She fell into my consciousness. It wasn't my fault at all."