

GREED 691

Chapter 691 Inevitable Clash.

Salvos only promised not to harm or antagonize him intentionally. So it is very possible that Salvos will still antagonize him. Soverick doesn't know if he made a mistake or not by letting Salvos go. It is not a good feeling. There is so much that he will lose if things go wrong. The debut release happened at N0v3lBiiin.

"Legion cannot continue forward in blindness. Something must change or we will walk into a wall. Or worse we will walk into a trap. We must gain sight so that what happened with Zerkon and Zernon will not happen again." He said to every clone of Legion.

He has said it before but he is emphasizing it again because it is very important. They began discussing a way to fix this problem of their's. Brute strength is not enough. There's a need for information to make the best possible decisions. Or Legion will be toyed with the same way he toys with his enemies because of the advantage of his sight.

He reached the pyramid in seconds. Then he leaped to its top and took the crown. Next, he sat down to meditate. He has to be ready for whatever will come. The crowd of people that used to surround the pillar scattered when almost half of them were doused in all-consuming flames. They stayed away for a while before they returned to besiege him.

A lot more people came as time went by. At first, Soverick wasn't worried. Then the number of people reached more than a million. He is just one person. If all of these people attack him then he will have a lot of trouble on his hands. Fortunately, he knows that not all of them are his enemies. Some of them came here to cheer him on or to assist him. The time for that will come. For now, both his enemies and his allies are content with staying back and watching.

People were trickling into the barricade and adding themselves to it little by little. There is the occasional group but nothing more than 100. Most of the people here are clueless about what is to come. The ones that know are probably his enemies. The rest of the clueless people will divide and show their allegiance when the time comes. The large groups won't come until it is time to fight. Their numbers will probably reach two million by then.

He saw all of these happen and he sighed. "It would have happened one way or the other."

His situation is not that serious. He won't fight all of the people surrounding him. But most of them have been turned against him by his enemy. They have used his closed-off personality to turn people against him.

He is not a social person and he has made a lot of enemies. It is only proper that it will come to bite him one day. But even if he were a popular person, what is about to happen will still happen. They will just find another reason to antagonize him. Today is inevitable. The competition has given his enemies an opportunity that they can't let pass them by.

He realized that he might fall today. He doesn't consider himself infallible and unbeatable. A million is a very large number to fight. A person might not be able to defeat him but a million can. Even if he has the sin of pride and underestimates people, he is not so foolish as to underestimate 1 million people.

But he didn't feel despair. They surrounded him like a dam made of mountains. He looked at the barricade of people with the determination of one that wants to break mountains.

"If I will fall today. Then I will show them what it takes to put me down."

They will certainly pay a heavy price if they intend to kill him. He will make sure that if he is to fall, he will not fall dishonorably. Their aim to discredit him won't work. He will use the boost his title as child of the plane can grant him if he has to. And he will bring down damnation on all of his enemies.

The first large group soon came. They are more than 100 thousand in number. It is not a single army but one formed by a coalition of large armies. They have numerous crown bearers wearing the crowns of kings and others but none of them are wearing Emperor crowns.

One other peculiar thing about them is that they do not look like an unruly crowd of people. They are formed into ranks. They maintained their formation as they marched uniformly. It made them look like a real army.

They came marching forward with an unstoppable momentum towards Soverick. The barricade of people around the pyramid split apart to let them pass. If they don't make way for the army then they

will be overrun and trampled upon by the soldiers. So the army formed a wedge of power through the barricade as they made their way to his pyramid. They didn't stop at the front of the barricade like the others. They continued marching forward until they reached the pyramid.

The person at the head of the group shouted to him. "Permission to come aboard?"

Soverick shook his head at her antics. He replied. "Granted."

Salvini and a small detachment from the group ascended the pyramid. Soverick stood up to them. This would be the moment of truth. He will get to find out if he made a bad decision in trusting Salvini. Things can still go wrong later on but this is the most defining moment. It will determine quickly if he has been deceived.

All of them stopped 2 meters down from him. He looked at them and realized that they are exactly 100 in number. Some of them are the ones that Salvini defeated during the second challenge for her to acquire the position of the last man standing which she then gave to him. Litori is also among them. She is pointedly avoiding looking at him.

Chapter 692 Trust The Results.

He said to Salvini, "I did as you asked. I didn't go after the trouble maker and I spared your brother. I also stayed here at the pyramid. I hope for your sake that you have prepared what you promised. I will not be taken for a fool."

She sighed before replying. "Don't be like that Soverick. I am helping you. Trust me."

"I find that very hard to believe." He said to her.

"Suit yourself. Don't trust me. But you can at least trust the results. You didn't chase after the troublemaker. That would have wasted your time and the divine crown might have slipped out of your grasp by then. I know for certain that she went in the opposite direction of the crown. It would have been a waste of time."

"And don't act like sparing my brother was you doing me a favor. I helped you not to waste your resources. You would have needed to activate your title to defend against his flames and if my

knowledge is right, the power of the child of the plane places a heavy burden on you. It would have also been a waste for you to fight him until one of you can't respawn anymore."

She finished with a smile, "As you can see, I am helping to make things more efficient for you."

She makes a good point but Soverick refused to be swayed so easily. His eyes remained cold and calculating as he scanned her and her escort.

·cθm "We will see about that. Just know that I will hunt you down if you take advantage of me." He promised her. "I will hunt you to the end of the world. Nothing and no one will stop me from delivering retribution upon you."

She said to him, "Do you know that you look very handsome when you're trying to be menacing? Your good looks are making it difficult for me to take your threat seriously."

He changed the subject, "What's next?"

She rolled her eyes at him before replying, "What's next is that I will help you overcome the next obstacle on your path. You need my help to..."

He cut her off. "I don't need your help. I can do that by myself."

He might fail and be overwhelmed but he doesn't need her help. He isn't so helpless that he needs her help. If he were helpless then he would ask Legion-1 for help and use his domain to crush these people. If he were pushed to the brink he can get divine life energy and heal himself.

He also has other abilities that he is not willing to use. The truth is he is far from helpless but he won't use all his powers here unless he absolutely needs to in order to get keep the divine crown. He can't use the full repertoire of his abilities in a world fragment made by a world god in the middle of nowhere with no way for him to escape from said world god if it decides to break its Oath to protect him.

Salvini replied sarcastically, "I am sure you can do everything yourself. But a leader shouldn't do everything on their own. So stop being difficult and let me finish. As I promised. I will provide you with Lieutenants as long as you are in control of the divine crown."

She gave him the spot of the last man standing as a gift. It is a show of allegiance if she is to be believed. She left a message written in mana on the Zeroth ring in the second challenge. The message contained some information, instructions, and a plan for action for the third challenge.

What made him decide to join hands with her is that she has knowledge about the troublemaker that has been stirring enemies against him in the background.

That knowledge also made him very suspicious of her. He knows that the troublemaker is very much like Salvini so her having that knowledge might mean that she is the troublemaker itself. Soverick decided that either way, he wants to have her within his sights. It is to keep his friends close and keep his enemies closer.

"Are these your offering?" He gestured to the 100 of them and asked.

"Yes. They will serve you well." She answered.

He spared them a glance. In light of his suspicion, her escort of 100 might be an ambush team. The multitude of people that formed the barricade might be a distraction to fool him so that she can bring a group of 100 elites close enough to him.

It is a good plan too. 100 elites that will all attack at once will catch him off guard and might successfully overwhelm him. Even if they fail, there are still the 2 million people surrounding him. He has been practically cornered.

"How did you convince them? I don't think they are so devoted to me that they will be willing to subordinate themselves to me."

She shrugged. "Let's just say that I have a talent for persuasion."

He knows the answer already. He asked her to see if there was something that he is missing. He can see it in the mana stuck to their figure. The event is also very recent so it is vivid and easy to see. Salvini went around the arena convincing people to join her cause either by persuading them through words or through a beating.

It was difficult at first but it became easier as she accumulated a large group. More people joined her cause when they saw the number of people on her side. It also helped that she knew which ones could be persuaded and how to persuade them.

The leaders of the groups followed her and brought their faction along until she formed this group 100 thousand large. He also saw that some of them actually liked him. Most of them are neutral about him. They came for the benefit of following him like Litori who is just for the power that she will get as his subordinate. If not for that power, then she doesn't want to be anywhere near him.

Chapter 693 New Lieutenants.

There are people that hate him among these 100. But they are smart enough to let go of their hatred for actual benefits. The subordinates of the divine crown will get assistance from the world equal to that of the Emperor crown. Such a power is very tempting.

That's why these people will rather have their subordinates wear the crown of kings that they acquired. They chose to become his Lieutenants instead. It is an optimal way to acquire the power of Emperors since there are only two Emperor crowns.

So these people aren't here to do him a favor. They are here to acquire a power that they can't acquire another way. The reason that they are here has more to do with their GREED than with her persuasive talent. But it cannot be denied that she is instrumental in bringing them here.

Salvini has amassed a worthy group. They are at least very strong with many of them being designated kings. There doesn't seem to be anything fishy even after a thorough inspection but he is still skeptical until everything is done. Even then he will still watch his back. An unwatched back is a good target for stabbing.

"So what do you think? Are they enough?" She asked him.

He replied, "They are enough. I accept your offering and I offer you the positions of my lieutenant in exchange."

She smiled brightly and said, "We accept."

Then she stepped closer to him. He offered her the crown. He held it out to her while he kept his hand on his blade and ready. Salvini is not supposed to take the crown. She is to touch it and make the oath to become his lieutenant. Then she is to step away and let the next person take the oath.

But he held on to the crown tightly and strengthened his grip on his blade as he offered it to her. Anything can go wrong now and he is ready for it. He didn't let it show in his demeanor. He remained calm and ready to inflict immense violence when needed.

She came forward and gripped the crown. The two of them held it as she swore. "I Swear to become the lieutenant of the divine crown. I shall protect its wielder from harm to the best of my abilities and execute their will to the best of my abilities."

Then she let go of the crown and stepped aside for the next person. He didn't sigh in relief or relax. There are still 99 more people to go. That's 99 more chances for something to go wrong. If there is a 1% chance of something going wrong then something will go wrong. So he remained very vigilant as they came forward.

Nothing went wrong. They stepped forward one by one and made the oath then they stepped aside. It was all very uneventful. Even then he didn't relax around them. Things seem to be going too well for now and the other shoe is bound to fall anytime soon.

He is right to worry. The fact that they swore the Oath doesn't mean he is safe from them. The oath ensures that if he will be betrayed then it won't be outright. His lieutenants will try to protect the wielder of the crown to the best of their abilities. What's important to notice here is that they didn't swear allegiance to him. The thing they swore allegiance to is the divine crown.

They swore to become the lieutenant of the divine crown. The crown is a separate entity and the wielder of the crown can be anybody. Their position as lieutenants will be safe if another person wields the crown unless that person changes it. So he is not completely safe.

He understands his precarious situation just as he understands that this is the best that he can get. Most of them don't know him personally and have no reason to be loyal to him. They came for benefits so he doesn't have many expectations from them.

It wouldn't even matter even if they swear allegiance to him directly. He is still going to be skeptical about everything as long as Salvini is involved. Apparently, she only cares about the plane because of her bloodline or about herself. He doesn't see how her actions her helping the plane so she must be after something else, something more personal that he can't figure out yet. It can't be because of her affection for him so it is probably something sinister.

Either way, he will use her as a tool and wouldn't let down his guard for a moment. If he views her as a dangerous tool then he can work with her. He just has to be careful with her as one will be careful with a dangerous tool like a knife or a sword.

"It's time for you to show me what you can do. Get rid of the golems." He said to his Lieutenants as he descended the pyramid with the crown on his head.

They are to execute his will and right now he wishes for them to get rid of the golems before the major fighting starts. He doesn't want the golems to distract him while they fight.

"If you say so, boss," Salvini replied. Then she turned to the rest and shouted, "You heard the boss. Get rid of the golems."

She rushed down to catch up to him. The two of them walked down in silence for a while. The pyramid began to rumble as soon as he stepped off of it. He didn't turn back to face the angry golems that the pyramid as become. He has lackeys to deal with them. It is a much better sight than the child of the plane struggling with the golems himself.

The group of 100 thousand which has now become his army parted and created a path for him to pass. He caught looks of awe and worship on some of their faces as he passed by. No matter their feelings towards him, he is a legend made flesh and they all respect him if only for his prowess. The strong will always be respected or at least feared.

Chapter 694 Confession.

Then the army joined together behind him after he passed by. They turned to face the golems. His lieutenants led their soldiers to fight the golems. He reached the end of his army and turned towards the multitude of people waiting by the edge. He stayed quiet and chose to sense everything going on around him.

"What are you thinking about?" Salvini asked him.

She seems cheerful which is an anomaly in and of itself in this situation. This is a serious situation. He for sure can't be cheerful when someone is out there seeking to discredit the title of the child of the plane. This entire thing is an endeavor to make him look bad. They want to prove that he is nothing special and that he can be defeated. It will reduce his hold on the denizens of the Virut plane and make it difficult for him to gain support if the image of the child of the plane is besmirched.

The title of the child of the plane is sacred. It is a position that comes with honor and power. Most of that power comes from honor. The plane will empower him more if the people of the plane have faith in him. Their honor comes with faith.

Salvini would have certainly failed to bring her group here to serve him if he wasn't the child of the plane and if he wasn't a sage. Power alone will not be enough to make 100 talented people come to subordinate themselves to him. They will rather decide to take the crown from him if they find him unworthy. But his image tempered their Greed and allowed for their cooperation.

He will lose a lot of his power as the child of the plane if his prestige is tarnished. It is that prestige that the troublemaker is targeting. People would rather fight him or disagree with him rather than follow him.

His prestige is at its highest right now. He is the child of the plane and he is a sage. He is untouchable but his prestige isn't. His prestige is both his strength and his weakness. Even though it is ephemeral, it can be targeted. The troublemaker just needs to show that he is not perfect, all-powerful, or infallible. He is unbreakable but public opinion isn't.

He answered without looking at her. "I am thinking if I can fight everyone here on my own."

He just has to fall once for his image to take a hit. What they need is a single defeat either by a million people or one person for them to create a weakness in his prestige. So yes, this situation is too serious to be cheerful.

He also can't be cheerful when the person beside him can betray him any moment now. His enemies and his supposed allies might even be working together. He has to be prepared for the worst. So he is thinking about his chances of facing everyone including his allies at once.

Salvini shook her head and said with slight pain in her voice, "You still don't trust me. Can't you at least trust my affection for you? The love of a woman is strong and potent. It can overcome all things. I might just be doing this so that my lover won't look bad. The simplest explanation is probably the correct explanation. I love you so I care for you."

He was quick to offer a rebuttal, "I am not your lover. Even if I am, that doesn't mean I am safe from your schemes. Love goes hand in hand with betrayal."

She looked deeply into his eyes as she said, "Not everything is as it seems. This competition is more than it seems."

"I know that this competition is not as it seems." He said to her with a glare. "I might not know what you are after, but I am not ignorant of that much."

He knows that there's something up with the competition but he doesn't know what exactly is going on. He just knows that the first sage baited him here and wants him to win it. He is like a hired goon or something. He also knows the realm lord has something to do with this competition.

The fact that Salvini also knows that something is up about the competition didn't make him trust her. It did the opposite. Now he is even more suspicious of her. After all, she was the one that gave him the 6 sheets of paper that baited him. She started all of these. Maybe she is setting him up.

They remained in silence for a while. Then Salvini sighed. "This is so difficult to do. I can't use my future vision anytime it is related to you so it is difficult for me to convince you since I can't predict your reaction to me. This is why I like you. You make our moments together feel real and special. I want to be always around you."

He didn't say anything. He doesn't have anything to say to her confession so he won't say anything. The fact that she expressed interest in him doesn't mean that he should reciprocate or even acknowledge it. Her confession might just be a way to dull his suspicion of her. It won't work on him. She isn't done anyway.

"Anyways. What I am trying to say is that you might not be able to trust me but you can trust your intuition as the child of the plane. You will know that what I am doing is for the good of the plane once you invoke the power of your title."

He grunted and said, "We'll see."

He hasn't used the boost from his title ever since he became the child of the plane but people have been asking him to use it recently. First, it was Jarkon, then Salvini. She has mentioned the boost twice now. There must be something going on and it is probably related to his title.

Chapter 695 Looking Silly.

Soverick's eyes narrowed as thoughts whirled through his head. He has noticed a pattern. It is little at best. It can be considered as grasping at straws but it is something. Jarkon asked him to use his title to kill him. Salvini also did the same when it became just the two of them.

It is absurd but it is almost as if she wants him to use his title. That makes him highly suspicious. He knows that something can be gained when he uses his title. But she shouldn't be able to gain it in the competition. After all, he can't die in this competition.

That didn't put him at peace though. Because if anyone can pull something impossible off, it might be Salvini. He himself has managed to kill a competitor despite the respawn and resurrection mechanism of the Arena. It will be an underestimation of Salvini to think she can't pull it off somehow.

He asked her, "What is it like to use the title of the child of the plane?"

She winked at him and replied, "You'll see."

"If you're not going to tell me then say so. Trying to play tricks on me won't work. It only makes you look silly."

"I gave you an answer." She argued.

He said coldly without looking at her. "It is just not the answer that I wanted. You said you will be useful to me. You said you wanted to help me. Was that all a lie?"

She insisted, "I am trying my best. I have tried my best. But some things can't be done."

He didn't say anything anymore. He kept looking around him. He is looking at everything and anyone but not her.

"I guess I should leave." She said quietly.

He maintained his silence. She nodded and made to leave his side but then stopped and turned to him again.

"You know what. You have some blame for all of this. This wouldn't have been so difficult if not for what you did." She said as she gestured to their surrounding.

"I know."

That surprised her. "You do?"

He replied still focused on the horizon. "Yes, I do know. I am not like you people with the bloodline of the sages. I may not be able to see the future but I can see well into the past so I know how all of this happened and I know what part I played in letting it happen."

She moved closer to him and asked. "Would you have done otherwise?" "I think you should take a look at

"No. I would have killed all those people again if only to spite them. The fact that I know what they were planning doesn't mean that I have to restrict my actions. It just means that I can beat them in their own game."

"So you do not regret it by a little bit?"

That question made him pause before he answered. "I do regret it. At that time, I didn't know that this competition will be held. If I had known then I wouldn't have caused the calamity of the child of the plane. This competition gave them an opportunity that wouldn't cost them their lives to try and put me down."

He paused and sighed before continuing. "It doesn't matter anyway. From what I know, there's nothing I could have done to curb them. They would have come after me anyways. This competition just granted them an opportunity and they intend to capitalize heavily on my action to give themselves an advantage."

"It is good that you are not clueless."

Her words made him glare at her but she wasn't deterred.

"You can think of the bright side of things. If you achieve a spectacular victory here then it will only empower you. I know that you can eke out a victory on your own but that isn't good enough. That's why I am here. I will help you to achieve a spectacular victory. Then you can turn your situation around and disarm the opposition."

This current adversary that he is about to fight began their work a long time before this competition. Actually, their enmity started even before he was born. Any child of the plane would have faced them just like the first sage faced them.

It is an hatred older than him. Nothing he could have done would have stopped them from being enemies. His action of killing all those people when they came to challenge him didn't cause the problem. It only granted them ammunition in gathering supporters for their cause.

Salvini is right about the opportunity that this problem is granting him. They aim to besmirch him but if he turns the table on them and defeats them soundly then it works in his favor. He just doesn't know what's in it for her. Those with the bloodline of the sages always put the plane first. They will always do what's good for the plane. But that doesn't mean that they can't have selfish reasons for it.

Sages are known to have plans within plans. There's no reason why they can't have two or more aims for their plans. So Salvini might have a selfish reason. He doubts that becoming a lieutenant for the divine crown is reward enough for her helping him.

Sure, his lieutenants will have the same world empowerment as the emperor crowns in the next challenge but Salvini can get an emperor crown if she wants and she can even have her own lieutenants. So what does she really want by helping him?

He is already in one tussle with the first sage. Salvini is an extra burden he can do without. But she stuck to him and offered to help him. She also expects him to believe her actions to be selfless simply because she said it is good for the plane.

He let his thoughts stew in his head for several moments.

Then he said suddenly, "I have a question for you. I am sure you have the answer to it and that you can answer me if you want."

It is a question that he has wanted to ask her right from the moment he saw her message.

Chapter 696 Looking Silly Is Good.

He has a lot of questions that he has wanted to ask her ever since he saw her message. But this question is the most important one that he can get an answer to. The debut release occurred at N-ov3l=B(j)n.

"I don't like where this is going."

He continued with his inquiry despite her reluctance. "How long have you been pretending not to know about my divine ability?"

Her reply was laughter. She covered her mouth and laughed. He nodded to himself. Her reaction is answer enough for him. She is laughing because she found something funny. It is probably his ignorance that is making her laugh.

He should have known that his divine ability is not secret anymore when she brought 6 sheets of paper at that meeting to invite him. She obviously prepared for his ability to see the past in mana. She just prepared badly so it looks like she didn't know.

He thought the 6 sheets were a coincidence since she had more sheets and other methods prepared. But now he knows that it was not a coincidence that he didn't see anything important about her when he inspected her past during that meeting.

All he saw was the hours that she spent working on a way to look mysterious. He saw thousands of sheets of paper and many more. They conveniently occluded every other thing about her recent past without rousing his suspicion.

He thought to himself, "She is a threat to be eliminated."

Her incompetence fooled him. She made herself look foolish so that she will be underestimated. She is doing the same thing right now. One might call a lady in love pinning after someone that will never return her love to be foolish. But it might be concealing something else that she doesn't want him to see.

He said she was acting silly earlier. Maybe that's what she wants him to believe of her. He has seen how dangerous she is to others. The ending of the second challenge is more than enough proof of her cunning and ruthlessness. He saw it and even experienced it. But this is the first time that he fully realized how dangerous she is to him.

It is hilarious that he has been very suspicious about her right from the start. And yet, this still happened. The worst part is that it happened in the past which is supposed to be his forte. But he remained blind to it.

He was undecided before about her. But now he is certain of what he wants to do to her as soon as he gets the chance.

"Don't be so gloomy. It was a harmless prank. Don't you find it funny?"

He agreed with her. "It is funny."

No matter his grievance about being fooled, it is true that it is funny. He would laugh were he not the butt of the joke.

"You really think so?" She asked excitedly. "I knew you will see the fun side of it. That's why we are so perfect for each other."

"Hmmm." Is all he said. I think you should take a look at

They returned to silence again. Only the sounds of his army fighting the golems behind him could be heard. There's also the sound of the movement of feet as more people came to join the barricade. A small group of 100 suddenly appeared and blended stealthily into the barricade.

The 100 of them are too small to be noticeable. Their actions would have been ignored too because of their small number. Things didn't end there. The group began to change the barricade into a formation. They scattered amidst the people and directed them. The changes didn't escape his notice. He noticed the movement and the arrangement of the barricade into an army. It seems the fight will start soon.

He asked Salvini a question that has been bothering him. "Do you know what is going to happen in this competition?"

She tilted her head as she considered his question. "Sort of. I didn't know at first, but I have been getting glimpses of the future."

"What do you think this competition is for?"

She shook her head. "It has different and numerous purposes. This competition aims to achieve a lot of things. Which one do you mean?"

"You're not going to give me the answer I want will you?"

"No, I won't. I'll get into a lot of trouble if I do. That is unless you become my partner. Partners aren't supposed to keep secrets from each other so it is understandable that I tell you. So what do say, will you become my partner?"

"I'll pass." He replied without thinking about it.

"Think about all the good things we can do together. Think about our kids. They will be able to see the future and the past. They will be perfect."

He snorted in disdain. "Why will having perfect kids make me decide to be your partner?"

"For two reasons. One, the process of making the kids will be very pleasurable. Trust me on that. As for the second reason, our kids will create a wonderful legacy for us."

"I'll pass." He rejected her again. Her words didn't convince him.

At this point, nothing can convince him to be so foolish as to entertain any romantic thoughts with Salvini. He will have to be drugged and mentally rendered invalid before it will happen. Unfortunately, that wouldn't work either. Legion-7 won't allow it. And there are other clones of Legion that won't stand by and watch even if Legion-7 fails.

He is more concerned about his own legacy and pursuing his own perfection, not the perfection of his children. He knows that the ability to see the past, present, and future will be a useful ability. He doesn't need her to tell him that. He knows it and he already has a plan to fix that issue in himself. That plan doesn't need her to become his partner.

In fact, he had several plans for it. One of those plans was to hunt her and use her eyes to build an artifact that will enable him to see the future. But he discarded that plan. He is not the first one to come up with a plan to hurt the lineage of sages and it has never worked.

Chapter 697 The Child Of The Plane 1

You can't ambush children of the sages. If the kids can't see it coming, their parents will surely will. Considering that their parents are part of the racial council with the power of world gods and the children are leaders of one of the three sanctioned empires in the plane, it will be a very bad idea to try and kidnap them. Practically nothing can save him from that folly. So he has decided to go with a better alternative. He doesn't need her for his plan. But that doesn't mean he won't try to kill her if he can get away with it.

"Am I not good enough for you? Is that why you don't want to be my partner?" She asked him.

He ignored the question.

"Suit yourself then." She said with a scoff. "I hope you're ready. It is about to start

"I can see that."

He can truly see it starting. Several large groups began to arrive all of a sudden. They arrived from different directions and separately to throw him off. His troublemaker is among one of the groups and she is hoping that he won't be able to pinpoint her among the mass of people. She thought wrong.

He knows about her and what she has been doing even before he met her. She appearing here is just putting a face to the image he has in his mind. It has also made her a physical entity that he can hurt.

He didn't jump to conclusions though. She might be a decoy. Someone meant to throw him off. He is right to be careful since he knows that she isn't the real problem. There is a large force that is against the child of the plane. She is just a vessel for it.

So he didn't go after her immediately. Instead, he activated his title of the child of the plane. If it is a fight that they want, it is a fight that they will get. He felt his existence and located the connection between him and the plane. He sent his wishes through that connection. The Will of the plane responded immediately and positively.

The air became charged immediately. The wind tingled the skin. A low current went through every battle sage monkey present in the world fragment. They felt a shock that made them shudder involuntarily. It caused them to look around warily for what was amiss.

All they felt is a sort of charge in the air which is becoming stronger and stronger. Every one of them can sense a storm coming. They can feel it in their bones and in the atmosphere. It is in the air and in their body. They can taste it as much as they can feel it. I think you should take a look at

The current passing through everyone left their body with a sudden jerk. It was like something was pulled out of them. They felt weakened as if they lost some of their strength due to low stamina. It is a feeling that those with soul-bodies shouldn't feel since they have unlimited Stamina.

Meanwhile, a thin golden thread flew out of their body and rushed towards Soverick. It looks like a ray of light left their bodies and converged on Soverick. His Aura began to rise. His very presence began to pressure everything around him. The ground he is standing on flattened as gravity increased and pressed down on it.

The same thing happened in the realm of high heaven but on a much larger scale. Everyone that was born in the Virut plane felt the pull and they instinctively knew which direction the pull is from. They also know the source of the pull and to whom what is being pulled out of them is sent to.

They don't know what the pull is for or why it happened but they suddenly became aware of something connected to them far away. This phenomenon happened to every entity that was born in the Virut plane and is below the level of origin gods no matter where they are in the void universe.

They were all weakened slightly and what seemed to be golden rays of light left their bodies. The golden threads vary in size depending on the faith of the people in the child of the plane. The threads are thicker as long as they think he is strong and capable of protecting the plane. It gets thicker the more they are willing to support him and it becomes thicker the more they are willing to help the plane to thrive.

Those are the three factors that determine the quality of their contribution to him. Strength, Support, and Survival of the plane. The child of the plane must be strong. They must believe he is capable of protecting the plane. They must be willing to support him for the survival of the plane.

Some threads are tiny and weak while some are thick and strong. It all depends on the three factors. His strength, their support for him, and their support for the plane. But no matter what, everyone that was born in the Virut plane will contribute something regardless of their feelings towards him. All these threads combined in him instantly.

The people in the arena felt a sudden pull on them and turned to look at him while the people in the Virut plane looked toward the sky at him. They all saw a golden lightning bolt descend from the sky and hit him. The golden threads combined to form a cocoon of light around him. He was shining so brightly that they couldn't look at him directly.

Soverick was experiencing a series of changes. He had his eyes closed because he needed to concentrate on himself. He can't afford to let himself be distracted by external information through his eyes while a sudden influence is rampaging throughout his body.

It is almost too much to control. The power is so much that he feels he can roar and kill everyone with just the sound of his roar. The power that has been bestowed onto him is not his. It is just being lent to him temporarily. That's why it is fighting his control.

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The power he received wants to be set free. It wants to run without direction but he won't let it. He wants to wield the perks that come with this power as he sees fit. So he forced the cocoon to bend to his will. His loss of control of his gravity manipulation also receded.

He rose into the air as if levitating with the support of the people. He is never alone in a fight as the child of the plane. All he needs to do is call for support. It is up to him now to utilize the contributions efficiently.

The first thing he did is to gain total control of the threads. It is necessary seeing as most of the threads are directionless. The cocoon of light warped and shrunk down. The threads fused together into one so the cocoon became a golden bolt.

He became wreathed in the golden bolt. It infused his body and mind. It clung to him and moved around his body like another limb he didn't know he had.

It looked like a golden snake around his fur entering his body sometimes and coming out of his ear other times. His eyes were like four multicolored stars as he stood in the air and gazed down at everyone.

He is flying despite the ban on flight in this challenge because the rules of the world fragment can't affect him anymore. He has broken them through his empowered will. The suppression on him loosened and his strength was unlocked until he reached both 100% of his body and mind.

It is because he directed the power to the shackles of the suppression. The shackles couldn't be broken but they can be pushed back. The world fragment is not suppressing a single person anymore. It has to suppress billions of weak people joined into one and it is failing at it.

This is the first time since he became the child of the plane that he will activate the ability that comes with it so he felt surprised and slightly overwhelmed by it. The power is immense and heavy. It would be too much to control for a lesser being but Soverick is more than capable of controlling it.

He can see the individual threads that make up the golden bolt and he can control them. They are hundreds of trillions in number. Their number threatened to overwhelm him. But they are weak individually so they can be manipulated with relative ease. It helps that they are without a direction and a will so he can impose his own direction on them. A very strong mind like his can achieve it quickly.

The irony is that the tiniest and weakest threads are the most difficult to control. They resist his manipulation stubbornly. The people that they came from don't believe in him or don't like him so their support for him is very small. Their negative feelings towards him were passed on to their contributions which made the weakest threads resist his control.

The threads formed a channel between him and the plane and he felt a will descend on him through it. It is a will of scattered thoughts and wants. It seems to be a creation of an amalgamation of interests and wishes but one thing is clear from the will. He felt trust, faith, and assurance from the will to him. It is stark, clear, and pure. He immediately knew that he has the support of the plane in this endeavor.

The will of the plane doesn't know what is going on in the clearest of manners. It just knows that what he is about to do will benefit the plane and it is willing to support Soverick in order to achieve it. He became confident with the assurance. He didn't need the assurance since he has power but it helped in determining his value in the grand scheme of things. It is always nice to know that he is appreciated. I think you should take a look at

'It seems Salvini was right about the competition being important to the plane. But that doesn't matter now. I am whole again and that's what matters.' He thought to himself.

Then he began to laugh. He spread his arms wide and laughed. He has gained strength and his fears have melted away. It felt like a huge burden has been removed from his shoulders which in actuality is what happened. His body and mind are whole again after the suppression on them has been removed. He feels confident and bold. All of his reservations have gone away. Strength will beat schemes when there is enough of it.

He gained assurance just as he gained power. The power that accompanied the assurance led to more tangible things.

He said as he laughed, "I am free."

He unleashed his power into the world. His divine sense spread out in its enormity. It covered a kilometer and more easily without stopping. Everyone around shivered as it passed by them. It felt like someone just spread a wet blanket over them. They felt the weight settle down all around them. It isn't heavy but it is there.

His divine sense screamed within their minds with exuberant exhilaration, "FREEDOM."

His mental scream blasted their minds. It was not pleasant. If they were in the main world, his divine sense wouldn't be an anomaly but they aren't. According to the rules of this world fragment, something this powerful should not be used.

Everyone is supposed to be limited to 100 meters or at most, a little more than that. No one is supposed to have a divine sense that is 10 kilometers wide. A lot of them are also shackled to the transcendent level. But he has removed the suppression on himself. It is an anomaly that cannot be rectified.

He exhaled in sweet relief. He doesn't need air but the pleasure of being free from shackles compelled him to. Air rushed out of him with a sound that echoed in everyone's mind too. They understood then that Soverick has changed in more ways than one. He doesn't look powerful for nothing. He is actually powerful too.

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He has all their attention. So he started speaking to them. "I suppose an introduction is in order."

An introduction is in order because he is not the same Soverick that began this competition with them. He has changed. He has become his real self. They will be facing his real self from now on and they should know that. Whatever they thought they should expect from him will be overhauled. They will be underestimating him terribly if they stick to his previous image. His previous self was nearly unstoppable. He is actually unstoppable right now.

"I am Soverick Ghastorix. I am the child of the plane."

Everyone in the area for 100km heard him. He did not amplify his voice. No, his divine sense spread out that far to speak with them. That isn't the limit of his divine sense too. It is still spreading.

He said to them, "Today we have gathered here to judge me worthy."

Then he began to laugh.

"Haha..." He laughed as everyone looked at him but he didn't care.

He threw his head back and laughed. He found everything hilarious really. They couldn't do anything to him in the real world so they decided to use the opportunity when they have nothing to lose to clip his wings. They are weak and foolish.

He knew they are weak and foolish. But he was wrong to ever consider them a threat to him. The difference between them has become stark now. That difference is so much that it is laughable that they ever challenged him.

He resumed speaking with them after he was done laughing. "Imagine that. I am to be judged. It is funny, is it not? My accusers have come forward and they intend to judge me. Woe is me if they find me unworthy." He said with sarcasm.

He smiled now. His lips parted into a feral grin. His mood may be affected by the empowerment more than he expected but it is welcomed. He feels liberated and he feels happy. He didn't even know that he was sick before until his sickness was removed. How can he not be happy?

His smile and the accompanying emotions were transmitted to his audience. They know that he is happy bordering on the happiness of a drunk. They know that he thinks nothing of them. He thinks of this entire thing as a farce and he didn't hide his thoughts from them.

He even said it out loud so that the people in the plane will hear him say it. "Who are these accusers of mine? What makes them worthy to judge me? ME!"

He became agitated as he spoke.

"Where were these accusers when I broke the blockade into the divine kingdom? Where were they when I led a million of my equals to battle a thousand times our numbers? Where were they when I brought the gods to their very knees?" I think you should take a look at

His voice rose in tandem with his agitation. He clenched his fist tightly and his eyes shine sharply.

"I didn't become the child of the plane by chance. I wasn't bestowed the title by birthright. I wrought miracles with my very hands. I became the child of the plane because I beat 1 million others into submission. Then I led those 1 million to break our enemies."

His voice became calm and low. He said, "Do you know what we went through? Do you know how we fought? Do you know how long we fought? Do you know the pain we experienced? Do you?"

He paused to let his questions sink in. Then he gave them his answer. "Do you? I don't think you do. Because if you did, then we wouldn't be here. You got your Origin energy. And like some ungrateful mutt, you have come to bite the hand that fed you. You have come to judge me. Me of all people."

He thinks that they are sheep and he is a wolf. They are lucky that he chose to be their Shepard and protector, not their predator. Why would he give a fuck about their judgment? What does the opinion of sheep matter to a wolf? They will be delusional to believe that they have a hold on him and he wants them to know that.

He challenged them boldly, "Come at me. Come at me and test my mettle. Do you want to see if I am worthy? Come at me and see. Do you believe yourself worthy to be my accuser? Come at me and I'll show you what makes me worthy."

"WHO IS MY ACCUSER?" He asked them with a mighty shout.

His transmitted thoughts shifted from his confidence to his daring challenge. He wants his accuser to show their face. He wants them to come forward and state his transgressions. He dared them to come forward and he made it known in subtle undulations of his emotions that he will make them regret it.

He is the child of the plane so he is the star of the plane. He earned it because he was the best. Now that he has become the child of the plane then he has the tools to become the mightiest. So he is the best and the mightiest. If you come close to the sun then you must be ready to get burned. If you get close to the sun with the intent to challenge it then you must be crazy.

His question is both a challenge and a threat. Who will step forward to accuse him in all his glory and power? Who will dare to when they know that the consequences of such an action will not be merciful? Who will admit publically that they tried to do something as crazy as challenging the sun?

"I am your accuser." Someone answered the call.

The crowd in that area stepped away from her immediately. They rushed to create distance between themselves and her. No one wants to be near her right now when the cross hairs of the child of the plane is focused on her.

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Soverick smiled. He didn't need to turn around to see her because he was already looking at her right from the start. His dare was more to her than everyone else. He wanted to see if she would still go through with her plan even in the face of his power. Apparently, she is not a coward.

It is a good thing that she stepped forth. It will make sure that all her efforts in creating this situation will not go to waste. She knows that Soverick knows about her. He has been looking at her since he started his speech. That can't be a coincidence.

She also knows that she will suffer no matter her decision to come forth. Her end will be the same if she comes forth or not. Soverick will make sure to make an example of her. Running is not an option for her anymore so she stepped forward to admit what she has done.

Creating this situation is an affront to Soverick and he will make sure she suffers for it regardless of her decision to go through with it or not. So she had no choice in the matter. It also helps that she can't die in this competition. That gave her the confidence to step forth. She walked forward as the crowd separated for her to pass. Soon she was at the center of the barricade opposite Soverick.

Her position is not by a coincidence. She had picked it to be as far away from Soverick as possible. It is partly due to her hatred of the child plane and her need to stay a safe distance from him. Her hatred is not a logical thing and she knows it. She may hate him because her ancestor hates children of the plane but it also gives her pleasure to antagonize him.

Her hatred is just one of the reasons why she is scheming against him. Soverick is a big fish in the waters that is the plane. He is an important person in the plane and a strong obstacle to overcome. It is fun for her to create problems for Soverick and she will be happier to see him stumble. She let her hope in his failure and her fear of him to strengthen her resolve and prevent her from flinching under his intense stare.

His stare is definitely intense. It is as if he wants her to wither and die under his glare. That's what she thought of his gaze. He on the other hand doesn't think much of his stare. He is simply inspecting her. He has no intention to intimidate her that way. He has done nothing more than to place his attention on her.

Soverick said to her. "Lady Amari of the bloodline of secrets. State your grievances."

He didn't ask for her name or introduction. He knows that and more. So he asked her to state her grievances immediately. He wants them to cut to the chase immediately. She comes from a reclusive bloodline. It is a bloodline that is as old as that of the first sage but it doesn't belong to any sages. That's because her ancestor refused the title of Sage. I think you should take a look at

Her pitch-black eyes with tiny spots of light in them like the stars in the sky on a dark night indicate her bloodline. She is a seer and one of the descendants of the keeper of secrets. Her bloodline is both why she hates him and why she is a threat to him. She used to hate him when he was just the child of the plane. Her hatred for him has doubled now that he is also a sage.

He asked her to state her grievances even when he knows it. He first found out about her plots on the day that is now referred to as the calamity of the child of the plane. He saw it in the past that some of the people there that day were being manipulated by an unseen hand.

A more specific inquisition revealed that she is the one behind the rumor that whoever defeats him will become the next child of the plane. That rumor is why people flocked to the Ghastorix main city to fight him in the first place. She told people that his title can be taken if he is defeated.

The rumor is partly true. His title can be taken from him but it can't be done by a simple defeat in combat. The best way to lie is to mix lies and truths together. She used that method to tell a great lie. Her half-truth galvanized people into trying to challenge him.

They coveted his title so they came to fight him. She hoped to make him come out of the safety of the Ghastorix main city into the open where he can be assassinated. But he didn't come out no matter how much people clamored for a fight with him. Then her plans went to ruins when he simply killed everyone.

He came out finally. But he didn't stay outside for long enough for some forces to attack. He waved his hand once and returned to the city where he stayed ever since. He didn't come out once. She didn't let that setback stop her. She picked up the pieces of her broken plan to create the current situation.

She has been scheming and planning against him for a long time. She has shown resourcefulness and the ability to stay hidden while she manipulates. You wouldn't know it just by looking at her. She is a tiny lady with a frail body. She is wearing a dress much too big for her. It seems like a robe that envelopes her thin body. It is not a facade. She really is as weak as she looks.

She is the reason why the Calamity of the child of the plane happened. People don't know that. They blame him for it. He was a voluntary accomplice to that particular Calamity. But she has come forth today under the guise of righteousness to accuse him.