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### Chapter 841 Terror And Fear.

The three demon kings attacking this plane stood at the very back of their army as they watched the ongoing fight. Their Heralds used to stand around them but they have been sent to lead the demon army into battle. They are needed to fight the grand gods.

Aeternus is one of the three demon kings. His avatar is a tall dark red armored monster. He has claws the size of knives on all four of his giant arms. His dark red skin is not smooth at all. It is lined with sharp tiny spike-like thorns. There are other spikes that extend from his elbow and knees that reach lengths of a meter. These spikes can be used as improvised spears.

His head doesn't have any eyes, mouth, lips, nose, or ears. It is a horrible-looking faceless head with a crown of golden thorns ringed around it. There are four red horns with golden tips on his head. There's also a dark round spot in the middle of his face but it doesn't look useful. It seems significant only because it stands out against his red skin.

He has four dark wings made of black flaming feathers on his back. The four wings are flapping and holding him up in the sky. This gives him a good view of the entire battlefield. It also enables the defenders to gaze upon the terrible visage of the monster that has brought death and destruction to their peaceful lives.

What they see is terrible indeed. His broad armored torso ends in two thick trunk-like legs. The armor he is wearing is thick and heavy black armor that covers his entire torso, some parts of his arms, and his legs. He drives fear into their heart just from the sight of him.

Everything about him makes them afraid including his choice of weapon strapped to his back. It is for when the spikes and blade-like claws are not enough. By the looks of the spikes and claws, rarely will his claymore be needed.

The Claymore has a grey-colored handle attached to a sharp black blade filled with shimmering red runes. They know his claymore is sharp because every divine sense that comes close to it to examine is split apart. Many a weak god has died from gazing on the edge. The thought of what the edge can do to them if it touches them fills them with terror.

The gods that are fighting for their lives and dying to protect their plane know that they are dying for nothing. They know that this invasion will not end as long as he still stands. He is their source of terror

and the root of their calamity. But to him, this war is just business as usual. It is as stimulating as a morning jog. If not for its importance, he would end it now.

He levitated in the air while the other two demon kings flank him. The female demon king is a demoness of lust. She is also a succubus. She has black bat wings and hooven feet. She has a slim tail attached to her back that swings about playfully. There are two cute ram horns on her head and a bosom the size of watermelons. Her breasts are what one will call knockers. They can actually knock someone unconscious.

Her waist is tiny and her hips are wide. She has thick legs and a cleavage that is to die for. Her face is perfectly symmetrical with a beauty beyond the comprehension of mortals. Her red beckoning lips and playful eyes complete the seductive ensemble. Her scantily clad attire does nothing to hinder the display of her physical gifts. It instead makes her overwhelmingly seductive.

The color of her lingerie-like attire is red like the color of her lips and it has some black strips holding it together. She is a temptress and a very good one too since she embodies lust very well. Her body is lust incarnate and she has the golden crown on her head to show how successful she has been at embodying lust.

Anyone who thinks the only thing dangerous about her is getting drowned by her generous bosom will find that they are very wrong. He looks like terror incarnate but they will still look at him in defiance and fight him despite their fear of him. As for her, the defenders are too afraid to even look at her.

They have had a lot of examples to show how dangerous it is to look at her. Numerous gods have given up fighting because of her. They ignored the battle on around them and rushed towards her to worship her. They would rather die to him than succumb to her so they are more afraid of her. If they succumb to her, they will lose all their self respect and die in eternal shame when their own friends kill them so that they don't spill any secrets to her.

The other demon king is a demon king of wrath. It is a reddish fire-breathing snake demon. It has a humanoid torso but its head and lower body are that of a snake's. It has two arms each holding a short curved weapon. The blade of the weapon is black while the hilt is red just like the scales of the demon king.

The demon king has two eyes blazing with white fire. Smoke is coming out of its nostrils and liquid red fire is leaking from beneath its scales to the ground. It is like lava is leaking through a tight container.

The lava doesn't drip to the ground. It is scattered about by the wind of the flapping giant wings of fire on its back. It also has a golden crown on its head to indicate that it is also a demon king.

The three demon kings are cooperating to invade this plane. A single demon king is already a problem for a plane but three is an existential crisis. Aeternus was the one to reach out to the other two for collaboration. He is just one demon king and unless he wants to expose the secret of his crown, he can only attack with a single avatar instead of more.

#### Chapter 842 The Calamity Of Demon Kings.

A demon king is the equal of a Celestial and there are 10 Celestials in this divine plane. He can't take all of them on. At least, someone of his apparent strength should not be able to take on all of the Celestials. It is expected that he will die several times. While he can return after death, he will just be wasting his Authority in resurrecting so it is better to ask for help. Which he did.

These two accepted his request despite his fearsome reputation for killing demon kings. They are strong and they believe that they will be able to protect themselves from him. After all, if he was so strong, he should be able to invade the plane alone and not share the loot from the divine plane.

The three of them are overlooking the fight while waiting for the right chance to interfere. Their combined aura pressured the entire divine plane. The three of them are about 10 kilometers tall so they overlooked the battlefield like insurmountable pillars. Every being in the divine plane knows that they are around. Their presence cannot be hidden. It sits on their back and presses them to the ground. Their presence has made it difficult for the defenders to stand because it feels as if they are bearing the weight of the sky.

But they are much worse than the pressure they exude. The pressure is just a byproduct of their existence. They themselves are like a terrifying malignant tumor that is about to explode anytime or a guillotine that can fall and behead them anytime. This invasion will continue as long as they will it. No one can have peace until they have been expelled from the divine plane.

This invasion has been going on for more than a hundred days. It is a very short time for an invasion but things will get worse the longer it continues. The aura of the demon kings will make the defenders mentally tired. It is mentally taxing to resist the demonic influence of their presence but that isn't the major problem.

The three of them have been throwing demons at the gods non-stop. There is no end to the demons no matter how many they kill. The gods have had to defend or risk the demons running rampant throughout the divine plane. They are clearly winning but they are also losing troops that they use to

defend their divine kingdoms. It is an inefficient sacrifice to make for taking care of the symptoms but not the cause of the disease.

One of the reasons why gods are difficult to kill in their divine kingdom is because of the number of troops that they have. Remnants of the souls of their believers come to their divine plane after their deaths. These remnants serve their gods in the divine kingdom and can be turned into angels.

The angelic host is the main defensive force of the gods. Each angel is very precious and it will require thousands of years to create an angelic host. Gods need their believers to die and divine energy to create more angels. It wouldn't be a problem if the rate of their loss of angels isn't high. They will be able to replenish it quickly and resist the invasion indefinitely.

But they are being invaded by 3 demon kings. Aeternus alone is in control of almost 100 planes. That is trillions of demons under his command. They will run out of troops at this rate. That means the defenses of their divine kingdom will fall precariously. They can't allow that to happen or they will fall into a precarious situation even if they manage to repel the demon invasion. The only way to end the invasion early is to get rid of its root cause.

"It seems they are about to move." The succubus said.

Her voice can only be described with the words "silky", "sultry." and "slippery" It is slippery so it slips past most mental defenses to invoke sexual images in the minds of those who hear her. They will see, hear, and feel emotions of adultery, fornication, hot passionate sex, and mind-blowing orgasms.

Her voice tantalizes the senses. It tempts with promises of very fulfilling sexual intercourse. Those that succumb to these temptations stop fighting and lay down their lives at her hooven feet.

If one is doubtful of her temptations, you just have to take a look at her body to know that she can surely deliver. Just the sight of her smooth skin and curvy body can make anyone, be it a man or woman, impotent or not, sexual or asexual, to become weak in body and mind. It will not take much for them to succumb to the sweet voice of the siren of lust.

Her voice did nothing to Aeternus. He remained calm like a peaceful lake. The snake demon king on the other hand was affected. He got angry when he heard her voice. It is because unwanted cravings appeared within him. He wanted to grab her and do unspeakable things to her body. He wanted to

possess her body and wreck her mind with wave after wave of pleasure before he explodes a torrent of discharge into her.

But he remembered who she was and he got angry that he was aroused like that. She is not some weakling that he can do whatever he wants to. He will pay heavily if he attempts it.

So he growled angrily at her, "Why don't you shut your mouth you slut."

His reaction to her is admirable. He was able to resist her mental coercion. Lesser beings would have lost their minds when they heard her voice. Their period of momentary mental weakness will turn into a lifetime of slavery to her. The only pleasure they will have is the pleasure of serving her for all of eternity. It will be their destiny to smile even as she drains them of all life. Anger is better than any of that.

Chapter 843 The Celestial Of Metal.

The growl of the demon king reverberated throughout Armageddon and caused the fighters to enter a frenzy for killing. His voice induces wrath. The emotion of anger will rise up unbidden upon whoever hears it and they will lose their minds to it if they indulge. They will fight, fight, and fight until they die. They will continue to fight even when their mind breaks and when they go insane. Wrath doesn't need the best of minds to be realized. It only needs a willing mind and an able body.

The succubus giggled playfully. "What will you do if I don't shut up? Will you stuff my mouth with something big perhaps? I have to tell you that it will take a very big and thick..."

"I see them. They are on the move." Aeternus interrupted before they start fighting.

He can see that the snake demon king is already fuming. Flames are coming out of his nose instead of his mouth. The succubus queen is riling him up and she knows it so he has to be the reasonable one. He drew their attention to the true enemies before they could start fighting each other.

The Celestials of the plane are finally moving. They had stood above the battlefield like unmovable Tyrants before. But now they are making their moves. It seems like they have had enough of the invasion and want to put an end to it quickly.

The snake demon king turned his attention to the Celestials. His fiery eyes widened a little. He couldn't help but say, "They are going all out too. Why the rush? They aren't even going to test us."

The succubus queen agreed, "It seems that they want to get rid of us very quickly and without any mistake."

All the Celestials are rushing towards them at once. Not one, or two, but all ten of them. They are in a kite formation. They have basically arranged themselves in such a way that they formed a kite but the corners of the square have been tilted to be at the front and back, left and right. Their Celestial Supreme is at the head of this formation. It occupies the corner at the front facing the demons.

The Celestial Supreme of this pantheon is the Celestial of Metal. It is a sphere made out of numerous bent blades and weapons interwoven and forced together. The Celestial Supreme gains a boost when it is the leader of a war party and its followers are also strengthened so it makes sense that it should lead them into battle.

The Celestials obviously put some thought into their formation. They didn't just let their Celestial Supreme lead them into battle simply because he is the strongest and the leader of the pantheon. They have not let the sin of pride blind them now in such a serious moment.

"That Celestial Supreme is very strong." The succubus queen said with a giggle. "I like a big strong man."

The snake demon king's eyes twitched. It was about to say something when Aeternus interjected. "Yes, he is very strong and very talented."

He has some information about this strong Celestial Supreme. The Celestial of Metal wasn't the first god to become a Celestial, unlike Zernon. It wasn't even the second one either. The first Celestial that the plane produced was the Celestial of War.

The Celestial of War and Wealth became the Celestial Supreme due to its achievement of being the first Celestial in the whole plane but it lost its title and its life to the Celestial of Metal who was the third Celestial to ascend.

The Celestial of Metal went on to absorb the domain of war, wealth, weapons, and crafts. The domain of war went well with the domain of metal and wealth. War is the highest consumer of metal. War is also the clash of wealth. The richest side acquires the most metal and weapons. Then they win the war.

The cause of most wars is the conflict for wealth and the accumulation of metal is an indication of wealth. So those three domains went well together. But that wasn't enough for such a genius and ambitious Celestial. It eyed other domains and successfully fused them to raise its existence.

The domain of weapons is the Celestial domain which includes archery, spears, swords, clubs, axes, hatchets, maces, etc. It includes every weapon made of metal. The domain of crafts is the alternative to weapons. Metal can be used for more than just making weapons. It is used to make a whole lot of other things too.

So the Celestial of Metal has 5 domains and the Celestial Authority making it a level 6 Celestial. That is a very strong Celestial. It is 3 levels more than Zernon of the Zargoth plane. The Celestial of Metal alone is a force to reckon with. Unfortunately for the demon invaders, It is not the only Celestial with multiple domains.

The Celestial of Nature that is at the very back of their formation also has multiple domains. She is the spherical form composed of vines, leaves, flowers, and the occasional fruit hanging on. It is her original form and it has not been changed despite the absorption of domains of the Hunt, Farming, Seasons, Mountains, and Rivers. She has 5 domains all linked to Nature.

She has this much because she is the second god to become a Celestial. She has had a lot of time to cultivate her domains. She can choose to fight the Celestial of Metal for the position of Celestial Supreme since they have the same amount of domains but that will be an act of foolishness because she will lose terribly.

She couldn't fight the Celestial of War and Wealth, so it would be ill-advised to fight the one that defeated him. She is currently the oldest god alive but she is also the weakest. That is why she is at the corner that is at the back of the formation. The domain of Nature and its associates are not powerful domains. She wanted to rectify her weakness by absorbing the new Celestial of life that is in the mortal realm in the form of a tree. 6 domains will give her more quantity even if she is lacking in quality.

Chapter 844 Strength And Unity.

The snake demon king's attention returned to the upcoming fighting. He licked his lips on his protruded jaws. He said in anticipation, "They are all strong. It is good that they are strong."

Then he asked Aeternus, "Your information is accurate right?"

Aeternus replied, "Yes, it is. Nothing has changed."

The succubus queen wasn't so optimistic about their chances. "I prefer it if they are weaker. I won't mind their number then. But each one is so strong and there are so many of them. They are also united too. This is going to be difficult."

"Just stick to the plan," Aeternus said.

All the 10 Celestials used elemental domains to become Celestials thereby stopping others from becoming Celestials. This is because Elemental domains are the most valuable domains. The other types are not appreciated in the plane. This reduced the number of Celestials in the plane but it also enabled them to monopolies the Celestial domains to just 10 of them.

Instead of fighting each other, they decided to divide up and absorb the other Celestial domains first. The 10 of them worked together to prevent other Celestials from forming in the other domains while they grew stronger. They monopolized all the power in the divine plane to just the 10 of them.

The Celestial of fire absorbed the domains of the forge and volcanoes. The Celestial of light absorbed the domains of healing, Justice, and order. The Celestial of water absorbed beauty and love, sex and fertility, oceans and seas. The Celestial of Earth absorbed the domains of strength and power, Oaths, and peace. The Celestial of darkness absorbed the domain of Night, Death, and the Underworld.

Each Celestial is at least level 4. They are all stronger than Zernon. It is what Unity on a large scale creates. Sure there is competition and the occasional war but it has only made them stronger for it. Order when balanced and tempered with Chaos creates the best outcome.

Aeternus warned them, "Everything has been arranged. This plane is very rich so we will get a lot of loot if we win. Their believers are very strong so they offer their gods a lot of wealth as sacrifice. But they won't be able to interfere. We just stick to the divine plane according to the plan and everything will be ok."



The succubus queen said to him, "Don't worry. We will show these pompous Celestials that numbers are not everything. We will show them the terror of demon kings."

The plane is also bountiful and fertile despite the fact that they are always warring against each other. They fight but the fight only makes them stronger. The boost to the elemental affinity of the believers makes it so that they have a lot of strong cultivators and enables the plane to produce these stronger cultivators very fast. In fact, this plane is so successful that they have a lot of world gods.

The plane has produced a lot of Origin gods and world gods but they didn't try to get rid of their gods because they are actually useful to them. The tree father has been having a lot of problems because of the strength of the inhabitants. A lot of them want to kill it.

That's why Aeternus doesn't plan to attack the mortal plane. His aim is more realistic than that and to achieve that aim, he needs to have other demon kings with him. They had and still have reservations about attacking such a powerful plane. But the incentive of all the wealth that the gods must have due to the prosperity of the path of divinity in the plane is too much for them to pass over.

The demon kings he has with him are not weak. They are both level 5 demon kings. Both of them are also demon kings of the abyss. There are no demon kings of demons or demon kings of kings for wrath and lust anymore because of the existence of the demon gods of lust and wrath. The advantage of being demon kings of the abyss is that once they become demon kings, they will never be removed from it.

The disadvantage of being a demon king of the abyss is that they won't be able to progress to demon god but its perks make it a worthwhile decision sometimes. In this situation, the perks ensure that they will always be able to attack this plane until they are too weak to be a threat.

They are immortal as long as they remain demon kings and as long as the abyss exists so they can only be temporarily banished to the abyss. They will sacrifice some Authority to resurrect but they will always be able to return to fight again.

"Let's get ready to fight." He said to them.

The succubus queen giggled as she pulled out a whip. "You seem to be in a hurry too. I like fast and hard sometimes but I always prefer slow and steady. Don't you think so?" She asked Aeternus.

He ignored her. The snake demon gave a feral grin as it swung its curved blades eagerly.

"Let me have at them." It said as it grinned.

It is bubbling in excitement. It has already forgotten about its little spat with the demoness earlier. All it wants right now is to have at the gods. Its wish will be fulfilled soon. They all prepared themselves for the upcoming battle.

They also shrunk their body size down to a couple of meters from the 10 kilometers that were. Size isn't all that matters in a fight of their caliber. In fact, size doesn't matter at all. In this case, size will be against them. They can maintain their strength no matter their size. Whereas being big will make them an easier target to hit. So they reduced their size.

There are only three of them but they are not afraid of the upcoming battle despite being outnumbered. The war between demons and gods is not a war that can be ended with a single battle. It is a slow grind that wears down both side until one of them breaks down and capitulate.

Chapter 845 Winning Condition.

The Celestials can kill all three of them but they will lose in this exchange as long as one of the Celestials dies. Gods grow stronger by absorbing compatible domains but demon kings grow stronger by absorbing Celestial Godhoods. That means demon kings can absorb any Godhood as long as it belongs to a Celestial.

Every Celestial is food for a demon king. They are not picky at all. It makes them grow stronger faster than Celestials. What makes things further in their favor is that dying only makes them lose some of their Authority, not their strength.

Each new demon king is a level 1 demon king. They need to absorb 3 Godhoods to become level 2. Then 5 more Godhoods to become level 3. Then 7 more to become level 4. Then 9 more to become level 5. Then 12 more to become level 6. That means each demon king has absorbed at least 24 Godhoods of Celestials to become level 5 demon kings. They might have more than that.

Death means the loss of a single Godhood. A new level 5 demon king will be relegated back to level 4 if they are killed. Their death will reduce their amount of Godhood from 24 to 23 thereby causing their relegation. But these demon kings have more than 24 Godhoods of Celestials. They might die but their strength will be preserved at level 5.

The Celestials have decided to work together to grind down the demon kings. They will win when they eventually kill the demon kings to a level where they are too weak to be a threat. But they will lose as long as a single one of them dies. That will reduce their overall strength and make it easier for another one of them to be killed again when the demon kings return for the second round.

The challenge for the gods is to keep their strength constant throughout the duration of the war. This war can continue for many origin cycles. So the demoness of lust was right. Their conflict is a race. Hitting hard and fast is good sometimes but this race is one that can only be won by being slow and steady.

The gods have to work together or they will be divided and subsequently conquered. That's why they came together as one. The three demon kings on the other hand did not fight as one. They have less to lose so they are not as worried. The major reason why they are not fighting together is because it is very difficult for them to be team players.

The snake demon licked its lips before shouting, "Come and get a piece of me."

Then it shot forward. It flapped its wings of red fire and soared into the air against the 10 gods. He can't wait to fight already. Aeternus was the one that suggested that they wait. The demon king of lust agreed with him so it was two against one. Unfortunately for them, that isn't enough for the demon king of wrath to hold back. If it were up to it, then they would have attacked earlier instead of being attacked. The sin of wrath is not one with patience and it likes to be proactive in a battle instead of being reactive.

The succubus queen shook her head in mirth. "It seems he has forgotten the battle plan. He is so spontaneous and exciting. How about you? Are you also exciting?" She leered at him.

"We stick to the battle plane. Follow my lead." He told her.

He wasn't troubled too much that someone already disregarded his carefully laid out plan at the beginning of the battle. He reminded them several times to stick with the plan but this still happened. He wasn't concerned though. This is just a slight hiccup. It is expected when working with demons. He can't expect them to be as united as the gods. It is already a success that he was able to avoid infighting among them before the battle.

Aeternus flapped his four black wings and shot forward. His speed was so fast that he overtook the snake demon quickly. He blazed forward and left a dark smoke trail behind him. The Celestials stayed in tight formation as the two sides approached each other. They did not let the fact that the demon kings are not acting as one let them relax their guard. They will only relax when all three of them have been eliminated.

The snake demon complained as Aeternus passed it by. It yelled, "Not fair."

Then it seemed to have realized something. Things were supposed to go this way so it shouldn't be complaining. It shut its mouth and put in more effort in keeping up with Aeternus. It flew faster and stuck to the smoke trails that Aeternus left behind. Aeternus left his partners way behind. He advanced forward like an unstoppable comet. He didn't seem like he intended to stop. His bare face was expressionless as he continued on his flight path without slowing down.

The Celestials on the other hand began to frown. They will collide with him if they continue on their current path. They have to either divert their path and make way for him or they will have to block him. They don't want to make way for him because they are a group. There are 10 of them and one of him. The one that should make way is him, not them. So they decided to block him. Even better, they decided to attack him. The best defense is an attack after all.

The Celestial Supreme said to the other Celestials, "We will continue forward no matter what. I will slow him down and we will gang up on him. It is best that we kill him before the other two catch up. Let's do this quickly and we will have a semblance of peace in a few hours."

They voiced their assent and continued to follow their leader into battle just as they have always done. He has brought them victory before and he will surely do so again.

Chapter 846 The First Exchange.

This is not the first time that they are being invaded by demon kings and this won't be the last time. The fight with demons is eternal. They have even fought 5 demon kings working together and they managed to be victorious. Three demon kings working on their own will be a walk in the park. This battle will be done in a few hours at most and they will be able to return to their lives soon.

The metal ball that is the Celestial Supreme tightened as they became closer to Aeternus. It doesn't have a face so tightening the weapons that make up its body is the way for it to prepare itself both in body and mind for the upcoming collision. It was never up for question if they would choose to block Aeternus or not. The Celestial Supreme is their strongest Celestial and he did not become the strongest by giving up ground during a battle.

That is the thing about metal. When it possesses an edge, it cuts through all opposition. That's why Metal is the element with the highest cutting power. The Celestial of Metal is the sharp edge of this formation. It is its job to cut through all opposition. Then its followers will grind down the chunks of those that he breaks apart. Aeternus is about to collide with the sharp edge of this formation and the Celestial Supreme intends to make sure that he will regret it.

Three silver phantom blades suddenly appeared above them. They are colossal things more than a kilometer in length. They appeared in the sky of the battlefield and swung down upon Aeternus. Other phantom weapons began to appear around the sphere of tightly wound weapons. The Celestial Supreme is going all out.

Several phantom weapons appeared in different shapes and sizes around the Celestial of Metal. Shields are the predominant ones. They formed an implacable defense around the Celestial of Metal. Then several blades formed and began rotating around the Celestial of Metal, just beyond the shields.

Anyone that wants to get to the sphere must pass through the blockade of weapons and shields. That is unlikely to happen. Most become mince meat before they get into close combat with the Celestial of Metal.

The shields will delay them enough for the blades to go to work on them. That is for when they approach him. Even if they don't, the large phantom blades descending from the sky are a deadly attack to contend with. So the Celestial of Metal is more than happy to attack from afar and grind down its enemies from within the safety of its shields.

Aeternus wrapped the four fingers on one of his meaty thick hands around the hilt of his claymore. He brought the claymore forward from where it was hooked to his back. All four of his hands clasped around the length of the hilt. They each held on to a portion of the hilt, then they separated from each other. The 10-meter claymore was divided into four. Each one is similar to the other and they were held by the four huge red arms.

A torrent of powerful chaos energy entered the black blade of the claymore and made the red runes on it shine with a deep red light. The black blade shined too as if coated in blood. Then he spread his four arms apart and flapped his wings to make himself roll in the air. He swung the four claymores in a wide circle around him and made them discharge the compressed energy within them.

Four arcs of energy flew upwards against the descent of the silver phantom blades. His arcs of energy are just 10 meters long. They are very tiny compared to the 1-kilometer phantom blades descending on him like the wrath of heaven. Size isn't all that matters in a fight of their level. In fact, it is almost irrelevant. But in this case, size won in the clash.

The small arcs of energy cut into the middle phantom blade and failed to cut all the way through. They met with a resistance comparable to cutting into a real and tough colossal weapon. The four energy arcs cut halfway into the phantom blade and got stuck inside of it because of the resistance they encountered.

By every look of it, Aeternus's attack failed to rebuff the phantom blades but he didn't attack the phantom blades again. He made more arcs of energy but he sent them forward to attack the formation of Celestials.

He didn't pay the phantom blades any more of his attention despite the fact that he had only attacked one of them instead of all three. The one that he even attacked is still whole and it is continuing its descent towards him. His attention was taken completely by the Celestials. They have all begun to attack him and the threat they pose is immediate compared to the descending phantom blades.

The Celestial of Metal is not the only one attacking him as they get close to each other. Torrent of fire, Lances of light, blades of darkness, spikes of earth, water blades, and earthen boulders are raining down on him. It is an avalanche of attacks if there was ever one. He had to defend against them or risk being torn apart before the colossal phantom blades get to him.

Several black arcs of energy flew forward from his claymore as he swung them over and over again. The arcs clashed with the avalanche of attacks and destroyed a portion of them. This paved the way for him to continue moving forward. Unfortunately, he can't move forward easily.

He has successfully neutralized the attacks but the phantom blades finally finished their descent. It is time to pay the piper. He neglected them earlier but he can't now. Even then, Aeternus didn't bother with them. He can't dodge anyway. That's why the Celestial of Metal attacked with 3 blades instead of one.

Chapter 847 The Price Of Arrogance.

The one in the middle is directly on top of him. The other two flank it and are meant to catch him if he decides to shift his position to dodge the middle one. If he wants to dodge the three attacks then he will have to shift his position entirely and get out of the way of the Celestials.

But he doesn't plan to do that. He didn't shift during the time the Celestials were approaching him and he won't shift now that they are right on top of him. So he must pay the price for his arrogance.

The three phantom blades came close enough to strike him. He didn't dodge so the one in the middle was about to make contact with him. It chopped down aiming to split him in half. He finally paid attention at the last moment. One of his arms swung a claymore against the middle blade.

The two physically different blades struck each other. One fell from the sky while the other struck from below. Aeternus's defense was a halfhearted swing with minimal power behind the strike. It was as if he was swatting at a fly. And yet the middle blade shattered. It shattered easily into fragments.

The phantom blade shattered because it was weak. It looked whole but it wasn't whole. It had been severely compromised from the inside out. Something ate through it from within. It has become nothing more than a large fragile blade. He knew this so he didn't consider it a threat.

The other two phantom blades swung down past him harmlessly. The Celestial of metal would have frowned if it had a face to frown with. It would also have growled in frustration. Instead, its metal parts vibrated and quivered in agitation. A screech of metal grinding on metal rang out from him. It is a screech of frustration.

It told the others, "Careful. That Demon King is weird. It wields an energy with corrosive properties."

It shouldn't have bothered to. The Celestials found out how corrosive his energy could be immediately. The flurry of attacks that Aeternus sent forward had clashed with their own attacks earlier. He managed to create a small hole in their attacks but that wasn't the end of it. The black arcs of energy tore through their attacks and continued to spread outwards. Each clash between their attacks and his didn't end there. Defeat and victory were not decided immediately.

The black arcs of energy from Aeternus's claymore always rendered the attacks they collided with useless even if they were outmatched in power. Anything that touches them will be made useless after being eaten away. It is as if they are fighting against something acidic with metal.

In the case that the arcs of energy won the initial clash, they will then explode into a small cloud of black energy and spread themselves into the surrounding attacks. The dispersed blackish energy will then erode the surrounding attacks. It unnerved the Celestials.

"It doesn't matter. There's more of us than him." The Celestial of Nature said.

Her words are not mere encouragement. It is the truth. They outnumber Aeternus 10 to 1. They can output far more attacks despite the fact that he has four weapons and four arms. They don't have arms and they don't need them to attack. They attack with their minds and each one of them can produce 10 attacks at a time. There are also 10 of them. He is outnumbered in every way possible. Their attacks continued to advance on Aeternus even though his attacks could take out at least two of theirs on average.

The snake demon and the succubus took in a deep breath when they saw all the attacks approaching Aeternus. They wanted to stop or at least pause and reevaluate their situation. The combined might of the Celestials is that intimidating. The volume of their attack can literally drown them if it is water and if they are mortal. But they didn't stop because Aeternus didn't stop. He continued to approach the Celestials which is according to the plan. So they tried to keep up.

Aeternus continued his futile resistance. He continued to create arcs of energy against the onslaught of attacks. The arcs of energy had a lot of success. They managed to carve out a path for him within the avalanche of attacks. He managed to move closer to the Celestials little by little despite the resistance.

In a fight with weaker beings, what he has achieved is good enough. Unfortunately for him, these are Celestials and they are also elementals. They have perfect control of their attacks. So even though he succeeded in creating a tunnel within the avalanche of attacks, the tunnel collapsed behind him as the Celestials controlled their attacks to move and occupy the vacant space.

He became surrounded immediately. All of his effort was negated. They shut off his forward path and they also shut off his retreat by making some attacks to flank him. Then they attacked him from every direction. He can manage to create a break in the attacks when attacked from the front, but can he do so when attacked from behind, left, right, up, and down?

At the rate of things, he will be drowned before he gets within effective range of the Celestials. The Celestials saw all these happen but they became more vigilant instead of becoming happy. Their attacks will not succeed unless Aeternus is stupid. He is a demon king and no demon king is stupid. They can be rash but not stupid. So Aeternus can't just rush headfirst into their attacks and die. He has to have something up his sleeve and they have to be ready for it.

"Stay alert. Keep our ranks close." The Celestial of Metal warned his fellow Celestials. "Prepare yourself for a desperate Move. Demons are known to be sneaky and scheming."



Aeternus is not stupid and he is not blind despite him not having any eyes. He can see well enough and he can process what he sees to come to the conclusion that he should be in a sorry state if things continue the way they are.

Common sense dictates that he should take a step back immediately and regroup with the other demon kings. Doing so will invalidate his efforts but he will survive after paying a price for his arrogance. But he paid no heed to common sense because he doesn't need common sense.

Chapter 848 The Trump Card.

It is as the Celestials feared. Aeternus is not foolish. He will not be in a sorry state despite how everything looks. In fact, he is no danger at all. He can pass through the onslaught of attacks unscathed without doing anything if he wants to.

But he has to act as if he is in danger. He will do what they expect him to do in this sort of situation. He will reveal what is supposed to be up his sleeve. Because without this trump card, he should be in a sorry state. It is only normal for him to reveal it now to get out of danger.

The black round spot on his face suddenly bulged. It is like something is inside his head and is struggling to come out. The bulge expanded outward then it collapsed inwards suddenly. Everyone expected an explosion from his face so they were surprised when the bulge collapsed to become a whirlpool instead. The strange development of Aeternus's face didn't end there.

The whirlpool on his face looks to be very deep. Its depth is deeper than the thickness of his head. His head shouldn't be able to contain such a phenomenon. It is either that the space within his head is larger than it seems or that the whirlpool is connected to a distant location and not within his head. It could be anything considering that this is a demon king. Demons are weird and strange.

If they were informed, which they are not, it could only be one thing since this is an avatar of a demon king formed through the use of chaos energy, soul force, and the crown of a king. The whirlpool mixed those three separate components together and released them in the form of a beam.

A black beam was suddenly ejected from Aeternus's face. The beam is the same width as the black spot on his face so it is thin. The most important property of the beam is that its speed is very fast. It reached the Celestials almost instantly after it was released.

The Celestials were caught off guard by the speed and power of the attack. The beam tore through all the attacks in its way, the shields around the Celestial of Metal, the sphere that is the Celestial of Metal, and all three Celestials behind this powerful Celestial Supreme including the Celestial of Nature at the very back of the formation.

The black beam went through the avalanche of attacks and into 4 separate Celestials in the blink of an eye. It didn't stop its damage there. The beam turned to the left with a slight movement of Aeternus's head. So the beam tore sideways through the Celestials that it skewered like a kebab. Then it went on to slice into the 3 Celestials by the side of the formation.

The Celestials were in a kite formation. The Celestial of Metal was at the front and the Celestial of Nature was at the very back. There are two Celestial between the two of them. Then there are three Celestials on each side of this line. The four Celestials in a straight line took a critical hit despite them being ready for Aeternus's attack.

That beam was just too fast to do anything against it. No defensive measures would have worked either way. The beam tore through everything in a straight line including the shields that the Celestial of Metal put up and the other defensive measures that the other Celestials had equipped.

The three Celestials on the side were more fortunate. They had seen what happened to the first four that were hit so they tried to dodge. The beam injured two of them slightly and completely missed the one at the far corner of the formation.

One of the Celestials that was hit roared in anguish, "What in all of creation is this?"

But no Celestials had the mind to answer. They were all transfixed on what happened next. The four Celestials that were hit first including their Celestial Supreme fell from the sky. They are not dead yet but they are very close to it. Horror came unbidden within the Celestials that could still maintain their flight. If they had eyes, it would be bulging in shock right now.

Something that fast and deadly does not perform a lethal perforation of your existence without death becoming very close to you. The Celestial of Metal was vaguely aware of its situation but it doesn't know more than the fact that its condition is critical. It can't even fly anymore. That's something that a mana entity can do but it can't do. The world has disappeared in its vision. The only thing it can see and feel is encroaching darkness.

Even then it was able to tell them something as it fell. "Finish...the..the...fi....fight..qu..quick.quickly."

Its mind stuttered as it said that to them. Then everything became dark and it surrendered to its fate. Four gigantic entities fell from the sky pitifully. The ball of metal, the ball of vines, the pillar of ice, and the pillar of light fell and smashed into the battlefield below.

Such powerful beings were laid low by a single blow. Their unceremonious descent created a lot of Chaos on the battlefield and took some lives on impact. All the soldiers on both sides began to run away from them when the fallen Celestials started to ooze black corrosive smoke into the environment.

Four out of 10 Celestials have been effectively put out of commission with a single move which leaves six more Celestials. The Celestials still outnumber the demon kings by 2 to 1 but things are not in their favour. None of them have confidence in the fact that they outnumber the demon kings.

Things would have been against them had one of them died during the process of banishing the demon kings. That kind of victory would have been categorized as a pyrrhic victory. So four casualties at a time is a catastrophe.

But it gets worse. Their leader has been downed, their formation has scattered, and none of the demon kings has been killed. Things can only go downhill from here.

Chapter 849 Or So They Thought.

They can't stay close together or they will risk Aeternus taking out more of them with a single shot. So the remaining Celestials stayed in a loose mobile formation with a wide distance between each of them. They were able to stop themselves from panicking and reforming their forces just in time for Aeternus to collide with them.

The Celestials had scattered earlier when the beam hit their formation. They ran for their lives from the black beam of death. That made them stop paying attention to their attacks. Aeternus kept them busy with escaping with their lives while he expanded the pathway created by the beam. He used his normal attacks to destroy the obstacles in his way and quickly reached the Celestials.

The beam was on for a total of 5 seconds before it was shut off. It is a short amount of time but it is very long in a fight of their level. Aeternus had become too close to be rebuffed by the time the beam was off. So they could only reform and clash with him. Their mission is still on. It is just that they are on a

very short time limit. They have to eliminate the demon kings quickly so that they can help the four downed Celestials recover.

The Celestial of Earth is at the head of their new formation. He is the one with the strongest defense after the Celestial of Metal. So he was the one who clashed with Aeternus in close quarters. The remaining five will support him with ranged attacks.

If done well, they can still kill Aeternus fast enough. Or so they thought. Aeternus allowed his Chaos energy to enter the world around him in the form of a domain.

A black cloud suddenly exploded out of him. His Chaos energy is always ready to rampage but he has been holding it back. So it is very eager now that it has been given permission. It covered all the Celestials quickly robbing them of their sight and senses. The Celestials finally panicked.

They had been on edge because of the beam of death. Then this happened. It seems to them that the world suddenly darkened and became hostile to them. A corrosive energy enveloped them. It began to tear into them. This finally made them panic. They scattered in every direction looking for a way out.

The round ball of reinforced rock didn't know what hit it. The Celestial of Earth couldn't see anything in the shroud of darkness. All it knew was that Aeternus was supposed to be in front of it. So it attacked its front with all its might. Earth spikes and boulders assaulted where Aeternus should've been. Unfortunately for it, it did no good.

Aeternus saw everything that happened. He could have dodged the attacks. He could have circled sideways and attacked his blind foe from the left or right. But he didn't because he doesn't need to.

He went straight through the attacks fearlessly. They struck his body harmlessly as he passed through them. He swatted aside the ones that blocked his way. Then he got close to the Celestial of Earth and cut into it with all four of his claymores.

"Arrrrrrrr." The Celestial of Earth screamed in pain.

His arms slashed and a Celestial screamed. It was a soundless scream. Both sound and spiritual transmissions cannot go through this cloud of Chaos energy. So no one saw or heard the Celestial of Earth die.

It was a swift but very painful death. Aeternus cut into the ball several times until the sphere broke down. The Celestial of Earth was helpless against him. It couldn't do anything to defend itself. It was blind and its attacks are useless against Aeternus.

The structural integrity of the Celestial of Earth's body and mind was severely compromised by its injuries. It couldn't take any more so its existence collapsed. A brown sphere glowing with a subdued light appeared from the remnants of the Carved up body of the Celestial of Earth. It signified the death of a Celestial.

Aeternus took the Celestial Godhood that appeared and kept it in his personal space. It is a space created by his Authority and attached to his soul. It is not the inventory given to him by the realm lord. He doesn't trust the realm lord enough to keep his things there. The debut release occurred at N-ov3l=B(j)n.

Then he turned his attention to the other fleeing Celestials. He wielded his powerful soul force to form three chains and swung the chains at three separate Celestials. The chains wrapped around the three Celestials. Then he pulled them back to him and he proceeded to massacre them.

It was a slaughter. That's the only thing that it can be called. It was not a fight. A fight needs substantial resistance. These Celestials couldn't put up any worthy resistance so it was not a fight. They are no different from choice meat being carved up and devoured in the most ruthless way possible.

This outcome is not an unexpected scenario since this avatar of Aeternus has the strength of a level 10 demon king. Level 10 is the highest level of Authority that a demon king can have. That means that he has reached the requirement to become a demon god. The attack that took out 4 Celestials at once is not his trump card. It is just a casual attack.

None of the Celestials can threaten him. They can't harm him alone or together even if they attack all day long. His body is made out of his Authority so it will require a level 10 Authority to even scratch it.

Other demon kings are not like this. Their body and souls are separate entities. Their Authority only empowers their attacks, sin abilities, and spells. It doesn't reinforce their body like his. It is a perk of having his body warped by Chaos energy ever since he was an unborn demon. So his body is created out of his Authority since he has the Authority of Chaos.

Chapter 850 Hidden Strength.

Other demon kings can create barriers that will be able to match the defense of his body but they will need to actively put up that defense while he doesn't. It means he didn't need to worry about the Celestial of Metal's attacks and the joint attacks of all ten Celestials. He could have just waltzed through them but he hid his strength. He can go all out now that he is covered by the cloud of Chaos energy. No one will see what he is capable of. Even his victims won't be able to see. And if they can, they won't be telling tales after he is done with them.

He practically ripped the three Celestials apart. He dug his hands into their bodies and pulled their Godhoods out from within them while they were still alive. They tried to resist but it was all futile. They were no more than petulant children to him. He ripped out their hearts as easily as taking candy from babies. He watched the life leave them as their bodies fell apart.

He could have killed all five Celestials but he let two go so that his strength will remain hidden. No matter how special his energy is, it will raise eyebrows if he manages to kill all 5 Celestials by himself. He left the other two for his two companions while he kept the 3 Godhoods.

The current Aeternus can be said to be Calamity incarnate. He has grown so much that he can take on the strongest demon kings. The story that other demon kings know for a why such a newly crowned demon king is so powerful so quickly is that Aeternus has a source of Intel that helps him to find vulnerable planes so that his invasions are always successful. They believe he killed a lot of Celestials to acquire the strength he has in such a short time.

It is a plausible explanation for his strength. After all, if a demon king is very lucky, then they can quickly gain strength from invading planes. Invasions usually last tens of thousands of years but good Intel can reduce the time it takes to destroy the defenses of a divine plane. But they are wrong about how strong he is and how he acquired his strength.

He has been a demon for a total of 10,000 years. That is one-tenth of an origin cycle. He grew so strong in such a short amount of time because of Cosmic energy. The activation of Cosmic energy within Helios,

when a clone of Legion completed a law, created a lot of changes within Legion. Legion-1's concept of life came into contact with Cosmic energy for the first time and didn't let go.

His concept of life devoured cosmic energy like a tick engorging on blood. Legion-1 practically swelled and was in danger of literally exploding. They tried to save him but nothing could be done to stop his concept from being empowered by cosmic energy.

Legion-1 can control his concept but he can't control cosmic energy. None of them can control cosmic energy except for Legion-9 the tree father, who has a limited manipulation of cosmic energy. However, the tree father can't actively control cosmic energy. He can only coerce cosmic energy within the Authority of the Celestial Supreme at best so he couldn't stop cosmic energy from doing what it wants.

Cosmic energy was activated and it invaded the mind network through the soul sphere. Then it refused to leave. It pumped itself into Legion-1 just like it did with Helios until Legion-1 exploded. Legion-1 did not become a star like Helios. His soul exploded and he died.

His inner world wasn't destroyed by his unusual death. He didn't even stay dead for long. He was resurrected very quickly thanks to the Authority of the Celestial Supreme within his world and the large amount of Cosmic energy that they have access to. It helped his soul to be reconstructed quickly.

His resurrection took less than a month but Legion-1 was not the same when he returned from death.

Legion-1 had become frayed at the edges. The boundaries of his existence had become unfixed. He had imbibed too much Cosmic energy so his existence began to sense the dark side of the universe. His concept has grown past the limit of what an Origin god should have.

All Legion-1 needs is a supreme law and the necessary components to build a world. Then he will be able to safely descend to the dark side of the universe and become a world god. The debut release occurred at  $N-ov3l=B(j)n$ .

Other Origin gods need to fuse with more concepts containing cosmic energy and laws with the aid of Origin essence to achieve what he did. It is something that takes thousands of origin cycles. It is already phenomenal that the realm lord could achieve it in 100 Origin cycles. He achieved it in 3 Origin cycles after becoming an Origin god.

But he wasn't exactly thrilled by how it happened. It wasn't a pleasant feeling to be inflated and popped like a balloon. Thankfully his death granted him a reprieve from Cosmic energy. He wasn't force-fed by cosmic energy anymore.

The same thing happened to Legion-7 but he could control his evolution due to his ability to devour laws. The biggest change to him was when he consumed the Supreme law of order of the serpentine world god. It evolved to become a massively powerful eldritch being.

All of Legion had one change or the other including Aeternus. Even the unborn clones were affected. As for Aeternus, his Authority of Chaos also engorged on Cosmic energy. He didn't explode from it because his Authority had a clear limit. It can't go beyond level 10 so it had to stop growing.

The only one that wasn't affected by the free and adamant flow of cosmic energy is the tree father. Celestial grade Authority of a Celestial domain can't grow stronger. That is the limit of what it can do.