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Chapter 851 Soul Force + Authority.

The only way Celestials grow stronger is to imbibe more domains. They are unlike Origin gods and Demon kings who sacrifice concepts and Celestial Godhood respectively to grow their Authority. But the tree father won't remain in his stagnant situation for long.

So Aeternus has reached the limit of the path for a demon king. He can't initiate his evolution yet because his evolution is not normal. He has to contend with primordial chaos to become a demon god. So he is waiting to fully comprehend the law of Chaos before he attempts the fusion with his mark of sin.

The Godhoods he is acquiring are for the tree father to grow stronger since he doesn't need them anymore. He much prefers to empower himself with soul force.

His Authority was changed due to the shard of power and he has become able to utilize soul force in ways that the other clones can't. So he has been using Soul Force for a lot of things. The current weapon that this avatar is using is made out of soul force. The black armor on his body was also made out of soul force. Even the avatar was made out of soul force.

Soul force can also work together with his Authority seamlessly to create stronger attacks. Godhood can't empower him anymore but Soul Force can. His soul can produce soul force on its own since he is a fragment of an Origin god's soul. But the soul force that he produces on his own is not as powerful as the soul force that Legion-1 produces. And thanks to the soul sphere, Legion-1 can give him some soul force.

So Aeternus can use both his Authority and the power of Legion-1's very powerful soul. That's how this level 5 clone is strong enough to take on the entire pantheon. This means that even a demon king with a level 10 Authority won't be a match for his main body.

So one might wonder why he is here working together with two other demon kings to subjugate a divine plane. After all, he can take on the entire Celestial Pantheon on his own with just a single avatar. If he can subjugate the plane on his own, why is he working with two demon kings and why is he hiding his strength too?

Aeternus waited patiently within the cloud to pretend that he was still fighting while the others were fighting outside. The succubus queen used her whip to fight the Celestial of Lightning and the snake demon king used his curved blades to fight the Celestial of Wind.

Those two Celestials are the fastest among the 6 Celestials still alive. The Celestial of Light is the fastest Celestial but she was downed from Aeternus's first attack. She wasn't fast enough to dodge the black beam. These two are the next fastest but their speed won't be able to help them evade their fate.

The Celestial of Lightning is a giant purple snake with wings. Its entire body of about 70 meters long is made of lightning so it is very fast. It zaps about with lightning speed and it produces attacks using lightning bolts. Each of its attacks is accompanied by a flash and a boom of world shaking thunder.

The succubus queen can't keep up with the speed of the Celestial of Lightning but she doesn't need to. Her red whip is fast enough to hinder the elusive Celestial. She wields the whip so well it is like a sentient snake in her hand that is capable of tracking and constricting whatever it gets a hold of with considerable strength.

The whip is thin and long but it is very strong and durable. It is also very sharp so it can slice through very tough metal and it can decimate flesh. It strikes with the force of a club while simultaneously cutting like a blade. The area where it hits is pulverized.

The whip will first slice open the spot it hits with unparalleled sharpness. Then the head of the whip gets into the wound and ejects explosion force that mimics blunt trauma. This makes the wound expand from the inside out and explode. The whip can also extend for a long distance and split apart at the edge. When coupled with her proficient wielding, it becomes a very deadly weapon.

The Celestial of Lightning fell into a disadvantage quickly because of the whip. Its powerful attacks can level a mountain and turn it into a crater but its attacks couldn't hit the succubus. Her body always turns into red smoke when she's hit either by lightning bolts or physical attacks. Succubi are very good with illusions so a demon king succubus must have top-notch illusion-based abilities. The Celestial of Lightning can't tell where she is so it is hitting her illusions.

The Celestial of Lightning couldn't make effective attacks because of the illusions and the compromise of its senses also affected its defense. It couldn't dodge the whip attack because it saw hundreds of whips instead of one. It doesn't know which one is the real one so it has to pay with its flesh as its price for being fooled.

The whips gouged out chunks of its body and soul. It felt pain throughout its entire existence. The pain is so great that it could cry. Its injuries accumulated until it became desperate. So it activated an area of attack ability.

The purple snake of lightning formed a domain of lightning around it. The domain formed a sphere of lightning around it that smashed and destroyed everything within the domain to ashes. It also allowed it to acquire accurate information about everything within the domain.

A domain grants higher control of an area by creating direct access between that area and the soul. The Celestial of Lightning used this access to bypass the illusions. It was able to find the succubus this way. It locked onto the demon king of lust and gave chase immediately. One of them must die and it will either be through destruction by lightning or by being bludgeoned to death by a whip.

Chapter 852 The Levels Of Power.

Unfortunately, the fate of the Celestial of Lightning is still sealed. It is just a level 4 Celestial while she is a level 5 demon king. The fact that it can now spot her and attack her directly doesn't remove the disadvantage of strength. It has only stopped the succubus queen from toying with it until it dies.

The succubus queen formed a barrier around her that protected her from the field of lightning and the target lightning strikes while she empowered her whip with more power to deal deadly blows. The level 4 defense of the Celestial couldn't save it from being threatened.

The level of Authority is not an absolute indicator of strength. A Celestial or a demon king with a level 4 Authority can harm and kill a Level 6 Celestial or demon king. It is all about opportunity and skill. Two fighters with two blades of varying lengths will have different chances of victory if they fight. It is obvious that the one who brought the knife to confront the other with a sword is at a disadvantage. But it has happened, though rarely, that the person with the knife wins the fight through the utilization of better skill or opportunity provided by plain luck.

A stronger Authority is like having a longer reach and a higher damage output. But skill is very important. So is the amount of enemies. A single level 4 demon king will have a lot of difficulties taking on a level 5 demon king much less one that is level 6. But two level 4 demon kings or three of them will surely have it easier to vanquish a level 6 demon king.

They are not like Aeternus. The body and soul of demon kings are separate. It has the advantage of preserving the bulk of their power when they die. The injuries of the body won't affect the soul. It is

good since the Authority of a demon king is concentrated on their souls. Their body can be empowered by their divine rank energy and their Authority but it isn't like Aeternus whose body is literally made out of his Authority.

To Aeternus, the length of the knife doesn't matter, you will have to get through the tough armor that he is wearing. If your weapon is not good enough to overcome his defenses, then he doesn't even need to kill you with his own blade. He can bludgeon you to death with his armor-covered fist.

Aeternus faces some disadvantages too since his death leads to the loss of an entire level of Authority instead of just a single Celestial Godhood. If he somehow dies, his Authority will fall to level 9 immediately. He won't die since he is not here. So to be more precise, the Authority of the crown in this avatar will fall to level 4 while the other demon kings will still be at level 5 if they die once.

The Celestial of Lightning has a lower level of Authority and there's just one of it fighting the succubus queen. It doesn't have the advantage of a bigger weapon with a longer reach or higher damage output. And it doesn't have the assistance of others. So it was vanquished after a few minutes of fighting.

It fought admirably and with impressive tenacity. The element of lightning is highly destructive so it was able to critically injure the demon king of lust several times before it died. But that is all it managed to do before it succumbed to its injuries and fell apart.

The Celestial of Wind also suffered the same fate. It took a longer time for it to die since its near-formless tornado body could minimize damage from attacks to a certain level. It also couldn't damage the demon king of wrath because of the strong defense of its red scales. The two of them couldn't damage each other properly so their fight became a slugfest.

The Celestial of Wind formed several wind blades that rotated around itself to strike the snake demon. The snake demon also used his curved blades in an unrelenting pursuit to damage his foe. He struck at the Celestial of Wind in a frenzy fueled by agitation, anger, and excitement. He became a whirlwind of attack fighting against an actual tornado. They hit each other over and over again until one of them finally died.

The snake demon was severely injured by the time the fight ended. He had many open wounds leaking blood fire from his to the ground. Had the fight continued for a little while more, then he would have been the one to die not the Celestial of Wind.

The outcome of the fight would have also been entirely different had their opponents been different. The whip of the succubus wouldn't work against the Celestial of Wind because of its formless body and the snake demon king is too slow to threaten the Celestial of Lightning.

The destructive lightning would also be able to overpower the defense of the scales of the snake demon king. These things would have changed the outcome of the fight. So it is fortunate that the demon kings chose opponents that they can fight effectively.

Their decision of opponents was not by chance. It was according to the information that Aeternus supplied to them. They could have died without that information. It is obvious that Aeternus doesn't want them to die. He certainly didn't give them the information to ensure the success of the invasion. He can win on his own.

The succubus queen finished her fight first so she was watching by the side. The snake demon had roared valiantly into the air after his victory. He noticed that the succubus queen was giggling coquettishly at him.

"What so funny?" He asked with a growl.

"Nothing. You're just so manly. Very manly and very dominant." She replied with a wink.

The snake demon smirked. "Yes, I am very manly. It is high time you noticed it."

Then it began a sermon about how wrath makes a man and how violence should be the tool to solve every problem.

Chapter 853 Suspicious Energy.

The succubus queen rolled her eyes. She was expecting a different reaction but the snake demon missed the fact that she was flirting with him. He would have gotten pissed if he knew that she is trying to arouse him. He is high on battle victory right now so he remained oblivious to her attempts.

She asked innocently, "Do you want me to help you keep that Celestial godhood? You can come over to my palace to get it. I will make sure to entertain you very well." The debut release occurred at N-ov3l-Bin.

Her body trembled almost imperceptibly but the demon king of wrath noticed. He noticed that the subtle vibration of her body made her heavy mammary gland shake enticingly. The two mounds swayed and beckoned to him.

It was then that the demon king of wrath caught on to the fact that she is trying to use her wiles to pull a fast one in him. But he didn't get angry. He is currently too happy to bother with her. He just snorted a stream of flames through his nose and kept the godhood in his personal space.

Then he turned his attention to the dark ominous cloud standing above the battlefield.

He said with longing, "The fight must still be on. It must be one hell of a fight."

The succubus queen nodded. "Yes, it must be. But it is according to the plan. So you can't join in."

The snake demon king was disappointed. He asked, "What if he needs help? This isn't exactly according to the plan."

"We will wait to see if he needs help. Until then we do nothing. Everything worked out well despite the slight deviation from the plan so it should be okay."

Everything is going well. The invasion is likely to succeed even though there was a change to the plan. Aeternus provided the information about the plane and he planned their assault. He was to spearhead their fight against the Celestials. He was supposed to scatter them while the other demon kings would then concentrate on one Celestial and kill it before the others could help.

They don't know how he would do it but they have some faith in him because of the little they know about him. They know he is strong enough to capture and imprison level 4 demon kings. So they had some hope for his strength and he didn't disappoint them.

The Celestials didn't scatter like they planned but they killed more than one Celestial so things are going beyond their expectations. At the rate of things, they won't have to die at all. Their invasion will succeed with a single attempt.

The snake demon remained skeptical. "He did well but he is fighting 3 Celestials right now. It can't be easy and we can't help him because of this cloud. He might need our help and we won't know about it. I don't like this."

The succubus queen observed the cloud intently. She has been suspicious of something about Aeternus. She decided to hear the snake demon's thoughts about it. Demons of wrath are usually straightforward.

"Don't you think the reaper is too strong for a level 5 demon king?" She asked him.

The snake demon king shrugged. "It's that weird energy that he uses. It is corrosive and dangerous. It is like poison. And he can also accumulate it as a trump card."

"That's what I am asking about. Where did a level 5 demon king get such powerful energy? The energy is like poison. A little amount of it can lead to a lot of damage." She said.

Then she pointed at the four Celestials on the ground. The four Celestials have broken down into pieces. Their Celestial Godhoods have become exposed among the ruins of their bodies. It is safe to say that they are all dead. But the black energy is still wreaking havoc on the surroundings. There is a black ooze at the spot where they died. This ooze is spreading everywhere and destroying everything it touches. It covered a large distance in the short time that they were fighting.

The snake demon king took one look at the four dead Celestials and asked her, "You mean that he is level 6 and he is hiding his strength?"

She rolled her eyes and groaned. "I am not talking about his power level. He is level 5 by the way. I can sense it clearly. What I am talking about is the energy he is using. It is strange. It is very strange."

The snake demon king became confused. "What's strange about it? Demons of grudge and spite have this type of energy. It doesn't disappear. It sticks to its targets and will continue to harm them until they die. They also have the ability to accumulate their hatred and grudge so there's no problem about that powerful attack of his."

The snake demon king's explanation didn't ease her suspicions. She asked, "But is he a demon of grudge or a demon of spite?"

"I don't know."

"My point exactly. No one knows what type of demon he is. All we know is that he is a level 5 demon king. There is so much that we don't know about him. He just suddenly appeared and he is so strong. Strong enough to capture a lot of demon kings."

The snake demon king shrugged again. "What's there to fear about him? He is a level 5 demon king like you said and we are also level 5. So what does it matter if he has a weird energy? I am sure I can take him."

The succubus queen sighed and stopped trying to share her concerns about their mysterious partner. If there is someone that can help her to figure out the secret about Aeternus then it is certainly not this snake demon king. His stance that he can take Aeternus on because they have the same level is fundamentally wrong. Levels are not everything when it comes to power and survivability of demons.

Chapter 854 The Reaper.

The two of them are level 5 demon kings and they had to struggle to kill level 4 Celestials in a one-on-one fight. Meanwhile, Aeternus is currently fighting 3 Celestials at the same time after killing 4 other Celestials at once. One of those four Celestials also includes the Celestial Supreme of this plane.

The proof that Aeternus is not what he seems to be is right there in their face but the snake demon king can't see it. It is either due to plain ignorance, pride, or blind confidence. Either way, Aeternus is very weird. This black energy that he produced is very weird.

'I just hope this cooperation will end on a good note. Then maybe I can celebrate by fucking the brains out of this dunce.' She thought to herself. Then she licked her lips while glancing at the snake demon king.

She likes to have sex, she likes to bring powerful individuals to their knees through pleasure, and she also likes violent and strong sexual partners. Aeternus and this snake demon meet all of her criteria for a long session of mind-blowing sex. Unfortunately, Aeternus doesn't seem to have feelings. He is like an emotionless robot. All her flirting and teasing don't get any reaction from him. He is always calm and detached.

She would love to break Aeternus's will through waves upon waves of sexual pleasure. It will fulfill her fantasies and it will also let her crack his secrets. He is sure to spill his deepest darkest secrets when his mind is clouded with unending pleasure. So it is unfortunate that he doesn't reciprocate her charms in any way.

She can try to actively seduce him but it might lead to him taking it as an offense. It has happened before. A succubus queen tried to seduce him and it led to a fight. That succubus queen disappeared since then. She has never been seen after that fight.

Word is that Aeternus has turned her into a chair or something like he always does with his captives. He is notoriously wicked to those who offend him. That's why they call him Reaper. He kills without hesitation at the slightest offense. So she doesn't want to test him. She is still wary of his corrosive energy. Besides, she isn't out of options for someone to have fun with. The snake demon king also meets her criteria. He is strong and he is violent.

Aeternus is not an available option which leaves the snake demon as the next best. She knows that her "feminine charms" are having an effect on him. That's even without her actively trying to charm him. He seems to be angry at her when she flirts but that's good enough for her. Any reaction is good.

He just shows anger because that is the predominant emotion that demons of wrath display. That anger will go nicely with sex. She just has to grind down his resistance.

'He can discharge all his anger on me once I get him in bed. I'll take everything. I am pretty flexible and very accommodating.' She thought to herself in anticipation.

The snake demon king didn't know what she was thinking about. He saw her looking at him weirdly and licking her red lips. That put him on alert immediately. He growled menacingly at her.

"Stop whatever you're planning. I will kill you if you dare."

He doesn't need to think too much to know what she could be thinking about and he doesn't want her to set him as her target. So he tried to threaten her so that she would stay away from him.

His aggressive display didn't deter her at all. It only spurred her on. She purred seductively at him. The snake demon king's eyes narrowed in anger. He felt threatened and when he feels threatened, he attacks.

He did immediately. He shot toward her to strike her. He is not one to be reactive to threats. He likes to be proactive. Demons of lust fight with sex and demons of wrath fight with physical violence. So he intends to fight her now before she uses her charm on him.

Aeternus came out of the cloud at that point. The cloud dispersed behind him. The two of them paused to look at him.

He shook his head and said, "I was only gone for a little while and you're already at each other's throats."

"No, we're not at each other's throats yet. I would like him to get into my throat. I can swallow really well. But he is delaying." The succubus pouted cutely while complaining.

The snake demon king couldn't take it anymore. It moved forward to pounce at her but Aeternus interrupted again. "We are not done yet. Let's get to their divine kingdoms before they get completely destroyed."

The Celestials are dead so their divine kingdoms are defenseless. Their divine kingdom is also where they keep their wealth. They have to get to it before the divine kingdoms are completely destroyed. The divine kingdom will start to fall apart with the death of the gods so they have to rush.

The snake demon king relented. Aeternus makes a good point. The wealth of Celestials is a better alternative than fighting the succubus queen. He looked around and noticed that the defense of the plane was falling apart. The death of the Celestials hit them hard.

The angels of the Celestials died after the death of their creator thereby removing their strongest forces in the angelic host. This allowed the Heralds of the demon kings to rampage across the battlefield without opposition. Even grand gods are not safe from the Heralds.

The snake demon king also noticed the 5 very shiny cores on the ground. Four of them are Celestial Godhoods. The fifth one is the Authority of the Celestial Supreme. The fifth one is the most valuable and also the most dazzling. It is the biggest core on the ground.

The eyes of the snake demon king couldn't help but stare at it with longing. The contract of partnership that they signed couldn't stop him from having some thoughts about Aeternus's loot.

Chapter 855 A Crack In The Partnership.

Even demon gods want the Authority of the Celestial Supreme. A demon king that absorbs it will have an upgrade of at least one whole level in their Authority. It is an instant rank up so it is more valuable to higher-level demon kings than lower-level ones.

Unfortunately, the Authority of the Celestial Supreme belongs to the Reaper. It undoubtedly belongs to him because he killed the Celestial Supreme himself. So the snake demon king can't have it.

He thought to himself, "But I can get one of the other four if I play my cards right."

Greed took root in his heart and he smiled. He flew down toward the ground of Armageddon to where the 4 Celestials died and where their godhoods are.

The demon king of wrath said to the two of them as he moved to take one of the Celestial Godhoods. "I guess the succubus queen and I will take one Celestial Godhood each. You, Reaper, can have the remaining two and the Authority of the Celestial Supreme since you're the one that killed them."

He thought to himself in pride, "Who says that demons of wrath can't scheme?"

The snake demon king feels proud of himself. He didn't ask for a Celestial Godhood and he did not express his interest in one. He is already moving to grab it while simultaneously pulling the succubus queen onto his side. They don't have any right to the items but there are two of them and only one of the Reaper. The debut release occurred at N-ov3l-Bin.

If the Reaper and the slutty succubus can overrule him about how they should attack the plane then surely he and the slutty succubus can overrule the Reaper on how to share the loot. That's what the snake demon king thought. It thinks it is very slick and cunning about the whole thing. The grin on its face is both for its happiness at getting something that doesn't belong to it and its happiness at getting away with taking something that doesn't belong to it.

While it is impressive that the demon king of wrath can scheme, it is unfortunate that his scheme is shallow and that the demon king he is scheming against is very unreasonable. Aeternus attacked him immediately. He shot a black blade of energy at the snake demon. The snake demon king was startled. He expected Aeternus to reject his request and not attack outright.

He defended himself quickly so the black blade of chaos energy didn't dissect it. It was a hasty and messy defense. He managed to use his curved blade to block the attack just in time. The blade of energy scattered when it struck its curved blade. Some of it splashed onto his reinforced scales and began to corrode it.

Black spots began to spread over his body. The snake demon king hurriedly purged the corrosive energy. He is largely unscathed but the damage to his image has been done. The snake demon king glared resentfully at his assailant but he got a dismissal in return. Aeternus didn't even look at the result of the clash. The attack was casual and not meant to kill. Then he ignored the snake demon king and moved to retrieve his loot.

He said to them as he flew by, "These 5 are all mine including the loot in their divine kingdom."

He spoke with a tone of finality. It made him sound stubborn and unreasonable. The snake demon king became furious. He felt that the reaper could have said something first instead of attacking outright. There was no negotiation or diplomacy. It means the Reaper doesn't think he is worthy of those. The lack of respect is glaring and obvious.

So is it, a demon king of wrath supposed to just take the attack and do nothing? No, it will not. He will not take such treatment from another demon king. It is worse that it is a demon king on the same level as him that disrespected him so blatantly. He was about to fly off his hinges but calmed down when the succubus queen signaled for him to wait. So he exhaled slowly. Blue flames were ejected from its nostrils. They are hotter than the normal red flames that he produces.

"Calm down. Let's talk about this. Let me give it a try." She said secretly to the snake demon king.

The succubus queen didn't want to get involved even after the snake demon king roped her into his agenda. But she couldn't help but feel pain that she won't have a share of more loot. Godhoods aside, the wealth in the divine kingdoms is enormous. The Celestials have lived for a very long time and have accumulated wealth for millions of years.

Some Celestials in other planes with an average belief in Gods are wealthy enough to employ the services of Origin gods. Even Ode, the Celestial of Battle in a plane with a low amount of respect for gods could tempt 3 Origin gods to work for him despite their fear for the racial council.

This plane on the other hand has a very high respect for god with a high amount of the population believing in gods. It is not an understatement to say that an origin god could build a world and become a world god with the amount of wealth available here.

Just imagine that. The Celestials have accumulated enough wealth to build a world. That is no small thing that anyone can look over. The Authority of the Celestial Supreme is already enough to tempt demon gods. Demon gods will certainly go crazy at the amount of wealth here.

All that wealth is there for the taking now but Aeternus alone will get 80% of all of it while the two of them will share the remaining 20% amongst themselves. It makes her heart ache in longing just from thinking about it. It is one thing to not give them a piece of the godhoods but it is another thing for him to keep all that wealth to himself. She won't have it if she can help it.

Chapter 856 A Reasonable Request.

Unlike the short-sighted snake demon king of wrath, she has her sight in the wealth and not the godhoods. It is rare to encounter so much wealth. It is not easy to take it either. There are just about 100,000 planes in the entire realm. It is highly unlikely, but If all of them have rich Celestials in their divine plane and if all of them were subdued, the amount of wealth will only be able to fund 100,000 origin gods to become world gods.

100,000 is the maximum amount of world gods that the combined wealth of all the divine planes in the realm can create. That is not nearly enough for all the origin gods of the realm of high heaven because on average, each plane has produced 1,000,000 origin gods across the tens of thousands of Origin Cycle that the realm of high heaven has existed.

Even then, origin gods can't take on divine planes because they will be suppressed. They will need a lot of them to defeat the Celestials. The thing is that Celestials won't come out to fight enemies as long as they are not demons. Demon kings can shrug off the suppression of the divine kingdom so it is better to fight them off together. That way, the demon kings won't divide and conquer them.

But Celestials won't do that to origin gods because the suppression of their divine kingdom will render Origin gods nearly powerless. Origin gods won't be able to encounter the wealth that they have encountered today because they are not engineered predators for gods like demons are. But that doesn't make the wealth that they have encountered today to be common amongst demon kings either.

She said, "Reaper, you should share some of the loot with us. You asked us for help and we answered. We came to help you subjugate this divine plane. You wouldn't have been able to have this kind of victory if we were not around. It is undeniable that you needed us. You wouldn't have asked us for help if you didn't need us. It is only right that you appreciate us for the help that we have rendered."

She started by accusing him. Then she eased up with her request. She said, "Don't worry. We are not asking for much. We don't want the godhoods. You can keep them. Just give us another 10% of their wealth in their divine planes. We will share it amongst ourselves."

She made a logical argument and proposed a reasonable proposal for compensation. She asked for just 10%. That will increase her share by 5%. She can get more if she cheats the demon king of wrath by seducing him with sex. Surely, 10% is not too much to ask for even if the Reaper is the cornerstone of the victory of their invasion.

It is rare that they find a plane whose information is so thoroughly known that it is like walking into a park and stealing candies from babies. The demon kings didn't attack at all. They stayed back and observed the gods. Then the Celestials came to them and everything went according to Aeternus's plan. This could have been very different had Aeternus not been here. His contribution to the success of the invasion is monumental and indisputable.

The two other demon kings could have died without his information about the weakness and strength of the Celestials which helped them to pick favorable opponents. Aeternus cut down an invasion that should take 10,000 years on average which usually ends in failure and turned it into a successful invasion in less than a year.

They should be very grateful to him. But the wealth they are talking about here can make demon gods droll. They should at least talk about getting a larger share from Aeternus before giving up. She has to try to get more or she won't feel alright at all. Besides, what does Aeternus want to do with so much wealth? He is not a demon god that wants to become a Chaos entity and neither is he an origin god that wants to build a world.

He should be more open to sharing. If he wasn't so strong then she would have made the two of them attack the reaper immediately and steal from him instead of talking it out.

Aeternus made his stance known. "You eat what you kill. That's the way this works."

He said his piece and continued with grabbing the Celestial Godhood. The succubus queen's face fell. She said all of that and he still refused. What Reaper said is the truth.

It doesn't matter that he called them to this plane. Every demon king takes what they manage to kill and nothing more than that. He didn't employ them and neither did he ask for help or a favour. They cooperated together and they will share the bounty based on the amount that they contributed.

What they did can be considered a business. The three demon kings came together and invested their power, time, and manpower in the form of soldiers. Their investment paid off so they will be paid based on the percentage of shares that they have in the business. That's how cooperation among demon kings works.

He isn't going to pay them if their investment had failed neither is he going to reimburse them for the loss of their manpower or Celestial Godhood. So why will he pay them when the investment was a success? That's just scamming.

Their profit should be good enough for them. She knows that but she was hoping that Aeternus could be reasonable about it. He should act reasonably by trying to bribe them and making them swear oaths to keep his newfound wealth a secret.

She said with meaning. "Are you sure about that? Having too much wealth might be bad for your health. It is best you share so that you don't bite more than you can chew."

Chapter 857 No Brain And No Brawn.

She is threatening him. In this world, it doesn't matter that you worked for something and that you deserve it. You get what you can take and keep what you can protect. Can the Reaper protect what he will soon get?

This is wealth that will entice demon gods. They might not be able to do anything about it but Demon gods will surely kill for it. It is in the Reaper's best interest to bribe them so that they will keep their mouth shut. Being headstrong is just folly.

Aeternus didn't address her veiled threat. He ignored her and picked up all the Celestial Godhood. Then he turned his back on the two of them as if they weren't there. He began to fly in the direction of the divine city where the rest of his loot is.

The divine city is far away from Armageddon. It is a small landmass where divine lords and visitors to the divine plane stay. Above the divine city are the divine kingdoms.

The divine kingdoms are like clouds in the black empty sky. The clouds have different shapes and different colors. Some of them are striped and some of them are spotted. All of them are bigger on the inside than they look on the outside.

Aeternus was looking at the clouds at the highest point. They are the biggest and there are 10 of them. These 10 clouds are already crumbling apart. They will break apart until they will become useless derelicts.

Aeternus decided to head to the largest clouds before his wealth disappears. It will be a shame if he doesn't get anything after all the work he has done just because he is delayed by some greedy demon kings. So he flapped his black wings and soared in the direction of his wealth.

Meanwhile, a storm was quietly brewing behind him. The snake demon king was fuming angrily because of Aeternus's dismissal. The color of the flames coming out of his nostrils has changed from red. Blue fire poured out of his nose as he breathed in and out angrily. He wanted to attack Aeternus but he ultimately held back. He held back even though he is very angry because Aeternus is ultimately right.

The dismissal and the fact that Aeternus gets to keep all that wealth pissed him off but that doesn't mean he will attack Aeternus straightaway. He is injured and Aeternus doesn't look injured. So he is

being reasonable which is applaudable for a demon of wrath. That doesn't mean he has given up though. He plans to make Aeternus pay one way or another, directly or indirectly. His plans changed when the succubus queen began to talk.

She started with a harmless statement. "I tried my best but it seems it won't work. He just doesn't take the two of us seriously."

The snake demon king nodded in agreement. He can't talk right now. He is busy trying to hold his anger in. He can't do both at the same time so he nodded and grunted.

The succubus queen glanced at him briefly before she continued. "It is not a wonder that he doesn't take us seriously. He said to me that I am just a brainless slut."

The snake demon king has to agree. He thinks she is a brainless slut too. He doesn't disagree with the Reaper about that. Then he heard what she said next and his eyes narrowed into slits.

"He also said that you're a brutish moron who is not even good at what brutish morons should be good at."

The snake demon king released a hold on some of his anger to ask a question. "What does that even mean?"

"I asked that too. I mean, you're such a strong and powerful demon king so how can you be a brutish moron. He said that you're all brawn and no brain."

The snake demon king gritted his teeth at the insult. It is a terrible blow but it is one that he is used to so he can manage. But that wasn't the end. The succubus was still talking.

"He said that you're only good at strength, that's why you're a brutish moron."

Another blow struck him. He was about to shrug even that one off but more just kept coming.

"He said that he has more brute strength than you so you're not even good at what you're supposed to be good at."

That did it. Out went logic and in came Wrath in full swing all geared up for war. The snake demon king's eyes narrowed into slits. He is ready to tear the so-called Reaper apart and show him how wrong he is about strength. But the succubus added one more jab to make sure.

She said, "He said that he is stronger and smarter than you so you might as well be a good-for-nothing demon king."

The snake demon king roared and shot towards the Reaper. His fury knows no bounds. His honor and the one thing he is good at have been trampled upon several times. The disrespect is just too much to take so he will fight the Reaper to the death.

The succubus queen snickered as she watched him go. "What a fool."

It was very easy to rile him up. She didn't even have to try hard. Aeternus did say those things about the snake demon king to her. To be fair, he also said bad things about her to the snake demon king. He called her a brainless slut.

So she wasn't lying about Aeternus saying those things. She had laughed when Aeternus said them but now she is using them against him and it is filling her with a pleasurable thrill. The snake demon king doesn't think she is lying either because Aeternus told him worse things about the succubus queen too.

All she did was use some of her charm to affect the demon king of wrath while she said those words. He reacted with anger just as he always did. But this time he turned that anger towards the Reaper instead of her.

Chapter 858 All Mine.

She would have preferred to join in the fight and kill Aeternus. She would have done just that instead of sending the snake demon king off if there was a definite chance of victory. But there isn't a definite chance of victory. She doesn't think the two of them can win against Aeternus. That means that the snake demon king is going to his death, alone. She will join in in case she is wrong and the snake demon king actually threatens Aeternus. Then the two of them can kill him together.

She muttered in anticipation of the upcoming fight, "It is so good to manipulate others. It is almost as good as sex."

Succubi are not particularly strong demons. They have a lot of abilities related to charm, seduction, and illusion but they lack outright firepower either in terms of physical or magical output. They have to be manipulative with what they have since it is foolish to use brute strength.

She engineered this fight and will reap the benefits if there is one to be had and she will do so without risking anything. It is a great feeling. Even the death of the snake demon king will benefit her. She will take his own portion of the wealth before he returns.

That great feeling ended when Aeternus turned to address the threat. Aeternus was going in the direction of his loot when the snake demon king attacked. He was moving slowly. It has been proven that he is very fast. He managed to overtake the snake demon king earlier so he could have left the snake demon king behind if he wanted to escape.

Unfortunately for the snake demon king, he didn't want to escape. In fact, he was hoping that something like this would happen. He sensed when the snake demon king decided to attack him. All he did was turn back and recreate the black beam of energy. The beam tore through the snake demon king's chest and ripped a large hole into it.

The snake demon king was stunned by the blow.

He struggled to speak. "You said it was a one-time trump card."

Aeternus replied, "I lied."

The snake demon king fell to the ground helplessly. He is still alive but the injury made him lose control of his body so his body also enlarged into his full form as he fell down. His small body returned to its 10 kilometers tall original snake form. He crashed into the ground and shook the battlefield with a little earthquake. The snake demon king can be said to be completely neutralized. If nothing is done to help him, he will die a remorseful death.

The succubus queen's happy feeling turned sour immediately. Her heart sank further when Aeternus turned his faceless head to gaze at her. She tried to laugh but all she could manage was a nervous smile. Aeternus was not amused.

He said to her, "You better leave immediately or you'll regret it."

The nervous smile on her face froze. She wanted to complain. She wanted to explain that she wasn't the one who tried to fight him. She wanted to lie that she had nothing to do with the snake demon king's decision to fight him.

But she couldn't say anything. She felt a terrifying feeling of danger. It helped her know that Aeternus is very serious. He will definitely kill her if she doesn't leave. The wealth she has to leave behind is not worth her life so she scrambled as quickly as possible.

She activated her Authority to open a portal back to the abyss. The activation took a minute but she didn't stop even though Aeternus ignored her. He formed some grey chains with his soul force and used them to bind the snake demon king.

The chains bound him up from head to toe. Then they grew black spikes that bore straight into the snake demon king's body so it seemed that he is bound with thorny vines. Then Aeternus stopped the rampage of chaos energy within him from killing his captive.

The succubus queen saw all these happen. She couldn't help but swallow nervously. The snake demon king isn't going to die anymore but she felt more pity for him. She has heard about something like this happening to a lot of demon kings and things didn't end well for them.

Aeternus captured them and no one heard from them anymore. The ones that he released have a tail to tell about how being alive can be worse than death. At least if the snake demon king died he will resurrect in the abyss but now he won't have that chance. He might be imprisoned forever. She was so afraid that she entered the portal as soon as it was opened without looking back.

"Hmm. Hateful bastard. You will regret this. I'll be back and I'll pay you back in a greater amount." She thought to herself as she left the plane.

She has lost a lot of things today. The Celestial Godhood that she got can't make up for her soldiers and the wealth that she is leaving behind. So she won't let this unjust treatment go. Aeternus will be visited with her retribution in the near future.

It was already in her plan to scheme against him before but it was just an idle thought then. Now, it is a must for her to get back at him. She won't be satisfied until her vengeance has been visited upon him.

Aeternus went about his business after that. He raided all the divine kingdoms even the ones belonging to grand gods and high gods. Low gods were not spared either. The entire divine kingdom was pillaged like some defenseless village being robbed by pirates.

He doesn't have to share them with his partners at all so he was happy. His main body chuckled evilly back in his abyssal plane.

"It is all mine as it should be." He said.

He is amused for reasons other than the fact all the wealth of the entire pantheon is now his.

Chapter 859 Generous And Reasonable.

His soldiers went from divine kingdom to divine kingdom killing and pillaging. The pillaging didn't stop until every god had died. Even the divine city was looted. He took the bulk of the wealth while his dukes and their subordinates helped themselves to what was left. And that's only because it wasn't worth the effort to take them himself.

There was so much wealth that the looting took a few days before it was completed. It is wealth that would have made Ancestor Ghastorix whistle in admiration. If he had this, then he wouldn't have had to sell out his descendant for a world engine.

Origin gods are wealthy but it costs a lot to resurrect the more powerful they are. They fight a lot and they die a lot which drains their resources. Getting more resources also won't happen without fighting which will further lead to more deaths. So rarely does an Origin god come into contact with this kind of wealth.

Aeternus considered the wealth and nodded in appreciation. He said to himself, "This will fund our project and ensure that it will be ready as soon as possible."

He attacked the divine plane for a lot of reasons. The Celestial Godhoods will help to strengthen the tree father. It is particularly important that the tree father is strong enough to manipulate the amount of energy that they are using to build their project.

As for reaching the next rank after Celestial, that is still a long way to go. They don't even know if it is possible. The tree father has accumulated about 100 domains spread across his avatars. They won't know if that is enough until he fuses them back together. But they have to be sure because there might not be a way back once they are fused. So they are accumulating as many Celestial domains as possible for the tree father.

The wealth that Aeternus has acquired will also be used to fund the different parts and research for the project. Salvini tried to hamper Soverick's attempt at acquiring wealth but she failed because she failed to account for the other clones.

Aeternus has been raiding divine planes for their wealth all for the project that the whole of Legion is working on. It is a project of immense significance. Legion-1's inner world is being combined with his knowledge of arrays and formations, Soverick's forging expertise, the tree father's energy manipulation and transmutation ability, Legion-7's expertise with the soul and law manipulation abilities, and finally with some other powerful parts like a world engine, Authority of a Celestial Supreme, Celestial Godhood and World Spark.

What they are building is technically a world fragment but it will be more powerful than that. It will be another class of weaponry on its own. It is very powerful but it also needs a lot of materials for the project. What they are doing is unprecedented. Soverick and the others have to do research and sometimes they fail. Failure leads to a loss of expensive material.

So Aeternus is doing his part in bringing the Artifact to completion by contributing wealth. That's not why he brought two demon kings to take the plane with him though. He can take on the divine plane on his own but he brought along two weak demon kings that he can kill.

Despite how it looks, he didn't lure them here to be killed. He even gave them information about the Celestials so that they wouldn't be killed in battle. No matter what, they must not be killed in this plane.

That's why he captured one demon king instead of killing him after being rightfully provoked. It was the snake demon king who tried to steal from him and who attacked first. He is only defending his interest. He also let the other one go despite her being sneaky and scheming. One might say that he is being generous and reasonable. Anyone who says he is devious and scheming will also be right.

Aeternus finished the looting then he waited for his soldiers to leave the divine plane. He waited for all of them to return to the abyss before he himself left. Some of them went to his plane but most of them went to other planes of the abyss. Most of his direct subordinates are demon lords. He gave them another competition where the aim was for them to go and subjugate an abyssal plane by themselves.

The competition with Beelta as the kill target needed all of them to work together because they were not as strong as Beelta individually. So he beefed them up with some divinity and sent them to kill other demon lords and take over the energy pillar of the plane by themselves. Those who failed to do it within the deadline were hunted and killed by his heralds.

So he has a lot of demon lords as subordinates. The ones that haven't become demon lords yet are still new. They need time and resources to become strong before he sends them out to become demon lords. He will raise up their stats to the maximum level and then send them off to invade a plane on their own.

Demon dukes are the equivalent of demon lords so his subordinates aren't strengthened directly when they become demon lords. But the house of chaos is strengthened which gives a boost to everyone within the house.

This boost is a result of his ability called Divine House. He also gets to control the resources of multiple demon planes. It has made sure that his army is always full for all the invasions he has been having recently.

A single abyssal plane can provide hundreds of billions of battle-ready mid-rank demons so more than 50 planes are supplying him with trillions of soldiers. He never lacks in soldiers because of it. Some of them are returning to their plane now. While the ones from his plane and his heralds will return to his own plane.

Chapter 860 Return To The Abyss.

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He made sure to drag the bound-up snake demon king through the portal too. After all, this demon king of wrath has become part of his loot. He doesn't want to lose any of his loot. That's what made them fight in the first place. It will be ironic if he forgets the demon king of wrath.

The entire divine plane began to collapse immediately after he left the plane with the Authority of the Celestial Supreme. The divine plane has lost its anchor so it has lost its purpose.

The only option that the divine plane has is the tree father in the mortal realm. Now the tree father has become the only god in the entire plane. It has to rely on the tree father for its continued existence.

The divine plane fell to the earth and finally turned the tree father's avatar into a true land god. He still can't move but now he has the power of a domain. The people on the plane don't have much option to direct their faith anymore. They have to accept the tree father now or live without a god since there will never be any more gods.

Things might not go well for the tree father though. The effects of the changes to the divine plane are very bad to the plane. First of all, the plane is now defenseless. Anyone can enter the plane without using the planar portal.

The people of the plane are not like the Zargoth plane. They are very strong and can actually do something about their thoughts. They might not be open to an entity that suddenly appeared a few years back. They might suspect the tree father for what happened now that the new unknown Celestial is still around while the other gods are dead.

The fact that the tree father is the only god is both a good thing and a bad thing. There are a lot of transcendents, kings of law, titans of law, and Sovereigns here in this plane. There are origin gods produced by the plane and world gods too. Being the only god and also an easily accessible god means that all of these powerhouses can get to the tree father if they decide to kill or control the last god. But whatever happens, Legion has benefited from the destruction of their divine plane and nothing can change that.

Back To The 1969th Plane Of The Abyss.

A large portal opened beside the black tower at the center of the plane. The tower functions as the abyss altar in the plane. It is the only one in the entire plane so any demon that wants to leave the plane must come here. They must also have his permission to use the tower.

Aeternus uses the tower to monitor traffic in and out of his plane. He is aware of every destination and location that those who leave or enter his plane are going to or coming from. He doesn't want to make the same mistake that Beelta made that led to her defeat in the Zargoth plane.

A lot of portals suddenly appeared around the tower. Millions of demons poured out of them as they returned from the recent invasion. It took a few days with the use of multiple portals before they eventually left the plane they invaded. Then a much larger portal opened up beside the tower. Aeternus's avatar stepped through the dark swirling portal into the plane.

The thick trunk-like feet of the avatar stepped onto the hot worn-out stone ground. He felt the difference in the environment immediately. There is a high concentration of sin energy in the air. He could taste the sin energy if he had a tongue. The air is also hot. It is so hot that water will find it extremely difficult to exist as a liquid. There can't be any water anyway. The thick ashes in the air and on the ground will turn any water into thick sludge.

The avatar stepped fully out of the 10-kilometer-wide portal. It dragged a special package through the portal too. The snake demon king is bound by grey chains attached to his body by long spikes that go through his body and exit at the other side. The spikes are more than 100 meters long since the snake demon king is in his 10-kilometer form.

Those black spikes have penetrated both his body and his soul. They prevent the two from being separated or escaping. They also ensure that the prisoner won't be able to commit suicide in order to escape.

There is a strong barrier that has formed a cocoon around the captive. The barrier is greyish and translucent so it can be seen that the snake demon king is unconscious. The hole in his chest is not spreading but it is still there in all its gaping glory so he is in a lot of pain. The barrier has effectively cut him off from the outside world. No one can sense him and he can't sense the world around him either.

The avatar spread its four black feathered wings and took to the sky. It is in its small form so it looks weird that a 10-meter-tall being is dragging a 10-kilometer Colossal being. The avatar is small compared to the snake demon but the snake demon is also small compared to the size of the black tower at the center of the plane. It took more than a minute for Aeternus to reach the top of the tower while dragging his package. He wasn't slow. The tower is just so tall.

The avatar reached the top and dropped off the captive unceremoniously to the top of the tower. Then it continued to fly up. It reached the Star at the center of the plane above the tower. Then it entered the golden halo around the star. Its body broke apart immediately and it turned into a golden crown. The golden crown began to circle the star.