

Strongest Necromancer Of Heaven's Gate

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Everyone ate lunch and enjoyed the unique delicacies of the Rowan Tribe.

Maximilian and Quiana appeared a few minutes later, and both of their eyes were a little red from crying.

Dahlia already knew that Lux was Cai's fiance.

However, she only heard from Rose today that her lover was also coming to visit her.

This was the first time that she had heard about this, so she looked at the quiet boy, who was eating peacefully beside her daughter, Rose.

Keane was a good-looking guy, even when he had been skinny in the past. This was one of the reasons why Cai had invited him to the League of the Extraordinary Gentlemen during the tournament at Barbatos Academy.

Now that the swordsman had been eating well, he was no longer skinny, and his good looks were enhanced even more, making Dahlia nod her head in approval.

A glance was enough to tell her that the handsome boy had a good head on his shoulders and was pursuing her daughter with clear intentions.

Liam, on the other hand, didn't say much and only ate in silence. Just like any over-protective father, he wasn't really too happy of hearing the news of his daughters gaining lovers without his approval.

He would glance at Lux and Keane from time to time as if taking notes of their body measurements for the two ice coffins that he was going to build in his free time, which would perfectly fit the two boys, if they ever happen to suddenly kick the bucket inside the Rowan Tribe's Ancestral Lands.

Lunch ended without any bloodshed, but Lux and Keane knew that it was only a matter of time before they confronted their father-in-law, who didn't seem to be fond of the two of them.

Just as they were thinking about how to approach Cai's and Rose's father, the middle-aged man approached them first and simply told them to follow him.

Cai and Rose looked at their lovers and gave both of them a thumbs up as if assuring them that everything was going to be fine.

Lux smiled and nodded his head, while Keane looked at Rose with the "I'll convince him" look on his face.

Liam took the two young men to the northern edge of the Ancestral Lands, where towering pine trees extended for miles on end.

They headed deeper into the Pine Forest as if they were only taking a casual stroll.

Half an hour later, Liam stopped walking and turned around to look at the two young men who had dared to touch his two precious daughters.

"What is your relationship with my daughter?" Liam asked the Half-Elf, who was Cai's fiancé.

'Your daughter calls me Daddy, and I've already managed to touch fourth base', was what Lux wanted to say.

But he knew that saying this would only enrage Liam, so he decided to tone it down for a bit to make a good first impression.

"Cai is my Fiancee, and we are very much in love with each other," Lux replied with a solemn expression on his face. "I hope that you will give me your blessing, Father."

Liam didn't say anything to Lux's reply and simply shifted his attention to Keane, waiting for his answer.

"I love Rose, and I want to be with her forever," Keane replied. "I hope that you will give us your blessings, Sir Liam."

Cai's and Rose's father didn't say anything as he looked at the two young men in front of him.

A few minutes of silence passed before the middle-aged man spoke.

"I have raised my daughters with love and care," Liam said. "I also knew that, sooner or later, this time would come, and I now recall the words that my father-in-law told me when I asked for Dahlia's hand in marriage.

"Those same words, I will say to you. Only when I am satisfied with your answer will I acknowledge the two of you as my daughters' significant other."

Liam paused a bit before summoning a silver spear in his hand.

"Beat me, and I will give you my blessings," Liam replied. "Fail, and you can forget being with my daughter in this lifetime."

Lux and Keane were already expecting this to happen.

Both boys were confident in their strength, so they nodded their heads in agreement.

"Keane, you can go first," Lux said. "I'll fight Father later."

Just as the swordsman was about to nod his head, Liam snorted.

"You don't need to fight me one-on-one," Liam stated. "The two of you will fight me at the same time."

Lux and Keane glanced at each other and nodded their heads synchronously.

Since Liam was asking for a beating, they would give him what he wanted and end the battle as soon as they could.

However, just as soon as Lux summoned his spear, Calypso and Keane unsheathed his sword, a magic circle expanded under Liam's feet, covering the entirety of the Pine Forest in the span of a few seconds.

A moment later, the forest disappeared, and the two teenagers found themselves on what seemed to be an ancient battlefield.

"Come!" Liam declared.

Lux wanted to end the battle as soon as possible, so he summoned his Undead Legion to swarm his father-in-law... or at least, that was what he wanted to do.

However, instead of summoning his Army, nothing happened, making Lux frown.

He then pointed at the ground and activated a fireball spell. But, nothing happened.

There was no ball of flames that hovered in front of his finger, ready to burn anything it touched.

Keane, on the other hand, drew his sword like he always did and took a fighting stance.

The swordsman had felt that this strength decreased drastically, but he wasn't too worried about it.

Even without his other abilities, he was still a swordsman who had mastered the ways of the sword.

Liam stood with a spear in his hand and a solemn expression on his face.

"Inside this place, everyone is just an ordinary mortal," Liam explained. "Both of you can attack me at the same time. If either of you manage to wound me or land a blow on my body, you will pass my test and receive my blessing."

Keane, who had already taken a fighting stance, charged at Liam with the determination to win. He wanted to fight against his future father-in-law fair and square without any interference.

He had talked to Lux through their Guild Chat, and the latter respected his friend's decision.

The sword clashed with the spear, and the sound of weapons clashing against each other reverberated inside the ancient battlefield.

Lux knew that Keane was a skilled swordsman, so he believed that he would emerge victorious against Liam.

However, as the two warriors exchanged blows with each other, Lux realized one thing.

Liam was actually a spearmaster, and he dodged, blocked, and deflected all of Keane's blows with ease.

But that wasn't all.

Liam would also counterattack, and each time he did, his spear almost drew his opponent's blood.

Keane barely dodged the Spear Master's attacks, which made Lux understand that the only way to beat their father-in-law was to gang up on him and attack him from his blind spot.

But, that was easier said than done.

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Keane's body collided with several pine trees before coming to a complete stop.

He was a swordsman, so the restrictions in the domain didn't bother him too much. However, even if he used everything he had, it was nearly impossible for him to beat his opponent due to the difference in Ranks.

Right now, Keane was a C-Ranker, but his opponent was an SS-Ranker.

An existence that was only a step away from becoming a Saint.

The gap in strength was something that couldn't be overcome even with techniques, especially since Cai's father, Liam, was also a Spear Master.

A few seconds later, the sound of falling trees once again reverberated inside the Pine Forest as Lux coughed out a mouthful of blood before falling down on the ground.

He was the most affected by Liam's Domain which prevented everyone inside it from using any kind of spells and abilities.

"Is this the best that you can do?" Liam asked in a disdainful tone. "I can still accept that swordsman over there since his sword skills have potential. But you, after being stripped of your powers and your fancy tricks, you are nothing."

The Half-Elf propped himself up from the ground and wiped the blood that was seeping from the corner of his lips.

"Father-in-law, do you really think I don't know that you're also using a trick?" Lux asked as he used the tree beside him as support in order to stand up. "But, let's not talk about that for now.

"It's understandable that you are frustrated and want to beat us up. However, if you are going to act smug about beating two teenagers who are weaker than you, then you should at least stop cheating."

A look of annoyance appeared on Liam's face as he stared at the hateful Half-Elf, whose entire body was leaning on a tree.

"First of all, don't call me father-in-law," Liam replied. "I don't recognize you as my son-in-law. Second, you said that I am cheating? How am I cheating?"

Lux laughed as he looked at Cai's father, who was still acting like he didn't know what the Half-Elf was talking about.

If it were not for the fact that the Elysium Compendium, floating beside him, had finished analyzing the rules and restrictions of Liam's Domain, he might have believed that the High-Ranker was fighting them without using any kind of abilities.

"First of all, this Domain restricts anyone without the bloodline of the Rowan Tribe from using their abilities," Lux explained. "But those with the Rowan Bloodline are not affected by these restrictions. Even now, you are using your abilities to slow our movements, making us think that it was due to the effects of the Domain.

"You're already a step away from becoming a Saint, and you're still not confident in beating us without using your abilities? Father-in-law, don't you think that you are being overboard?"

Liam arched an eyebrow because he didn't expect the Half-Elf to understand how the Domain of the Rowan Tribe's Ancestral Lands worked.

"So? What of it?" Liam shrugged. "You still haven't earned my recognition."

"And how will I be able to earn your recognition?" Lux asked.

"Simple. All you need to do is beat me," Liam replied. "I don't care what methods you use. If you can beat me, then I will no longer oppose your relationship with my daughter, Cai."

Lux pointed at Keane. "What about him?"

"I recognize his potential," Liam stated. "Although he is still not strong enough to protect Rose, he will get to that level as long as he continues to train."

The Half-Elf nodded his head in understanding.

"In short, you hate me, right, father-in-law?" Lux asked in a teasing tone.

"It seems that I still haven't beat you up enough." Liam's tone became cold and laced with killing intent. "I told you not to call me father-in-law."

The High-Ranker swung his spear, and Lux was blasted away by a strong force, slamming into several trees before coming to a complete stop.

If not for the fact that he had managed to use his Divine Spear to block some of the damage, he might have suffered more injuries.

'I think I broke a few ribs,' Lux thought as he felt the stinging pain in his chest, making it hard for him to breathe. 'I guess my father-in-law really does hate my guts.'

Calypso hovered in front of her Master, allowing him to use her as support in order to stand up.

The Half-Elf then gazed at Liam, who lifted the unconscious Keane from the ground and placed him inside an Ice Coffin that he had conjured out of thin air.

Noticing his gaze, Liam sneered in his direction before summoning another Ice Coffin.

"Don't worry, I will bury both of you under the ground side by side," Liam stated. "That way, you can keep each other company."

The Ice Coffin, which contained Keane inside, floated beside Liam as the latter walked towards Lux.

The second Ice Coffin that Liam had conjured also floated beside him. Clearly, this one was meant for Lux, whom he planned to bury in the ground for a week.

Of course, he didn't have any intention of killing the two teenagers.

He only wanted to teach them a lesson so that they'd know that they were still not worthy in his eyes. Liam believed that, after spending a week buried under the ground, the two teenagers would fear him and might possibly break off their relationships with his daughters.

However, Liam made one mistake.

A very grave mistake.

"Father-in-law, is that coffin for me?" Lux asked in a teasing tone.

"Behave yourself and don't resist," Liam replied in an indifferent tone. "Don't worry, I won't kill you."

Lux nodded before a devilish smile appeared on his face.

"Father-in-law, you shouldn't have summoned that Ice Coffin," Lux stated. "I've been holding back since the start, you know? I'm only not doing you dirty because you are Cai's father. But you are doing Keane and me dirty right now."

Liam snorted as he waved his hand, sending the Ice Coffin flying in Lux's direction.

Right now, the Half-Elf didn't have the strength to resist him, so encasing him inside the Ice Coffin shouldn't be a big deal.

However, when the Ice Coffin was just a few meters away from Lux, a Black Coffin appeared in front of him and slapped the Ice Coffin away.

As if not still satisfied with the result, the Black Coffin body slammed the Ice Coffin and smacked it repeatedly with the lid of its coffin.

Liam looked at this scene with a frown. He could tell that the Black Coffin wasn't a skill or ability and that it was, in fact, an artifact.

The Domain only restricted the use of skills and abilities of those who didn't have a drop of Rowan Blood in their bodies.

However, Artifacts could still be used inside of it.

The sound of something cracking spread inside the Domain as the Ice Coffin finally shattered into countless pieces after receiving Blackfire's body slam several times.

The Black Coffin then kicked the Ice Coffin in this disdain before shifting its attention to the SS-Ranker, who beat his Master to a pulp.

Lux laughed, but his laugh was short-lived due to the pain in his chest.

Although Blackfire wasn't saying anything, it could tell that the black coffin was offended, but it was not because he was beaten by Liam.

Blackfire was angry because the High-Ranker decided to encase his Master in a coffin without its permission!

"Father-in-law, please prepare yourself," Lux said with a mischievous smile plastered on his face. "Blackfire is going to teach you a lesson about humility."

The Half-Elf was barely hanging to his consciousness right now, but he gritted his teeth and kept his eyes open.

After all, he wouldn't want to miss seeing his Father-in-law having a taste of his own lesson.

Wanting to place a Heaven's Necromancer inside a coffin?

That was a sure-fire way to trigger Blackfire, who now wanted nothing more than to devour Liam and let him have a taste of his own medicine.

Chapter 1079: A Lesson About Humility

"Teach me about humility?" Liam scoffed. "It seems that you still don't understand your position, Lux."

The High-Ranker snapped his fingers, and dozens of Ice Coffins appeared around him.

Seeing this scene, Blackfire opened its lid, and dozens of black hands appeared, which all gave Liam the middle finger.

Lux laughed before coughing a mouthful of blood as a consequence of his actions.

Even though the Half-Elf was in pain, his body still shuddered from time to time as he did his best to hold back the laughter that was bubbling inside his aching chest.

"Cai, I'm sorry," Lux said through the Guild Chat.

"Sorry, why?" Cai replied.

"I might have to hurt your father a bit."

"... What?"

Lux briefly explained to Cai what his father did to him and Keane, making Cai's eyes widen in shock.

'So this is why Grandpa told us to not leave the house for the time being,' Cai thought. 'He knew what was happening.'

The High-Priestess stared at her Grandpa, and the latter only smiled back at her.

Not only was Maximilian aware of what was happening, but he could also see the battle in real-time.

The reason why he didn't put a stop to it was due to the fact that he wanted his son-in-law, Liam, to have a better understanding of his future sons-in-law.

Also, the Saint was curious to see how Lux would deal with Liam's stubborn character.

He believed that after this trial was over, they would be able to recognize each other's strengths, allowing them to have a closer relationship with each other.

"Half of you destroy that coffin," Liam ordered. "The other half, capture that Half-Elf."

The Ice Coffins he created were sentient, but they could only follow very simple commands.

Since he ordered them to capture Lux, they would not attack the Half-Elf and simply restrain him.

As for Blackfire, they would attack it as ordered, making sure that it was destroyed in the process.

Blackfire, who saw the incoming Ice Coffins, hovered in front of its Master for a few seconds before charging at the Ice Coffins head-on.

The two sides clashed, and for a brief moment, the entire Domain was shrouded in darkness before everything returned to what it was.

Blackfire, who had flown past the Ice Coffins, hovered in place.

A moment later, several rows of text appeared on its surface.

< Omae Wa Mou... >

The Ice Coffins that had stopped moving after their clash with Blackfire all shattered into pieces, making Liam's eyes widen in shock.

Out of anger, the High-Ranker no longer wasted any time and took a step forward.

He then reappeared in front of Blackfire and thrust his spear forward, intending to pierce the black coffin's body.

At that exact moment, Blackfire opened the lid of its coffin, and a black hand reached out from the darkness.

It then grabbed the spearhead, holding it in place.

No matter what Liam did, he could neither push nor pull the spear in his hands as it was firmly held in place by the enormous hand that was coming from inside the Black Coffin.

A moment later, the hand pushed the spearhead back, making Liam skid across the ground with a solemn expression on his face.

One of Blackfire's faithful goons, the Black Ogre emerged from within its darkness.

It then looked down pitifully on the High-Ranker who dared to annoy its Master.

Without saying anything, the Black Ogre charged at Liam wielding its enormous steel club that could obliterate a boulder with a casual swing.

"Calamity-Ranked Monster," Liam muttered as he took a fighting stance and activated the abilities that boosted his strength, attack power, and defense.

With one mighty swing, the Black Ogre destroyed the ground in front of him, where the High-Ranker originally stood moments ago.

However, his target was no longer there.

The Black Ogre looked around, but it was unable to find its enemy, and with good reason.

Liam was currently descending from the sky with his spear ready to strike.

He had activated the second ability of the Ancestral Lands, which effectively halved the strength of a single target.

This ability was meant to deal with Saints who would try to conquer their Holy Land by force.

A fearless smile appeared on Liam's face because he was certain that his strike would end the life of the monster that the Black Coffin had summoned.

'Die!' Liam roared internally as he drove his spear downwards with the force of a railgun.

But before he could hit his target the Black Ogre disappeared into thin air, making the High-Ranker's attack obliterate the ground, creating a crater that was hundreds of meters wide.

Liam didn't know what exactly happened, so his reaction time lagged for a bit.

This was a mistake that any High-Ranker shouldn't make, especially when fighting against a stronger opponent.

Even so, he was still a High-Ranker, so he immediately positioned his spear to block the Giant Steel Club that was only a few meters away from his right side.

Since Blackfire had recalled the Black Ogre, the earlier restrictions that were placed on it, disappeared as well.

Because of this, Liam had no choice but to block the full force of its strike, which sent him crashing towards countless trees, creating a trail of destruction in his wake.

This time, it was the High-Ranker's turn to cough out blood.

Even with the additional boosts of his skills and the Ancestral Land, he was still just a High-Ranker.

Fighting against a Calamity-Ranked World Boss was still too much for him to handle alone.

As he propped himself from the ground, he noticed that the black coffin was hovering a few meters away from him.

Suddenly, several rows of words appeared on the surface of the coffin, making Liam feel as if his cheeks were burning.

< Is this the best that you can do? >

< You still have your powers and your fancy tricks, but even with them, is this all you can do? I know a Baby Slime who is stronger than you! >

Liam glared at the Black Coffin as he used his spear to support his body.

"I'm just a High-Ranker, and I'm fighting against a Calamity-Ranked World Boss. It's an unfair battle from the start."

< B*tch, I'm not here to listen to your excuses! >

Blackfire Summoned Three More Calamity Ranked Monsters that made the corner of Liam's lips twitch.

He then shifted his gaze to the Half-Elf, whose body was covered in blood due to the injuries he received earlier.

Lux was currently leaning on his Divine Weapon, Calypso, and watching the battle with a smile on his face.

He watched as Blackfire trash-talked his father-in-law to the point of making the latter puke blood.

The four Calamity-Ranked Monsters didn't even have to do anything.

They simply stood there and released their pressure, making Liam unable to remain standing.

The Black Coffin then body slammed the SS-High Ranker over and over again, while the Calamity-Ranked Monsters cheered for it.

If not for Maximilian appearing beside Lux, and asking him to reign in Blackfire, the Black Coffin might have really devoured his father-in-law, making him forever loyal to their cause.

Chapter 1080.1: The Truth About The World [Part 1]

Rose carefully cleaned Keane's wounds before applying a healing salve over them.

Healing Potions, Rejuvenation Potions, and Elixirs were unable to heal the injuries received in the Domain of the Ancestral Lands of the Rowan Tribe as there were still the lingering traces of a God's Divinity in it.

Any injury received by the people who didn't have the bloodline of the Rowan Tribe running in their veins could only wait for them to heal at a very slow rate.

Only the medicines created by the High Priestesses of the Rowan Tribe could heal these injuries faster.

But even then, it would still take a few days for any injury to heal completely.

Dahlia looked at her husband, who was sitting by her side, with a displeased look on her face.

She had heard everything that happened from Lux, and although she had expected her husband would beat the two boys, she didn't expect that he intended to encase both of them in a coffin to be buried underground.

This was simply going too far, so Dahlia wasn't too happy with it.

Of course, she knew that her father, Maximilian, wouldn't stand idle either if that really happened.

The Patriarch of the Rowan Tribe would, of course, not allow Liam to bury Lux and Keane.

He had been observing the match from the beginning and was only waiting for it to end before he took action.

But Maximilian had to admit that he didn't expect that Lux would overcome all odds and reverse the situation in his favor.

Also, he had gained a better understanding of the Black Coffin that Lux could summon at any given time.

Despite how the battle ended, Maximilian was very happy that he had managed to matchmake Cai with the Half-Elf.

He was sure that his decision back then was good, but he didn't anticipate that Lux would grow powerful so quickly, to the point that he even surpassed him and Alexander, who were considered the two strongest beings in the Six Kingdoms.

"Does it hurt?" Rose asked as she looked at the swordsman, who hadn't said a word since she started treating his injuries.

She had just finished bandaging his wounds, and she was feeling very sad that her lover had to suffer so much because of her.

"It doesn't hurt," Keane replied.

"Liar." Rose pouted.

Keane smiled as he pulled the young lady into his embrace, hugging her tightly.

He had completely forgotten that the two of them weren't alone in the room as he closed his eyes and lightly patted his lover's head.

Lux, who was looking at this scene, gave his friend a thumbs up in his heart.

Dahlia couldn't help but smile after seeing how sweet the young man was, despite being someone who didn't like to talk much.

The Half-Elf looked at his friend, who was hugging the love of his life, before shifting his gaze to Cai, who was also bandaging the injuries he received from the battle.

When she finished bandaging all of Lux's injuries, she looked at him with concern.

"Does it hurt?" Cai asked.

The Half-Elf gave Keane a sidelong glance and gave him the "watch how it is done" gaze before shifting his attention to the beautiful High Priestess, who was now his fiancée.

"It does," Lux replied. "But if you kiss it, it will no longer hurt."

Aurora and Adeline looked at the Half-Elf in amusement.

Although they didn't know what he was thinking, they had a feeling that Lux was doing this on purpose to get back at Liam for what he did to them.

Now that his wife and daughters were angry at him, he didn't dare to voice his opinions for fear that a certain black coffin would appear and slap him to oblivion.

Cai, who was feeling sorry about what her father had done to Lux, nodded her head.

She then picked up the Half-Elf's hand and gave it a kiss.

"Does it still hurt?" Cai asked.

"No," Lux replied. "But this place hurts."

Lux pointed at his cheek, which had been grazed by one of Liam's spear strikes.

Cai also kissed that part and then asked what other places Lux still felt hurt.

Seeing that he had already made his point known, he no longer provoked his father-in-law and just whispered in Cai's ears.

"You can kiss the other places when we are alone inside your room later," Lux whispered.

The High Priestess blushed, but she still nodded her head.

Keane and Rose, who saw everything from start to finish, stared at each other for half a minute.

After that, the young lady held Keane's hand and led him upstairs to her room.

She wasn't as bold as her sister, letting their parents see such intimate scenes without feeling embarrassed.

Rose decided to imitate what Cai had done inside her room, to make the shy swordsman feel a little better despite suffering serious injuries from his fight against her father.

"It's good to be young," Cai's and Rose's grandmother, Quiana, commented with a smile. "Seeing my granddaughters finding the love of their lives makes me happy. Right, Dahlia?"

"Yes, Mother," Dahlia replied. "I'm glad that Cai and Rose managed to get good partners."

Quiana had a very good impression of Lux, for she knew that he was one of the people who helped Cai get the White Lotus, which Maximilian needed in order to find the cure for the Purple Plague that had made countless people suffer.

After curing his tribe, the Patriarch of the Rowan Tribe didn't hesitate to distribute the cure to the Six Kingdoms, which also had people who suffered from the plague.

This made everyone very grateful to the Rowan Tribe, not knowing that the real heroes were the young men and women who managed to bring the main ingredient back from the Gates of the Apocalypse.

"Lux, Maximilian has told me that you also have other fiances aside from my granddaughter," Quiana stated. "I believe that Aurora is also one of them, correct?"

"Yes, Grandma," Lux replied. "She is one of them."

Aurora smiled as she gently held Lux's injured hand. She was very happy that Lux was introducing her in this manner, making her feel loved.

"How many lovers do you have exactly?" Quiana asked.

"Right now, I have eight lovers," Lux answered honestly.

Quiana looked at Lux with surprise. "Oh dear. I didn't expect that you would have that many women in your life. Are you confident that you can make them all happy?"

"I am not." Lux shook his head. "But I will definitely do everything in my power to keep them happy."

The Half-Elf wasn't conceited enough to declare that he could make all of his lovers happy.

Even so, he had already promised himself that he would do his best, and the rest would be up to his fiances, who loved him very much.

"Lux, can we talk in private?" Quiana asked. "There is something that I would like to ask you personally."

Lux nodded and readily accepted Quiana's invitation.

Even though he didn't know what she wanted to ask him, he had a feeling that this was something that shouldn't be heard by others.

Even her husband, Maximilian, didn't insist on coming with them, which proved that whatever Quiana wanted to ask Lux was something that even the Patriarch of the Rowan Tribe was not allowed to know.

Chapter 1081.2: The Truth About The World [Part 2]

"Please, take a seat." Quiana made a gesture for Lux to sit on the chair beside her bed. "Make yourself comfortable."

The old lady smiled before sitting on top of her bed.

What she was going to ask the Half-Elf was a question that had been bothering her for a long time, even before the Purple Plague infected her body.

"Lux, when you became the Necromancer of Heaven, I felt a surge of Divinity ripple across Solais," Quiana said. "I will not lie to you. I have long thought that the Gods have abandoned Elysium because they no longer answer our prayers.

"But, when you broke through that wall, I faintly felt the power of Divinity. This power could only come from a God, which means that my original assumption is wrong. Lux, are there still Gods in Solais and Elysium? Have they not abandoned us?"

The Half-Elf didn't expect that Quiana would ask him this kind of question. However, a faint memory appeared inside his head.

It was the time when Cai was telling him things about her family, and she mentioned her Grandma a couple of times in that discussion.

Quiana was the previous High-Priestess of the Rowan Tribe.

During her era, the Gods of Solais and Elysium were still present.

However, before passing down her position to her daughter, Dahlia, she had sensed that the Gods and Goddesses, whom she offered her prayers to, had become silent.

It had been many years since she last heard their voice.

Even Dahlia, who had become the High Priestess after her, felt that there was no longer any connection to the Divine Beings that watched over the mortals of the world.

It was as if all of them had vanished at the same time, not even saying words of farewell to their believers, who had dedicated their lives to worshipping them.

Lux pondered a bit before making up his mind.

Since Quiana had decided to only talk to him without bringing her husband, Maximilian, inside her room, he understood that what they were going to talk about would remain inside the room.

"The answer is Yes, and No," Lux replied. "The Gods, at least, almost all of them, have abandoned both Solais and Elysium."

"Almost all of them?" Quiana looked at Lux with a solemn expression on his face. "Does that mean that there are still Gods that remain here in our world?"

"Only Two Gods remain," Lux answered. "One protects Elysium, while the other wants to protect Solais. While I cannot tell you the identity of these two Gods, I know that they are doing their best in order to secure a future for both worlds, especially Solais."

"... So they have not abandoned us," Quiana closed her eyes. "They still care for our worlds."

A tear streamed down the side of Quiana's face, making Lux's heart ache.

This old lady had suffered a lot from the Purple Plague, and yet, her hope that the Gods hadn't abandoned them, kept her going.

Hearing that there were still two Gods that had remained to protect Solais and Elysium, the sadness she had felt when the Gods stopped talking to her, lessened drastically.

"Did they say anything to you?" Quiana asked after regaining her composure. "Anything that could help save Solais?"

Lux nodded. "They asked me to find the Pillars of Eternity."

After saying these words, a look of surprise flashed on Quiana's face.

"The Pillars of Eternity," Quiana said softly. "The Five Divine Artifacts that have the power to bend the laws of the world to their will. Do you know their location?"

Lux shook his head. "I don't. Do you know, Grandma?"

"I only know the location of three of them," Quiana replied. "When the Pillars of Eternity were gathered in the past, the Leader of the Champions that came

from another world, tried to convince the others to use the power of the Pillars to ascend to Godhood.

"He believed that once they became Gods, any kind of problem will be fixed. Tempted by his words, some of the Champions sided with him, while the others refused to join his ambitious plan.

"They believed that they should do as the Gods had asked of them and do their duty properly, so that they could return to their home world. But, the Leader of the Champions, and those who sided with him refused.

"In the end, a great battle between the two sides tore through the fabric of time and space, destroying the lands of Solais.

"They refer to this battle as the Hundred-Year-War because even after the battle of the Champions ended, the war still continued for a hundred years."

"A bitter expression appeared in Quiana's face as she looked at her hands that had seen the passage of time.

"In the end, the Leaders of the Champions emerged victorious and vanquished all opposition.

"However, in the middle of his Ascendance Ceremony to become a God, the Goddess of the World, Edaine, descended from the Heavens and forcefully snatched one of the Pillars, representing hope.

"This caused the ceremony to fail, forever scarring the Leader of the Champions. Although she had succeeded, she also received the backlash of the world, stripping her of her Divinity.

"The injury she received back then was too great, so after her power as a God was taken from her, she perished.

"A God, even though she had been stripped of her Divinity, is still a God. This means that if they died, they would cease to exist.

"In order to stop this from happening, the Gods bound the Pillar that she had snatched away from the Champion to her immortal soul, allowing her to safely enter the Cycle of Reincarnation.

"But, this method was far from perfect. Because of this, the Goddess would enter an infinite cycle of death and rebirth, and would always live a cursed life."

Quiana looked at Lux with a solemn expression on her face.

"One of the Pillars would be in her possession," Quiana stated. "Also, since she is a Goddess, she will always be reborn as a girl. Her body is cursed, so all the cursed ladies in the world have the potential to be her reincarnation. And this includes... your lover, Aurora."

The old lady sighed. "Of course. This is only a possibility. There are many cursed individuals in the world, and some of them are worse off than the others. But, even though Aurora's curse has been sealed, I am very familiar with the curse afflicting her body. She is this generation's Lady of Misfortune, correct?"

Lux nodded. "She is."

Quiana also nodded her head in understanding. "The Second Pillar that I know of, fell into Elysium. The place where it fell became a Holy Land, and an organization known as the Divine Army of Light was founded in that place. I have every reason to believe that one of the Pillars is with them."

"I already know of this," Lux commented. "We already have an agreement concerning the Pillar in their possession."

"That's good then." Quiana smiled. "The last pillar that I know of fell into a very dangerous place, alongside the Leader of the Champions, who was chosen by the Gods to save this world."

Lux had a very bad feeling after hearing the old lady's ominous words.

"The Third Pillar that I know of, which is the Golden Lion, fell into the Abyss," Quiana stated. "And its owner, the Leader of the Champions, is very much alive."

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"One of the Pillars is in the Abyss," Lux muttered. "Grandma, do you know where in the Abyss the Golden Lion is located?"

Quiana shook her head. "Wherever the Champion is, the Pillar will definitely be with him. However, getting that Divine Artifact from him will not be easy. After all, he is the strongest among those who were summoned into our world. If possible, I don't want you to fight such a being."

"Being?" Lux frowned. "Is he not Human?"

Quiana nodded. "He was once Human, but not after he attempted to ascend into Godhood. Although the Ceremony stopped midway, what was left of his humanity vanished after that event. He may still look like a Human on the surface, but deep inside, I am pretty sure that a monster dwells within."

Lux suddenly remembered about the recent activity of the Abyssal Gates in Elysium.

Although he wasn't sure if this latest development was connected to the Pillar of Eternity, he had a feeling that the Champion, who was once summoned to save Solais, was involved in it one way or the other.

"One of the Pillars is bound to the soul of a Cursed Lady, the second one is in the Divine Army, and the third was in the possession of the Champion that fell into the Abyss," Lux said softly. "Grandma, that leaves only one of the Pillars unaccounted for."

"What do you mean?" Quiana asked. "Do you know where the fourth Pillar is?"

Lux nodded. "My daughter, Eiko, happened to pick it up in one of her adventures in the Sea."

"... What?" Quiana looked at the Half-Elf with a doubtful expression on her face. "Are you sure about this?"

"Yes," Lux replied. "Before she left, she showed it to me."

The Half-Elf could still remember how the Baby Slime told him that she had picked something very nice on her journey.

Wanting to show off to her Papa, she summoned the Golden Anchor, which almost made Lux cough out blood due to disbelief.

After asking how she found it, Eiko told him that she "picked it up" in El Dorito.

Of course, Lux knew that Eiko's El Dorito was, in fact, El Dorado. The Baby Slime had personally asked him for the key, and he gave it to her without thinking twice.

In order to confirm his suspicion, he asked the Wraith King, Leoric, whom he had tasked to follow Eiko in her adventures.

Leoric confirmed that the Golden Anchor was indeed one of the Pillars, making the Half-Elf repeatedly kiss the Baby Slime, who was more than happy to receive his kisses.

"If what you say is true, then you are one step closer to collecting the Pillars of Eternity," Quiana said after she had regained her composure. "But the last one might prove to be a bit difficult to obtain.

"The Pillar of Hope is represented by a golden candle. This is also a Soul Bound Divine Artifact, and there are no records about who could possibly possess it."

Lux nodded in agreement. The only saving grace was that Eriol had told him that he was fated to come across all of the Pillars of Eternity.

But whether he would be able to get them or not was all up to him.

'One step at a time,' Lux thought. 'Fortunately, Grandma had some information about where the other Pillars are... I better talk to Aurora later, just in case.'

Aurora was Misfortune's Beloved.

Lux believed that, although there were many Ladies in the world who were suffering from curses, his lover was definitely one of the prime candidates to house the Pillar of Love, which resembled a heart-shaped locket, in her soul.

A Lion Figurine, a Scale, an Anchor, a Heart-Shaped Locket, and a Candle.

These were the five Pillars of Eternity.

Right now, Lux, or rather, Eiko, was in possession of one of them.

The Divine Army also had one, which was the Golden Scale that represented Justice.

The Golden Lion was in the Abyss, and the Golden heart-shaped locket was in the possession of a Cursed Lady.

Only the Golden Candle remained, but this was the least of Lux's worries.

He was more worried about the Golden Lion in the Champion's possession.

Each of the Pillars of Eternity could bend the laws of the world in a way, and that meant that his opponent could also do this as well.

'I have a bad feeling about this,' Lux suddenly felt a bad premonition rising in the back of his mind.

Although he now had a clearer picture as to where the other Pillars might be, getting them was easier said than done.

In the deepest level of the Abyss...

The Angels were continuing their mission to ensure that one of the strongest Outer Gods in all of creation remained asleep in the Abyss.

This powerful being had many names, and among them were Daemon Sultan, the Deep Dark, the Cold One, and Nuclear Chaos.

But the majority of beings who both worshiped and feared this creature called it The Blind Idiot God.

Perhaps out of spite and ridicule, this was the most common name used to refer to the Outer God, Azathoth, across the multiverse.

Although the name might sound funny and comedic, the moment this being woke up from its slumber, no one—not even the Gods, would dare to laugh.

Once its sleep ended, the Nightmare of all Creations would begin.

The heavenly music and voices of the Angels, merged together, creating a perfect harmony that would ease the soul of anyone who heard it.

This was how Azathoth was kept asleep for thousands of years.

These angels would take turns in their duty, making sure that the creature would sleep for eternity... Or at least, that was the original plan.

Suddenly, and without warning, a distortion appeared in the lowest level of the Abyss, catching the angels that were on guard duty by surprise.

"Halt!" the Angel shouted. "This is a restricted area!"

"I know," a man, wearing black robes that hid his face, answered.

"Please leave," the Angel commanded. "This is not a place for mortals to dwell."

The Black-Robed Man raised his hand, and countless Abyssal Creatures appeared behind him.

The majority of them were Calamity-Ranked Abyssal Beings, and over a dozen Demigods were there as well.

Those who were singing and dancing noticed the arrival of the uninvited guests, but they didn't dare stop what they were doing as they knew that if they did, no one in existence would be ready to face the consequences.

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The Guards who were sent to protect the Performers all formed ranks in order to face the invaders who had come to hinder their mission.

"Are you all mad?!?" the Archangel, who oversaw this mission, asked in anger. "Why are all of you doing this? Have you forgotten the Oath of the Abyss?!"

The Archangel glared at the Demigods, who immediately averted their gazes.

How could they possibly forget the Oath that all the Demigods, new and old, had pledged for the sake of the Abyss?

If Azathoth were to awaken, the first thing that would fall first would definitely be the Abyss.

Because of this, the Demigods who ruled it would even assist the Angels from time to time, ensuring that the Blind Idiot God would remain sleeping in the lowest level of the Abyss.

"Don't worry. I didn't come here to stop your duties," the Black-Robed Man stated. "Please, continue what you are doing. We don't want to wake up the Blind Idiot God, right?"

Without another word, the Black-Robed Man walked forward, ignoring the Angels who had formed an impenetrable wall to prevent him from passing through.

"Kill him!" the Archangel commanded.

The fate of the entire multiverse was at stake, so he didn't dare take the chance and immediately ordered to eliminate the person who wished to get in the way of their mission.

"You Angels sure are stubborn." the Black-Robed Man sighed. "Fine. Have it your way."

He then pointed at the incoming Angels and sneered.

"Kill!" the Black-Robed Man ordered.

Immediately, the Demigods and the Calamity-Ranked Abyssal Monsters clashed with the Angels.

The Demigods were holding back their attacks because they themselves didn't want to do this. However, they were currently being manipulated by the Black-Robed Man against their will.

The Calamity-Ranked Monsters were also in the same boat. Their bestial instincts were telling them that the gigantic Outer God in front of them was very dangerous, but they were unable to defy the person who had forced them into submission.

While the battle was in full swing, the Black-Robed Man casually took a stroll towards where Azathoth was sleeping.

He was even humming a playful tune, contrasting the angels desperately trying to stop his advance.

However, the Demigods, who were protecting the man, got in their way.

As for the Angels who were able to get past their defenses, the Black-Robed Man only raised his hand, which caused all of them to crash on the ground as if they were being pinned down by an invisible force.

Divine blood flowed like a river as the Defenders were cut down one by one.

This battle was not one-sided, but any Angel who dared to come within a few meters of the Black-Robed Man would either die in the hands of Demigods or die from the man's mysterious power.

"Stop!" the Archangel shouted anxiously. "You can't go any further!"

"Like I said, I only came here to do a task," the Black-Robed Man replied. "I have no intention of waking Azathoth, but all of you want to get in my way. If you really want to die that badly then go ahead and stop me... that is, if you can."

The Black-Robed Man sneered as he continued to walk forward.

The performing angels kept on singing and dancing. However, it was very obvious that they were scared sh*tless about what the Black-Robed Man was going to do.

An inner battle was raging inside the Archangel's head. He wanted to stop the invader even if he had to risk his life in doing so.

His other half was telling him that even if he did attack the mortal, nothing would change. He would just be dying like a dog, unable to stop what was about to come.

In the end, duty won over his other concerns.

The Archangel shouted and dove down from the sky, emitting light like a sun.

No matter what happened to him, he must not allow the Black-Robed Man to gamble with the lives of the entire multiverse.

"Stubborn fool," the Black-Robed Man said with a hint of annoyance.

He then raised his hand, and just like what happened to the other Angels earlier, the Archangel stopped moving, as if he was bound by invisible chains that prevented him from doing anything.

The Black-Robed Man then pierced the Archangel's chest and grabbed his heart.

Without even showing any signs of mercy, the man crushed the Archangel's heart, making the Protector explode in a shower of golden sparks.

"Continue your performance," the Black-Robed Man said in a cold tone. "Any of you who dares to stop me will die just like your leader."

Although the Angels were all indignant and angry about what was happening around them, they truly didn't stop what they were doing.

Because of this, the Black-Robed Man walked unhindered until he was only a meter away from the sleeping Outer God, who seemed oblivious to what was happening around it.

"Finally," the Black-Robed Man said as he pierced his chest with his right hand. "My long wait is over."

His face distorted due to the pain he was feeling, but he endured it as he pulled something out of his body.

A Golden Lion, which was coated with his heart's blood, appeared in his hand.

"With this, all the worlds in existence are mine for the taking." The Black Robed Man laughed despite the pain he was feeling.

He then pushed the Golden Lion onto the body of the sleeping Outer God without a second thought.

A moment later, the Pillar of Eternity was swallowed by the body of the Outer God.

Without any warning, a mist of miasma was released from Azathoth's body, which immediately flew towards the gaping hole on the man's chest as if it was being sucked up by something.

The man shuddered in ecstasy as power flooded his body.

He had been waiting for decades to get to where he was now, and all the sacrifices he made during those years had finally borne fruit.

The hole in his chest healed completely, and several black markings, resembling tattoos, appeared on his body.

Suddenly, a blob of flesh emerged from the Outer God's body and crashed beside the Black-Robed Man.

From the blob of flesh, a creature that looked hideous and very alien materialized in front of everyone.

It stood up on two legs, but countless tentacles were wriggling from its body.

Its head, which was similar to the head of an Alien, had one long tentacle sticking out of it as if it was a whip that it could use to lash at its foes at any given time.

This horrible creature looked down at the man standing before it and smiled.

"Very bold of you, Mortal, to gamble with the lives of all of creation," the creature said in a hoarse voice. "However, I don't dislike your courage. Tell me, what is your wish?"

The Black-Robed man looked up at the creature, who was the embodiment of any sane person's worst nightmare.

"First, I want revenge," the Black-Robed Man replied. "After that, Conquest of the various worlds of creation."

"Very well," the alien-like creature replied. "I will assist you in this endeavor, and in exchange... I want you to sacrifice millions of lives in every world that you conquer. All for the sake of the Outer Gods."

"Deal," the man replied. "What is your name?"

The alien-like creature smiled, showing its countless horrendous razor-sharp teeth.

"I am the Crawling Chaos, Nyarlathotep," Nyarlathotep declared. "And on this day, the Nightmares of Mortals and Immortals alike will become their realities."

Chapter 1084: Your Child Is My Great Grandchild As Well

"We will be in your care in the future, Lux," Cai's and Rose's mother, Dahlia, said as she gave her future son-in-law a hug. "Take care of Caitlin. She's my precious daughter."

"I will," Lux replied. "I promise."

Dahlia nodded before walking over to Keane to give him a hug as well.

"Take care of my daughter. She might be a handful at times," Dahlia whispered in Keane's ear. "But she is a very good girl."

"I will treasure her with my life," Keane replied as he looked at his future mother-in-law with a determined look on his face.

Dahlia was very impressed with the young swordsman's reply, making her smile.

'My daughters managed to find themselves good partners,' Dahlia thought. 'Although it's still a bit early for Rose, I hope that Caitlin will let me hold my grandchild soon.'

While Dahlia was thinking these things, Rose pulled Keane away from her mother with a pout.

"I'm not a handful!" Rose, who had expected that her mother would say something like that, had used an ability that increased her hearing perception.

This allowed her to hear what her mother was saying to his lover, which made her pout.

Dahlia didn't reply and only giggled after seeing how adorable Rose was at the moment.

It was very rare for her serious daughter to act in this manner, so she was enjoying every moment of it.

"I'll see you soon, father-in-law," Lux said to Liam, who was completely ignoring him.

The middle-aged man didn't even bother to look in his direction and went up the stairs, leaving them behind.

Lux scratched his head after seeing his father-in-law's reaction, but he didn't take the middle-aged man's dislike for him too seriously.

After all, the one he was marrying was Cai, not Liam.

He didn't mind even if his father-in-law didn't like him!

"Lux, be careful," Quiana said as she held the Half-Elf's hand. "What you are about to do is very dangerous. Collecting all the Pillars will be very dangerous, so if you think that you are unable to do it, do not force yourself. We can migrate to Elysium. You must prioritize your safety, okay?"

The Half-Elf nodded in reply. "See you all soon."

Maximilian decided to stay in the Ancestral Lands for a few more days because he had missed his wife terribly.

Also, he still needed to discuss his plan to migrate to the Fynn Kingdom with his people who were still recovering from the Purple Plague.

"Rose, please send them off at the entrance of the mountain," Dahlia said.

"Yes, Mother," Rose replied before holding Keane's hand.

The young swordsman smiled as he lightly squeezed his lover's hand. Lux and Cai, who noticed the small gesture between the two, exchanged knowing glances with each other.

The Half-Elf then reached out to hold Cai's and Aurora's hands, making the two girls smile.

"Mmm, it's good to be young," Dahlia nodded her head in satisfaction. "Cai, I want to hold my great grandchild soon, so make sure to feed Lux one of our Tribe's powerful aphrodisiac potions and go at it like bunnies, okay? Aurora, feel free to join them as well. Your child is my great grandchild as well."

Aurora blushed after hearing the old lady's playful words. But, she still nodded her head and gave Lux a timid glance.

The Half-Elf couldn't help but chuckle internally due to how cute Aurora looked like when she was embarrassed.

A few minutes later, Lux's group left the Ancestral Lands of the Rowan Tribe and entered the underground Maze under Cai's guidance.

Although Dahlia had asked Rose to lead them out of the mountain, the young lady and Keane were at the rear of the group, enjoying the precious time they had in each other's company.

Cai was the one who led everyone back down the mountain, letting Rose spend as much time as she could with her fiancé.

Lux even told Cai through their guild chat to slow their journey a bit because they weren't really in a hurry.

Since Rose would be staying in the Ancestral Lands, it would be a while before she would be able to see Keane again.

The young swordsman was doing his best to become strong as soon as possible. In fact, after they returned to Barbatos Academy, Keane would then head to Leaf Town.

Gerhart and Cethus had already made their way into the Savage Lands and were helping the Draconian-Kobold, Cadmus, explore this new frontier.

Keane would be accompanying them on this mission to train himself and grow stronger.

Although Lux wasn't telling them anything, they could instinctively feel that there was a shift that was happening in Elysium.

After Lux had waged war against the Divine Army of Light, Keane, Gerhart, and Cethus said that they needed to become as strong as possible. They didn't want to get left behind by the Half-Elf, who was always surprising them.

There was also the issue of the Abyssal Gates becoming more active, which only intensified their resolve to become stronger.

Everyone of them could feel it.

The world of Elysium was about to usher in a new era, and in this era, a great battle would soon take place.

This was why, before it happened, the three of them wanted to at least become B-Rankers, giving them enough strength to at least survive the first wave of whatever was about to come their way.

A few hours later, they finally arrived at the base of the mountain.

"Visit me soon, okay?" Rose said as she was wrapped in Keane's protective embrace. "I'll miss you."

"I'll miss you, too," Keane replied before planting a kiss on Rose's forehead, the sight of which made Lux nearly vomit sugar.

He wasn't aware that other people also felt the same thing whenever he was acting intimate with his lovers.

In fact, Cethus was very fed up with him, so the moment the Half-Elf and his lovers were about to stick to each other like glue, he would make himself scarce to save himself from the diabetic-inducing kissing that would follow next.

Ten minutes later, Keane and Rose reluctantly parted with each other.

If not for the fact that Keane wanted to catch up to Lux as soon as possible, he might have stayed with Rose for a few more days.

However, he understood that the only way he could protect his lover was by becoming stronger, so with a heavy heart, he turned around without a second glance.

He had a feeling that if he were to look back and see Rose's tearful face, his resolve might waver, and he'd end up staying with her until her Grandpa, Maximilian decided to return to Barbatos Academy.

"Don't worry. You will see her soon," Lux assured his good friend, who had been with him through thick and thin.

Keane nodded and continued to walk alongside them.

Now that he had met Cai's parents, it was time to bring Adeline to his Guild Headquarters in the territory of the Crystal Palace.

That way, his other lovers would be able to meet their future mother-in-law.

Valerie, Aurelia, Aina, Ali, and Ari were constantly asking him about when he would be bringing his mother to their Guild Headquarters.

If not for the fact that there were still things that he needed to settle in Wildgarde Stronghold, he might have teleported directly to their Guild Headquarters already, along with everyone else in his group.

Chapter 1085: Settling Things Peacefully

Ford Federation...

Originally Eiko was supposed to visit the other Island Nations in order to go sight-seeing.

However, one of her clones, that she had left in the Ford Federation, told her that the Pirates were waiting for her to pass judgment on the people that they had captured.

Because of this, the two Baby Slimes reluctantly canceled their trip, and returned to the Ford Federation.

"Bring the prisoners!" one of the Pirates shouted.

Immediately, dozens of men and women, who were bound by chains, climbed aboard the Bone Ship, Poseidon.

There, they saw two Baby Slimes who were eating biscuits, and looking at them with grumpy looks on their faces.

The people that were brought for Eiko's judgment were the surviving members of the Families that had once ruled the Ford Federation with an iron fist.

Their once arrogant faces were nowhere to be seen, and only a defeated look could be seen.

These were the people who had trampled on the lives of others, and did whatever they wanted because of their family background.

Many lives had been lost because of them.

Many families had been ruined because of them.

And anyone who dared to voice any form of opposition would be silenced, or worse, killed, leaving no part of their bodies behind to bury.

After eating the One Cheese, Eiko's senses had been enhanced, allowing her to perceive the emotions of those whom she was looking at.

To a certain extent, Eiko could also sense which were bad people, and which were not.

This was an inherent ability that even she couldn't understand.

When she was back in the Fynn Kingdom, she had used this ability to look at her Papa.

At that moment, Eiko had sensed that her Papa was a bad person.

Lux wasn't innocent.

He wasn't a Saint.

Throughout his journey, he was forced to make hard choices, and those choices had claimed countless lives.

Instead of being disappointed, Eiko was even happy because as a monster, she understood that kindness would not always be repaid with kindness.

She felt this very strongly when she died for the first time.

It was at that moment when she understood that life wasn't fair, and those with power could do whatever they wanted just because they could.

Although Lux was bad according to the power she gained, she was still her Papa.

So, in her eyes, Lux was a "good" bad person!

In fact, when Eiko looked at Asmodeus and Avernus, those two bad guys were worse than her Papa.

They were practically oozing a black aura that rose to the heavens, which meant that if her Papa was a bad guy, Asmodeus and Avernus were the baddest of the bad guys.

But, since they were his Papa's underlings, they were good bad guys as well!

Eiko was very biased when it came to her allies.

But, this bias didn't extend to her enemies.

Now, as the Baby Slime looked at the people in front of her, she didn't hesitate to point out the people that were bad, and those who were not so bad, who didn't deserve to die.

The Pirates were more than happy to deal with the bad guys.

As for the not-so-bad guys, they were going to be exiled from the Ford Federation.

Eiko had given this job to Captain Jack Spawow, whom she trusted the most among her Boom Boom Pirate Crew.

This purge and punishment process lasted for two weeks.

When everything had settled down, the Ford Federation was finally fully under her control.

Since Eiko didn't plan on staying in the Ford Federation for a long time, she designated one of her loyal underlings, who went by the name Lupin, to become its steward.

She believed that this man was capable of managing her territory, while she was away.

After settling this issue, Eiko commanded Avery to set sail to the Island Nation nearest to the Ford Federation.

This Island Nation was called Torstein.

According to Captain Jack Spawow, it was a place that was well-known for its spices, which was a very important commodity in several nations.

Eiko, who liked to eat many delicious foods, planned to visit this place in order to try new dishes that she hadn't eaten before.

Due to Poseidon's speed, it only took them half a day to arrive at their destination.

However, when they neared the Torstein Territory, the Baby Slime noticed something peculiar.

Several battleships lined the shore, as if they were preparing for an invasion.

The moment Poseidon was sighted, a loud ringing sound reverberated at the Port City of Wulfstan, which was the Torstein Nation's first line of defense.

Avery halted the flying ship, and stared at the battleships that were lying in wait for their arrival.

"Princess, your orders?" Avery asked.

Eiko looked down at the countless battleships.

Truth be told, she had no intention of fighting the people of Torstein because they didn't have any conflict with her.

She just came to their island to eat, but seeing how strongly they were reacting to her presence, she decided to send Avery to settle things as peacefully as possible.

After receiving his orders, the Ancient Pirate King descended from the skies and landed on the biggest battleship, which he believed to be the flagship of the Nation of Torstein.

He was immediately met with two Supremes, who stared at him with solemn expressions on their faces.

"Are you perhaps Avery?" a middle-aged man with gray hair asked.

"You did your research well," Avery replied. "You're right. I am Avery."

"What is your purpose for coming to our nation?" the middle-aged man inquired.

"To eat," Avery replied, making the two Supremes draw their weapons.

Seeing their reaction, Avery chuckled because he understood that they had misunderstood him.

"We didn't come here to eat anyone," Avery stated. "We came here to eat food. Your Nation is known for its spices and delicious cuisine. My Princess has come to put your reputation to the test."

"How can we believe you?" the other Supreme, who was an old lady, asked. "How can we believe your words? Especially after what has happened in the Ford Federation?"

Avery crossed his arms over his chest. Eiko had given him the task to handle this mission as peacefully as possible.

Because of this, he decided to use his Trump Card to settle this matter "peacefully".

"I'll give you two choices," Avery stated. "Satisfy my Princess wishes, or we go to war. There is no third option. You already know what happened to the Ford Federation, we don't mind doing the same to your Nation."

"Bastard!" the middle-aged man glared at Avery, his hands trembling as he held the sword in his hand.

"So, you want to use force to settle this matter?" the old lady squinted her eyes.

Avery chuckled. "I think you are misunderstanding something here. Whether you agree or not, my Princess will have what she wants. The only difference is that you can either treat her like a VIP Guest, and get on her good side, or you treat us as your enemy and have your entire Nation suffer the same fate as the Ford Federation.

"The only reason why none of you aren't dead right now is because our Princess is a good Monster. Do you really think that, with our army, we would have trouble destroying your pitiful attempt at resistance?"

The two Supremes frowned. However, before they could even answer, both of their bodies shuddered uncontrollably.

They then looked up at the flying Giant Bone Ship, and saw the ship's bow open up like the jaws of a shark.

Inside its jaw were countless razor sharp teeth.

But the thing that made the two Supremes shudder was the gigantic cannon that could easily fit five of their flagships inside of it.

The muzzle of the cannon emitted a brilliant light, which made the faces of the two Supremes turn grim.

They knew that if that cannon unleashed its attack, their entire navy, and perhaps the Port City, would be obliterated with a single shot.

"Looks like Poseidon isn't as patient as I am," Avery commented. "Tell you what, I'll give you ten seconds to give me an answer. Are you going to treat our Princess like a VIP and let her eat to her heart's content? Or do we do it our way? Choose."

The two Supremes could only smile bitterly as they signaled for their men to stand down.

In the face of absolute strength, the only thing that they could do was to allow Eiko to have her way.

What they didn't know was that the Baby Slime was unaware of what Poseidon was doing.

She and Fei Fei had been taken by the Skeleton Swashbucklers to the Galley of the ship, where the finest chefs of the Ford Federation had finished preparing her lunch.

Poseidon took this opportunity, while its Master was away, to help the Nation decide to "settle things peacefully" as well.

In the end, its method worked, and the two Supremes of the Torstein Nation accompanied Avery back to the Bone Ship.

They were going to ensure that their people would not do anything to the Baby Slime, who had allegedly come to their Nation as a tourist and connoisseur.

Although they didn't fully trust Avery, they decided that there would be no harm to agree to his request to treat Eiko as a VIP guest.

Because of this, Eiko had a good impression of them and happily ordered Poseidon to enter the Island Nation that would soon understand that they

made a grave mistake letting the harmless-looking Baby Slime enter their Domain.

Chapter 1086.1: Return To Lux's Guild Headquarters [Part 1]

As the two adorable Baby Slimes entered the Island Nation of Torstein in a "peaceful manner", Lux had returned to Barbatos Academy to finish a few things before he went back to Elysium.

Keane didn't stay for long either and immediately went to Leaf Town to catch up with his comrades in the Savage Lands.

After fighting against Rose's father, he understood that his technique was still lacking and that he needed to polish it as soon as possible.

The Half-Elf spent two days in Barbatos Academy to rest, giving Valerie, Ali, and Ari some time to convince the Dragon Empress to allow them to go to the territory of the Crystal Palace.

Valerie claimed that she and Aur were good friends now and that it would be best to strengthen her connection with the Dragon Prince which would, in turn, also strengthen the relationship of the two Dragon Kingdoms, ensuring the peace of both parties.

The Dragon Princess' mother, Empress Saphira, thought that this was a sound reason to allow Valerie to spend some time with the Dragon Prince, who was the same age as her.

In a political view, a union between Valerie and Aur would solve all the problems between the two Dragon Kingdoms that were currently in a Cold War with each other.

The Dragon King also didn't have a problem with this arrangement. Just like his wife, he allowed Valerie to visit the Crystal Palace for a week.

Of course, she would not be going alone. She would be escorted by Lady Faustina, who was the twin sister of the Crystal Palace's reigning Steward, Lady Augustina.

After getting her parent's permission, Valerie immediately informed Lux that they would arrive at his Guild Headquarters in two days.

Since this was technically a diplomatic mission, proper procedures had to be followed to inform the Crystal Palace of Valerie's arrival.

Although there was a slight delay, Lux didn't mind it too much.

"We will go to the Guild Headquarters tomorrow," Lux said to Iris, Cai, Aurora, and Adeline. "My other lovers can't wait to meet you, Mother."

"The same goes for me," Adeline replied. "I am very excited to meet my future daughters-in-law."

Lux was also very curious to see what his mother's reaction would be when she saw his other lovers for the first time.

However, he didn't forget to tell his mother about the complicated relationship he had with the two Dragon Princesses.

"Valerie and Aur will have guards observing them, Mother," Lux stated. "Right now, we can't let our relationship be discovered by their families. If that happens, things might get very troublesome."

"I understand." Adeline nodded. "I will be extra careful when interacting with them."

Vera glanced at Lux, and the latter nodded his head in understanding.

"I need to stay here in Barbatos Academy and hold the fort," Vera stated. "Alexander is currently busy in the Fynn Kingdom, organizing the manpower and other human resources. It might take a while before he returns here."

"With you here, Grandma, I'm sure that everything will be well," Lux replied.

The Half-Elf then glanced at the other ladies in the room and asked them to prepare for their trip to Elysium.

Iris and Cai would accompany them to Lux's Guild Headquarters in order to reunite with their sisters, who were on a "diplomatic mission" to strengthen their bonds with the Crystal Palace.

Of course, all of them knew that this was just an excuse they made up so that they could meet Adeline and strengthen their bond with the Half-Elf further through rolling on the sheets with him.

A day later, Lux and the ladies teleported to their Guild Headquarters in order to prepare for Valerie's, Ali, and Ari's arrival.

Since only Lady Faustina would accompany them, Lux thought that it would not be too hard to find some private time with Valerie during their visit.

If worse comes to worst, the Half-Elf could ask Aurelia to help him convince Lady Augustina to invite her sister to have an afternoon tea with her or something along those lines.

Adeline, who was seeing Lux's Guild Headquarters for the first time, couldn't help but look at the majestic White Marble Castle in awe.

"Is this really your Guild Headquarters, Lux?" Adeline asked.

"It is, Mother," Lux replied. "So, what do you think?"

"I think it's great." Adeline looked at the castle in front of her with a smile. "This is the first time I'm seeing a Guild Headquarters built like a castle."

Lux then pointed at the town at the base of the mountain with pride.

"That town also belongs to me, Mother," Lux said. "That is the Town of Edea. It took a while for construction to finish, but it was finally completed. There are not many people in there right now, but I can give you a tour later, if you are interested."

"I'd love that," Adeline replied. "But, I'd like to meet your other lovers first."

Lux smiled. "They'll be here by tomorrow. Until then, I can ask Emma to serve as your tour guide."

Just as Lux was about to say more, dozens of Baby Slimes came jumping out of the castle doors with big smiles on their faces.

Following behind them was none other than the Wicked Queen Slime, Lilian, whom Lux hadn't seen for a while.

"You kids are too excited," Lilian said with a helpless look on her face as she watched the Baby Slimes jump all over the place, eager to explore their new environment.

A few seconds later, she finally noticed the Half-Elf as well as the ladies beside him.

"It has been a while, Lux," Lilian greeted. "I heard about your... adventures over the past few weeks. I have to say, you've grown a lot since the time we last saw each other. Is she perhaps your new lover?"

Lilian pointed at Adeline, whose face immediately reddened after being mistaken as her own son's new lover.

Lux knew that if he didn't correct the misunderstanding, Lilian would start teasing his mother, which would further embarrass her.

"She's not my lover," Lux replied. "She is my mother."

Lilian blinked once then twice before the corner of her lips curled up into a smirk.

"So, you're fed up with young maidens and wanted to taste the charms of married women?" Lilian asked in a teasing tone. "I got to say, your fetish is evolving at a very fast rate, young man. Good for you."

"Lilian, please don't say things that will cause further misunderstandings," Lux stated. "She is my mother—biological mother, Adeline Farryn Fynn. Mother, this is Lilian. Don't be deceived by her looks. She is actually a Peak Calamity-Ranked Monster. However, she had retired from terrorizing people and had taken the job of being the nanny of these Baby Slimes."

As if understanding that Lux was talking about them, all the Baby Slimes started to jump in his direction.

Some of these Baby Slimes were newly hatched, so they were filled with curiosity. They gathered around him and started jumping in place.

"Eyah."

"Eyah?"

"Eyah!"

""Eyah!""

The Baby Slimes then started to crawl up Lux's body. Some nudged his cheeks, some bit his ears, some jumped in place on top of his head, while others entered his shirt and slept like the baby they were, with their heads resting on his chest.

Chapter 1087.2: Return To Lux's Guild Headquarters [Part 2]

Seeing the adorable scene of the Baby Slimes having their way with Lux, Adeline and the girls couldn't help but feel as if their hearts were melting due to how cute the baby slimes were.

Iris and Cai both remembered their own Baby Slimes, Eiko and Fei Fei, who were also quite clingy back when they were still newborns.

But now, those two baby slimes had grown up and were currently in an adventure together.

Lilian giggled after seeing the babies swarm around Lux and play with him.

One of the reasons why the Wicked Queen Slime had a good impression of the Half-Elf was due to Eiko. Another reason was the baby slimes and their nursery in his Guild Headquarters and in Leaf Town.

In her eyes, these two places were Paradise. Her Maternal Instincts had urged her to stay and protect these precious children until they became strong enough to protect their own.

Just like Eiko and Fei Fei, whom the Baby Slimes in Leaf Town treated as their Idol and Older Sister.

"Um, Lilian, can you call these little ones for a bit," Lux said as he remained standing.

He didn't dare to move too much because he might accidentally step on the baby slimes that were gathered around his feet.

"Fine," Lilian commented. "All of you, come. We will go visit the town. They have many delicious foods to eat there."

"Eyah?"

"Eyah!"

""Eyah!""

All the baby slimes then crawled toward the Wicked Queen Slime in haste.

Truth be told, they were quite hungry, so the notion of food easily swayed them to stop playing with the Half-Elf and follow their Nanny.

"We'll be off then," Lilian stated. "I'll talk to you later, Lux. I want some modifications done for the monster nursery."

"Fine," Lux replied. "But, if you want to send proposals, talk to Emma next time. She has the authority to make changes in the Guild Headquarters."

"I'll keep that in mind." Lilian nodded before transforming into her Wicked Queen Slime Form.

All the Baby Slimes excitedly climbed on top of her body, and some of them even urged Lilian to move.

Since they were just born, most of them were fearless, not understanding that the one they were riding on was one of the strongest monsters in existence.

Without another word, Lilian steadily descended down the mountain while making sure that none of the babies fell off from her body.

It was an incredible sight, and this was the first time Lux and the other ladies were seeing something like this.

A few minutes later, they entered the Headquarters and were greeted by Emma, who had just finished preparing the room that Adeline would be using during her stay.

"Welcome back, Master," Emma bowed respectfully to Lux.

"Thank you, Emma," Lux replied. "You've worked hard."

The dwarf smiled and nodded her head before shifting her gaze to the beautiful elf, who was his Master's mother.

"Lady Adeline, please allow me to give you a tour of our Guild Headquarters," Emma said as she walked towards the elf, who was visiting their guild headquarters for the first time.

"Thank you, Emma," Adeline replied. "Lux has said many things about you."

"Really?"

"Yes. He always says that you're a hard worker. I can now understand why he is able to leave the management of his guild in your hands."

A faint redness appeared on Emma's face after hearing Adeline's praise.

While Lux also praised her from time to time, hearing the Half-Elf's mother praise her made her feel as if everything she had done for the guild was worth it.

Because of this, her impression of Adeline went up by a notch.

She was now more eager to give the beautiful elf a tour of Lux's Guild Headquarters, and later the Town of Edea, to help Lux's mother familiarize herself with the domain that belonged to her son.

Lux watched as his mother followed her secretary inside the Guild Headquarters, leaving him, Iris, Cai, and Aurora behind.

"Well then, what should the three of us do while waiting for Mother to return?" Lux asked.

"Let's go to your room," Iris proposed. "I'd like to monopolize you before my other sisters arrive."

"Indeed," Cai nodded. "It will be hard to do that by then since all of them will want to have a turn."

Aurora didn't immediately understand what Iris and Cai were talking about, but a few seconds later, realization dawned upon her, making her suddenly blush.

"Do you want to join us, Aurora?" Iris asked in a teasing tone.

She knew that Lux still hadn't made her move on the pink-haired beauty, which was why she wanted to help her get close to Lux.

However, contrary to her expectations, Aurora shook her head.

"The three of you should spend some time together," Aurora replied. "Don't mind me. I'm not in a hurry."

"Are you sure?" Cai inquired. "Don't be shy. You can come join us. I promise you that it will be a memorable experience."

Although Aurora was tempted to say yes, she still shook her head in the end.

She then glanced at Lux as if asking him for help in order to escape from this sticky situation.

"Aurora is still not ready for this," Lux said as he held Iris' and Cai's hands. "Give her some time to prepare her heart and mind."

"Well, if you say so." Iris nodded her head in understanding.

Cai smiled and also nodded her head.

She had been wanting to ask Lux why he still hadn't made his move on Aurora, but she decided to ask him later after they were done with their lovemaking.

Aurora entered the Guild Headquarters with them before heading straight to her assigned bedroom.

She hurriedly locked the door and laid down on her bed.

Aurora didn't have to be in the same room as them to take part in their intimate moment. Her ability automatically manifested whenever Lux was about to make love with his lovers.

A few minutes later, a familiar sensation washed over Aurora's body.

She knew with absolute certainty that she would soon be drowned by the pleasure that would be shared to her by her two sisters.

Her two sisters who had no idea that she would also enjoy the same sensations that they would feel once their beloved Half-Elf had his way with their beautiful and seductive bodies.

Chapter 1088: Things That Cannot Be Forced

"It's good to see you again, Sister," Lady Augustina said with a smile. "How have you been?"

"Busy," Lady Faustina replied. "How about you?"

Lady Augustina sighed. "The same as you. We are making contingency plans just in case multiple Abyssal Gates appear near our territory."

Lady Faustina nodded her head in understanding.

The Divine Army had informed them that the power of the Abyss was growing everyday.

They even predicted that as early as a month, the Abyssal Creatures would once again invade their world.

Of course, this was just a theory. However, the rulers of each Kingdom, and Empire, couldn't brush this warning aside.

The Divine Army had dedicated their lives in fighting against the Abyssal invasion. Although they had done some overbearing things in the past, for them, everything they did was for the greater good.

Of course, Lux disagreed with that notion, and even took the initiative to attack the Kingdoms and Empires that were under the Divine Army's umbrella.

Knowing that this continuous conflict would not benefit anyone, the Founder and the Sovereign of the Divine Army asked the High King of the Elves, the Dragon King of Karshvar Draconis, as well as the Steward of the Crystal Palace to help mediate the situation.

For the time being, both sides agreed to a compromise and the war between the Half-Elf and the Divine Army was put on hold.

At least for the time being.

This allowed the various Kingdoms and Empires to make the necessary preparations for the Abyssal Invasion, which might happen at any given time, according to the Divine Army.

Even Memento Mori, who had not made any moves for the past decade, also announced to the world that the battle against the Abyssal Creatures should be everyone's priority.

For this mysterious organization of Necromancers, whom no one wanted to offend, to make a declaration like this proved that what the Divine Army statement wasn't just a bunch of nonsense.

Because of this, everyone stopped their petty wars with each other, and made preparations for a battle that would shake the very foundations of this world.

"Tell me, is Aur looking for a wife?" Lady Faustina asked.

"Why are you suddenly asking this?" Lady Augustina arched an eyebrow. "Is your Master perhaps thinking of matchmaking Valerie and Aur?"

"Mmm." Lady Faustina nodded. "He hopes that the union of the two will finally put an end to the Cold War between the two Dragon Kingdoms."

Lady Augustina wanted to laugh after hearing her sister's words. Of course, she couldn't blame her because to the world, Aur was a Dragon Prince and not a Dragon Princess.

The enchantment placed on her body was so powerful, that even a Supreme would not be able to peer through it to see her true gender.

But, since Lady Augustina more or less understood why Valerie was intent on seeing Aur, she played along with her sister.

"Well, a union between them is possible," Lady Augustina. "Both of them are almost the same age, and they seem to get along with each other. Perhaps, after a year, or two, we can all sit down and talk about this. For now, let the two of them deepen their connection with each other. Things like this cannot be forced, you know?"

Lady Faustina sighed before nodding her head in agreement. "I guess you are right, Sister. But, since we are on this topic, the possibility exists, right?"

Lady Augustina smiled. She knew that Aurelia and Valerie liked Lux, and this diplomatic visit was more of an excuse so Valerie could spend more time with the Half-Elf.

Aurelia didn't hide anything from Lady Augustina, and she even informed her mother, Empress Evangeline, about her relationship with the Half-Elf.

Of course, the two older ladies were shocked after hearing Aur's revelation.

But, in the end, they accepted her decision and had become her accomplices since then.

The only reason why the two most powerful ladies in the Crystal Palace nodded their heads in approval was due to the fact that Lux was Keoza's chosen one.

Lastly, they had sensed that there was Dragon Blood flowing inside the Half-Elf's body.

They were quite intrigued by this development, and even asked Keoza how Lux managed to acquire it.

Keoza didn't hide anything from the two of them, and explained that the blood was a pure blood essence that came from the previous Dragon Emperor.

Because of this, the two ladies believed that Lux's body was now capable of transforming into a Dragon. Keoza also mentioned that the Half-Elf had a special body constitution, which gave him Draconic strength and abilities.

In the end, Lady Augustina, and Empress Evangeline realized that there was no problem even if Lux and Aurelia were to become a couple.

With Draconic Blood running through his veins, it was very likely that he was capable of making Aurelia conceive, allowing their bloodline to continue.

Of course, the two ladies were also very amused that Valerie had become Lux's lover as well.

Both of them were even looking forward to knowing how the Dragon King of Karshvar Draconis would react, after he found out that his precious daughter had already become Lux's woman.

While Lady Faustina and Lady Augustina were having an afternoon tea together, things were getting lively inside Lux's Guild Headquarters.

"Mother, does the tea taste good?" Ari asked with a smile.

"It does taste good," Adeline replied. "In fact, it is the best tea I've had to drink so far."

"If you like, I can share with you the tea leaf combinations I use for this, Mother," Ari stated. "This is Ari's secret recipe that I am only willing to share with you."

"Thank you, Ari." Adeline smiled. "I look forward to it."

Not wanting to lose, Aina, also made sure to make a good impression of Adeline.

She even sat beside the beautiful elf, and did her best to engage her in conversation.

In fact, her expressionless face was showing so much expression that Lux, Iris, Cai, Valerie, Aurelia, Aurora, Ali, and Ari, thought that someone had kidnapped the real Aina and took her place.

But, to everyone's amusement, Aina was only able to keep her animated expression for half an hour before returning to her expressionless appearance.

She then stood up and sat on Lux's lap as if she was a mobile phone that required charging.

Of course, the Half-Elf was more than happy to help his lover recharge.

If they weren't in front of Adeline, he was certain that Little Lux would help fill her up with his energy as well.

Adeline couldn't believe that her son had so many fiances, and all of them were very beautiful.

Even her husband, Vincent, whom Lux had reluctantly summoned due to Adeline's pleading, was impressed by his son's harem.

Of course, the ladies also made sure to make a good impression on Vincent, but it didn't take long for them to realize that they didn't have to put a lot of effort to do that.

Why?

Vincent loved beautiful girls, and was even very jealous of his son for having a harem.

"If I was still alive, I would have also made a harem!" Vincent stated. "In fact, I'm confident that I would have a bigger harem than Lux. After all, between the two of us, I'm more handsome, right?"

Lux looked at his "father" in disdain.

The old man was clearly spouting nonsense.

How could he possibly be more handsome than him?

What a joke!

Adeline was also not too happy with how Vincent mentioned that he wanted to have a harem.

Realizing that he blundered, Vincent tried to pacify his wife, but it was too late.

In the end, it was Adeline who asked Lux to return Vincent's Soul to Blackfire, which the Half-Elf happily obliged.

After that small incident, Valerie and Aurelia found themselves sitting beside Adeline, due to the machinations of Iris and Cai.

The two ladies knew that the two Dragon Princesses wanted to know more about her, so they gave way and made it possible.

While this was happening, the Draco-Succubus, Ari, made an excuse of wanting to get some refreshments from the kitchen.

However, she made sure to grab Lux's hand and pulled him along with her, making her sister, Ali, arch an eyebrow.

"We'll be back soon," Ari winked at Ali, and the latter only shook her head helplessly.

They were going to stay in the territory of the Crystal Palace for a week, so she wasn't in a hurry to spend some private time with Lux.

But, Ari wasn't the same.

Ever since Lux took her first time, the beautiful handmaiden always seemed to be "in heat" whenever the Half-Elf was around.

Of course, the other ladies, with the exception of Adeline, knew this as well.

Because of this, they turned a blind eye to Ari's action because they knew that they would be able to spend some time with their lover as well.

This was especially true for Valerie, who had long been waiting to be embraced by the handsome Half-Elf, whom she hadn't seen for a while.

Chapter 1089: Changes In The Abyss

Three days after Valerie, Aina, Ali, and Ari, arrived at the Crystal Palace.

Lux lightly patted Valerie's head, which was resting on his shoulder.

Aurelia, who was looking at the two, couldn't help but be impressed when the Half-Elf raised Valerie's waist to pull his member out from inside of her.

His seed overflowed between her legs, creating an erotic sight that made Aurelia's body heat up.

Valerie's angelic face was flushed, and yet, the happiness, and satisfaction on her face was plain for them to see.

"My turn," Aurelia said as she planted a kiss on Valerie's right cheek before kissing the Half-Elf's cheek as well.

"Mmm," Valerie hummed as she rolled off Lux's body, giving way for Aurelia, who had allowed her to be the first one to make love to their lover.

"I missed you," Lux said before resting his hand on the back of Aurelia's head, and pulled her close.

Soon the two shared a passionate kiss, which was what Aurelia wanted to do.

Among Lux's lovers, Aurelia loved to be kissed the most.

Because of this, the Half-Elf obliged, and kissed her passionately as he slowly lowered her hips, so that Little Lux could kiss her womb as well.

A few hours later, the two Dragon Princesses laid on Lux's shoulders, as they did their pillow talk.

They had just finished washing each other's body, and were talking about their future plans.

"So, you snuck out of the Karshvar Draconis with the excuse of forming closer ties with the Crystal Palace?" Lux asked.

"Yes," Valerie replied.

"Valerie is still innocent," Aurelia replied. "I'm sure her father is thinking of matchmaking the two of us, so that the two Dragon Kingdoms will finally be at peace."

Lux could understand why the Dragon King would have that kind of thought. He understood that Karshvar Draconis and the Crystal Palace had conflicting interests, due to the succession of the throne.

So, he found that the union between Valerie and Aurelia seemed to be the most optimal choice in order to finally put the conflict to rest.

The Half-Elf wasn't well versed in politics, but he read plenty of novels back on Earth and understood that this was a method that Kings used in order to form an alliance with other kingdoms.

Of course, he only found this amusing because Aurelia, whom everyone thought of as the Dragon Prince, was actually a Dragon Princess.

Also, both Dragon Princesses were now his lovers, and were intent on having his babies.

He found this very endearing, so whenever he made love to them, he made sure to remove the Everlasting Ring, which prevented him from making his lovers conceive.

While the three of them were talking, their discussion shifted to the current situation in Elysium.

"Father said that we don't have to worry even if the Abyssal Creatures were to invade our world," Valerie stated. "He said that he had made adequate preparations for an invasion years ago."

"Oh?" Lux arched an eyebrow. "Your father is that confident? Maybe he is just saying that so you and your family won't worry."

"Perhaps." Valerie nodded. "Truth be told, I am scared. According to the history books that I read in our Library, billions of people died when the Abyssal Creatures descended upon our world. It was the darkest era of Elysium, and if what the Divine Army is saying is the truth, this invasion will happen soon."

Aurelia, who was also trained to become the next ruler of the Crystal Palace, also joined the discussion.

"My Aunt said that she had also made adequate preparations," Aurelia stated. "It seems that everyone thinks that this war is right around the corner. Although it doesn't show on their faces, everyone seems to be on edge as of late."

"Don't worry," Lux said before planting a kiss on Valerie's and Aurelia's foreheads. "We're going to be fine. The people of this world aren't that weak."

"Will you also fight when the Abyss invades our land?" Aurelia asked.

Lux nodded. "Of course."

The Half-Elf was confident that, with his and Eiko's forces under their command, they would be able to help the people of Elysium repel the invaders from the Abyss.

The war against the Divine Army had taught him many things. Because of this, he planned to travel the lands of Elysium, looking for ancient battlefields, where great wars were fought.

Glee had also visited the Nursery a day ago, and fed the Baby Slimes the Beast Cores that allowed them to learn the skill, Blast Bomb.

Currently, Eiko's best friend was stockpiling weapons of Mass Destruction that were being stored within the underground Kobold Nest, inside the floating island.

The production of the Gyrocopters had also started.

Lux's current advantage was his aerial superiority. Since his floating island could travel anywhere, they would be able to go to any battlefields and act as reinforcements.

He had already discussed this matter with Emma and General Garret, who were also making sure that their logistical preparations would be enough in the case there was a prolonged war against the Abyssal Creatures.

Lux had been in the Abyss once, and if they were just going to talk about statistics, he believed that the number of Demigods that the Abyss had was greater than the number of Demigods and Supremes in Elysium.

Of course, not all Demigods were Warmongers.

But, the majority of them were.

Although he wasn't certain, Lux believed that Queen Rhiannon and Antero would not side with the invaders this time around.

In fact, he also wanted to visit the Abyss undercover to better understand the strength of their forces.

But, the Domain of the Fallen, where the portal that led to the Abyss had been, no longer existed.

Also, Lux didn't know if it was possible for him to enter the Abyss by going to Zangrila.

The Kingdom that had been destroyed by the Abyss in the past, and the place where Lux met Gaap for the first time.

That place held a special place in Lux's heart because it was there where he had gained the qualifications to become a Heaven's Necromancer.

It was there when he made the choice about what kind of Necromancer he wanted to become.

It was there when he gained King Leoric's allegiance, allowing him to make the Wraith King his subordinate.

Unknown to everyone, a movement was happening within the Abyss.

Thirteenth Floor of the Abyss...

Queen Rhiannon was reading the reports of her subordinates about the recent movements of the Abyssal Lords in the Abyss.

She could sense the tension in the air, and she didn't like it.

"Little Rhiannon, are you worried?" an ancient voice asked, which made the Succubus Queen feel less anxious.

She then walked towards the Balcony of her room, and looked at the towering Golem, who was seated right beside their castle.

"Lord Antero, do you feel it?" Queen Rhiannon asked.

"Yes," Antero replied. "Portals... opening soon."

As the Primordial Golem of Destruction, Antero could feel any shift in the Abyss.

He had also sensed that something had happened at the lowest level of the Abyss, but he didn't make any move to investigate.

The reason?

It was due to the life that was currently inside the Succubus Queen's womb.

During pregnancy, a Succubus would be unable to use their full powers because most of their magical and physical strength was being absorbed by their unborn child.

The stronger the Succubus, the stronger their child would be when they were born.

Of course, the gestation period of a Succubus was different from a Human, especially if it was a high-ranking Succubus like Queen Rhiannon.

Instead of nine months, it would take fifteen to twenty months before they gave birth to their child.

Antero had no intention of leaving Queen Rhiannon alone during this period of time, especially now that the Hierarchy within the Abyss seemed to be changing.

As the Primordial Golem of Destruction, he stood at the Apex in the Abyss.

But, as if to make sure that the Succubus Queen wouldn't be disturbed by anyone, or anything, Antero had sealed the Portals that led to the Thirteenth Layer of the Abyss an hour ago.

He had waited until Queen Rhiannon's subordinates returned from their mission to gather the latest news about the other Layers in the Abyss.

Antero understood that getting information was also important, so he made sure to wait until all who were sent on their mission had returned.

The Golem of Destruction had sensed that something very unusual was happening on the bottom layers, which prompted him to take drastic measures to protect the one person in the Abyss that he considered to be his family.

Now that the Thirteenth Layer of the Abyss was sealed, they were cut off from the other Layers of the Abyss, whose leaders were also starting to feel the changes that were happening in their world.

Chapter 1090: Countless Horrors and Heartache

In a field of flowers sat two little girls.

One of the two little girls looked like she was around four to five years old.

Her short pink hair gently fluttered as she busied herself in creating a wreath of flowers for her little sister, who was seated beside her.

Her sister, who seemed to be around two years old, was helping her by handing her one flower after the other. This little girl had blonde hair and blue eyes.

Both of them looked like dolls due to how adorable and beautiful they were.

Not far from them, three adults were looking at the two girls with affectionate expressions on their faces.

One was a young lady who seemed to be in her early twenties, with long pink hair and pink eyes.

She was recording the scene of the two little girls with a magical artifact, which she would store in her personal collection.

Beside her was a red-headed Half-Elf, who was looking at the two girls fondly.

Last but not the least was a doll-like beauty, who was seated beside the Half-Elf as she looked at her daughter with a gentle smile on her face.

A few minutes later, the little girl with pink hair finished the wreath of flowers that she was making. She then placed it on her little sister's head, making the latter clap her hands happily.

Satisfied with her work, she then stood up and helped her sister stand up as well.

Both of them slowly walked towards their parents, who were watching them from the shade of the tree.

A chuckle escaped the Half-Elf's lips as he stood up to walk towards his daughters.

He could have waited for them to reach the tree, but he found his two angels too adorable to resist.

Seeing their Papa walk toward them, the two little girls squealed and walked faster with their hands spread wide.

The handsome Half-Elf scooped up his beloved daughters and peppered their cheeks with kisses, making the two girls giggle and squirm in his hold.

A minute later, both girls kissed their Papa on the cheeks, making him smile from ear to ear.

"Let's go home?" the Half-Elf asked his kids, and the two nodded their heads.

He then walked towards the tree where his two wives were waiting for him with a grin plastered on his face.

"Aurora, Aina, let's go home," Lux said.

"Okay," Aurora replied.

"Mmm." Aina nodded.

The family of five then walked side by side and later turned into particles of light.

Lux slowly opened his eyes and sighed.

The dream he just had was so sweet, making him feel warm and fuzzy inside.

Sleeping beside him were two naked beauties, who were sleeping peacefully with their heads resting on his chest.

They were none other than Aina and Aurora, who had spent the night with him.

Although Aurora was also in the room, the only one who went all the way with Lux a few hours ago was Aina.

He understood that Aurora wanted their first time to be special, so he only did foreplay with her and helped her find release.

Looking at the two sleeping ladies beside him, Lux couldn't help but remember the dream he just had.

'A family...' Lux thought.

Perhaps he had the dream due to his lovers' influence.

Valerie and Aurelia were not the only ones who wanted to give birth to his children. All of his lovers did, but he knew that it wasn't the right time to get all of them pregnant.

Ali and Ari, who had also spent the night with him, also made him promise that after Valerie had safely given birth, he would agree to make them conceive his child as well.

But just a few hours ago, Aina also made her wishes known, which surprised him.

Lux thought that getting pregnant was the last thing the doll-like beauty wanted to happen because she was still busy helping the Xeno Empire consolidate the new territories that he had given them.

Although Aina's parents were happy to have new territories under their rule, it also brought a lot of trouble, and not to mention, paperwork.

This made Aina's father, Victor, extremely busy.

When Lux asked if the doll-like beauty was sure of her decision, Aina said yes in a heartbeat.

Because of this, their lovemaking session had become a little rough. But in the end, Lux didn't remove the Everlasting Ring from his finger.

Aina also knew the reason, so she didn't say anything.

Right now, giving birth to a child was very risky, especially in light of the increased activity of the Abyssal Gates.

As the leader of the Guild, Serenity, and the Princess of the Xeno Empire, Aina needed to be in peak condition in order to face the possible invasion that would occur.

Having a baby would not only endanger her but also the child whom she was carrying as well.

As for Aurora, she didn't ask Lux for a child like the others.

She only wished to be by his side and stay with him forever.

Even so, Lux still had a dream where a pink-haired little girl, who had similar features to Aurora, was playing with Aina's baby girl.

Of course, since it was only a dream, he didn't really know if his future kids would truly look like the little girls in his dreams.

However, seeing them tugged his heartstrings, making him anticipate the day when he would hold his children in his arms.

Perhaps feeling lost in his thoughts, he subconsciously rubbed Aina's and Aurora's abdomens, feeling the softness of their skin.

Right now, there wasn't any obvious bulge to them, but in the future, he would certainly make that happen.

Lux, who was still deep in his thoughts, didn't notice that the eyes of the sleeping ladies beside him started to flutter.

Soon, the two of them opened their eyes and sleepily looked at the Half-Elf, who was still rubbing their abdomens.

Since Aina and Aurora were facing each other, both of them gave each other a knowing glance and closed their eyes at the same time.

The sun still hadn't risen, and it was too early to get up.

Because of this, they decided to sleep for a little while longer and return to their dream.

A dream where they were walking side by side with Lux while holding their daughters in their arms.

A dream where they no longer had to fight any wars and could spend their days in bliss with the company of their daughters and the Half-Elf, who had faced countless horrors and heartaches at World's End.

Chapter 1091: Do Unto Others What Eiko Would Do Unto You

A blissful week had passed in Elysium, allowing Lux to spend some quality time with his lovers.

However, he knew that Valerie, Ali, and Ari couldn't stay for long, and the day of parting had once again arrived.

"I love you," Valerie said as she gave Lux a hug. "I'll try to find another opportunity to sneak away from the castle to see you."

"I love you too," Lux replied as he reciprocated her hug and patted her head. "I look forward to seeing you again."

After their embrace ended, it was now Ali's and Ari's turn to say their goodbyes.

The two beautiful handmaidens didn't hold back and kissed Lux's lips, making sure that he wouldn't forget them anytime soon.

"Eat on time, sleep on time, and think of me on time, okay?" Ali said when her kiss ended.

"I will," Lux replied with a smile.

"As for me, you should think of me all the time," Ari said before cupping Lux's face to kiss him.

When the kiss ended, the Draco-Succubus whispered something in Lux's ears.

"I liked the bondage play," Ari whispered. "Let's try something different next time."

Lux looked at Ari with a devilish smile before lightly slapping the naughty handmaiden's backside.

Ari giggled, not minding the slap that Lux gave her. In fact, she even liked it when the Half-Elf was a bit rough with her.

Although it was hidden by the clothes she was wearing, the remnants of their bondage play were still visible on Ari's skin.

She didn't plan on removing them anytime soon and decided to let them heal naturally as a reminder of the incredible night that she had with her lover.

An hour later, the Dragon Princess of Karshvar Draconis, along with her two handmaidens, entered the portal with Lady Faustina.

"It's time for us to return as well," Iris said with regret.

"Indeed." Cai nodded.

Both of them had to assist the people from Barbatos Academy and the Rowan Tribe with their planned migration to the Fynn Kingdom.

Adeline also needed to return to Solais in order to talk to her parents back in the Elven Kingdom.

Truth be told, the Elves were also doing their best to secure their own territory in Elysium just in case the Miasma reached their Domain.

Although it might take a few years for that to happen, starting early would allow them to find a good place to settle down in the future.

The other Kingdoms were doing the same.

Adeline had already gotten permission from Lux to allow her parents to live in the Fynn Kingdom if the worst-case scenario were to happen.

Lux also returned to Solais to inform Wildgarde Stronghold that they could build their own encampment in his Kingdom.

Although there had been mishaps in his relationship with the Guardian of the Stronghold, the fact still remained that they had taken good care of him while he was growing up.

Lux didn't mind repaying this favor because, for him, the people in Wildgarde Stronghold, with the exception of Nero, were all good people.

Days passed.

Weeks passed.

And before long, a month had passed since Valerie's visit to Lux's Guild Headquarters.

During this time, the two Baby Slimes that had successfully infiltrated the Island Nation of Torstein had become very popular with the citizens there.

In fact, both of them had become so popular that certain Restaurants and Taverns now had the flag of the Boom Boom Pirate Crew fluttering on the roof of their establishments.

Of course, they only did this after gaining Eiko's permission.

Those who blatantly used her reputation to do misdeeds were given swift and deadly punishments by her crew, who wouldn't tolerate anyone tarnishing their Princess' reputation.

At first, the Nobles and the Royal Family of the Torstein Nation didn't pay Eiko too much attention because the Baby Slime was well behaved and didn't cause unnecessary trouble.

In fact, she was so good that she even actively wiped out bandit groups in the region on a regular basis.

Of course, the Royal Family had no idea about the main reason as to why the Boom Boom Pirate Crew voluntarily did "good deeds," which was to steal the treasures and resources that the bandits had accumulated over the years.

After many successful bandit subjugations, Eiko was treated like a hero by the locals of the Island Nation.

The Nobles were also happy about this because, without bandits threatening their Domain, their people could live in peace, and trade would flow ceaselessly.

Eiko and Fei Fei loved treasures. But more than anything else, they loved good food.

Because of this, restaurants that got Eiko's nod of approval were allowed to raise the Boom Boom Pirate Crew flag in their establishments.

Since Eiko was considered a Hero of the Masses, the places she visited became very popular, similar to the restaurants that celebrities frequently visited back on Earth.

She had also begun trading with the Merchants, buying the spices they had for sale in bulk.

Of course, the Baby Slime was buying these spices for her own personal consumption.

She had employed the greatest chefs in the Ford Federation to become her personal chefs and accompany her in his journey to conquer—errrr, explore the different Island Nations in the Seven Seas.

In the two months that Eiko was in the Torstein Nation, her fame had reached unprecedented heights.

Fanatics emerged and started a religion in her name.

Some of these fanatics were skilled artists—like painters and sculptors.

They even asked her to pose in her Fairy Princess Form, holding the Golden Anchor in her hands.

Soon, the Boom Boom Religion spread like wildfire, similar to a cult.

This religion only had one rule, and that was the Golden Rule.

"Do unto others what Eiko would do unto you."

Altars with her statue were built in almost every village, every town, and every city.

Before long, something miraculous happened.

Eiko gained the power of Faith.

As the number of her believers grew, so did her strength.

According to Avery, it would only be a matter of days before Eiko broke through and became an Empyrean Ranked Fairy Princess.

When the Royal Family realized what had happened, it was already too late for them to do anything.

A quarter of the Torstein Nation was now a part of the Boom Boom Religion, and it was only a matter of time before it spread further.

Because of this, the King politely invited Eiko to the Royal Palace in order to discuss this issue.

Eiko didn't understand these things, so she decided to let Captain Jack Spawow and Avery do the talking.

In the end, a compromise was made, and the Boom Boom Religion was only allowed to have their temples, altars, and shrines in the Southern Region of the Torstein Kingdom.

Even with this compromise, the King wasn't able to stop the masses from purchasing the Eiko statues and dolls that were being sold by her believers in every part of the Nation.

Because of this, Eiko's power of Faith continued to accumulate.

Avery and Captain Jack Spawow, who knew that this was a good thing, decided that it was time to spread the Boom Boom Religion to other places in the Seven Seas.

So, after a month had passed, they left the Torstein Nation and headed to their next destination.

The Power of Faith was the power of miracles.

Avery believed that the more believers Eiko had, the more powerful she would be in the future.

As a Peak Demigod, Avery could also feel that their peaceful days were numbered.

But until the day that the world was drowned in darkness, he would continue to raise Eiko's Power of Faith, allowing her to play a greater role in the greatest battle that the world would ever see.

Chapter 1092: Your True Conquest Is About To Begin

The Black-Robed Man and Nyarlathotep frowned as they looked at the Portal that would lead them to the 13th Floor of the Abyss.

They were currently on the 14th Floor, and they had just subjugated the Demigod who ruled it.

For the past three months, they had visited all the levels of the Abyss and made those who ruled them kneel one after the other.

With every Demigod that they defeated, their forces grew stronger until they became an unstoppable force.

In the end, those who didn't want to lose their lives could only bow their heads and submit to the Black-Robed Man, who was hell-bent on taking over the world where the Abyssal Creatures resided.

Unfortunately, his one-sided conquest ended at the 14th Floor.

The Portal leading to the 13th Floor wasn't working, and no matter what they did, it remained firmly closed.

Truth be told, the other Demigods who got wind of the Black-Robed Man's conquest wanted to destroy the Portals that led to their floors. However, this was impossible to do.

The Portals that led from one Abyssal Floor to another were nearly indestructible. Even if they were destroyed, they would just spawn again due to the power of the Abyss.

Antero knew this as well, so he didn't try destroying the gates and instead sealed them.

As the first creature who was spawned alongside the Abyss, the Golem of Destruction possessed some authority over it.

Because of this, he was able to seal the Portals that led to the 13th Floor, preventing anyone from harming the Succubus Queen, whom he treated as family.

Of course, to ensure that his plan was foolproof, he had also sealed the portal that would allow those from the 12th Floor to enter the 13th Floor.

So, although it was impossible to jump from the 14th Floor to the 12th Floor, the Golem of Destruction didn't plan to take any chances.

Antero was powerful, and with the exception of the Outer God who was at the lowest level of the Abyss, none of the Abyssal Nobles could defeat it.

But even though he was strong, he had one weakness, and that was Queen Rhiannon. She was the only one whom he treated as a family member, so he

was willing to go above and beyond to ensure her safety as well as the new life that was currently inside her womb.

"Who is the ruler of the next floor?" the Black-Robed Man asked the Demigod whom he had just subjugated.

This Demigod went by the name Polo, and he was the ruler of the 14th Floor.

"The ruler of the 13th Floor is the Succubus Queen, Rhiannon," Polo replied.

"Is she strong?" the Black-Robed Man asked.

"She isn't that strong, but after she subjugated the 12th Floor, her strength drastically increased," Polo answered. "I believe that, currently, she is nearing the Peak of the Demigod Rank, making her the strongest Demigod within the first 20 Floors of the Abyss."

The Black-Robed Man frowned after hearing Polo's explanation. Even though a Demigod was strong, they simply didn't have the power to close the portal of the Abyss that led to their Domain.

"My Lord, I think I have an idea as to why this has happened," a Demigod, who looked like a Mindflayer, commented. "I have heard rumors that the Primordial Golem of Destruction, Antero, has returned to the Abyss. He has some kind of relationship with Queen Rhiannon. Perhaps he knows that you are coming and is unable to protect her.

"Because of this, he decided to close off the Portals, preventing anyone from entering the territory of the Succubus Queen."

The Black-Robed Man frowned after hearing this explanation.

Of course, he knew who Antero was.

There was no one in the Abyss who didn't know who the Golem of Destruction was. He had even fought Antero once, and that battle was still fresh in his memory.

The overwhelming strength of the Golem of Destruction was something he wasn't too keen on facing. Even with the power he had acquired from the Azathoth, he believed that he wouldn't be able to defeat the Primordial Golem that easily.

"Is there no other way to go to the 13th Floor?" the Black-Robed Man asked.

"Perhaps, there is," the Demigod who looked like a Mindflayer replied. "But I am not aware of such methods because we have only relied on the Portals to travel through the different levels of the Abyss."

All the other Demigods, who had accompanied the Black-Robed Man, nodded their heads in agreement.

Nyarlathep scoffed at the useless fools, but since it also didn't know any methods to bypass this hurdle, it decided to just keep its silence.

"Very well," the Black-Robed Man said after pondering for a while. "We don't need the 13th Floor up to the 1st Floor to do what we need to do. Everyone, go back to your respective domains and prepare to invade the worlds of Elysium and Solais."

The Abyssal Demigods nodded their heads and did as they were told. The Black-Robed Man had shown them a power that they were unable to resist.

They even felt pity for the two worlds that they were about to invade. There was simply no chance for them to overcome the united invasion of the creatures from the Abyss.

When the Abyssal War started over a hundred years ago, there were dozens of Demigods who chose not to participate in the war.

These Demigods now ruled the Floors where the previous Lords had died in battle. Unfortunately, this strategy would not work a second time.

The Black-Robed Man was dead set on commanding all the Demigods of the Abyss to participate in the invasion, bringing all of their forces to the two worlds that he wanted to conquer.

When everyone had left, Nyarlathep approached the Black-Robed Man with an amused expression on its alien-looking face.

The main reason why the Black-Robed Man was able to subdue the other Demigods who had banded together to resist him was due to Nyarlathep overwhelming strength.

The vile Outer God of Madness, Chaos, and Ruin was quite powerful to the point that it had forcefully controlled the subordinates of the Demigods who opposed them and made them mad.

Once they had become insane, Nyarlathotep manipulated them to betray their Lords and massacre their comrades in arms.

Because of this, even though many Demigods had formed a resistance group against the Black-Robed Man, they all failed in the end and had no other choice than to either submit or perish under the Outer God's might.

"Your true conquest is about to begin," Nyarlathotep said. "How do you feel?"

"Feel?" the Black-Robed Man asked back. "I suppose I will feel satisfied once I conquered Elysium and Solais. But right now, I don't feel anything. Not excitement, not anxiety, nothing. The only thing I feel is strength. Power that would allow me to crush those who oppose me.

"Frankly, I don't think that there is anyone alive who can stop me. But if there is, I look forward to the challenge. Perhaps I will feel something once again after the many years of solitude here in the Abyss."

Nyarlathotep chuckled. "Then what about the Pillars that you spoke of? The Pillars that will allow you to ascend to Godhood. Doesn't that excite you?"

The Black-Robed Man paused as if remembering something very nostalgic that happened in the past.

"Perhaps that will excite me," the Black-Robed Man admitted. "I had tried to become a God. Maybe this time, it will become a reality."

Nyarlathotep didn't say anything else and only nodded its head.

It had already tried to pry the darkest secret out of the Black-Robed Man using its vile powers. But the only thing he was able to grasp was the man's interest in the Pillars of Eternity.

Maybe the process of collecting these Divine Artifacts would elicit some sort of reaction from him. But currently, the only thing that the Outer God could feel in the man's heart was a certainty that no one would be able to stand in his way.

Chapter 1093.1: Emergency Meeting [Part 1]

Lux, who had just finished sparring with Hana (Fox Lady) and Cleo (Saintess of Agartha), was wiping away his sweat with a towel, when the Oracle of the Divine Army, Maeve, entered the training room with an anxious look on her face.

"Master, I had a vision," Maeve said. "The Abyssal Invasion will start seven days from now."

Lux looked at the Oracle with a solemn look on his face before asking her to tell him everything about the vision that she saw.

"A week from now, just before sunset, countless Abyssal Gates will open in Elysium and Solais," Maeve said while trying her best to prevent her voice from cracking. "It is a full-blown invasion, and blood will spill and flow like rivers."

Maeve's hands were trembling, which showed just how much she was affected by her vision.

"Did you see anything else?" Lux inquired. "Like the outcome of the war?"

"N-No, but... I saw Master in my vision." Maeve's lips trembled as she looked at the Half-Elf with moist eyes. "Master, you ceased to exist."

An hour after Maeve shared her vision with Lux, the Half-Elf held an emergency meeting inside his Guild Headquarters.

He had made sure to call Aina, Aurelia, Hereswith, and Lady Augustina to join the meeting.

The Half-Elf had asked Maeve to keep the part about him ceasing to exist to herself because Lux didn't want to make anyone feel anxious about this information.

When everyone was gathered, Lux once again asked the Oracle to tell everyone the vision that she saw.

After repeating what she had said to Lux, the faces of everyone inside the room turned grim.

If it was an ordinary person who said these words, people would definitely treat it as fake news.

However, this news came from the Oracle, who was once part of the Divine Army, which gave her words some credibility.

"You have heard what Maeve has to say," Lux stated. "Make sure to inform everyone about it. I will also do my best to warn the rest of the world about the upcoming invasion. So, please do your best to prepare for the upcoming battle."

Lady Augustina looked at the Half-Elf with a calm expression on her face.

"Lux, where will you be when the Abyssal Invasion starts?" Lady Augustina asked.

Right now, Lux had one of the strongest armies in the world, and wherever he would be was the safest place in the world.

"I will be in Solais when the invasion starts," Lux stated. "The Six Kingdoms only have a handful of Saints protecting it. I can't let them fight alone. However, I will split my forces. The Floating Island will stay here in the territory of the Crystal Palace.

"They will assist Lady Augustina in dealing with the threats that might endanger this territory."

Lux owed the Crystal Palace a debt, for they had allowed them to seek asylum to their domain when the Divine Army was hunting them down.

Although he didn't believe that the Abyssal Creatures would be able to overpower the Dragons in this invasion, he didn't want to take any chances. Especially since Aurelia was his lover.

As for Karshvar Draconis, he believed that the current Dragon King was strong enough to defend his domain.

Eiko, Avery, and Captain Jack Spawow, who were also in the meeting, were paying close attention to whatever Lux was saying.

After answering Lady Augustina, the Half-Elf glanced at Aina with a serious expression on his face.

If possible, he wanted her and her family to stay inside his Guild Headquarters to keep them safe.

However, he knew that she would reject this offer.

Currently, the Xeno Empire was consolidating their power, and if they abandoned their people during this crucial time, they would lose their respect and loyalty.

This was very fatal for any King or Emperor because the moment their subjects lost faith in them, their rule would not last for a long time.

"I will send Asmodeus to help defend the Xeno Empire alongside ten Calamity-Ranked Monsters," Lux stated. "I will also add the King of Exile and his subordinates as your personal protectors. However, if these forces are to be annihilated, you and your family must teleport to my Guild Headquarters immediately. Do I make myself clear?"

Aina nodded her head in understanding. She was beyond thankful that Lux had decided to send forces to help protect their Empire from the Abyssal Invasion, proving how important she was in his heart.

The Half-Elf then shifted his attention to Princess Anastasia, Lilian, Commander Thoram (Stronghold of Norria), Keelan (Guildmaster of the Adventurer's Guild), and Nevreal, whom he had asked to come to their Guild Headquarters as soon as possible.

"Lilian, I will send ten Calamity Ranked Monsters to help you defend Leaf Town," Lux stated. "I will also send an additional twenty Calamity-Ranked Monsters to help defend the Kingdom of Gweliven. I would like to send more, but frankly, my forces will be stretched too thin if I do that. I hope you understand that this is the best that I can do at the moment."

Princess Anastasia, Lilian, Commander Thoram, Keelan, and Nevreal all nodded their heads in understanding.

The Dwarf Princess was feeling very anxious, but she felt a lot better when Lux stated that he would send them Calamity-Ranked Monsters to help defend their Kingdom.

"Cleo and Sion, I don't know if any Abyssal Gates will appear in Agartha since it is located at the core of this world. But just in case, I will send twenty Calamity-Ranked Monsters to help defend it. Make sure to inform Aurora's father about the invasion and make proper arrangements for the Monsters that will help protect your kingdom."

The two Saints of Agartha nodded their heads to acknowledge Lux's words.

Aurora, who was also in the meeting room, had a very anxious look on her face because she was worried about her family. Even so, she hoped that the Kingdom of Agartha would not be invaded by the Abyssal Creatures who had failed to enter their Domain when they first invaded Elysium.

The Half-Elf then looked at Eiko, Avery, and Captain Jack Spawow. He had some reservations about his Baby Slime, but he believed that she had already grown strong enough to protect herself and those who believed in her.

"Eiko, as much as I want the two of us to fight together, it is best if we fight separately this time," Lux stated.

The Baby Slime was surprised after hearing her Papa's words because she thought that she would be fighting with him during the Abyssal Invasion.

Her eyes moistened up because she thought that her Papa didn't want to be with her, but Lux's next words made her realize that not only did she care about her, but he believed in her as well.

Chapter 1094.2: Emergency Meeting [Part 2]

"Eiko, I love you, and I believe in you," Lux said after seeing the teary-eyed Baby Slime. "Because of this, I will need your help to protect the Ford Federation and the Fynn Kingdom."

"Pa?" Eiko looked at her Papa with a confused look on her face.

"You are now the leader of the Ford Federation, and people believe in you as well," Lux smiled. "I heard from Blackfire that the Boom Boom Church is now one of the biggest religions in the Seven Seas. Is that true?"

"Pa!" Eiko replied, somewhat feeling proud that she was now a symbol of authority in the Seven Seas.

Lux nodded. "Good. Then, I ask you to order your Pirate Crew to help protect it. The Saints and Supremes that belong to the Ford Federation will help defend that Domain. I will also give them an additional ten Calamity-Ranked Beast to reinforce their defenses.

"As for you, I will need you, Avery, and Poseidon to help defend the Fynn Kingdom. It is where our people will migrate to in the future, and we must protect it at all cost. Also, it is your Grandpa's and Grandma's kingdom, so you should protect it to the best of your abilities.

"I will also send twenty Calamity-Ranked Monsters to help you defend it. Make sure to keep it safe."

Eiko nodded with a determined look on her face. "Pa!"

Lux smiled. "Good girl."

Truth be told, the main reason why he didn't want to let Eiko fight with him was due to Maeve's vision.

He didn't understand what the Oracle meant when she said that he ceased to exist, but if that were to really become a reality, he didn't want the Baby Slime to suffer the same fate as him.

After dividing his forces, the Half-Elf still had a little over fifty Calamity-Ranked Monsters that he could summon to fight for him.

Although he had hundreds of Saints whom Blackfire had captured during his rampage in Elysium, he intended to let them return to their respective Kingdoms in order to help defend their land in the upcoming invasion.

Although this would greatly reduce the number of Power Houses he could summon, he was doing this for the bigger picture.

The Beast King, who was also in the meeting, was tasked to protect his people from the upcoming invasion.

Lux didn't have enough forces to spare him additional reinforcements, but Dilan was already grateful that he was allowed to fight for his homeland.

Hereswith would help defend Espoir Frieden, where the World Tree was located.

This was one of the priority targets of the Abyssal Creatures, and having his Master holding the Fort would give Lux some peace of mind.

The Blackrock Clan, the Dryads, as well as the other representatives of the Wanid Kingdom were also part of the meeting and had been informed of the upcoming invasion.

All of them planned to gather at the Ancient City, which was located at the center of their Kingdom, creating a united front.

Although Lux wanted to send some Calamity-Ranked Monsters to reinforce them, he refrained from doing so.

Right now, his forces were stretched too thin, and he knew that he couldn't afford to decrease his personal army even further.

The only saving grace was that the Blackrock Clan and the Dryads were all part of Heaven's Gate.

In the worst-case scenario, all of them could just teleport to the Floating Island and escape annihilation as a last resort.

As for the Succubi and the Satyrs, all of them would remain on the floating island to help defend it.

The Succubi were quite worried about Queen Rhiannon, who was the ruler of the 13th Layer of the Abyss.

But after Lux assured them that Antero was there to protect her, their worries decreased drastically. If the Golem of Destruction was not able to protect Queen Rhiannon, no one would be able to protect her at all.

They all knew that the Primordial Golem treated the Succubus Queen differently, so her safety was ensured.

Lux also didn't believe that Queen Rhiannon would join the Abyssal Invasion. His gut instinct was telling him that, although they had a shaky beginning, Queen Rhiannon was now definitely on their side.

When the meeting ended, Lux summoned his Battle Angel, Seraphina, to make a worldwide announcement.

He wanted to share the news with every corner of the world. Eriol and Max cooperated, allowing her announcement to be heard in both Solais and Elysium.

"People of the World, I come with a message from the Gods. Seven Days from now, the Abyssal invasion will begin. Monsters from the Abyss will appear in our world, and rivers of blood will flow.

"This is a time when all must work hand in hand to help defend everything that we hold sacred.

"May fortune favor your valor in the crucible of war, turning every challenge into triumph and adversity into opportunity.

"For Hearth and Home, victory will be ours!"

Seraphina's divine voice spread far and wide, reaching every corner of Elysium and Solais, including the Kingdom of Agartha, which was located deep beneath the Lands of Elysium.

After the announcement was made, a worldwide panic took place. But Lux knew that this was for the best.

There was a saying that Forewarned is Forearmed.

Even though this worldwide panic was inevitable, the moment things settled down, the rulers of their respective lands would calm down and start preparing for the upcoming battle.

Eriol also took an active role in giving Divine Messages to the Priestesses and Seers of the lands of Elysium, informing them that the announcement that they all heard was real.

The Six Kingdoms gathered to have an emergency in Barbatos Academy after the announcement was heard.

Lux was already there, alongside Alexander and Maximilian.

Although the Six Kingdoms didn't want to admit it, in times of hardships, they could only rely on these people to help them overcome the danger that was about to descend upon their land.

Lux only had one thing to say, and that was he couldn't protect everyone.

He advised the Six Kingdoms to do the best they could to protect themselves.

Of course, Lux wasn't that heartless and promised to assign two Calamity-Ranked Monsters to each Kingdom.

This was the best he could do for them. As for the rest, they could only pray that a gate would not appear near their territory.

Lux had also ordered the entirety of Wildgarde Stronghold to seek refuge in Barbatos Academy.

Maximilian had returned to the Rowan Tribe's Ancestral Lands in order to bring his people to Barbatos Academy, where the Half-Elf would be stationed as its Protector.

Eiko, Fei Fei, Glee, and all the Baby Slimes in Leaf Town and in Lux's Guild Headquarters were stockpiling Blast Bombs, which Glee and Eiko would turn into tactical nukes.

The Game-Shin Merchant Guild had decided to bring their people to the Floating Island and let them stay in the Town of Edea in order to prepare for the upcoming war against the forces of the Abyss.

The Divine Army and Memento Mori also announced their participation in this war.

This made the people of Elysium feel a bit better, knowing that two powerful factions who were once against each other had decided to work together for a common cause.

While all this was happening, Lux was also making his own preparations for the greatest battle of his life.

He didn't know whether Maeve's vision would come true or not, but he was certain of one thing.

Whatever was going to happen, he would be there on the frontlines of war to protect everything that he held sacred in his heart.

Chapter 1095.1: Before The World Comes To An End [Part 1]

A day after Lux asked Seraphina to make the worldwide announcement, the various Kingdoms and Empires in the two worlds, Elysium and Solais, began to move.

Those who took the announcement seriously held meetings and rallied their troops.

Of course, there were other rulers who didn't take the announcement seriously.

However, their ministers and generals advised that, even if the message was fake, they should at least make some kind of preparation just in case the announcement was true.

In the end, these rulers decided to delegate these matters to the people who took the announcement seriously.

A decision that these rulers would regret in the future.

Fynn Kingdom...

The giant Bone Ship, Poseidon, hovered above the capital city of the Fynn Kingdom.

Eiko was tasked to protect this place by her Papa, and for this reason, she took it very seriously.

She already told the Pirates in the Ford Federation about the upcoming Abyssal Invasion and also assigned the Three Supremes, as well as the other Saints that belonged to that region, to defend it.

Princess Camilia, who was the temporary Steward of the Fynn Kingdom, had already assigned the Generals, as well as the High-Ranking Nobles, to create

temporary evacuation sites where the people could take shelter just in case an Abyssal Gate appeared in their territory.

Upon hearing the news, the majority of the citizens of the Fynn Kingdom decided to migrate to the capital city, where the strongest powers of the Kingdom were gathered.

Fortunately, the Fynn Kingdom had an underground shelter beneath its capital city, which the first King of the Kingdom had constructed during his reign.

Although it wasn't big enough to accommodate all of the citizens of the Kingdom, it still gave others a place to stay in preparation for the upcoming invasion.

Karshvar Draconis...

"The time has finally come," the Dragon King softly muttered as he stood on the balcony of the Royal Palace.

His hands were clasped behind his back as he looked at the capital city that had stood for thousands of years.

A moment later, a sigh escaped his lips as he raised his hands.

The air around him fluctuated as a ripple of power radiated from his body.

"Rally to me!" the Dragon King shouted.

His powerful voice was carried by the wind and reached all the Floating Islands that belonged to his kingdom, including the islands of the Outer Reaches.

Soon, all the floating islands started moving and slowly flew toward the capital city of Rex Lapis.

In order to overcome the Abyssal Invasion, all of the Dragons and Dragon Borns under his rule must unite and stand as one.

He would not take this invasion lightly, and he even planned to awaken the Elders of the Dragonkind who had sworn to protect their race from any threats that would endanger their survival.

Having finished what he needed to do, the Dragon King took a deep breath in order to regain the strength he used when he merged the Floating Islands together.

Half a minute later, he glanced to his side, where a man, who seemed to be in his early forties and was wearing black robes, stood with a smile on his face.

"Appolyon, what are you doing here?" the Dragon King asked in a cold tone.

The man standing before him was none other than the Supreme Leader of Memento Mori, one of the powerful organizations in the world that no one wanted to offend.

"There is only one reason why I am here, Azza," Appolyon replied. "I came here for the Dragon Graveyard."

The Dragon King, Azza, looked at the man in front of him with a calm expression on his face.

If these were normal times, he would have already attacked the man before him due to the absurdity of his words.

But the current time was nowhere near normal.

The previous Dragon King had left a dying will.

He decreed that if the Abyss were to once again descend into the world, the reigning Dragon King must surrender the Floating Island, where the Graveyard of the Dragons was located, to the current leader of Memento Mori.

The number of Power Houses in Elysium had long degraded after the first Abyssal War.

In order to compensate for the disparity in numbers, the dead Dragons must rise to protect the living.

Azza clenched and unclenched his fists because the Dragon Graveyard was sacred to their race.

It was the most protected island in Karshvar Draconis, second only to the Capital City of Rex Lapis, where the Dragon King reigned.

The reason why it was heavily protected was to ensure that Necromancers couldn't sneak inside and desecrate the remains of the Dragons, who chose it to be their last resting place.

After a while, the internal battle inside his mind ended.

Although he was still unwilling, he reluctantly nodded his head.

"Promise me one thing," Azza said through gritted teeth. "Unless it is a last resort, do not raise the dead of the Dragon Kind."

Appolyon sighed before nodding his head.

"You have my word," Appolyon replied.

The Dragon King then rose towards the sky and made a gesture for Appolyon to follow him.

Azza knew that, sometimes, sacrifices must be made for the greater good.

Lady Augustina looked at the beautiful elf in front of her with a frown.

Hereswith had personally asked for an audience with her in order to discuss the possibility of raising the dead Dragons that belonged in the Crystal Palace for the upcoming war.

Similar to the Dragon King, Azza, she was very reluctant to agree to this.

However, she also understood that this was something that would help bolster their forces and help them repel the invaders.

Also, Hereswith was no ordinary Necromancer.

She was a Heaven's Necromancer and Lux's Grandmaster.

Since she had a connection with the Half-Elf, who was now Aurelia's secret lover, Lady Augustina believed that Hereswith wouldn't do anything that would harm the Crystal Palace or break ties with them.

If there was one Necromancer that she would allow to enter their Graveyard, it would be none other than Hereswith.

"Very well," Lady Augustina said. "But, after we win, you will let them get the eternal rest that they deserve."

"Okay." Herewith nodded. "You have my word."

The other Necromancers of Memento Mori were also visiting the Ancient Battlefields all over the world, raising their Undead Armies and increasing their ranks.

Out of the Seven Stars of Calamity, Memento Mori had only managed to gather five of them.

Hereswith was able to find one of them, and it was now her contracted Beast.

After losing Antero, Herewith had lost one of her most powerful Trump Cards. Even so, the Star of Calamity that was now under her command would play its role when the Abyssal Monsters invaded their lands.

Chapter 1096.2: Before The World Comes To An End [Part 2]

Barbatos Academy...

Thousands of people had gathered in the city where Barbatos Academy was located.

These people knew that this was the safest place among the Six Kingdoms, so they didn't hesitate to travel far in order to gain the academy's protection.

In fact, the members of the Royal Families of the Six Kingdoms, with the exception of their Kings and Queens, had sent all of their children to Barbatos Academy for protection.

In the case that their Kingdom fell and they perished, their royal bloodline would at least be safe behind the walls of the academy.

"I wish to fight by Father's side, but he wanted me to hide in this place," the Barbarian Prince, Amastan Mordosk, who had been part of Lux's entourage whenever they challenged the Gates of the Apocalypse, said with a frown.

"This is so depressing."

His sister, Fiora Mordosk, sighed beside him and nodded her head. "Father has his duties, just like we have our own. His duty is to protect our kingdom, while our duty is to stay alive. It can't be helped."

They, along with their brothers and sisters, had been ordered to travel to Barbatos Academy and stay there until the Abyssal Invasion was over.

Similar to their situation, the other Royal Families, including the Elven Royal Family, were also inside the academy grounds.

Alexander had already prepared their accommodation and asked Alicia to tell their guests about the house rules so that there wouldn't be any quarrels in the future.

Enlil Neifion, the Sixth Elven Prince of the Elswyth Kingdom, was also feeling restless. However, just like his brothers and sisters, the only thing he could do was behave until the battle was over.

He hoped beyond hope that the Abyssal Gates would not appear in their Kingdom, allowing the Elven Race to survive this calamity.

Just as everyone was feeling anxious and restless, they saw a familiar face walking through the academy grounds.

It was none other than Lux, who had made a name for himself in both Solais and Elysium.

They had initially known him as Iris' Stepbrother and only came to know more about him during the Tournament in Barbatos Academy.

The Half-Elf had come a long way and had surpassed them in strength, power, and influence.

He was their beacon of hope.

Although he was just a High-Ranker, weaker than Alexander and Maximilian, the forces under his command far surpassed the power of the two Saints combined, making him the strongest person in the Six Kingdoms.

The Princes of the Six Kingdoms envied him.

The Princesses adored him.

Some of these ladies even took the initiative to approach him, including the proud Princesses of the Elves.

They, who looked down on Half-Elves whom they believed as a stain to their race, were doing their best to gain his recognition and affection.

Lux, for his part, politely rejected their advances, telling them that he already had many fiances and was no longer looking for more.

Even so, these proud Princesses, who believed that they were more qualified than Iris to become his lover, didn't give up.

However, they understood that they also couldn't force themselves on him because they still had their pride as members of the Royal Family.

In the end, they backed away and gave him some space.

They would wait until the war was over before they tried again to court him and allow their respective kingdoms to gain a backer that could move unhindered in both Elysium and Solais.

"Someone sure is popular," Cai, who was in her Boar Form, said as she stood beside the Half-Elf. "Those snotty Elven Princesses were practically sticking their breasts to your body. Did it feel good?"

"Your breasts feel better," Lux replied in a volume that only Cai was able to hear.

"It's so hard to tease you when you're speaking the truth," Cai said with a smug expression on her face. "Are you worried about the upcoming war?"

"A bit," Lux replied. "How about you?"

"Just a bit as well," Cai answered. "Lux, can you see Spirits?"

"Only the Spirits of the Dead," Lux replied. "Why?"

Cai didn't answer right away. Instead, she looked at her fiance, who had countless orbs of different colors sticking to his body.

In her eyes, Lux looked like a moving snowman because every part of his body, including his clothes, had several spirits clinging onto them.

These were all Spirits of the various elements, and they had all gathered around Lux as if they were all seeking his protection from the things that might bring them harm.

"Because, if you could see them right now, you might feel troubled," Cai chuckled.

The Boar didn't care to explain what she was seeing, making the Half-Elf arch his eyebrow.

A moment later, Lux asked Cai a question that was nagging in his mind.

"Cai, if I were to die, what would you do?" Lux asked.

"Mmm? Nothing," Cai replied.

"Nothing? Why?"

"Because you're not going to die, duh!"

The Boar then used her tusk to poke Lux's body, making the latter take a few steps back in order to evade her poking.

"I'm just talking about the IF scenario," Lux stated. "What would you do if that happened?"

"It's not going to happen, so I don't need to think about it," Cai answered in a firm tone. "Also, stop talking nonsense. If you say one more word about dying, I'll go to Iris right now and tell her that neither of us will be sleeping with you for a week. Let's see if you can endure until then!"

The Half-Elf could only smile bitterly after hearing Cai's threat.

Suddenly, a thought came to his mind.

"Hey, Cai," Lux said as he cupped the Boar's face and looked at her with a solemn expression on his face. "You want to have a baby with me? This time, I'll make it a reality."

The Boar blinked once then twice as she looked at her lover, who was looking at her with a serious gaze.

"I don't want to," Cai replied. "You promised me that you would give me your baby after two to three years, so we will stick to that condition. You better not kick the bucket before then, you hear me? I'm too young to be a widow."

Lux sighed before reluctantly releasing Cai's head from his grasp.

"Very well," Lux replied. "You better prepare yourself because, when the promised time comes, I'll make sure that you will conceive my child."

"Mmm, I look forward to that day as well." Cai nodded. "But, Lux, why are you talking like this? Is there something on your mind?"

Lux shook his head. "No. I'm just being stupid. Don't mind me, Cai. Let's sleep together tonight with Iris."

"Okay." Cai nodded. "Make sure to rest early later, and don't keep us waiting."

After saying those words, the Boar walked away from him in search of Iris.

The Half-Elf watched her back until she entered the academy, disappearing from his view.

Left with nothing to do, he flew above the academy to check the surroundings. Everyone was doing something to prepare for the upcoming war, which was a good thing.

As he scanned his surroundings, he found a pink-haired lady, sitting on top of the clock tower of the academy.

Having sensed his gaze upon her, Aurora waved at Lux and motioned for him to come to her side.

Lux felt something tug at his heartstrings upon seeing the young lady, who had followed him from Agartha.

'I guess it's about time we take that last step,' Lux thought as he flew toward Aurora.

Deep inside his heart, he didn't want to believe Maeve's words. However, he couldn't dismiss it either.

This was why he had been feeling restless since a day ago, and his heart had still not calmed down since then.

If what the Oracle saw really came to pass, Lux would definitely leave behind the people that he held dear in his heart.

So, in order to not have any regrets, he intended to spend as much time as possible with them...

Before the world came to an end.

Chapter 1097.1: Beneath The Moonlight, And The Starry Skies [Part 1]

"This place is beautiful," Aurora said softly as she looked at the field of flowers that surrounded a lake.

An hour before sunset, Lux had brought her to this place in order to spend some time with her, as well as to help him temporarily forget the Oracle's cryptic words.

Lux accidentally found this place while he was flying between Barbatos Academy and Wildgarde Stronghold, and it reminded him of the dream that he had a few days ago.

In that dream, He, Aina, and Aurora were looking at two little girls, whom the Half-Elf believed to be his daughters.

Although this wasn't the exact place that he saw in his dream, it was still a beautiful place, and the moon reflected on the Lake's surface made it even more enchanting.

Soon, the sound of violin and lyre reached Aurora's ears.

The two little Skeletons, Zeke and Zane, were playing the instruments as Lux walked toward Aurora and bowed to her.

"My lady, would you honor me with this dance?" Lux asked.

Aurora smiled before doing a curtsy. "It will be my pleasure."

Lux then placed his right hand on Aurora's waist and held her hand with his left.

The two then started to dance, following the rhythm of the music.

Small particles of lights flew several meters away from them, illuminating their surroundings.

While this was happening, Diablo was lighting the candles on top of the table, while Revon arranged the plates and the cutlery.

Lux had snuck into the kitchen of Barbatos Academy in order to prepare this simple yet romantic candlelight dinner for two.

He didn't want to have any regrets in life, so he decided to make this night special for Aurora and him.

With the moon and stars as their audience, the two continued to dance until Zane and Zeke played the third song.

The moment it ended, the two stared at each other for a few seconds before Lux lowered his head to kiss Aurora's lips.

He kissed her three times, each kiss lasting for a few seconds, and the Half-Elf pulled back.

A faint blush appeared on Aurora's cheeks because she found Lux's gentleness and sweetness very endearing.

The Half-Elf then guided Aurora toward the table, which she didn't notice right away.

Standing beside the table were Diablo and Revon. Both were ready to assist them in any way that they could.

The dishes were already laid out, so all they needed to do was eat. There was also a bottle of wine being chilled at the side, ready to be consumed anytime.

When Lux asked her to come with him, she didn't expect that he would do something like this, making her heart feel warm and fluffy inside.

The two ate and chatted in a lively manner, while Zane and Zeke continued to serenade both of them from the side.

Sensing that it was time, Diablo uncorked the bottle of wine and poured the two of them a glass each.

He then moved to the side and stood in silence, watching his Master enjoy this romantic moment with his lover.

As Lux's First Born, Diablo could feel the anxiety that Lux was trying to bury in his heart.

He might not have the power to see the future, but there was one thing he was certain of.

Anyone who wished to harm his Master must get past him first.

Lux's Undead Legion shared this sentiment.

"Don't drink too much, Aurora," Lux said in concern because the pink-haired beauty had already drank five glasses of wine, and he didn't know if his lover had high tolerance to it or not.

Lux himself only drank two of them, and although he wasn't tipsy, his face had a slight tinge of red in it.

"Mmm," Aurora hummed as she placed the empty glass on top of the table.

Unlike Lux, her face was flushed. And under the candlelight, it made her look more seductive than usual.

"Don't worry, I'm not drunk."

Hic

The corner of Lux's lips twitched after hearing the young lady's hiccup.

He then glanced at Diablo and Revon and told them to no longer give Aurora wine, which made the latter pout.

"J-Just one more, okay?" Aurora pleaded as she tried to reach the bottle of wine on the table, which Diablo hurriedly took away from her reach.

"No," Lux replied. "You already have enough."

"Boo!"

Lux could only shake his head helplessly, seeing that his lover's inhibition had been loosened by the wine.

He helped Aurora stand up and supported her body before walking toward the lake, hand in hand with her.

When they were several meters away from the lake, Lux summoned a couch, into which he helped his drunk lover sit, and allowed her to rest her head on his shoulder.

Diablo, Revon, Zane, and Zeke cleaned up the table before disappearing from sight.

They had already played their part, and it was now time to leave their Masters alone, allowing the two to create a memorable night together.

The reflection of the moon on the lake was beautiful, but the two weren't paying any attention to it.

Perhaps emboldened by the wine she drank, Aurora took the initiative to kiss Lux.

Her kisses started with small pecks, gradually turning into passionate kisses that made both of their bodies heat up.

Aurora might not know a lot of things, but she understood why Lux had prepared this romantic setting for her.

Feeling his love and affection, the young lady who had once been cast away by her own father into the Pantheon of Exile was now starting to open her heart once again.

Lux's sensual touch ignited the sleeping desire that lay dormant within Aurora's body.

As someone who had succubus blood running through her veins, the beautiful young lady was able to see the many forms of love that the Half-Elf had for the ladies, who held a special place in his heart.

Aurora had seen them all, experienced them all, and she loved them all.

Perhaps, among Lux's lovers, she was the only one who fully understood the Half-Elf's feelings toward them.

And now, her time had finally come.

Just like her Sisters, who had given their heart and body to him, she was finally ready to take that final step and claim her rightful place in his heart.

Chapter 1098.2: Beneath The Moonlight, And The Starry Skies [Part 2]

(Disclaimer: *wink wink*)

Lux felt as if his breath was taken away the moment he saw Aurora's naked body illuminated by the moonlight.

Her pink eyes glowed faintly with power as her succubus blood stirred within her heart.

Currently, she was straddling Lux, and her passionate gaze, devoid of shyness, made him subconsciously swallow his saliva due to how sensual she looked.

Without saying a word, Aurora cupped his face and kissed him passionately before pulling back.

She then wrapped her hands at the back of his head, pulling him to her chest.

He didn't resist her and opened his lips to suckle her right breast, while his left hand groped and kneaded the other.

She had seen and felt this sensation many times when she was peeking at the Half-Elf's lovemaking with his other lovers.

But having the same thing done to her felt completely different. Aurora didn't know that it was her Succubus Blood that made her body very sensitive, amplifying the euphoria that was washing over her body.

She felt this more strongly when Lux rested his hand on her hips and lowered them slowly.

Instead of pain, a sigh of pleasure escaped her seductive lips.

Two small horns grew out of the top of her head, and a tail with a spade-like tip appeared behind her.

The moment she lost her maidenhood, her Succubus power awakened in full, making Lux blank out for a few seconds as his member moved deeper inside of her.

Perhaps, knowing that her lover had fallen into a daze, she bit his neck like a vampire but didn't draw any blood.

The pain broke Lux out of his trance, and it resulted in him feeling extreme pleasure that surpassed even the Succubus Queen's sexual prowess.

Lux had no idea that, the moment a Succubus offered her chastity to a man, that person would be marked by her, raising his sensitivity to the very limits.

Simply put, a single touch was enough to put an ordinary person to the peak of pleasure, making him lose control over his body.

As if teasing her lover, Aurora shook her hips lightly. But, that was more than enough for Lux to lose control of his senses, making him release his seed and marking her as his woman.

The release was so powerful that it was also painful.

It was as if Aurora had sucked up everything he had to offer, with the exception of his soul.

Despite the fact that his member was buried deep inside her, his essence, mixed with the blood of her innocence, overflowed and stained her thighs, making Aurora sigh in happiness and satisfaction.

Lux couldn't believe that he had already come without even doing anything.

Even now, he felt as if Aurora had milked him to the last drop, leaving nothing behind.

"Don't worry," Aurora said softly as she cupped her lover's face. "You will regain your strength soon, I promise."

After saying those words, she lightly bit her tongue, drawing blood.

She then kissed his lips, her tongue entering his mouth.

The Half-Elf tasted blood, and with it, a warm sensation spread inside his body.

He felt rejuvenated, and his member, which was about to go limp after releasing everything it had inside of Aurora, hardened like a rock.

"Try to last longer this time, okay?" Aurora said in a teasing tone after she pulled back from the kiss. "Don't worry. We will continue until you are able to match me."

Lux held Aurora's gaze as the fire of determination burned in his eyes. He had to admit that he didn't expect this turn of events, but he didn't feel too bad about it either.

This was his first time with Aurora, and he wanted both of them to enjoy it to the fullest. Since his lover wanted him to make her feel good, he would comply and give her a night that she would never forget in her life.

A minute later, Aurora's sweet sighs reverberated in the quiet night.

Beneath the moonlight and the starry skies,

Two hearts intertwined, staring at each other with loving eyes.

A promise was whispered, soft and clever,

Vowing eternal love, lasting forever.

The Half-Elf looked at Aurora's sleeping face with a gentle gaze.

He had just woken up a minute ago, and the first thing he saw was his lover, sleeping peacefully beside him.

Both of them laid in the field of flowers, with only a blanket covering their naked bodies.

The sun had peeked over the horizon, casting its first rays of lights upon the world.

Looking at his beloved, Lux wondered if this was what Adam had felt when he woke up beside Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Not wanting to wake her up, he simply held her close, feeling her skin touch his own.

Aurora's body was warm, and hugging her felt very good. Due to the blanket that was covering her body, Lux was unable to see the marks that he had left on her seductive body during their lovemaking.

'Making love to her can be very dangerous,' Lux thought as he remembered what had transpired a few hours ago. 'More dangerous than doing it with the Succubus Queen.'

Lux had his doubts about Aurora's striking resemblance to Queen Rhiannon, who was currently in the 13th Level of the Abyss.

But, after seeing the two small horns that were still on her head and the tail that he was touching right now, he had confirmed his suspicion that the two of them might be related to each other.

The Half-Elf was lost in his thoughts as he fiddled with the spade-like tip of Aurora's tail, so he didn't notice that the young lady's eyes started to flutter.

A few seconds later, Aurora opened her eyes and looked at the Half-Elf, who had just realized that the young beauty was already awake.

"It tickles," Aurora said softly. "Don't bully my tail."

"I'm not bullying it," Lux replied as he moved the spade-like tip towards his lips and kissed it. "See?"

"Mmm," Aurora snuggled closer to him, burying her head into his chest.

Seeing that his lover wanted to be hugged, he reluctantly released her tail and wrapped her in a loving embrace.

"You were amazing last night," Lux said softly. "Maybe I should get you drunk more often."

"Occasionally is good," Aurora replied. "But you should have removed the Everlasting Ring last night."

"You know I can't do that." Lux planted a kiss on her forehead. "At least, not yet."

Aurora rubbed the Half-Elf's chest lovingly before raising her head to look at him.

"Now that you are sated and more relaxed, it is time to tell me what has been bothering you," Aurora said. "I sensed your restlessness since yesterday, and I want to know what is making you feel that way."

Lux didn't expect that Aurora would be able to sense his anxiety. He thought that he had managed to hide it from his lovers, but it seemed that he had underestimated how strong the Half-Succubus' perception was.

"I can tell you, but promise me one thing," Lux stated with a solemn expression on his face. "You will not tell anyone else, okay?"

"Okay." Aurora nodded. "I promise."

The Half-Elf took a deep breath before telling Aurora about Maeve's vision. Her expression, which was as calm as a lake earlier, remained as it was until Lux finished telling her everything.

In the end, Aurora didn't say anything after her lover's explanation had ended.

She simply held Lux tightly, as if she was afraid that he would vanish without a trace.

Chapter 1099.1: Abyssal Invasion [Part 1]

Days passed swiftly as everyone prepared for the promised date.

Lux was able to step on the Ranks of an S-Ranker after gathering an extreme amount of Beast Cores from Barbatos Academy, Fynn Kingdom, Espoir Frieden, the Crystal Palace, and the Necromancer's Ancestral Lands.

Something like this had never happened in the past, and it was truly unprecedented.

A Half-Elf, who was only about eighteen years old, had accomplished multiple feats that no ordinary person could pull off.

All of his Named Creatures and members of his Covenant had also increased their ranks.

For they shared his attributes and grew with him as he became stronger.

With the exception of Avernus, Diablo, and the others had now all become Empyrean Ranked Alpha Monsters.

He had done everything within his power, and now he stood on the ramparts of Barbatos Academy, looking at the setting sun with a calm expression on his face.

Keane and Gerhart stood beside him.

They had trained hard for this day, and even the green-haired Half-Elf had temporarily set aside his quarrel with the Elven Kingdom and chose to fight by Lux's side in this battle that would descend upon Elysium and Solais.

Alexander, Vera, Maximilian, Keane's Master, and two old men stood side by side.

These two old men were the two reclusive Saints of the Six Kingdoms, with the oldest of them being the Founder of Barbatos Academy.

Keane's Master, whom people simply referred to as Void or The Void was a Pseudo-Saint.

Although he still hadn't stepped onto the Saint Rank, his techniques and fighting prowess were equivalent to one.

"To think that a day would come when we would have to rely on the children to help us overcome a calamity," the oldest Saint in the group said with a sigh. "The times have changed."

The other Saints could only nod their heads in agreement with his words.

The six of them were the strongest people within the Six Kingdoms, and yet, the one whom they were depending on was a Half-Elf who was only about to turn eighteen.

They found this quite humbling, but they were very glad that Lux chose to stay in Solais to help defend the Six Kingdoms from a possible invasion.

Aside from the soldiers and other fighters, everyone was evacuated to the underground shelters that had been expanded under Barbatos Academy.

Iris, Cai, and Aurora were also in the shelter, and they would serve as the last line of defense, in case things went south.

If an Abyssal Gate were to appear within the Six Kingdoms, Lux, Keane, Gerhart, Alexander, and Maximilian would move forward and kill as many Abyssal Creatures as they could.

Vera, the Barbarian Saint, as well as the Old Man who was the founder of Barbatos Academy, would stay to defend the fort and ensure that the people would be safe from harm.

Maeve and Hana stood behind Lux as they gazed at the sun that was slowly sinking beneath the horizon.

Just as the last rays of light were about to disappear, they felt it.

A powerful fluctuation rippled near the Barbarian Territory, which meant that an Abyssal Gate was spawning in that direction.

Without another word, Lux summoned Avernus.

He and the rest of the vanguard jumped on the Dracolich's back as they headed toward the Abyssal Gate in haste.

"Hyper Drive!" Hana shouted as she opened a Spatial Gate that would allow Avernus to travel at great speed and reach the location where the Abyssal Gate had spawned.

Hana had prepared several Anchors within the Six Kingdoms, allowing her to instantly teleport anyone who was part of their group with ease.

As soon as they arrived, they saw a fifty-meter-tall Purple Portal that emitted an otherworldly presence.

Without any hesitation, Lux summoned his Undead Legion, his Covenant, as well as all the Calamity-Ranked Beasts that were currently with him.

After splitting his forces to help his allies, Lux only had a little more than sixty Calamity-Ranked Monsters under his command.

Each of them was emitting a powerful Aura that boosted the morale of their group.

Aside from them, there was one more Monster that stood at the forefront of Lux's Calamity-Ranked Monsters.

This Monster was a Demigod Monster that Lux had created using the body of Andras, who once tried to invade the 13th Layer of the Abyss with the intention of making Queen Rhiannon his woman.

After using the Undead Generator Skill, a Unique Monster was created.

It was a Strigoi.

One of the most bloodthirsty Undead in existence, and their sole purpose was to kill everything that stood in their way.

Strigois were vampires, but the one that Lux created was more similar to a Werewolf.

Even so, it didn't matter.

What he needed was a killing machine, and he got what he wanted.

A Demigod, who was not only deadly and fast but also became stronger the more it drank the blood of its victims, increasing its vitality.

Thousands of Undead Monsters rose from the ground as the Half-Elf planted a dozen Tombstones that spawned an infinite number of Elder Zombies and Mummies as long as they remained erected.

As if waiting for that cue, countless Abyssal Demons and Monsters emerged from the portal en masse.

These Demons thought that after crossing over to the other side of the Abyss, they would be able to lay waste on the helpless people who wouldn't be prepared for their invasion.

Unfortunately for them, not only was everyone aware of their plans, but they had also made adequate preparations in order to thwart them.

"Kill!" Lux ordered and, immediately, the Lich Revenants and the Skeleton Nightstalkers unleashed a deadly volley of death upon the enemies, instantly killing the weaker Abyssal Monsters.

A chaotic riot unfolded, but everyone knew that this was just the beginning of the true battle that was about to unfold.

Elysium...

The Dragon King, Azza, unleashed his Dragon Breath, decimating all the monsters that were crossing over from the portal.

These pitiful Monsters turned into ashes before they could even do anything.

"Everyone, give them hell!" Azza ordered.

Behind him, countless Dragons unleashed their Dragon Breath towards the portal with the intention of destroying it.

However, they all knew that this was impossible.

But they did this for a reason.

The Abyssal Gate wasn't a one-way thing. Just like the creatures that were able to cross over to their world, the denizens of Elysium and Solais could cross over to their side as well, bringing the battle into the Abyss.

However, they didn't do that.

Instead, they intended to annihilate anything that was behind the Purple Portal about to intrude upon their world.

While the Dragons were able to gain the upper hand in their battlefield, some places weren't that lucky.

In the North-Western Region of Elysium, Nyarlathotep was having the time of his life.

After crossing through the portal, he found himself in the Kingdom of Halflings, who didn't make enough preparations for the upcoming war.

This was one of the Kingdoms who had snubbed Seraphina's worldwide announcement, refusing to believe her warnings.

Because of this, their Capital City easily fell because their defenders were not concentrated in one place.

But, even if they had prepared...

Even if they had heeded Seraphina's warnings, the possibility of them winning against the Outer God, Nyarlathotep, was slim.

"Hahaha!" The Outer God laughed as he used his power to manipulate all the people in the city, turning them all into crazed mortals whose madness knew no bounds.

He made them all fight against and kill each other.

Fathers killing their children.

Wives killing their husbands.

It was a maddening scene, and Nyarlathotep's crazed laughter drowned out the cries of the Halflings whom he forced to witness the destruction that he orchestrated.

"More!" Nyarlathotep shouted. "Suffer more! Sacrifice yourselves in my name!"

The Outer God's madness was infectious, turning all the Abyssal Creatures that had accompanied him to Elysium into sadistic monsters, who wanted nothing more than to see destruction reign supreme.

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The Black-Robed Man watched as the countless Abyssal Creatures in front of him entered the purple portal in great numbers.

There were some spells and elemental arrows that managed to pass over to their side, making the man smile.

'So they are trying to resist,' the Black-Robed Man thought. 'But it doesn't matter. They will not be able to stop the inevitable.'

Currently, only the small fries were going through the purple portal.

Rank 4 up to Deimos-Ranked Monsters were the only ones passing through the gates because this was what he had ordered everyone to do.

He wanted to give people despair by slowly increasing the might of the creatures passing over to Solais, making them all lose hope.

The Black-Robed Man hated Solais with a vengeance.

He had been chosen by the Gods to save the world, but after deciding to ascend to Godhood in order to gain the power to change its fate, its denizens rebelled against him.

Even the Goddess, who had personally picked him from the masses, sacrificed her life in order to stop his ascension.

Although the ritual had failed, the Champion had still turned into a Pseudo-God, which was a level higher than a Demigod.

The only problem was that he could only remain in the Abyss because the Goddess had imbued his body with a powerful Law that prevented him from crossing over to Elysium and Solais.

Because of this, he decided to send the Abyssal Horde to Solais and Elysium as his way of enacting his vengeance.

As the minutes passed, more and more Abyssal Monsters entered the portal.

But as if his patience had run thin, one of the Demigod Nobles roared as he jumped toward the portal with the intention of killing anyone who was waiting for him on the other side.

A frown appeared on the Black-Robe Man's face, but in the end, he didn't say anything.

Seeing his reaction, some of the Demigods, who were also waiting for their turn, glanced at each other.

"Since Briarz had entered the portal, I guess we will not get a chance to kill anyone," one of the Demigods said.

"Let him do what he wants." Another Demigod shrugged. "It's not like we won't have our turn. The world of Solais is big, and he will not be able to annihilate every living creature there in a day."

The other Demigods nodded their heads in agreement. Because of this, all of them decided to wait until the small fries had all passed through the Portal before they, too, stepped into the world of Solais, whom their new Master wished to destroy at all costs.

Six Kingdoms in Solais...

"Hahaha! Hear me, Mortals! I am Briarz! And I will be your doom!"

The four-meter tall Demigod, who looked like a Blue Minotaur shouted.

Blue flames were circling around his body, making him look more threatening than he already was.

A glance was enough to tell him that the place where he appeared had some decent defenders who were able to hold back the Vanguard of their invasion.

But, just as he was about to join the fray, something fast, almost resembling a blur, pounced on him.

Before he could even do anything, Briarz found himself being sent flying by a blow that could have easily killed anyone below the Demigod Rank.

Everything happened so fast that the Blue Minotaur didn't even know what hit him!

'Damn!' Briarz cursed internally as his body crashed to the ground.

Even so, it didn't take long before he stood up and faced whatever creature dared to sneak attack him.

"What are you?" Briarz narrowed his gaze as he looked at the Werewolf-like creature, whose entire body was as black as the night.

The Strigoi's blood-red eyes locked itself on its opponent's body, as his razor sharp fangs, which was dyed with the blood of the foes it had vanquished, extended.

"Just a mindless beast." Briarz snorted as he summoned his Great Axe.
"Come!"

But, just as he was preparing to fight against the Strigoi in front of him, Avernus descended from the sky and unleashed a Dragon Breath toward the Demigod.

Briarz clicked his tongue before dodging the attack that came from the sky. He didn't become a Demigod by playing it safe, and he'd had his fair share of battles.

The Rulers of the Abyss were battle-hardened Warriors.

All of them were strong. A weak leader would not be able to hold their position for long, especially in the Abyss, where each Abyssal Lord was out for the others' throats.

Although Briarz had successfully dodged Avernus' attack, the Strigoi had used this opportunity to unleash a barrage of attacks that pushed the Blue Minotaur back.

Wounds started to appear on his body as he tried to dodge, block, and deflect the Strigoi's quick attacks, which were aiming to deal as much damage as possible.

The battle raged around them, and each of their strikes resulted in mini shockwaves, decimating any creature that dared to come near their battlefield.

While this was happening, Lux commanded his forces and continued to decimate the Abyssal Army.

Alexander, Maximilian, Keane, and Gerhart had also joined the fray, killing as many monsters as they could and staying away from the battle of the two Demigods who could easily turn them into meatpaste if they weren't careful.

Avernus and the Strigoi were ganging up on their enemy, but Briarz wasn't an easy opponent to defeat.

Lux knew that the Demigod wouldn't be the first or the last Power House that would enter Solais from the gate, which made him frown.

Taking a deep breath, Lux took a step forward and instantly appeared in front of the Purple Portal.

His movement caught the attention of Avernus, Alexander, Maximilian, Keane, and Gerhart.

They understood what Lux was trying to do, so they decided to believe in him.

The Half-Elf knew that he couldn't remain passive because it would only worsen their situation in the long run.

Because of this, he decided to take the chance and bring the battle to their enemy's home turf.

The Half-Elf didn't know what awaited him on the other side, but he wasn't too worried.

In each of his hands was a Blast Bomb.

They looked like the ordinary Blast Bombs that Eiko usually tossed at her enemies.

However, the ones in Lux's possession were no ordinary Blast Bombs.

They were Nuclear-Level blast bombs, and with them, he planned to decimate everything and anything that was waiting for him on the other side of the Abyssal Portal.