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Somewhere in Elysium, the Sovereign of the Divine Army looked at the countless Apostles that were currently inside cylindrical containers filled with a green liquid.

The Golden Scales in his hand glowed faintly, as the power of its Divinity seeped inside their bodies.

The hands of the scales slowly tipped to one side, signaling that the ceremony was over.

'How many must we sacrifice, for us to win this war,' the Sovereign of the Divine Army thought as he looked at the teenagers, who slept inside the containers.

They were young men and women who had made the choice to fight, knowing that what awaited them in the end was certain death.

The Sovereign sighed for the umpteenth time.

Thousands of Apostles joined the Founder of the Divine Army to fight against the war of the Abyss.

If given enough time, thousands more would follow them afterwards.

He had stayed behind in order to continue the Apostle Project. This was the Divine Army's strategy in order to win a fight of attrition against those that had decided to invade their world.

Memento Mori had chosen a similar path.

However, instead of sacrificing others, they chose to awaken the creatures that once threatened to destroy Elysium itself.

The Seven Stars of Calamity. The Seven Monsters, who, if fought side by side, could make Kingdoms and Empires fall one after the other.

Unfortunately, Memento Mori was unable to bring all seven of them onto the battlefield.

Two of them had to stay and protect the World Tree, as well as the non-combatants of the Alliance.

Currently, only five of these powerful beasts, including Teju Jagua and Ao Ao, had been deployed on the battlefield.

Nyarlathotep and the Alliance clashed many times since the Outer God had decided to retreat, pushing the Alliance to head further west.

"This is a good thing because as long as the Outer God is pushed back, it will have no time to set its sights on other matters... is what you stupid mortals thought, right?"

The expression of the Sovereign of the Divine Army turned grim as their Underground Headquarters started to shake.

He immediately activated the artifact that would allow him to talk to their Founder and ask for assistance.

Unfortunately, the artifact in his hand remained unresponsive, which made his eyes widen in shock.

"The Golden Scales of Eternity."

"A sacrifice to tip the balance."

"The weight of morality on one side, the scales of depravity on the other."

"A delicate balance. A miraculous chance. Holding the life and death of others, similar to an eternal dance."

The sound of thousands of crystals breaking reverberated in the surroundings as the barrier that protected the Underground Headquarters finally shattered.

The Sovereign of the Divine Army roared, and raised the scales in his hand, protecting himself, as well as the countless unsung heroes, who were sleeping inside their containers, waiting for the right time to open their eyes.

A loud explosion erupted, and a moment later, a crystal dome emerged from the ground and rose towards the sky.

The Sovereign of the Divine Army glared at the Outer God, who had miraculously found his hiding place, which was tens of thousands of miles away from the battlefield in the Western Region of the world.

"How?" the Sovereign asked.

"How?" Nyarlathotep asked in a teasing tone. "Such a silly thing to ask."

The Outer God then pointed at the Golden Scales that the old man was holding in his hands and smirked.

"As long as you hold the Pillar of Eternity in your hands, I will be able to find you," Nyarlathotep stated. "It doesn't matter if you hide in the deepest corner of this world. The moment you activated its power, your fate was already sealed."

"I see." The Sovereign then summoned a scepter in his hand. "This fight is inevitable then."

"Right." Nyarlathotep nodded. "Have you tried to ask for reinforcements?"

"Don't ask a question that you already know the answer to?" the Sovereign replied.

"Indeed. Such a waste of time. I guess this is where our little talk ends."

"..."

The Sovereign of the Divine Army then activated the power of the Pillar of Eternity, making his entire body turn golden.

A giant golden statue, holding a sword and shield, materialized behind the Old Man as he faced off against the Outer God, who had snuffed out his hiding place.

"Hah~ it's really annoying when old farts like you don't give up," Nyarlathotep said in a teasing tone. "It would save us a lot of time if you just offered your head, so I can give you a quick and painless death."

"The one who will be dying here is you, Outer God," the Sovereign replied. "You do not belong in our world."

"Very well." Nyarlathotep chuckled. "At least, don't bore me too much, okay?"

The Outer God then snapped its fingers.

A dark purple portal then appeared above his head and, from that portal, over a Hundred Abyssal Lords emerged.

All of them sneered at the Old Man, who was left all alone to fend for himself.

The Golden Giant glowed faintly, and absorbed the Apostles inside his body. They were currently in a very fragile state, and a stray attack from the Demigods could annihilate all of them at the same time.

Despite being surrounded by the High-Ranking Forces of the Abyssal Army, the Sovereign of the Divine Army stood on the shoulder of the Golden Giant, with a resolute look in his eyes.

"Come, Outer God," the Sovereign stated. "I will send you and your cronies back to the Abyss."

An amused chuckle reverberated in the surroundings as Nyarlathotep gave the order to attack.

"What kind of delusional sweet dream are you having, Mortal?" Nyarlathotep asked. "I guess it's time for you to wake up into a living nightmare."

Raising the Golden Scales high over his head, the Sovereign commanded the Golden Giant to attack.

The Golden Scales was a very strong Divine Artifact. But, it wasn't meant for direct confrontations.

Its purpose was to create powerful soldiers, who would fight and overwhelm their enemies in a battle of attrition.

The Golden Giant was its only means of attack.

Although it was strong, it was alone, just like the Old Man, who was facing over a Hundred Demigods all at once.

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Half an hour later, the Sovereign of one of the strongest organizations in the world, finally drew his last breath.

The battle lasted longer than Nyarlathotep expected. The Outer God thought that they would be able to kill the old man in a short period of time, but the latter fought tooth and nail, without even trying to escape.

Even with such overwhelming disparity in numbers, the Sovereign of the Divine Army was able to kill thirty Demigods before he finally died.

Nyarlathotep didn't care for the deaths of its subordinates, and simply took the Golden Scales from the dead man's hand and activated its ability.

The Demigods who had died in battle, including the dead Sovereign, transformed into golden abominations, empowered by its Divinity.

All of them looked exactly the same, which made the surviving Demigods unable to tell which of them were the comrades they knew in the past.

After being changed into abominations, and imbued with the power of the Golden Scales, all of their strength rose to the peak of the Demigod Rank.

The Golden Statue that the Sovereign had summoned lay on the ground, cracked in several places. It had fought valiantly, but it couldn't stop the inevitable.

With a wave of Nyarlathotep's hands, the chest of the Giant shattered, and the dome that protected the Apostles emerged.

A devilish laugh emerged from Nyarlathotep's lips as the Golden Scales in his hand turned black.

The Apostles sleeping inside their cylindrical containers started to squirm in their sleep as if they were having a bad dream.

Half a minute later, their containers shattered and from them emerged several horrifying abominations with countless eyes and tentacles protruding from their bodies.

These abominations also turned golden in color, similar to the Demigods that the Outer God had raised from the dead a mere moment ago.

"One down," Nyarlathotep sneered. "One more to go."

Nyarlathotep then walked towards the portal in order to go to his next battlefield.

The Golden Abominations and the Demigods followed behind him. They didn't know where they were going next, but one thing was clear.

The Outer God was now in possession of one of the Pillars of Eternity.

He was already very powerful, but with the Divine Artifact in his hand, he became more horrifying.

The portal only closed when the last Demigod finally entered inside of it, leaving behind the destroyed Headquarters of the Divine Army, which their Organization believed to be the safest place in the world of Elysium.

Western Region of Elysium...

The battle between the Abyss and the Alliance was in full swing.

Nyarlathotep didn't send any of his Demigods out to fight against the Alliance, and simply ordered the Calamity-Ranked Abyssal Monsters to cast long distance spells to harass their enemy's formation.

Although they were weaker than Demigods, their attacks were nothing to scoff at.

Because of this, the Alliance was forced into a defensive formation, with the floating islands belonging to the Crystal Palace, flying in the lead.

Keoza unleashed his powers, and tanked the attacks that were headed in their direction, keeping his allies safe.

However, what made the Heads of the Alliance frown was that the magical bombardment seemed unending.

It was as if the Calamity Ranked Monsters had an unlimited supply of Mana, empowering their spells that could obliterate dozens of flying ships without Keoza's protection.

The return fire of the alliance was also brutal, taking the lives of countless calamity-ranked monsters.

However, due to Nyarlathotep's ability to raise them into Abominations, the battle had reached a stalemate.

The Alliance couldn't push forward, and the Abyssal Forces weren't letting them gain any ground.

Eiko had left the battlefield and returned to the Ford Federation.

Her trump card was still not ready, and she needed to be there to ensure that nothing would go wrong.

She had been with the Alliance earlier, but Nyarlathotep had continued to flee after engaging them for a period of time.

The Outer God was using Guerrilla tactics against them, using the Giant Black Tentacles to move its forces anywhere in the terrain, and unleashing a bombardment of attacks in the blind spots of the Alliance.

Also, Eiko could feel that something wasn't right.

Because of this, she prioritized creating her strongest Creature, using the Giant Bone Cauldron.

It had already been more than a week since the Bone Cauldron started to create the Monster. However, whatever it was cooking, it was taking a very long time for it to be ready.

Eiko didn't know what kind of Monster would appear, but given the fact that it possessed Ten Demigod Cores in its body, it would definitely be a force to reckon with.

This was why she needed to return, and ensure that her new subordinate would be born safely, and left the Alliance to fight the sly Outer God, who chose its battle very well.

Somewhere in the Ford Federation...

"Still not done?" Eiko asked the Giant Bone Cauldron as she fed her pet Sea Otter, which she named, Lucky, with a cookie.

"This Monster is a bit special," the Bone Cauldron replied. "I cannot rush its creation."

Eiko nodded as she continued to feed Lucky, who was just a month-old sea otter.

She had found him as an egg, as she and Fei Fei were scouring the oceans for Demigod Cores.

The egg was frozen in ice, and was located at a very desolate place, bereft of anything.

Avery even commented that the egg was already hundreds of years old, and shouldn't have survived after being trapped in ice.

However, to his surprise, Eiko just sat on top of the egg for an entire day before it hatched.

Because of this, the Baby Slime decided to name the baby Sea Otter, Lucky.

It was only due to pure luck that it managed to be birthed, despite the situation it found itself in.

Fei Fei also took care of the Sea Otter whenever Eiko was away, making the baby Monster treat the Baby Golden Slime like a caring older sister.

"Avery, what do you think?" Eiko asked her Vice Captain.

"About the war?" Avery inquired.

"Mmm."

"I have a feeling that the Outer God is just buying time. It's like it is luring the Alliance farther, and farther away from the center of the continent."

Eiko nodded. She also felt that something was amiss, so she decided to stay away from the battlefield for the time being.

However, just as she was about to feed Lucky another cookie, a portal appeared hundreds of meters away from Poseidon.

Avery immediately sensed the power of the Outer God, and immediately stood between Eiko, and the enemy, who was supposed to be fighting against the combined might of the Alliance.

"Peekaboo, I see you," Nyarlathotep sneered as it and the Demigods appeared to surround the Giant Bone Ship that was far out into the sea.

The Outer God laughed after finally cornering the little pest that had been getting in its way.

"You've messed with my plans long enough," Nyarlathotep stated. "Time for you to die."

With that, it signaled its force to attack the Baby Slime, who was still holding a cookie in her hand to feed to the Sea Otter who had started to cry.

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The Sea Otter, Lucky, started crying because the cookie that the Baby Slime was about to feed it stopped mid-air.

Eiko broke out of her daze and finally resumed feeding the Sea Otter, who ate the cookie with tears still in its eyes.

Poseidon had deployed its barrier, preventing the attacks of the Demigod from reaching them.

"You're still acting so carefree despite the fact that you're surrounded," Nyarlathotep said in a teasing tone. "Am I a joke to you?"

"Yes," Eiko briefly replied before looking back at the leader of the Abyssal Lords.

"Forget about dying a swift death." Nyarlathotep sneered. "I'm going to enjoy killing you slowly."

Clearly, the Outer God was annoyed by Eiko's total disregard for it.

Although Nyarlathotep's forces completely surrounded the Baby Slime, leaving her no path to escape, Eiko didn't show any signs of fear whatsoever.

It was at that moment when the sea under Poseidon started to churn.

Those who didn't live near coastal waters would typically be unaware of the phenomenon that occurred when countless fish jumped crazily at the surface of the water, making it look like the sea was boiling.

This would usually happen right before an earthquake hit or something drastic was about to happen, forcing the fish to rise up to the surface of the water.

This same scene was currently happening under Poseidon, which caught the Demigods' eyes.

"Why do you think we're so far out in the sea?" Avery asked with a look of disdain on his face. "I'll tell you why. It's because this is the safest place in Elysium for our Princess."

Countless Calamity-Ranked Sea Monsters and dozens of Deep Sea Demigods rose up from the waters and engaged the Abyssal Lords who were attacking Poseidon.

Eiko had made preparations in advance and asked the powerful Denizens of the Sea to stand guard at her side as she completed the creation of her strongest Creature.

They all answered her call, for they instinctively knew that she was fighting for the sake of their world.

Faced with tens of thousands of Sea Monsters, all Calamity-

Ranked and above, the look of disdain on Nyarlathotep's face disappeared, replaced with utter shock.

"Argh!"

One of the Demigods was slapped from the sky by a giant tentacle belonging to the Kraken.

It was one of the Demigods of the Sea, and it usually stayed tens of thousands of miles under the ocean.

Another tentacle rose up to wrap itself around the body of another Demigod, and this time, it came from a Colossal Squid, whose giant eyes locked on the foe who dared to act arrogant in their Domain.

Countless Hydro Balls from the Calamity Ranked Monsters blasted the Demigods away from Poseidon.

Although they tried to fight back, they were pushed back a second time by Poseidon's Cannons, which were now fully charged and ready to kill.

A gigantic beam of light exploded from the tip of Poseidon's Main Cannon, headed for the Outer God, who thought that it had cornered them.

Nyarlatotep was then forced to evade and distance itself from Poseidon's Wrath, who unleashed an artillery strike that was solely aimed in the bastard's direction.

It didn't even care about the other Demigods because the Denizens of the Oceans were more than enough to deal with them.

It only wanted one thing, and that was to kill Nyarlatotep and end its evil once and for all.

Although the Nyarlatotep that was fighting Eiko was only a clone, it still possessed some of the Outer God's abilities.

However, even with them, it was unable to come up with a strategy to get near the Bone Ship, whose attacks were growing fiercer with each passing minute.

The Abominations that were new under the Outer God's control weren't meant for a battle in the ocean.

When Nyarlatotep summoned them, they would simply fall into the sea and be massacred by the countless Beasts that were out for blood.

Ten of the Demigods under his command fell in battle, but just before Nyarlatotep was about to revive them, countless bony hands shot out from

the Giant Bone Cauldron that was hovering above Poseidon's deck, grabbing hold of the dead Abyssal Lords and dragging them into its depths.

"Retreat!" Nyarlathotep commanded.

The surviving Demigods didn't even need his orders to retreat, for they already deemed that their situation was hopeless.

All of them were already flying toward the portal in the sky, which was the only way to escape the slaughterhouse set up by Eiko, who already expected that something like this would happen.

After licking the Demigod Core, she had gained the ability to ask the Denizens of the Seas and Oceans who were the same Rank as her to heed her call.

When Lux became a Supreme, Eiko also had an upgrade, allowing her to call out to the Demigods of the Sea and ask them for help.

The Seas and Oceans of Elysium were generally unexplored regions.

The entire world was covered with water, so it was natural for the waters to have as many Demigods in it as there were Supremes on land.

These monsters, who had stayed out of the way of those who lived on land, usually stayed in their own Underwater Kingdoms.

However, without rising to the surface, they could feel that their world was in grave danger, so when Eiko asked for their help, they answered her call and lent her their strength.

Nyarlathotep also chose to escape to fight another day.

But just like what happened to its clone when it tried to attack the floating island of Heaven's Gate, its body suddenly froze mid-air, unable to move a muscle.

A second later, a giant beam of light hit the Outer God directly, vaporizing its body, and leaving nothing behind.

At that moment, somewhere in the Western Regions of Elysium, Nyarlathotep roared in anger.

"Again?!" Nyarlathotep couldn't help but smash the armrest of its throne, shattering it completely.

Never had it experienced such anger since the day it had left the Abyss to join the invading forces headed for Elysium.

It was the same Blue Slime who had gotten in its way the last time, and for this reason, Nyarlathotep had moved Eiko to the top of its kill list.

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It took the Outer God five minutes to finally regain its composure.

'Fortunately, all is not lost,' Nyarlathotep said as it looked at the Black Scales of Eternity that covered its hand.

All of Nyarlathotep's clones were connected to it, so anything that belonged to them also belonged to it.

When they died, their skills, abilities, and anything in their possession would return to it, including the Pillar of Eternity that was now in its hands.

"I'll let you live a little while longer," Nyarlathotep said hatefully. "I have one last clone, but it is enough to continue with my plan."

As much as the Outer God wanted to take the Golden Anchor from Eiko, allowing him to have a hold over two Pillars of Eternity, it was unable to do that at this time.

Even if its real body were to return to where the Baby Slime was currently at, it would be unable to unleash its full strength.

It still didn't know how Eiko was able to momentarily hold its body in place and kill it with Poseidon's overwhelming beam attack.

For the time being, it didn't plan on attacking the Baby Slime until it figured out the trick she was using against it.

Since it was no longer in the mood to play with the Alliance, it once again decided to retreat, heading further West.

Nyarlathotep would make its stand at its last stronghold, waiting for its last clone to finish the last step for its preparation.

As long as its clone succeeded in its task, it would be able to wash away all its losses and finally turn the situation around, making the entirety of the world submit to its will.

"The Outer God is retreating!" One of the Dragon Borns shouted when the countless waves of Abominations started to retreat like a tide.

The sound of countless cheers reverberated in the surroundings, thinking that they had once again emerged victorious in battle.

Even so, the leaders of the Alliance, especially the Founder of the Divine Army of Light, couldn't help but think that something was very wrong with their victory.

They had prepared a strategy to prevent the massive loss of lives on their side, and they had succeeded in implementing it.

However, they couldn't shake the feeling that their victory was hollow.

It was as if they didn't win because of their own efforts, but because Nyarlathotep decided to call it quits and fight another day.

Of course, they had no reason to believe that it was true because it was only a feeling.

Even so, they didn't say anything, not wanting to possibly dampen the morale of the members of the Alliance, who were cheering for their second victory.

Meanwhile, in Espoir Frieden...

Valerie sat on a swing while lightly rubbing her abdomen. There was yet to be a noticeable bump to it, which would have shown that she was pregnant.

But she could feel it.

She could feel the life growing inside of her.

For some reason, she didn't feel scared. In fact, she felt as if she had been born to give birth to the child in her womb.

Ali and Ari were right beside her, paying close attention to the faint smile on their Mistress' face.

"Can you tell me more about him, Ari?" Valerie asked her handmaiden, who still remembered the father of her child.

"I've told you all I know about him, Valerie," Ari replied helplessly. "But if you really want to know, I will tell you the things that only I know about him."

Valerie nodded happily as she waited for Ari to tell her the things that she still hadn't told her about Lux.

Ali's ears also perked up because, according to her sister, she held a very special place in Lux's heart as well.

Ari even said that, out of all of the Dragons who were part of Lux's harem, he treated Ali differently, and she treated him with a different kind of love that was unique only to her.

Ten minutes later, Valerie's and Ali's faces had become as red as tomatoes after Ari finished talking.

"There's more where that came from." Ari patted her chest with a smile. "Just so you know, Lux and I are very adventurous. We tried many things, and each time, he would teach me something new. It made me realize how lacking my knowledge was when it came to the arts of lovemaking."

"A-Ari, are you sure you're telling the truth?" Valerie asked as the redness of her face became a shade deeper. "Does he make you do all of those things?"

"I was the one who wanted him to do all those things to me, Valerie," Ari replied. "I just didn't expect that I would like it so much. That time when he tied me up with a rope, rendering me helpless as he did it to me, was simply out of this world..."

"Okay, you can stop now," Ali lightly pinched her sister's ear, making Ari stop talking. "I can't believe you're this wild, Ari. Don't you know the meaning of moderation?"

Ari smiled because this was the word that Lux always said to her.

"Let's do things in moderation. I don't want to hurt you, Ari."

Those were the words that he told her on the first night that they experiment with this new way of making love.

It made Ari feel loved, and perhaps because of this, she didn't mind doing the things that Lux's other lovers would never dare to do.

She had allowed herself to take that extra mile to reach greater heights so that her other sisters would be safe from the darkness that resided inside Lux's heart.

A darkness that belonged only to her, making her feel special in her own way.

Suddenly, the three sensed a presence entering their residence, making them stop discussing the things that Ari had shared with them.

"So, the three of you are here," Aurelia said with a smile. "I thought that you were going to the garden to view the flowers today, Valerie."

"That was my original plan, but I felt lazy and decided to just stay here and take it easy," Valerie stated. "Where have you been, Aur?"

To ensure that no one would know Aurelia's true gender, Valerie, Ali, and Ari made sure to call her Aur anytime and anywhere, even if they thought that no one was spying on them.

"I looked for Lady Hereswith to ask her about Lux's situation," Aurelia replied. "She can vaguely tell where he is right now."

"And where is he right now?"

"He's no longer in the Abyss, but he's still not in our world just yet. Perhaps, he is traveling a path that will lead him back here."

Valerie smiled sweetly as she once again touched her abdomen.

"I want to see him," Valerie said softly. "I want to see the person who I asked to make it possible for me to give birth to his child."

"You will see him," Aurelia replied. "Definitely."

Aurelia also wanted to see Lux so badly.

She didn't know if he succeeded in saving Aurora, or if he was forced to leave the Abyss in order to escape Daniel.

But one thing was certain. Once she saw him again, she would tell him the good news that he would soon be a father of two.

Aurelia was even looking forward to seeing the expression on his face once he heard the news, making her wish that her beloved could arrive back in their world as fast as he possibly could.

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"So you managed to get the Golden Scales. This is very good news," Daniel said. "However, why didn't you send it to me right away? Are you that petty, Nyarlathotep?"

"It's not that I don't want to send it to you, Daniel," Nyarlathotep replied. "It's just that, if I do, things will suddenly get boring again. You know, I hate it when things get boring."

"Boring? Is that your excuse for not even managing to get the Golden Anchor from that puny little Slime? How bored are you, really?"

"That Slime is different. I'm going to make her my pet after I'm done dealing with the small fries."

Daniel snorted. He knew that Nyarlathotep was cooking up something in Elysium at the expense of delaying their plan of an all-out invasion.

Also, he hadn't been in the best of mood because of the pests that had taken away the Transcendent Succubus, who possessed one of the Pillars of Eternity in her soul.

He didn't know whether this was part of Antero's plan to prevent him from breaking through the seal that the Primordial Golem had placed on the portal that led to the Thirteenth Floor.

Even so, Daniel had to admit that, unless he gained another Pillar of Eternity, he would be unable to change the status quo in the Abyss.

This was why he was very annoyed that Nyarlathotep chose to do things his way instead of promptly sending him the Golden Scale, which would allow him to get to the First Layer of the Abyss and traverse the portals that led to different worlds.

"Calm down, Daniel," Nyarlathotep stated. "Give me two weeks. After two weeks, my plan will have come to fruition. I am preparing a very special present for you—something that you will like very much."

"The only thing that I'd like to see is Elysium and Solais being destroyed by my own two hands," Daniel replied. "Two weeks, Nyarlathotep, and not a day longer."

"Fine. I know that you are getting impatient, so I'll send you the Pillars in two weeks."

"Good. Update me if any variables arise."

After cutting off his connection with the Outer God, Daniel glanced at the two-meter-tall Black Wolf with the wings of a Griffin and the tail of a snake.

He was none other than the Demigod, Marchosias, whom he had sent to investigate the commotion that had taken place on the 14th Layer of the Abyss.

"Why didn't you stop them when you met those two suspicious individuals, Marchosias?" Daniel inquired. "You know that traveling through the different layers of the Abyss is not allowed at this time, no?"

"They told me that they were merely going back to their hometown, which was on the 69th Layer," Marchosias replied. "I didn't know that they were planning to go to the 111th Layer of the Abyss."

"They told you that they were going to the 69th Layer, and you believed them?" Daniel asked in contempt. "Tell me, Marchosias, why should I not kill you right now? Give me one good reason why I must spare your life?"

"If that will make you happy for not being able to handle two small fries by yourself, then go ahead," Marchosias replied. "All of your subordinates tried to stop them, but what happened? They still escaped your grasp."

"Of course, I had planned to block them on the 14th Floor as well, but the moment Lord Antero appeared, I was forced to lead my men to safety. I don't think I did anything wrong. Feel free to kill me as an excuse for your own incompetence."

The Black Wolf met Daniel's gaze fearlessly. He had agreed to become the Pseudo-God's subordinate, but that didn't mean that he would grovel and beg on his feet just to ask him to spare his life.

He was one of the rulers of the Abyss.

He had his own bottom line.

Even in death, he would not lower himself to that of a mongrel.

"Get out of my sight!" Daniel ordered.

He was really tempted to kill the Abyssal Lord, but he knew that if he did it, nothing would change.

Even if Marchosias had fought against Lux, the outcome would have still been the same.

The Abyssal Lord would just die, including his subordinates, and no one would know what had happened until it was too late.

Right now, Daniel believed that everything that happened was due to Antero's ploy.

Lux was disguising himself as an Incubus.

Because of this, Daniel had no idea that the person who was supposed to be dead long ago had not only infiltrated the Abyss but had also stolen the Pillar of Eternity, which he had set his sights on.

If Daniel were to know of these things, he would definitely be shocked because not only was Lux supposed to be dead, the connection between Elysium, Solais, and the Abyss should have been cut off completely.

This was also the reason why it was impossible for Daniel to even think that the one who had snatched his prize was Lux.

While he was still deep in his thoughts, a messenger had come to inform him of the latest things that were happening in the Abyss.

Daniel had asked his subordinates to report anything that was happening in their respective layers once a day, in order to ensure that there would be no repeat of the incident that happened not long ago.

"There has been an influx of souls that are coming from Elysium and Solais," the Messenger reported. "Millions of cocoons have spawned in the 222nd, 333rd, and 444th Layers. I believe that this is all thanks to Lord Nyarlathotep's actions, as well as the Abyssal Lords, who are currently in Elysium and Solais."

"Anything else?" Daniel asked.

Millions of souls suddenly appearing in the Abyss wasn't something to be surprised about. He had already expected this to happen.

What he didn't expect was that, out of those millions of souls, someone housed a Pillar of Eternity in her soul, which should have been a pleasant development for Daniel.

"Nothing else to report, My Lord," the Messenger replied. "Even the scouts on the 14th Layer are saying that they are not seeing any changes in the portal that leads to the 13th Layer."

Daniel sighed before waving his hand to dismiss the Messenger.

'I just hope that Nyarlathotep doesn't forget his promise,' Daniel thought. 'Two weeks is a long time, and I have already completed my preparations here. It seems like the only thing I can really do is wait.'

Daniel closed his eyes in order to meditate.

This was the only thing he could think of in order to calm his nerves while waiting for the promised day that Nyarlathotep would give him the Pillar of Eternity, the key that would allow him to enter the portals of the Abyss and conquer all the worlds that were within his grasp.

Chapter 1178: Does He Rock Your World?

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Meanwhile, somewhere in the Multiverse...

Lux and Aurora were currently eating cake while looking at two beautiful little girls with short pink hair.

Both of them were currently in a world called Hestia because James had to make a short detour to participate in the Birthday Party of his two granddaughters, Maple and Cinnamon.

Since the Old Man had helped him a lot in saving Aurora, Lux agreed to spend three days in Hestia so that the Old Bandit could buy gifts and spend time with his beloved grandchildren.

"Have we met each other before?" Lux asked the red-headed Half-Elf, who was seated beside him and was holding a cute baby in his arms. "I could have sworn you look familiar."

"I get that a lot these days," the Half-Elf, who had the same hair and eye color as Lux, replied with a smile. "Also, just call me William."

"Lux," Lux replied as he shook William's hand.

Aurora, on the other hand, was busy talking with two other Succubi, who had long purple hair and were just as gorgeous as her.

"Is he good?" the first Succubus, who went by the name Sidonie, asked Aurora with a mischievous smile on her face.

"He is," Aurora replied.

"How good is good?" the other Succubus, who went by the name Morgana, inquired. "Does he rock your world?"

"No," Aurora answered with a smirk. "I rock his world."

Sidonie giggled before giving Aurora a thumbs up. "Girl, you rock."

"Hah~ I'm a failure as a Succubus," Morgana lamented. "My husband is rocking my world, and not the other way around."

Aurora glanced at the handsome Half-Elf who was holding a baby in his arms.

He looked so relaxed as he held his baby. It was as if he had done this many times already, making him an expert in handling babies.

"Well, your husband is indeed very capable," Aurora said. "How many wives does he have again?"

"Forty-seven," Sidonie replied. "There might have been countless more if we all hadn't put our foot down to stop it."

Aurora couldn't help but smile after hearing Sidonie's reply. Having many wives was not an easy thing to accomplish, and she felt thankful that Lux only had less than ten lovers, which was obviously better compared to the other Half-Elf, whose number of children was nearing a hundred.

Suddenly, a bridge made up of light descended into the venue.

A moment later, a rainbow-colored Anteater rolled down it, causing everyone to break out in cheers.

"Uncle Kazo!" Maple said as she gave Kazogonaga a hug. "I miss you."

"Cinnamon misses you too, Uncle," Cinnamon stated as she also gave the Anteater a hug.

"I missed you too, Maple and Cinnamon," Kaozognaga replied as he hugged the two twins in return. "I'm just so busy doing concerts, T.V. Shows, as well as starring in movies. I promise to clear up a bit of my time in the next few months so we can go to an amusement park, okay?"

""Yay!""

The two girls cheered after hearing Kazogonaga's promise.

The Anteater then gave the two birthday celebrants the gifts that he had prepared for them, which was a storage ring filled to the brim with all the junk foods found back on Earth.

Lux, who was chatting with William a moment ago, gasped after seeing Kazogonaga.

The rainbow-colored Anteater, who was also about to say hi to William, froze when he saw the familiar face sitting next to his friend.

"Kazo!"

"Lux!"

William looked at the two and smiled.

"The two of you know each other?" William inquired.

Kazogonaga smiled before jumping on top of a chair that was made just for him.

"Do you remember that Movie called Cantarella that you turned down?" Kazogonaga asked.

"Yes," William replied.

"Well, Lux here was the one that took on the role that you are supposed to play," Kazogonaga explained. "Lux, do you know the commotion you caused when you just suddenly disappeared? Fortunately, that ballroom scene was the last scene that we needed to shoot. If not for that, Director Francesca would have cursed you until her dying breath.

"Also, Luna seemed to be very down after you disappeared. Although she does her best to not show it, we can tell that she is very sad and misses you terribly."

Aurora, who was hearing some unfamiliar terms, frowned. She didn't know why Lux was acquainted with the Anteater Kazogonaga.

But when she heard the name Luna, something inside her clicked because Lux had mentioned this name to her in the past.

'If I remember correctly, she was supposed to be someone who looks like Aina,' Aurora thought. 'Either he told me about Luna, or I just forgot it after I died.'

A sad smile appeared on Lux's face when he heard what had transpired after he left Earth.

However, his sadness didn't last for long because he just realized something.

"How are you able to go to Earth?" Lux asked. "Is there a way that I can do that too?"

"Well, you will need James' help to do that," Kazogonaga replied. "That Old Man is the only one who can connect the Bifrost Bridge to different worlds. Of course, this doesn't happen instantly.

"He needs to set fixed coordinates, as well as establish the connection between the two worlds. Otherwise, it won't work. It's a complicated process, so it will be best if you just ask him how it's done. Waiter, can I have a glass of champagne, please? Thank you."

The Waiter immediately gave the Superstar his drink and even managed to ask for his autograph on the side.

The rainbow-colored Anteater took a sip of the champagne before taking out a CD from its storage ring.

"This is a copy of the movie, Cantarella," Kazogonaga replied. "It will be released in theaters in three months, but since I am awesome, I managed to get a copy. How about you watch it before you go back to your world? I'm sure that the lady beside you will want to see it as well.

"Is she perhaps your lover? Make sure to invite me to your wedding. Although I'm always busy, I'll make sure to attend it if you marry Luna as well. Otherwise, I'm crashing your party."

Lux nodded "Understood."

He was dealing with so many things right now, and he still had a world to save. However, that didn't mean that he wasn't thinking about the future.

Luna was waiting for him back on Earth, so he had to survive this calamity first. Otherwise, he was afraid that she would wait for him forever until she grew old and decrepit.

That day, Aurora was introduced to the world of Movies.

She was surprised and amazed that such a thing existed. Also, when she first saw Luna, she immediately understood why Lux said that she looked like an older version of Aina.

"Let's save the world so that Luna can reunite with her sister," Aurora said softly as she held Lux's hand.

"Yes," Lux replied as he watched the movie that took six months to produce.

That time that he had spent with Luna was one of his most bittersweet memories.

Memories that he wanted to experience again after he settled the problems that he had to face when he returned to Solais and Elysium.

Chapter 1179.1: A Beautiful Flower That Bloomed Only For Him [Part 1]

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After much deliberation and with Aurora's encouragement, Lux asked James and Kazogonaga for a favor.

And that favor was to help him return to Earth so that he could talk to Luna for a day and tell her to not be sad anymore because he found a way to visit her.

Of course, James was fine with this request.

Compared to going back to Elysium, going to Earth was just like snapping a finger.

With the Bifrost Bridge allowing him to travel instantly to that world, it wouldn't take much effort to give Lux a day to see the sad actress, who missed him terribly.

According to Kazogonaga, Luna was starring in another project and was shooting near a desert.

Of course, the film crew and the director would not allow random people to just walk up to their set and say hi.

However, if it was the Superstar Kazogonaga, they would be more than happy to allow him and his entourage to visit their set and watch them film.

Somewhere in B-Country...

"And cut!"

Director Francesca shouted, and the crew finally relaxed.

The scene was difficult because of its intensity, but Luna and the other side characters of the project were able to pull it off perfectly.

After her amazing performance in Cantarella, Director Francesca decided to cast Luna in the next project she was working on.

However, her role in this movie was only that of a supporting Lead Character.

Even so, Luna was still thankful for the work because it allowed her to momentarily forget the sadness in her heart.

"Good take," Director Francesca said to Luna. "We will pack up soon and return to the city. Make sure to take a proper rest tonight at the hotel because tomorrow, we will be staying in the desert heat to shoot a couple of scenes for the movie."

"Understood, Director," Luna replied.

Suddenly, they saw a van approaching their set, which made Director Francesca frown.

Just as she was about to call the security guards they hired to protect them from any threats in the desert, the car stopped, and a rainbow-colored Anteater stepped down from the van and waved at the film crew.

"It's Lord Kazo!" one of the crew gasped in surprise. "Oh my god! My niece loves him. She even bought a Kazogonaga plushie and hugged it to sleep."

"Mine, too!"

"I have one of those as well. They are so soft, and you can even use them as a pillow."

There were several new faces among the crew who never had the chance to work with Kazogonaga in the past. Because of this, they were very happy to see him on the set.

All of them wanted to take his photograph and even take selfies with him to brag to their family and friends.

A few seconds later, a young man stepped out of the van and glanced in Luna's direction.

The beautiful actress' eyes widened in shock when she saw the young man, whom she hadn't seen for a while.

Director Francesa also recognized Lux, making her glare in his direction.

"Oi! You bastard!" Director Francesa shouted. "How dare you disappear without even telling anyone?! Do you know the commotion you caused several months ago? Come here, I'm going to give you a good beating!"

Lux smiled bitterly as he walked toward the Director, as well as the young lady, whose eyes had locked onto his body.

She wanted to hug him so badly right now, but if she were to do that, things might become complicated with her acting career.

Because of this, she held herself back and tried to greet Lux as normally as she could.

"It's been a while since we last saw each other," Luna said. "Are you doing well?"

"Not really," Lux replied. "But I'm here. That's all that matters."

Before Lux could even say anything else, Director Francesca pulled on his right ear, which made Luna giggle.

Lux didn't even resist the older lady's "revenge" because he was guilty of suddenly disappearing without notice after the end of their filming.

He was now a Supreme, so a normal human wouldn't be able to hurt him even if they kicked him in the balls.

Perhaps, seeing that her punishment didn't have any effect on the Half-Elf, Director Francesca cursed loudly, which was unbecoming of a famous director like her.

"Young man, we will have a lot of things to discuss," Director Francesca stated. "Make sure to not disappear anywhere without telling me, okay?"

"Okay," Lux replied.

However, he only planned to stay until morning before he and James resumed their journey to travel back to Elysium.

He only wanted to tell Luna that he could visit her now, making her fears of not seeing him again go away.

Of course, in order to have this opportunity, he needed to beat Daniel first and rid the world of any Abyssal Threat, allowing him to return to Earth and stay by Luna's side for extended periods of time.

It took the crew an hour to pack everything up before they drove to the city, which was a one-hour drive from the location they had filmed at.

After arriving at the hotel, Kazogonaga was immediately booked a Presidential Suite before the Anteatrer could even say anything.

For the hotel, having him there was like the ultimate promotion that they could use to attract more customers to their establishment.

Since Lux was part of Kazogonaga's entourage, he was also given a room for himself, free of charge.

The Half-Elf joined the film crew for dinner and chatted with Luna and Director Francesca.

According to the Director, she had high hopes for the movie, Cantarella, and she was even looking forward to the awards that she would receive the moment it hit the box office.

Luna talked sparingly, but her eyes spoke a thousand words.

Lux held her hand under the table, allowing the young lady to finally calm down and understand that everything that was happening wasn't a dream.

An hour later, Luna retired to her room, and Lux sneakily entered it without anyone seeing him.

As soon as he closed the door firmly behind him, Luna was not able to hold back any longer and jumped into his arms.

Lux caught the young lady, whose tears fell on his shirt like rain.

No words were spoken between them, and before Lux knew it, he was already on the bed, pinned down by the beautiful actress.

She was very beautiful, like a flower in full bloom.

A beautiful flower that bloomed only for him.

Chapter 1180.2: A Beautiful Flower That Bloomed Only For Him [Part 2]

After their hearts and bodies were sated, Luna rested her head on Lux's chest and hugged him firmly.

This was the happiest day of her life ever since the Half-Elf had left her to return to his world.

Deep inside, she couldn't help but feel that meeting him again was a miracle.

Of course, Luna was willing to wait.

She was willing to wait for him even if it took a decade or, perhaps, even more.

However, the uncertainty of seeing him again gnawed at her heart and spirit, making her feel depressed.

If not for the fact that she had been made busy by filming and solidifying her career as an actress, she might have entered a reclusive state, not going anywhere outside of her room unless absolutely necessary.

Her work was the only thing that allowed her to forget the warmth of his touch, the gentleness of his embrace, and the words of love he had whispered in her ears.

Right now, she was feeling that warmth while being held in the embrace of the young man to whom she had offered her body and heart.

The two of them talked in hushed voices while in this state.

Lux told her that he had found a way to visit her, but he couldn't stay for long because he still had unfinished business in Elysium.

He didn't dare tell her that he had just come from the Abyss in order to find his lover, who had died while protecting everyone she held dear.

Aurora had stayed behind in the world of Hestia and was currently having fun watching movies and TV shows.

Fortunately, one of William's wives, who went by the name Erinys, was someone who loved to watch shows on NetFix.

She and Aurora were currently binge-watching one of her favorite shows, which also caught the interest of the beautiful Succubus who decided to stay behind and wait for Lux's return.

As much as she also wanted to meet Luna, she understood that this wasn't the right time to do so.

Because of this, she allowed Lux to meet her alone and make the beautiful actress feel the love that she thought she had lost forever.

"So, after you're done with this business, will you come and meet me again?" Luna asked.

"Yes," Lux replied. "And I will bring Aina with me when I do. I promise."

"Good." Luna fought off a yawn, as she desperately tried to keep herself awake.

Her lover told her that he would be gone by sunrise to return to his world.

Truth be told, Luna was afraid that the moment she woke up in the morning, everything that happened would be just a dream.

Even though she knew it wasn't one, a part of her was thinking that this was simply too good to be true.

Perhaps, knowing that she would think that everything was just a dream, Lux decided to leave a few kiss marks in places that wouldn't be seen by anyone but Luna.

This would prove to the young lady that everything she experienced was real.

Of course, Lux intended to wake her up before he disappeared again.

A proper goodbye was necessary in order to make the hearts of the people, who would be left behind, at ease.

"Sleep," Lux kissed the young lady's forehead. "I'll wake you up before I go. I promise."

"Okay," Luna reluctantly replied as she finally closed her eyes to sleep.

Their filming took nearly an entire day, and she was dead tired. However, she still used her remaining strength to make love to Lux and feel him deep inside of her.

With the last of her strength gone, she fell asleep in an instant.

She was even snoring lightly, which made the Half-Elf's heart ache.

Because of this, he made her lay on the bed properly, before hugging her body.

He then closed his eyes to sleep as well.

As much as he wanted to cherish this moment, he was also very exhausted from their journey to the Abyss.

He was now a Supreme, and his body was way stronger than ever before. But the exhaustion he felt in his mind and spirit was something that not even the power of a Supreme could brush off so easily.

Lux was so worried about what was happening in Elysium that even spending a day with Luna was his limit.

If not for the threat that was hanging over his home world, he would have stayed with Luna for a few days and kept her company.

Alas, it was not meant to be.

Several hours later, Lux opened his eyes and looked outside the window of Luna's room.

The sky was still dark, and yet, he knew that it was already time to say goodbye.

Using his power to revitalize the body of his lover, Lux gently shook Luna awake.

"Is it time for you to leave?" Luna asked.

The last dregs of sleepiness melted away inside her mind like butter, replaced with sadness.

"Yes," Lux replied. "But there is no need for you to worry. Like I said, I now have a way to visit you. Just give me some time, and I will return here with Aina."

Luna nodded before hugging her lover one last time.

"This is not a dream, right?" Luna asked.

Lux smiled mischievously, as he lightly pinched her butt, making Luna gasp in shock.

"So, are you now awake?" Lux inquired.

"I hate you," Luna pouted.

However, she still wrapped her arms around Lux's neck and stood on her tiptoe to kiss his lips.

"Come and see me as soon as you can," Luna said softly. "I will be waiting for you and my sister to pay me a visit. However, make sure to stay for a few days... no. You must stay for at least a week on your next visit."

Lux chuckled before nodding his head. "I will. I promise."

"Good." Luna then hugged Lux's tightly.

This hug lasted for two minutes before she reluctantly took a step back.

"Go," Luna replied. "I now know that this isn't a dream. Safe travels, Lux, and may you return to your world safely."

"Goodbye, Luna," Lux replied. "I will come and see you soon."

The Half-Elf then opened the window in order to take flight.

However, before he went away, he gave Luna a reassuring smile and one last wave of goodbye.

Luna returned the gesture with a smile on her face.

She knew that the next time she saw the handsome Half-Elf, she would experience the sweetest dream with the sister she loved and the man whom she was looking forward to spending forever with.

Chapter 1181.1: It's My Win! [Part 1]

After leaving Earth, Lux returned to Hestia and found Aurora seated on a comfortable couch, eating popcorn with the beautiful Halfling, Erinys.

She was one of William's wives, and her hobby was watching Soap Operas, Adaptations, as well as Anime on Netflix.

Having found a watching buddy, Erinys was very sad when Aurora bid her farewell. However, Aurora promised that after they finished dealing with the problems in their world, she would visit Hestia so that they could finish the rest of the Halfling's recommendations.

Aurora was also quite sad that she only managed to watch half of the show called Squirt Game, where people cleared life and death trials in order to live another day and earn millions of money.

"I'll be waiting for you," Erinys said as she held Aurora's hand. "Promise me that you'll be safe, okay?"

"I will be safe," Aurora replied and hugged her new-found friend. "Lux will protect me."

Erinys hugged her friend tightly for a few seconds before reluctantly taking a step back.

"I'm sure he will protect you, especially after everything he has gone through in order to reunite with you." Erinys smiled. "Both of you, be safe. I will be waiting for your triumphant return."

"Thank you, Erinys," Lux said. "Let's go, Aurora."

Aurora nodded and the two of them held hands before leaving the Ainsworth Royal Palace.

James was already waiting for them outside, and as soon as he saw the two teenagers, he climbed on top of his eight-legged horse and reached out to help Lux and Aurora mount Sleipnir's back.

"Are both of you ready?" James asked.

""Yes.""

James then patted the neck of his trusty steed, signaling to Sleipnir that it was time to leave.

The eight-legged horse then ran full throttle before it gradually rose to the sky, moving at great speeds.

Soon, they broke past through the atmosphere of the World of Hestia and traveled through outer space.

Sleipnir's speed further increased, and before long, Lux and Aurora found themselves traveling in a familiar tunnel, where the lights of the stars sped past them.

Sleipnir ventured forward, closing the distance between them and the world of Elysium, which was about to enter a critical stage in the war against the Outer God and his Abyssal Army.

Western Regions of Elysium...

"The time has finally come," Nyarlathotep declared as he stood amid his Abyssal Legion. "It's time to make these mortals understand that they never stood a fighting chance against me."

The Outer God looked at the Floating Islands and Flying Ships of the Alliance in the distance with disdain.

After nearly two weeks of hit-and-run battles, he now stood in his last stronghold, ready to fight the Alliance in a bloody battle.

King Azza, Keoza, Lady Augustina, the Beast King, and the Leaders of the various factions of the Alliance stared at the sea of Abyssal Creatures that spanned across the horizon.

They were like a black tide ready to swallow the world, and the majority of them were alien-looking abominations that had turned golden in color.

"By the Gods, I think there are nearly a billion of those vile things under Nyarlathotep's control," the Beast King grimaced. "Do you think..."

The Beast King wasn't able to finish his question when the Sovereign of Memento Mori cut him off.

"During our journey, we haven't seen a single Human corpse in or near the fallen Kingdoms and Empires that we visited," the old man said. "I believe that those golden abominations are born from the dead bodies of people."

"I am a Necromancer, and I have committed many vile acts in my lifetime, but I have never done something to this extent. I'm sure my other comrades will agree that seeing this scene makes us feel inferior as Necromancers."

"You mean, you would have done such a thing if given the chance?" the Founder of the Divine Army sneered.

"I will not say that the possibility doesn't exist," the Sovereign of Memento Mori replied. "But I'd rather choose to raise the dead from the cemeteries and Ancient battlefields than to kill millions of people without a proper reason."

"So, can your Undead Legion deal with these small fries?" the Founder of the Divine Army asked.

The Sovereign smiled. "Of course. Let us handle the small fries. You can go aim for the Outer God's neck if you're that capable."

The Founder of the Divine Army frowned but no longer said anything.

Truth be told, he had tried to contact the Sovereign of their organization many times to ask that he send the newly created Apostles over in order to fight against the Abyss.

However, the only reply he received from the other side was the words, "The Apostles are still not ready. I need more time."

Even a few hours ago, he had gotten the same reply from the Sovereign, who had stayed behind in their Underground Base to continue the production of their Apostles.

"Everyone get ready to attack!" King Azza shouted, and his orders spread far and wide, reaching all the Floating Islands and Flying Ships of the Alliance.

As soon as the orders were given, the Floating Island of Heaven's Gate unleashed an opening barrage of Blast Bombs that rained down on the Abyssal Army like a carpet of destruction.

By now, Nyarlathotep had already figured out the range of the Floating Island's bombardment, as well as the weapons it employed in battle.

With a wave of his hand, a purple barrier rose up to shield his forces from the bombardment of Heaven's Gate.

When the first barrage ended, underneath the Alliance's formation, countless giant black tentacles rose up from the ground, ready to engage them in combat.

The Alliance had seen these tentacles many times over the past few weeks of battle.

Just like how Nyarlathotep knew The Alliance's abilities, the latter also knew the tricks that he was employing.

In simple terms, both sides had already gotten used to each other's fighting style and had already developed countermeasures for each.

The moment the black tentacles appeared, the Dragons the Dragon Borns, as well as anyone who had the ability to fight while flying in the sky, attacked the Giant Tentacles that were right under their noses.

While this was happening, Nyarlathotep's Abyssal Army surged forward, marking the start of the final battle between the Outer God and the members of the Alliance.

Chapter 1182.2: It's My Win! [Part 2]

"All teams, mobilize!" Great General Garret ordered.

Soon, countless Gyrocopters left the Floating Island of Edea and joined the Dragons in fighting against the giant black tentacles and the Abyssal Monsters that they were hiding inside their bodies.

Countless flying Abyssal Creatures covered the sunlight, turning day into night, and the sounds of explosions reverberated across the entire battlefield as everyone finally unleashed their Trump Cards, determined to exterminate as many enemies as they could.

Both sides were now out for blood, and blood flowed like rivers as the battlefield were littered with corpses.

However, these corpses would either rise again as Zombies or Golden Abominations who continued to fight, even though the owners of those bodies were no longer present.

The Abyssal Lords all attacked in full force, knowing that this time, there was no turning back.

The Supremes also felt that this was the final battle, so they didn't hold back and engaged the Abyssal Lords in a battle to the death.

Dark clouds covered the sky as thunder and lightning boomed in the Heavens.

The roars of countless Monsters, Humans, Beastkins, Dwarves, Elves, Halflings, Gnomes, and all the other races of Elysium mingled with each other, creating a chaotic symphony of death and destruction.

All this time, Nyarlathotep only watched the battle from afar as it commanded its forces to fight to the death.

Cethus and Gerhart fought side by side in the sky as they dealt with an Empyrean-Ranked Abyssal Wyvern that had almost destroyed a Gnome Flying Battleship.

After successfully killing the Empyrean Ranked Wyvern, it was converted into an Undead Wyvern to fight for their side.

Hundreds of Bone Dragons unleashed their Dragon Breaths at the approaching Abyssal Army, incinerating those who were not strong enough to resist their Draconic Might.

Suddenly, something unexpected happened.

A Golden Abomination extended its tentacle to grab another one of its kind.

A second later, it hurled its comrade towards one of the Bone Dragons in the sky.

When the Abomination latched its body successfully onto the Bone Dragon's body, it detonated itself, sending an explosion that not only destroyed the Bone Dragon but also damaged the nearby Flying Ships that were near its blast radius.

"N-No," the Founder muttered. "It cannot be!"

As someone who had used the power of the Golden Scales in the past, he was very familiar with the left-over Divinity that it unleashed the moment one of their Apostles attempted a suicide attack.

"... Are you there?" the Founder asked right after activating the artifact that would allow him to contact the Sovereign of the Divine Army that was back at their Underground Headquarters.

"I guess the cat is out of the bag now, eh?"

The Founder of the Divine Army heard the Outer God's teasing voice loud and clear from the artifact that he was holding in the palm of his hand.

"How long have you had the Golden Scales?" the Founder asked.

"You're quite quick on the uptake," Nyarlathotep replied. "To answer your question, I gained this artifact nearly two weeks ago. Also, don't bother asking if your Sovereign survived. He's among those Golden Abominations that are swarming your army right now. Who knows? The one that might attack you next might be him."

"Bastard!" The Founder of the Divine Army roared out of anger and frustration. He had already been feeling that something had gone terribly wrong a week ago, and he couldn't easily accept it now that it was confirmed.

Nyarlathotep's laughter spread through the artifact in the Founder's hand, making him crush it out of anger.

After regaining his composure, he warned the other leaders that his people had been compromised and had been transformed into the Golden Abominations they were fighting against.

Soon, more explosions shook the surroundings as dozens of Golden Abominations detonated themselves, destroying the Bone Dragons, Killing Dragons, as well as the flying ships in the surroundings.

They didn't even care if they detonated in the places where their allies were fighting against the members of the Alliance.

This caused massive deaths on both sides, but Nyarlathotep didn't care like always.

For it, the Abyssal Lords, the Abyssal Monsters, and the Golden Abominations were merely tools to be used to achieve the thing it wanted to achieve.

Suddenly, a giant Crystal Dragon and a Giant Golden Dragon appeared on the battlefield, whose ranks had shot up to the peak of the Demigod Rank.

They were none other than Keoza and King Azza, who had taken on their Dragon Forms in order to take out the Outer God personally.

"It looks like they no longer want to play." Nyarlathotep sneered. "Fine. Let's see what the two of you can do!"

The Outer God unleashed its full powers and grew a pair of black wings on its back.

Nyarlathotep was already hideous and vile-looking. With the wings behind its back, it was like a flying monster that had come out of a horror movie.

With an arrogant laugh that echoed across the entire battlefield, Nyarlathotep faced off against the two Dragons, who stood at the Apex of Elysium.

Keoza unleashed a Crystal Breath, while King Azza complimented it with a Lightning Breath.

The two powerful breath attacks flew toward the Outer God, but the latter only looked at them in contempt before raising the Black Scale and summoning its Guardian to fight.

A giant Black Statue emerged from the ground and raised its shield to block the two breath attacks that were aimed at its Master.

The attacks made the Giant Statue take a few steps back, but after getting a firm foothold, it managed to stand against the breath attacks of two of the strongest beings in Elysium.

Nyarlathotep then unleashed countless dark rays at the two giant Dragons, forcing them to evade.

Keoza and King Azza didn't dare to meet the Outer God's attacks head-on, for it was an entity whom they had no idea what its attacks could do.

The giant Black Statue grew bigger until it became as big as Lux's Deus Gigantia.

"What's wrong?" Nyarlathotep asked as it landed on the shoulder of the Black Giant in a teasing tone. "Is that all you've got?"

Keoza and King Azza exchanged a glance and nodded their heads at the same time.

The two Dragons then flew high in the sky, reaching thousands of meters in the air.

Nyarlathotep frowned because he had no idea what the two planned to do.

However, a moment later, countless meteors, which were the size of a truck, descended upon the Abyssal Army and turned the rear of their formation into

a hellish landscape that reaped the lives of countless golden abominations, as well as the lives of countless Abyssal Monsters.

Chapter 1183.3: It's My Win! [Part 3]

"Well played." Nyarlathotep had to admit that the two Dragon Kings were competent enough to lead the Alliance to fight against it.

However, this was still not enough to faze it.

The Giant Black Statue then raised its sword before unleashing a sword slash toward the Floating Islands, who were at the front of the Alliance's battle formation.

A giant black Crescent Blade emerged from its sword, slicing one of the Floating Islands of Karshvar Draconis in half, as well as the other ships that were right behind it.

The Crescent Blade flew dangerously close to the Floating Island of Edea, where the Guild Headquarters of Heaven's Gate was located.

Loud explosions reverberated in the surroundings as one of the Floating Island of Karshvar Draconis fell to the ground. The other Flying Ships that were hit by the attack earlier exploded mid-air, causing damage to the other Flying Ships that were adjacent to them.

Nyarlathotep sneered and ordered the Giant Black Statue to unleash another sword slash, which was meant to obliterate another large chunk of the Alliance's forces.

The Giant Statue obeyed, and another black Crescent Blade flew toward the battle formation of the Alliance, not caring whether it hit even its allies.

A loud Draconic roar reached everyone's ears as Keoza dived down from the sky and erected a Crystal Barrier, stopping the Giant Statue's attack.

At the same time that this happened, a lightning breath descended from the sky and attacked the Outer God Directly.

Unfortunately, the Giant Black Statue blocked the attack with a round shield that had materialized in its left hand.

"You have to do better than that, Dragon King," Nyarlathotep said in a teasing tone as the Giant Black Statue started to charge towards the formation of the alliance with its shield raised in front of it.

Clearly, it was planning to use its shield to charge through the enemies that were right in front of it, crushing them through brute force.

Keoza once again raised a Crystal Barrier in an attempt to block the Giant's charge, but to his surprise, his Crystal Barrier shattered mere seconds after the shield collided with it.

Although the speed of the Giant's Statue's charge slowed down a bit, it still had enough momentum to slam its shield against the Crystal Dragon and send him flying.

"My King!" Lady Augustina shouted after seeing Keoza crash toward the ground, thousands of meters away from the formation of the Alliance.

With nothing stopping its way, Nyarlathotep laughed out loud as the Black Giant Statue once again charged forward, intending to destroy everything in its path, not caring whether they were friend or foes.

At that exact moment, a beam of light hit the side of the Giant Black Statue and pushed it to the side, stopping its deathly charge toward the member of the Alliance.

Nyarlathotep glared hatefully in the distance and saw a Giant Flying Bone Ship.

However, it wasn't alone.

Countless other Flying Ships with Pirate flags fluttering in the breeze surrounded it like satellites ready to strike.

"I'll sing you a song, it's the song of the sea," Eiko, who was in her Fairy Princess Form, sang with a sneer on her adorable face. "I'll see you a song if you sing it with me~"

The Pirates who were now members of the Boom Boom Pirate Crew all sang the chorus of the song, raising the morale of the Alliance, who saw that reinforcements had arrived.

"And it's row, me bully boys, we're in a hurry boys,

We got a long way to go.

And we'll sing and we'll dance and bid farewell to chance,

And it's row, me bully boys row."

The Pirates of the Boom Boom Pirate Crew all moved toward the Abyssal Legion in order to help their allies in battle.

Eiko and Poseidon faced Nyarlathotep and its Giant Black Statue, making the Outer God's smiling face disappear completely.

Truth be told, it wasn't afraid of facing off against the entirety of the Alliance.

However, whenever it faced the Baby Slime, it always suffered a loss, making it treat the Fairy Princess seriously.

"So, you've finally come," Nyarlathotep said. "I have been expecting you."

Eiko didn't say anything and simply ordered Poseidon to unleash another beam attack at the Black Giant, who had lost its arm, which was holding the sword earlier.

Nyarlathotep sneered as he cast a spell that he had prepared to counter Poseidon's deadly beam strike.

Bending the space in front of it, a purple portal appeared and swallowed Poseidon's attack.

When the last of its beam strike had faded, another portal appeared above Nyarlathotep, sending back the beam strike that it had absorbed earlier right towards the annoying Fairy Princess, who had gotten in his way one too many times already!

"Come, C2!" Eiko ordered.

Suddenly, a gigantic figure appeared between the Bone Ship and the beam attack that Nyarlathotep had returned toward Poseidon.

A loud explosion shook the entire battlefield as the beam attack collided with something, sending a powerful shock wave that blew everything within five hundred meters around Poseidon away.

A dust cloud covered everyone's vision, preventing them from seeing the outcome. Great General Garret and Emma, who were on the Floating Island of Edea, couldn't help but feel anxious after seeing that Poseidon had taken a direct hit from its own beam attack.

But, just as everyone thought that the Bone Ship had been destroyed, something stirred within the black smoke, making Nyarlathotep frown.

A giant clawed hand swiped the dust cloud away, revealing a Gigantic Monster with a squid-like face and countless tentacles dangling from its face.

It was Eiko's latest creation C2, which was the shortened version of its original name, which was Cthulhu.

< Cthulhu >

"That is not dead which can eternal lie, and with strange eons even death may die."

One Who Dreams At The Depths Of the Sea

Rating: SSR+++++++

Rank: Strongest Demigod of Elysium (World Boss)

Health: ?????????????????? / ??????????????????

Mana: ?????????????????? / ??????????????????

Strength: ??????????????????

Intelligence: ??????????????????

Vitality: ??????????????????

Agility: ??????????????????

Dexterity: ??????????????????????

Title: The One Who Wiped The Dinosaurs Out Of The World.

Note: You want stats and flavor text? I will give you stats and flavor text!

With the order of its Master, the Giant Monster of the Deep, charged with a roar that shook the lands and the heavens.

The strongest Demigod of Elysium had finally appeared in the world and, with its appearance, the Outer God's face became as dark as the night.

(E/N: Bad Guys who can't handle competition. Tsk tsk tsk.)

(E/N: I can never look at the C2 drink the same way again.)

Chapter 1184.4: It's My Win! [Part 4]

With a single punch from C2, the Giant Black Statue staggered backward.

With another punch, it was sent flying for thousands of meters, alongside the Demigod that stood on its shoulder.

A different creature was supposed to be born from the Bone Cauldron that Eiko had summoned.

With ten Demigod Cores, a powerful monster was guaranteed to appear.

But things changed when Nyarlathotep decided to seek out Eiko in order to steal the Golden Anchor from her hands.

Unfortunately for the Outer God, its plans were ruined when the Demigods and Calamity-Ranked Monsters of the sea all rose up to the surface and fought against it and the Abyssal Lords that it had brought along to hunt Eiko down.

Ten of those Abyssal Lords died in that skirmish before the rest fled toward the portal in order to escape.

Even Nyarlathotep's clone failed to escape that encounter and was vaporized by Poseidon's powerful beam attack.

The Bone Cauldron then grabbed the bodies of the ten Abyssal Lords, who still had their Demigod Cores.

This development changed the nature of the creature it was forming, resulting in the birth of the strongest Demigod that the world had ever seen.

Regardless of what the Giant Black Statue did, it was unable to compete with C2's raw strength and power.

With each clash, parts of its body were destroyed, making it look extremely pitiful.

The darkness in Nyarlathotep's face disappeared when he discovered something interesting within the Giant, who had a squid-like face.

'Hahaha! What a stroke of luck!' Nyarlathotep rejoiced after confirming that its guess was correct. Earlier, it had planned on escaping, but after confirming the composition of the Giant Monster was similar to, only being slightly inferior in strength when compared to Nyarlathotep's true body in the Abyss, an idea popped inside its head.

Many thought that the Outer God's true body was in Elysium, but in truth, it was still in the Abyss.

Nyarlathotep was simply too strong to descend into Elysium, so it had to divide off a portion of its true body and lower its rank to the peak of the Demigod Rank.

To further decrease its strength, allowing it to pass through the fabric of time and space, it split into clones, greatly reducing the pressure that it would receive the moment it stepped into the world of Elysium.

The Outer God's body back in the Abyss was covered by a fleshy cocoon, allowing it to enter a state of hibernation, while its consciousness controlled its body and the clones it had created.

This was the reason why Daniel was able to communicate with Nyarlathotep's consciousness even though the connection between the worlds had been cut off from each other.

The moment C2 destroyed the Giant Black Statue, it immediately lunged toward the Giant Monster and transformed into a black slime.

Nyarlathotep then forcefully entered C2's mouth, catching the Demigod by surprise.

A moment later, it started to hold its head as if it was suffering from a painful headache.

Black tentacles emerged from its body and lashed out to everything around it.

"Retreat!" King Azza ordered with a grim expression on his face. "Get as far away as you can now!"

Poseidon also backed away because it was feeling that something had gone terribly wrong with its comrade who had just defeated the Giant Black Statue, who now lay on the ground in pieces.

Eiko looked at her newest subordinate with a frown on her face.

She also had a very bad feeling as C2 roared, making the sky and the land tremble due to its intensity.

A minute later, the roaring stopped and was replaced by laughter.

"Hahahaha!" C2 laughed. "Good! This body is perfect! Thank you for giving me such a wonderful gift."

The Giant Monster with a squid-like face then raised his hand, sending countless black tentacles flying toward Poseidon.

Eiko, who realized that C2 had been taken over by Nyarlathotep, shouted a command.

"Stop!" Eiko ordered.

The tentacles that were about to attack Poseidon froze mid-air, stopping its attack completely.

Seeing this, Nyarlathotep frowned.

'It seems that this body is still following her on an instinctual level,' Nyarlathotep mused. It had just fused with C2's body, so it was understandable that it was still not fully under its control.

This meant that staying wasn't an option since Eiko would still be able to control the vessel that it was currently possessing.

'No matter. This wasn't part of the original plan anyway,' the Demigod then retracted its tentacles and laughed a second time.

"Members of the Alliance, it was a pleasure toying with all of you," Nyarlathotep said. "However, even if this gift that I have humbly received hadn't arrived, the ending would still have been the same.

"While all of you here thought that you were waging the last battle to rid your world from my influence, I can only say that all of you have been wrong this entire time."

Another laugh escaped Nyarlathotep's face as he glanced at the two Dragon Kings, who were the leaders of the Alliance. "This whole battle was just a big distraction, acting as a smokescreen to prevent you from realizing my real goal in this world. It was never my goal to fight an all-out battle with all of you. No. This is just a farce that all of you decided to believe."

Nyarlathotep then raised his hand, and the millions of golden abominations that were still alive on the battlefield all rose up and flew toward the Giant Monster with a squid-like face.

"I will now leave for the true battlefield that has been waiting for me," Nyarlathotep sneered. "All of you can despair knowing that no matter what you do, you will be unable to arrive in time to do anything."

After saying those words, Nyarlathotep disappeared, alongside his minions, leaving the Abyssal Lords and the Demigods behind.

Espoir Frieden...

The sky darkened, turning the day into night.

A giant black dome encapsulated the entirety of the Elven Kingdom, as well as the refugees that had gathered to seek shelter from the Abyss.

Hereswith's eyes widened in shock after sensing that a blockade had been erected around the Elven Kingdom, cutting off her connection with everyone outside of its range.

Suddenly, a giant that was over a hundred fifty meters tall appeared outside the Kingdom of the High-Elves.

Nyarlatotep then raised its hand, summoning the Black Scales and activating its powers.

A metallic ring spread in the surroundings, making those who heard it feel their bodies weaken.

Hereswith's face paled when she noticed that her Rank, which was a peak Demigod, dropped to that of a Peak Calamity Rank Monster.

The High-Elven King's rank, which was a Supreme, also fell to that of a Saint, shocking him greatly.

It was not only the two of them.

Everyone, inside the black dome that Nyarlathotep had created had their ranks decrease by one whole realm, making them shudder.

"Did you really believe that I had forgotten about the World Tree?" Nyarlathotep asked in a teasing tone. "As long as it is destroyed, this entire world's strength will decrease drastically, making everyone drop a realm, just like what is happening to all of you."

The Outer God then chuckled as it waved its hand.

Countless Golden Abominations appeared around him, who all shifted their attention towards the Elven Kingdom, which was said to have the strongest defense force protecting its territory.

Now, those defenders had been stripped of the strength that allowed them to protect their Domain and, with it, a tide of Golden Abominations charged towards the city with a maddened glint in their countless eyes.

(E/N: How dare you end it here?)

Chapter 1185: Nightmare Personified

The Alliance, who was still in the Western Regions of Elysium, didn't know where Nyarlathotep had gone with the body of the Giant that Eiko had summoned to help them fight earlier.

King Azza and Keoza both knew that they weren't a match for the creature earlier, and both of them now had grim expressions on their faces.

A creature that was stronger than them as an ally was different from a creature that was stronger than them as their enemy.

Also, it seemed that Nyarlathotep managed to take over the creature's consciousness, making it twice as dangerous.

The Mastermind of the War on Elysium might have left, but that didn't mean that the battle was over.

Facing millions of Abyssal Monsters, the Alliance knew that they still had to fight. They couldn't let such a threat remain in their world.

The Abyssal Lords, who had been left behind by Nyarlathotep, also understood that they were at the point of no return.

Either they fought with everything they had in an attempt to survive, or they allowed themselves to die in the hands of the Alliance, whose numbers had grown significantly with the appearance of Eiko's Boom Boom Pirates.

While the battle was taking place, Eiko stood on top of Poseidon's deck with a frown on her face.

She could still feel her connection with C2, and she could also vaguely pinpoint its general location.

However, when the Fairy Princess realized where Nyarlathotep currently was, her expression immediately turned grim.

"Espoir Frieden!" Eiko shouted. "I need to save Mama!"

Eiko immediately used her skill that would allow her to instantly teleport to Lux's or Iris' location.

However, after using the skill, nothing happened, which made her eyes widen in shock.

In order to prevent any reinforcements from appearing in Espoir Frieden, Nyarlathotep's clone had painstakingly created a wide-area Magic Circle under the Earth, using the leylines surrounding the Elven Kingdom to create a dome of darkness, which manifested the Laws of the Abyss inside it.

In short, the Elven Kingdom of Espoir Frieden had been temporarily turned into a Pseudo-Abyssal Land, which was made possible by the power of Azathoth, who was still sleeping at the deepest layer of the Abyss.

This law prevented the laws of Elysium from interfering with what was happening inside.

The Black Dome only allowed Abyssal Creatures to enter and exit its territory, preventing any kind of reinforcements coming from outside.

Knowing what was at stake, Eiko teleported to the Guild Headquarters of Heaven's Gate and used its teleportation gate to teleport to the Fynn Kingdom.

He left Avery and Poseidon behind to help the Alliance clean up the Abyssal Monsters.

Also, Eiko could summon them anytime, anywhere.

Because of this, she solely focused on making her way toward the Elven Kingdom of Espoir Frieden with the fastest speed she could muster.

Eiko knew that it would still take her a day or two to arrive at her destination even with her full speed.

She just hoped that when she arrived, her Mama would still be safe from the Outer God, who had taken over the strongest Demigod in Elysium.

Espoir Frieden...

Nyarlathotep watched as its army of Golden Abominations, which numbered in the tens of millions, swarmed toward the Elven Kingdom like a golden tide.

The Outer God had its arms crossed over its chest as it relished the desperation, horror, and disbelief that had taken over the hearts of everyone in the High-Elven Kingdom.

"Defend the World Tree with your lives!" the High-King of the Elves, Kazimir El Frieden, shouted. "If we fall here, Elysium will fall after! No matter what happens, the World Tree must survive!"

The High King knew that even if they managed to survive the wave of Abominations that was coming their way, the moment Nyarlathotep made its move, everything would be over.

However, the Outer God seemed to be content to watch the desperation on their faces, so it didn't make any move and simply allowed its subordinates to terrorize the non-combatants from the different races who had all gathered in Espoir Frieden for protection.

The safest place in the world turned into the most dangerous place in Elysium in a heartbeat.

Hereswith commanded Jay Jatere, whose rank couldn't fall lower than the Calamity Rank, using its powers to affect the enemies.

However, there was one problem.

Its powers to manipulate the feelings of others by charming them didn't work on the Golden Abominations, whose only reason for existence was death and destruction and were protected by the Divinity of one of the Pillars of Eternity.

Its sibling, Luison, who was also one of the Seven Stars of Calamity and was currently under Lorelei's control, howled and raised the morale of the protectors of the Elven Race.

Luison was a Werewolf, standing six meters tall. Just like its brother, Jayson Jetere, its Rank couldn't go lower than the Calamity Rank, making it among the top fighters that could defend the Elven Kingdom from the threat of the Golden Abominations.

But that was it.

It could only defend against them, but once Nyarlathotep moved, it would die just like everyone trapped inside the Black Dome, which made Espoir Frieden look like the Ruined Kingdom of Zangrila before it was destroyed by the forces of the Abyss.

"Louison, defend the people!" Lorelei ordered, making the Werewolf charge at the Abominations that were only hundreds of meters away from the walls of the Elven Kingdom.

Hereswith opened her wings and rose high above the city.

She then summoned her Deus Gigantia, whose Rank was that of a Demigod. Seeing this, Nyarlathotep only sneered. It was confident that even if there was a Demigod or two that would appear in the Elven Kingdom, it was still not enough to stop it from destroying it completely.

Luison then began its rampage and started to massacre the Golden Abominations that had scaled the walls of the city.

The Saints, who had now been degraded to High-Rankers, were also giving their all to defend against the unending tide of Monsters that had started to slaughter their way towards the city.

Suddenly, a Golden Abomination lunged at Luison with its tentacles and countless teeth spread wide.

At first, Luison thought that it was just one of the many Abominations in Nyarlathotep's army.

But, the moment they clashed, the Beast of Calamity was sent flying by one of its tentacles, crashing into the structures in the city.

A chuckle escaped Nyarlathotep's lips because the one that attacked Luison was the former Sovereign of the Divine Army, who had been transformed into an abomination.

The Abomination had the strength of a Demigod, which easily overpowered the Calamity Beast who had been weakened considerably by the Laws of the Abyss that permeated the entirety of the Elven Kingdom.

Soon, cries of pain, horror, and despair reverberated in the surroundings.

It didn't matter whether they were Elves, Dragon Borns, Dwarves, Humans, Beast Kins, or one of the other races who had sought shelter within the Elven Kingdom of Espoir Frieden.

All of them suffered the same fate when the Monsters, who looked like Creatures that had stepped out of their most horrifying nightmares, started a killing spree, dyeing the streets of the ancient Elven City with their blood.

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An hour after Nyarlathotep's Abominations marched towards the city, a quarter of the Elven Kingdom had already fallen.

Despite everyone's desperate attempts to defend the city and its people, they were simply too weakened to resist the unending wave of Monsters, who let out a creepy laugh every time they killed and ate someone.

These synchronized laughter made the hearts of anyone who heard it shudder, further lowering the morale of the army.

In the end, Nyarlathotep used its power to manipulate the dark emotions of everyone, causing them to enter a berserk state, not caring whether they attacked friend or foe.

Fortunately, Jay Jatere was quick to counter Nyarlathotep's scheme, returning the sanity of the affected people.

But in the end, that didn't change anything.

Their weakened minds were unable to overcome the fear and despair that they were facing.

Soon, these Defenders started to run away from the frontlines, causing a domino effect to happen.

"I don't want to die!" one of the Elves shouted as he ran away with all of his might, causing his comrades to look at him in disbelief.

But at the same time, they also understood that this battle was hopeless.

Even if they fought, death would still claim them in the end, so why even bother fighting?

This mentality gripped the Soldiers, and one by one, they fled the battlefield, making the Elven King shout in anger.

However, no matter how loud, King Kazimir shouted, and no matter how much he tried to rally his people, once the fear had taken root in their hearts, there was no way to stop its growth.

The Dragon Borns, who had earlier helped in fighting against the Golden Abominations, returned to their Floating Islands in the hope that they could escape the death and destruction that was happening below them.

There were still many people who hadn't left their homes, hoping beyond hope that the Monsters wouldn't be able to find them.

But this was just the foolishness of those who refused to look at reality.

All throughout the streets of the city, countless Elves, Humans, and other races were running desperately to find a safe place to hide.

Behind them, the Golden Abominations let out their eerie laughs as if they were enjoying this game of hide and seek while pushing their prey to the edge of despair, causing them to go crazy.

One such Abomination stripped the roof off an Elven House and looked at the mother and child who were huddling together.

"Mother, I'm scared!" a five-year-old girl cried in her mother's embrace.

"It will be alright," the mother replied with tears streaming down her eyes, as she held her child in a protective embrace. "We will always be together. Mother will always be with you."

Using her body as a shield, the Elf Lady hugged her child tightly.

Seeing that its prey didn't plan to escape, the Golden Abomination chuckled before opening its mouth to feast on fresh meat that was filled with the flavor of fear.

But just as it was about to have its meal, something fell on top of its head and pierced its body with a black blade.

A knight covered in black armor from head to foot twisted the sword in his hands before pulling it out of the Golden Abomination, who collapsed on the ground dead.

The Black Knight's cape fluttered in the wind as it glanced at the mother and daughter pair.

With a snap of its finger, two Doomknight Gangbangers rose up to carry the mother and child to safety.

Suddenly, despite the loud cries of the desperate people and the laughter of the Golden Abominations, a firm and powerful voice reverberated in the surroundings, making Nyarlathotep look to the Eastern Side of the City.

"I see things others can't."

The blazing flames that were starting to ravage the city suddenly parted, revealing a young man who was walking as if he were just taking a casual stroll in the park.

"Hear things others don't."

The sound of warcries, curses, and dying screams spread across the entire city as the invaders mercilessly attacked anything and everything in their path.

However, things started to stir from the shadows, and those who had fallen rose up again, not as Abominations, but as Greater Undead who lunged at their killers and fought them tooth and nail.

"Shed tears when others won't."

"And fight when others don't."

The sound of babies and children wailing in their mother's arms could be heard everywhere as their parents desperately looked for a safe place to hide in order to save themselves from the one-sided massacre that was taking place around them.

The Monsters that were preying on these helpless people suddenly found themselves getting smashed by the spiked mace of one of the most grotesque-looking creatures in the world, and yet, also possessed one of the kindest hearts among the young man's subordinates.

The same abomination sent flying earlier was turned to meat paste by a powerful smash from the Four-Armed Hero, who had a permanent devilish sneer plastered on its face.

"Have no fear!" Pazuzu shouted with his spiked mace raised high.

"I AM HERE!" ALL-MITE declared before charging at another Monster and smashing it to oblivion.

All around the city, countless Undead Warriors started to rise and engage the Golden Abominations who had been having the time of their lives earlier.

Now, they faced not only the Undead Army that appeared out of nowhere but also the people they had just killed.

Their eyes glowed red with the color of vengeance.

"I seek the Monsters you fear the most," the Half-Elf said softly as he raised his hand, summoning countless Undead to fight for his side. "I chase the nightmares that plague your sweetest dreams."

Countless men and women ran past him as they engaged the Monster Army which was now starting to feel a pressure rooted in their primal instinct.

"I walk in the darkness so that others may see the light. I fight the creatures that threaten this world with all my might."

A giant bone dragon landed in front of the Half-Elf and bowed its head in respect. The Half-Elf patted its head before jumping on its back, preparing to fight alongside his Undead Legion.

With one mighty flap of his tattered wings, Avernus soared toward the sky and uttered a deafening roar of defiance. Lux stood straight on his back like a sword, looking at the countless Monsters that were slowly advancing in his direction.

"In a world where my existence has long been forgotten..." The Half-Elf stated as his bone dragon opened his mouth to unleash its Dragon Breath.

"I will let you know the error of the path you have trodden!"

Chapter 1187.2: I Seek The Monsters You Fear The Most [Part 2]

Hereswith, who was desperately trying to fight against the unending tide of Golden Abominations suddenly felt her Rank return to the Peak of the Demigod Rank.

She was part of Lux's entourage, and his presence on the battlefield negated the effect of the Abyssal Laws that Nyarlathotep had set in place on all of his allies.

Originally, his power alone was not enough to fight against one of the Pillars of Eternity that had the power to bend the laws of the world to its will.

However, he was no longer the same as before.

Not only had he stepped into the Ranks of Supreme, he was now also in possession of one of the Pillars of Eternity.

The Golden Locket that represented Love, was passed unto him by Aurora during their lovemaking.

She deemed that Lux would be able to use it better than her, especially since he would be facing someone like Daniel in the future.

The golden locket's specialty was protection.

It could create powerful barriers that could withstand the strongest attacks once manifested.

And right now, all of his subordinates' bodies were coated with a thin film of this barrier, negating the effects of the Abyssal Law that decreased their Ranks by one realm.

"Lux," Hereswith said as she looked at her Grand Disciple who was riding on top of Avernus, commanding his Undead Legion to fight the enemies that were aiming to destroy and kill the people who were important in his life.

His lovers were currently sheltered within the World Tree, so no matter what happened, he would prevent anyone and anything from harming them.

"Grandmaster, I'll handle this fiend," Lux said, giving the beautiful Elf a reassuring smile. "Please handle the small fries."

"Understood," Herewith replied. Now that her Rank had returned to its peak, she unleashed the full might of her profession, which was Heaven's Necromancer, just like Lux.

Under her influence, anyone that had died on the battlefield would automatically be resurrected into a Greater Undead, instead of turning into a Golden Abomination that served the Outer God.

Truth be told, she no longer needed to do this because Lux was already doing the same. However, having two Necromancers working together was better than a Necromancer fighting alone. "Interesting," Nyarlathotep said. "How did you manage to enter the barrier? I am certain that only Abyssal Creatures can pass through it."

"The answer to that is really simple."

A carefree voice reached Nyarlathotep's ears, making it glance towards the Northern side of the Elven Capital.

There, it saw an Old Man seated on top of an eight-legged horse, and casually throwing a Silver Spear from time to time, saving the fleeing Elves from being killed by the Golden Abominations.

"There is no place in the multiverse that I cannot go to," James stated. James didn't really want to interfere in this battle, but he just couldn't turn a blind eye to the lives that could be saved by him.

Because of this, he would throw his Spear, Gungnir, targeting the monsters who were pursuing the non-combatants in this battle.

Nyarlathotep shrugged because it didn't think Lux or the Old Man were a threat to its existence.

After all, it had taken over the body of the strongest Demigod in Elysium, and even if all the Supremes and Demigods were to fight it, it would not fall.

Yes, Nyarlathotep felt that it was invincible, and truly so.

The vessel that it had taken over was perfect, and it gave it the strength that it needed to do what it wanted.

Destroy the World Tree, and make everyone in Elysium despair.

"Avernus, support the others," Lux ordered. "I'll take it from here."

"Are you sure?" Avernus asked. "He is strong."

"Don't worry," Lux replied as a pair of Draconic Wings opened behind his back. "I can handle him."

After saying those words, Lux flew towards the Towering Giant in the distance, who was looking at him as if he was an insignificant insect that it could crush anytime.

"I grow tired of these games," Nyarlathotep declared. "It's time for me to end this farce."

From the beginning, the Outer God could have destroyed the World Tree and ended everything. But, doing so was very boring.

Because of this, it decided to make the people in the Elven Kingdom despair, as its countless Golden Abominations eat them to the last man, woman, and child.

But, seeing the changes on the battlefield, Nyarlathotep knew that this was no longer possible.

Several powerful beings were leading the fight against its minions, and all of them were of the Demigod Rank, with some even at the Peak of the Demigod Rank.

Hereswith, Avernus, ALL-MITE, were among those who stood out due to their incredible power and strength.

However, there were others that were only a tier lower than them which were Diablo, Ishtar, Pazuzu, Orion, Lazarus, Asmodeus, Bedivere, Zagan, Revon, King Leoric, Shax, Andras, Draven, and Leonidas.

They brought their hundred-thousand armies with them, which were now clashing head-first with the Golden Abominations, who were suddenly finding themselves hard-pressed to continue pushing forward.

The Millions of Undead, especially their leaders, seemed to be competing with each other on who would be able to kill more enemies.

Within this chaotic battlefield a black coffin could be seen darting left and right, unleashing tens of thousands of powerful beings, which it had devoured while Lux was sealed in the block of Crystal.

High-Rankers, Saints, Calamities, and Demigods.

Blackfire had them all, and it was now unleashing these fiends into the world.

Among Lux's subordinates, Blackfire was perhaps the most determined to collect the strongest creatures, who would serve its Master. And now, its hard work was paying off as its minions rampaged across the battlefield, turning any Abomination they encountered into meat paste. With the Powerhouses under his command joining the battle, Lux was certain that he didn't need to worry about anything else.

All he needed to do was face the Outer God, who had terrorized the entirety of Elysium, and thought of mortals as nothing but tools to pass off its boredom.

"You said earlier that you seek the Monsters that people fear the most," Nyarlathotep said in a teasing tone. "Well, too bad, I am way out of your league, Boy."

After saying those words, Nyarlathotep pointed at the World Tree in the distance and condensed a black orb of light on the tip of its finger.

"Next time you brag about something, make sure that you can back it up," Nyarlathotep stated "I AM INVINCIBLE!"

It then unleashed a dark beam of light towards the World Tree, intending to destroy it with a single blow.

A few seconds later a powerful explosion shook the land, and a dense cloud of smoke spread in the surroundings.

Nyarlathotep frowned because the outcome that he was expecting didn't happen.

From within the dark smoke that rose up to the heavens, a pair of pale blue glowing orbs shone brightly.

A moment later, a Giant Skeleton King emerged from it and laughed.

Both of its arms were destroyed because it used its body to block Nyarlathotep's attack. Even so, it looked at the Outer God in ridicule for boasting to be Invincible.

"We'll see how invincible you really are." Lux sneered from inside the blue jewel of his Deus Gigantia.

The destroyed arms of his Skeleton King recovered in mere seconds, making Nyarlathotep scoff.

"It seems that you still think that you have what it takes to beat me," Nyarlathotep stated.

"I don't need to think," Lux replied as more arms emerged from the body of his Skeleton King, which were holding different weapons in each hand. "I will beat you."

A red mist also appeared around its body and the Corpse God, who always protected Lux, manifested itself to merge with the Skeleton King, raising its attack and defense to the next level.

"You will be a good warm up before I fight against Daniel," Lux stated as the Skeleton King charged towards Nyarlathotep with its weapons ready to strike.

"Keep your dreams in you sleep, boy," Nyarlathotep replied as it, too, charged at the Skeleton King, who was of the same size as it. "It's time to wake up to reality."

A moment later, the two titans punched out, meeting each other's fists, and officially starting the battle that would decide the fate of the World of Elysium.

Chapter 1188.1: Outer God Versus Heaven's Necromancer [Part 1]

A single exchange was enough to create powerful shock waves that spread across the battlefield like a ripple, instantly annihilating countless Golden Abominations that were at the rear of the Abyssal Army.

Several of the Doomknight Gangbangers, Ancient Zombies, Ancient Ghouls, and Ancient Mummies that had spawned thanks to the Tombstones that Asmodeus had erected on the battlefield were shredded as well.

The Tombstones were also destroyed, but Asmodeus just shrugged and erected more.

The Undead Warlocks, Liches, Sorcerers, Mages, that were under his command spawned more Undead Creatures, making it seem that the loss of their forces was not a big deal to them.

In a battle of attrition, the Undead would always win because they could spawn as many times as they could, ready to fight as if nothing had happened.

The Corpse God, who was fighting alongside the Skeleton King, used its shield to bash Nyarlathotep, pushing it away.

It then fired its crossbows at the Outer God, which the latter deflected with ease.

The two once again engaged in close combat with Nyarlathotep and the Skeleton King, locking their hands at each other, in order to overpower each other.

In this regard, Nyarlathotep was stronger. But, there was one problem.

He only had two arms!

While the two were locking hands, the Corpse God took this opportunity to stab, slash, pierce, bash, and kick the Outer God, who was forced to endure its attacks.

"Are you tickling me?" Nyarlathotep sneered before kicking the Skeleton King away. "You have to do better than that if you want to hurt me, boy."

Lux didn't reply and simply looked at the Outer God in disdain.

Tickling him?

Lux would never do such a thing. Perhaps the Outer God felt ticklish right now, but later on, this ticklish feeling would make it feel fear beyond words.

The two once again clashed, and this time, Nyarlathotep's attacks became stronger and more aggressive.

Each time one of its blows connected on the body of Lux's Deus Gigantia, part of its body would shatter.

However, the destroyed parts would regenerate in mere seconds. During these moments, the Corpse God's weapons would hit Nyarlathotep's body.

Sparks would emerge during these collisions, but the body of Eiko's strongest subordinate was very tough, and not even the Corpse's God's weapons could draw its blood.

Even so, Lux wasn't fazed and continued to fight Nyarlathotep in close combat.

As the minutes passed, the more Nyarlathotep felt that something was wrong.

It could feel that its reaction time had decreased by a quarter of a second, which wasn't that much of a big deal.

However, for someone at its level, it was able to observe these miniscule changes, making it wonder what was happening.

'I need to end this battle now,' Nyarlathotep thought as it increased the power of its blows, enough to shatter the body of the Skeleton King in front of it.

The Skeleton King, who had no idea that the Outer God was truly going for the kill, swung its scepter and met Nyarlathotep's right fist.

Sparks emerged when the fist, and the bone scepter collided, which caused a small crack to appear in the scepter's surface.

This made Nyarlathotep's eyes widen in shock because the punch it just unleashed right now was enough to completely destroy its opponent, along with its weapon.

But, even with the strength it possessed, it only managed to put a small crack in the bone scepter, which regenerated itself after a few seconds.

Due to its momentary confusion, Lux found an opening, and ordered the Skeleton King to kick the Outer God's chest, and sent it flying.

This shift in battle confused Nyarlathotep very much. Earlier even if the Skeleton King's attacks connected, they dealt no damage to its body whatsoever.

But, now, its opponent had managed to send it flying, which was supposed to be impossible, given the disparity in ranks.

Nyarlathotep then gave its opponent a long and hard look and noticed something in the corner of its eye.

Small golden orbs were flying towards the Skeleton King's body.

The Outer God followed where these small golden orbs were coming from and saw that it was coming from the Elven City, the Floating Islands, as well as the other settlements, where the non-combatants were gathered.

"I see," Nyarlathotep said. "You are gathering the Power of Faith."

It was the power that created Miracles and gave people Hope.

"Took you this long to find out?" Lux sneered as he commanded the Skeleton King to charge at the Outer God, who now understood what was happening. Due to the Half-Elf standing up against the Outer God who threatened to wipe out everyone in the Kingdom of Espoir Friden, the people there started to pray.

They prayed that the Giant Skeleton King would be able to defeat the monster who planned to destroy the world.

And their prayers manifested into golden orbs of light, which flew towards Deus Gigantia, giving it the strength it needed to fight against the Outer God, who had called itself invincible.

Nyarlathotep then unleashed its full power and manifested countless giant tentacles that tried to wrap itself around the Skeleton King's body.

However, before these Black Tentacles could even touch it, countless Dragon Breaths descended from the sky and incinerated them.

Avernus and his Dragon Legion had come to support their Master in battle.

"You know, I made Deus Gigantia with the intention of imitating Antero," Lux stated. "But, I realized that I can do something better."

Avernus' and the Bone Dragons all turned into particles of light and merged with Deus Gigantia.

Suddenly, a powerful aura radiated from the Skeleton King's body, sending powerful gusts of wind expanding outwards.

The body of the Skeleton King, which was as white as white marble, suddenly had a change.

Four pairs of Draconic Wings grew from its back. Its body was then covered from head to toe with a black armor that radiated a red aura.

The Draconic Black Helm with a crown on its head covered the Skeleton King's face, and only its blue glowing eyes could be seen through its visor.

Dragon patterns could also be seen on the armor, making it look more intimidating.

Deus Gigantia was Lux's most powerful Skill.

Whenever he summoned it, a Skeleton King which would always be one Rank higher than Lux would appear to fight alongside him.

Now that Lux was a Supreme, his Deus Gigantia's strength rose to the peak of the Demigod Rank.

But, this wasn't its true power.

Deus Gigantia wasn't indestructible like Antero, but it possessed an ability that the Golem of Destruction didn't have.

It was the power to merge with all of Lux's subordinates, granting it a great boost in strength, making it break through Ranks of a Demigod, almost reaching the Pseudo-God level.

"You said that you were Invincible earlier, right?" Lux said in disdain. "Let's see if you can back up those words, you puny Outer God."

After saying those words, Deus Gigantia flapped its wings, and instantly appeared in front of Nyarlathotep. With the raging flames of hell coating its fists, it unleashed a flurry of blows on the Outer God's body.

Earlier, Nyarlathotep stated that Lux was just tickling him.

But, what it didn't know was that the ticklish feeling that it was feeling earlier was actually Lux's blows directly attacking its soul.

Because of this, Nyarlathotep's connection with C2 was being disrupted, making it feel a short lag in its reaction time.

But, now, with Lux raining blows on its body, Nyarlathotep finally discovered what Lux had done, making it scream in anger and frustration.

The Half-Elf understood that Nyarlathotep's true body was in the Abyss because James told him that it was impossible for an Outer God to descend to a world that was under the control of an existing God.

Although Eriol was in a weakened state, it would be impossible for Nyarlathotep to descend with a God's body in Elysium.

Because of this, it took a chunk of its body, and planted its consciousness in it.

This consciousness was connected to its main body's soul, which Lux was attacking directly from Elysium.

Because an Outer God's Soul was extremely robust and powerful, the most the Half-Elf could do was make it feel ticklish.

But, this soul damage slowly increased with time, making Nyarlathotep finally realize what kind of danger it was in.

"No!" Nyarlathotep forcefully tried to leave C2's body in an attempt to preserve its soul from being destroyed. But, how could it possibly escape in front of someone who specialized in handling souls?

From the start of the battle, Lux's goal was to completely destroy Nyarlathotep's soul that was still in the Abyss.

Daniel was already powerful enough, but with the Outer God helping him, he was a force to be reckoned with.

Because of this, Lux had decided that no matter what happened, he would fully destroy Nyarlathotep's Soul, ending one of his strongest enemies in the battle for survival.

Realizing that it was too late to escape, Nyarlathotep attacked with a frenzy and even burned a portion of its soul to further strengthen its body.

The land under their feet shattered, and every blow that was exchanged was enough to instantly kill a Demigod three times over.

Even Lux felt the pressure of Nyarlathotep's desperate attempt to kill him.

But, he would not fall here.

Diablo, Ishtar, Pazuzu, Asmodeus, and Orion, as well as their subordinates merged with Deus Gigantia, giving it the strength it needed to match the Outer God's strength.

Lux's strongest Trump Card, finally showed its strength as it covered its entire body in hellfire, making sure that its enemy would scream in pain in desperation.

The Half-Elf was giving the Outer God a painful lesson, which made it start to scream from inside its cocoon in the deepest layer of the Abyss.

Chapter 1189.2: Outer God Versus Heaven's Necromancer [Part 2]

Daniel had sensed a fluctuation from where Nyarlathotep's true body was currently located.

Because of this, he hurried to the deepest layers of the Abyss in order to see what was happening.

Ever since the intruders had slipped through his net, Daniel had been in a very bad mood. Because of this, none of his subordinates dared to be even around him out of fear of being killed without even knowing how they died.

In order to prevent the same thing from happening again, Daniel created waypoints all over the different layers of the Abyss, allowing him to instantly teleport to the waypoint's location.

Even before he had arrived at the location of Nyarlathotep's cocoon, he could already hear the Outer God's screams, which made him wonder what was happening.

"Stop!" Nyarlathotep shouted from within his cocoon. "I'll give you back the Golden Scales! I'll even help you fight Daniel! Just don't destroy my soul!"

Daniel's face turned grim upon hearing Nyarlathotep's desperate screams.

He could tell that the Outer God wasn't joking and that it truly intended to betray him just to save its life.

However, what concerned him the most was the fact that Nyarlathotep was begging someone to spare his life.

Something like this shouldn't possibly happen since Nyarlathotep's soul could instantly travel back to the Abyss in order to return to his body.

If the Outer God was becoming desperate, it could only mean one thing.

Its soul was unable to return to the Abyss!

Perhaps, whoever it was fighting had done something to prevent the Outer God's Soul from returning to the Abyss, forcing the latter to beg and ask for a compromise.

However, after fully understanding what was happening, a sneer appeared on Daniel's face.

"You act so high and mighty, thinking that all mortals are beneath you," Daniel stated as his hands ripped apart the Cocoon that was protecting Nyarlathotep's body. "But in the face of death, you show your true colors. Looks like I overestimated you, Nyarlathotep."

Daniel didn't know whom Nyarlathotep was fighting against, but he was certain that if the Outer God were to fight using its real body, very few individuals could threaten its life.

But since it couldn't bring its true body to Elysium, it had no choice but to use a weakened version of its body, further split into clones, so that it would be allowed to cross between the two worlds.

Daniel then pressed his hand on the Outer God's chest and began to extract the Pillar of Eternity that it possessed in Elysium.

He would not allow anyone to get in his way, including his so-called ally, who planned to switch sides in order to save its life.

Espoir Frieden...

"If you let me go, I swear that I will fight Daniel for you!" Nyarlathotep pleaded. "I am even willing to become your slave! We can have a contract between the two of us! Even Daniel didn't have the chance to sign a contract of equals with me!"

Lux ignored the Outer God's pleading and focused on burning its soul with his Divine Abyssal Flames.

Although Nyarlathotep's offer was enticing, he didn't want to join hands with a being who treated mortals as if they were playthings.

He would never make someone who tried to destroy the World Tree and kill his lovers an ally. Using his power as the Necromancer of Heaven, he sealed Nyarlathotep's Soul inside C2's body, incinerating it bit by bit with the hellish flames that covered his entire body.

With every second that passed, Nyarlathotep knew that he was getting closer and closer to death, so he desperately begged and pleaded for forgiveness.

Suddenly, the Outer God cried out in pain, not because of the flames that were burning its soul, but due to the fact that someone was attacking its true body in the Abyss.

There was only one person who would dare do such a thing and it made the Outer God cry out in panic.

The Pillar of Eternity that it possessed suddenly disappeared from its possession and was forcefully transferred to its real body in the Abyss.

"Daniel, you bastard!" Nyarlathotep shouted in fear, anger, and desperation. "How dare you?!"

The Pillar of Eternity was one of its bargaining chips to prevent Lux from destroying its soul. The Outer God planned to threaten the Half-Elf that if it

didn't release it, the Pillar in its possession would be sent to the Abyss, which might allow Daniel to finally bypass the 13th Layer of the Abyss.

The Outer God felt truly helpless and bitter because both its soul and real body were being attacked at the same time.

Lux was dealing damage to its soul, while Daniel was desecrating its Main Body back in the Abyss, forcefully stealing everything in its possession.

"I curse both of you!" Nyarlathotep shouted as its soul was nearing its breaking point. "I curse both of you to die together! May your soul burn in hell and cease to exist! I am Nyarlathotep! I am Invincible! I am immortal! I can't die! I am God!"

Nyarlathotep roared in anger, unwillingness, and defiance.

But that didn't change anything.

Soon, its soul was finally extinguished by Lux's Divine Abyssal Flames, which was one of the most powerful flames in existence.

As soon as Lux succeeded, C2's body collapsed on the ground.

He had only targeted the Outer God's soul, so Eiko's most powerful Summon was still alive and well.

The Millions of Golden Abominations stopped moving at the same time their Master breathed its last.

All of them then turned into ashes, and the black dome of light that encapsulated the Kingdom of Espoir Frieden vanished without a trace.

From within the Abyss, Daniel roared in laughter as he held a Golden Scales in his hands.

The Pillar of Eternity that Nyarlathotep had promised to give him after two weeks was now in his hands. However, the Outer God didn't keep its promise, so Daniel had to forcefully take it, speeding up the demise of Nyarlathotep's soul in Elysium.

"Finally!" Daniel looked at the Golden Scales in his hands, which still held a faint trace of Nyarlathotep's Divinity. "The Second Pillar is in my hands!"

Lux, who had just finished fighting against the Outer God, felt a chill run down his spine.

He had tried to look for the Pillar of Eternity that should have appeared right after Nyarlathotep's soul was destroyed.

However, no matter how much he looked, the Golden Scales was nowhere in sight.

This gave him a very bad premonition.

A bad premonition that had already become a reality in the Abyss.

Chapter 1190: A Bad Feeling

As soon as the black barrier disappeared, a blue beam of light descended from the sky and headed straight toward the World Tree.

Eiko had felt that her connection with Iris was re-established, so she didn't hesitate to teleport instantly to her location. She had been flying as fast as she could in order to reach Espoir Frieden to save her Mama from Nyarlathotep's cruelty.

"Ma!" Eiko, who was still in her Fairy Princess Form appeared in front of Iris and immediately hugged her.

A look of relief could be seen in her face, as she held the young lady tightly. "It's fine, Eiko," Iris replied as she hugged back the little girl, who was trembling in her arms. "We're safe. Your Pa—Lux came to save us."

Eiko momentarily forgot her purpose for coming to Espoir Frieden. She had been so overwhelmed with the thought of wanting to find out if her Mama was safe that she had completely forgotten about the Outer God, who had planned to destroy the World Tree.

Eiko then glanced in the distance and saw a Giant Draconic Knight, whose entire body was covered in black armor, with dragon designs embedded in it.

As if sensing her gaze, Deus Gigantia shifted its attention to the World Tree.

There, Lux saw all of his lovers at the base of the tree, including Aurora, safe and sound.

He was happy that they were no longer in danger, but he couldn't rejoice due to the bad feeling that was rising up in his chest.

Hereswith appeared in front of the Deus Gigantia, who was still in its Dragon Knight Form.

"Lux, did you find it?" Hereswith asked. Similar to Lux, she had also tried to look for the Pillar of Eternity, but her search didn't yield any results.

"No," Lux replied as countless beams of light left Deus Gigantia's body.

Avernus and his Undead Dragon Legion once again soared through the skies, roaring cries of victory, and making the survivors cheer because the Monsters that had endangered their lives had all turned to ashes.

But the happiness and relief didn't last for long.

Soon, wails of sadness and heartache reverberated in the surroundings as everyone mourned for the loss of their loved ones.

Lux and Hereswith sighed in their hearts, but they knew that they had already done the best that they could to minimize the number of casualties.

Even so, the number of people who died numbered in the hundreds of thousands, which wasn't a small number.

All the non-combatants had been gathered to stay in the Kingdom of Espoir Frieden, knowing that it was the safest place in the world.

Unfortunately, the Outer God used this mentality to launch its devastating attack, killing many people who didn't have the strength to defend themselves from its vile clutches.

"Leave the rest to me," Hereswith said as he nudged the Half-Elf in the direction of the World Tree. "They are waiting for you there."

Lux nodded, as he exited the blue jewel on Deus Gigantia's chest.

The Skeleton King then turned into particles of light, as the Half-Elf flew towards the World Tree to see his lovers.

The moment he landed, Aurelia and Ari hugged him tightly, and both of them had tears in their eyes.

When Nyarlathotep appeared, they thought that everything was over and that they would never get the chance to see him again.

But when Lux suddenly appeared, they felt their worries disappear without a trace.

They couldn't explain the feeling, but it was just what they experienced during their darkest and most desperate time.

Iris, Cai, Valerie, and Ali looked at this scene with complicated looks on their faces.

They didn't know what they should do at the moment and simply watched Aurelia and Ari cry their hearts out in Lux's embrace.

Aurora didn't join her two sisters and simply held Valerie's hand.

As someone very sensitive to life force, she had noticed that the Dragon Princess had a life growing inside her womb.

This didn't come as too much of a surprise to her because she knew about Valerie's determination to give birth to Lux's child.

She just didn't expect that the Dragon Princess would actually succeed.

After confirming that Valerie was indeed pregnant, she immediately checked the bodies of her other sisters, to see if they, too, were with child.

It didn't take long for her to realize that Aurelia was also pregnant.

Aurora felt a faint stirring of envy and jealousy in her heart because her two sisters had managed to get ahead of her.

After seeing Dia, Aurora felt very attached to her and also wished to have a baby that was as cute and adorable as her.

However, she knew that Lux wouldn't grant her request until Daniel's threat had been eliminated.

Aurora agreed with her lover's mindset because she didn't want to give birth in a world that was under Daniel's rule.

As the former Goddess of Solais, she hated the Pseudo-God with a vengeance. Unfortunately, her current self no longer had the strength to fight against him.

The only one who could do that was Lux, who was now in possession of two Pillars of Eternity.

Although Eiko still held the Golden Anchor, she would always fight by Lux's side, so the Second Pillar of Eternity technically belonged to the Half-Elf.

'Only the Golden Candle remains,' Aurora thought. 'The Pillar that represents Hope.'

Aurora already assumed that Daniel was in possession of two Pillars of Eternity because the one Nyarlathotep had didn't appear when it died.

With this, four Pillars had already appeared in the world, with the location of the last one still unknown.

Whoever managed to get it first would have the advantage. But in the end, this meant Daniel and Lux were fated to meet, for they both needed to complete the Five Pillars in order to reach their goals.

For the time being, Aurora set these thoughts aside and looked at her lover.

A faint smile even appeared on her lips. She didn't know how Lux would react once he discovered that aside from Dia, he would have two more babies in the future.

Valerie was also looking at the handsome Half-Elf with a faint blush on her face. She had been told that the father of the child she was carrying was Lux, although this was the first time she was seeing the handsome Half-Elf.

Perhaps sensing her gaze, Lux looked back at her with a smile on his face.

This made Valerie's face turn a shade redder and her heartbeat to beat faster.

Ali, on the other hand, who was also seeing Lux for the first time, had a strong urge to hug him.

She didn't know where this feeling was coming from, but this was the first thing that came to her mind after the Half-Elf appeared in front of her.

"Let's go inside the house first," Lux said after Aurelia and Ari finally calmed down. "We have a lot of things to talk about."

The two beautiful ladies in his arms nodded their heads at the same time. Now that the threat of Nyarlathotep was over, they would like to spend more time with Lux and be embraced by him once again.

Chapter 1191: Lux's First Child

"... You and Valerie are pregnant?" Lux asked as a rush of emotions rose up from his chest. "Yes," Aurelia replied. "Both of us are pregnant with your child."

Valerie, who was seated on the couch beside her mother, looked at the Half-Elf with a reddened face.

Queen Saphira looked at the Half-Elf who had turned her daughter into a woman with a calm expression on her face.

Although Valerie was innocent and ignorant of most things, that didn't mean that she would want to bear the child of a person she didn't like.

The fact that she took that step, despite knowing the consequences, proved that she had strong feelings for Lux. This was something that she could accept as a mother.

However, accepting and agreeing were two different things.

She felt that the Half-Elf had taken advantage of her daughter's innocence and ignorance, which caused Valerie to get pregnant.

However, after a long private discussion with Aurelia, she found out that even before the Aphrodisiac incident, Valerie already had strong feelings towards Lux.

The Aphrodisiac was merely the last push she needed in order for her to make her feelings known, and it ended up with her conceiving the child of the person who had just saved them from a fate worse than death.

Perhaps, feeling her gaze, the Half-Elf shifted his attention to the Dragon Queen, who was looking at him while holding onto her daughter's hand.

Queen Evangeline, on the other hand, looked at her daughter, who was looking at her lover like a maiden in love. She never thought that there would come a day when she would see her daughter look this way, making her sigh in her heart.

She was also paying close attention to Lux to see how he would react to the news of Aurelia and Valerie becoming pregnant. The Half-Elf's reaction was expected. He was shocked, but one could tell that he was also quite happy with the news.

Of course, this happiness was short-lived and was replaced by anxiety the moment he realized that the mothers of the two Dragon Princesses were sizing him up with their gazes.

"Lux, I am happy to finally meet you," Queen Evangeline said. "Aurelia has told me many things about you."

"She has?" Lux inquired.

"Yes." Queen Evangeline replied. "Especially the part about you being a good kisser. Are you as good as she claims to be?"

Aurelia's face immediately reddened before she gave her mother a pleading gaze. She didn't want Queen Evangeline to spill all of her embarrassing secrets in front of everyone.

Her mother covered her lips with her hand and chuckled. After all, it was very rare for Aurelia to look this cute and adorable. "I don't know if I'm a good kisser or not," Lux said. "But I do love kissing Aurelia. I'm addicted to her kisses."

"Oh my~ you're quite a bold one I see," Queen Evangeline looked at the Half-Elf with an amused expression on her face. "So you like kissing my daughter. How about Valerie? What do you like about her?"

This time, it was Lux's turn to redden as he glanced at the angelic Princess, whose beauty could cause the downfall of nations.

"Valerie is innocent, but that doesn't mean she isn't assertive," Lux replied. "The moment her switch is flipped, she likes to take the lead and make me feel as though I'm the luckiest man in the world."

"You are indeed the luckiest man in the world for being chosen by my daughter," Queen Saphira commented. "Many would risk their lives to offend my husband just to ask her hand for marriage. But you didn't do that. Instead, you took a shortcut."

"I have no excuses for what I have done," Lux stated. "The only thing I can do right now is to ensure that all my lovers and future wives will live happy and wonderful lives. But I cannot give it to them right now. There is still one more obstacle that prevents us from truly being happy."

The room quieted down a bit because everyone knew what Lux was talking about.

There was one more hurdle that he needed to jump over, and that was none other than Daniel, who had probably gotten his hands on the Golden Scales of Eternity.

Now that the Abyssal Invasion had calmed down a bit, Lux had the time to think about the future.

But the future he saw was very dark.

Even with the power he possessed, he still didn't know how to fight against Daniel, who was not only a Pseudo-God but was also capable of wielding the power of the Outer God, Azathoth.

If Lux only had to fight against Daniel, there might still be hope. But against that existence... Lux couldn't help but shudder when he remembered the near-death experience he had with the Outer God that slept at the deepest layer of the Abyss.

"Don't worry."

Aurelia stood up from her seat and walked towards Lux.

She then sat down by his side and held his hands tightly.

"You will not be fighting alone," Aurora stated. "The worlds of Elysium and Solais will fight alongside you. I'm sure that there will be a way to beat him."

The beautiful succubus gave Lux's hand a light squeeze, showing him her support.

"Also, you are now a father of three." Aurora smiled. "You should make sure that they will be able to live in a peaceful world."

The room once again descended into a deafening silence. But this time, it was due to a different reason.

Half a minute later, Aurelia spoke up as she looked at Aurora with a smile.

"Congratulations, Aurora," Aurelia said. "You're pregnant with Lux's child as well?"

"No." Aurora shook her head. "It's someone else who was pregnant. That person already gave birth as well."

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"... Who gave birth?"

The one who asked was none other than Valerie, and for some reason, she had a discontented look on her face.

Even the two Dragon Queens had disgruntled expressions after hearing that someone had already given birth to Lux's first child, which they thought would be born by either Aurelia or Valerie, who were both pregnant with his child.

Chapter 1192: Prelude To The End

Valerie thought that it would either be her or Aur who would be giving birth to Lux's first child.

But after hearing Aurora's statement, she felt like someone had stolen her place in Lux's heart, making her want to confront that woman.

Even Iris, who still had her memories sealed, frowned. After spending time with Aurelia and Ari who got to retain their memories, she found out that she was Lux's first Fiance.

She could still accept that Valerie and Aurelia were about to give birth to Lux's children, but finding out that someone whom she didn't know had done it first, she felt as if someone managed to reach fourth base before her.

Cai then looked at her sisters one by one.

None of them had a bulging belly yet, so it was impossible for them to have given birth without her knowing.

"I see, so that's it."

Aina, who had remained quiet until now, suddenly spoke up. Lux had talked to her about many things that happened in his life. One could even say that the Dwarf knew more than what her sisters knew about the Half-Elf.

After connecting the dots, only one answer came to Aina's mind.

"It's Queen Rhiannon, right?" Aina inquired.

"Yes," Lux answered in a heartbeat. "She gave birth to a daughter, and her name is Dia."

"Dia... that's a good name." Aina nodded before shifting her gaze to Aurora. The two ladies held each other's gaze, but neither of them spoke.

It was as if both of them had reached a tacit understanding and decided to keep silent about the matter until Aurora was ready to tell everyone.

Meanwhile, in the Abyss...

Antero stood tall as he gazed in the direction of the portal.

He could tell that someone was trying to force their way in, and he knew right away that they would gradually succeed in their endeavor.

The Golem of Destruction could have delayed the inevitable, but he deemed that this was just a waste of time.

"Little Rhiannon, don't leave the castle," Antero ordered.

"Yes, Lord Antero," Queen Rhiannon replied as she held Dia in her arms.

The baby was sleeping, and unaware that someone would soon intrude upon her peaceful world, which she had enjoyed since the time of her birth.

The space twisted and, finally, a figure emerged from the portal that led to the 14th Layer of the Abyss.

"Finally," Daniel said as he looked at the Golem of Destruction in the distance. "You sure gave me a hard time, Antero."

Antero didn't say anything and continued to hold his ground.

Behind Daniel, countless Abyssal Lords and Abyssal Monsters started to appear, which were under his rule.

The Pseudo-God then glanced in the direction of the castle, and the corner of his lips rose by a slight margin.

But before he could do anything, space started to twist around him, making the smile on his face disappear.

"Are you sure about this, Antero?" Daniel asked coldly. "We could settle this peacefully, you know? If you agree, I will not harm anyone on this Layer, and even forbid my subordinates to harm any of them. All I ask is that you give her to me."

"No," Antero replied firmly as he took a fighting stance. "You're not taking Little Dia under my watch."

Daniel snorted as he raised his hand.

The image of the Outer God, Azathoth, who made Antero look like a little insect, appeared.

But despite all this, the Golem of Destruction stood his ground.

Dia was his family.

How could he possibly let Daniel take her away and extract the Pillar of Eternity, that slept within her innocent soul?

Yes.

Dia held the last Pillar of Eternity that Daniel was looking for.

The Pillar of Hope which was represented by a Golden Candle.

"I'll ask one last time," Daniel stated. "Give her to me, and we can still both walk away from this without antagonizing each other."

Antero didn't even bother to reply to Daniel's words and prepared himself to fight.

Cracks appeared all over the skies of the Thirteenth Layer, making even Daniel frown.

"So you plan to go all out, huh?" Daniel's face became solemn after realizing how serious Antero was.

Not many knew about the fact that Antero was the very first creature born in the Abyss.

Because of this, he had the power to control the Abyss to a certain extent, which allowed him to seal the portals that led to the Thirteenth Layer where the two people he considered to be his family resided.

Now that one of them is being threatened, the Golem of Destruction would not back down and would even destroy the entirety of the Abyss if it meant ensuring that Daniel wouldn't get what he wanted.

Truth be told, the reason why Daniel was trying to settle this peacefully was because he also didn't want to antagonize Antero.

He was the Golem of Destruction, and he could survive even if the entirety of the Abyss was destroyed.

Antero was also a Pseudo-God, but he didn't fight using his full power. Because, once he did, the Abyss would be destroyed by him.

However, Daniel also couldn't back down because he needed the Pillar of Eternity from Dia.

Because of this, he had no plans to change his decision. He channeled the strength of Azathoth in his body and prepared to clash against the Golem of Destruction.

Suddenly, the cry of a baby reverberated in the surroundings, catching Antero by surprise.

His sole attention had been focused on Daniel and he didn't notice that an Abyssal Lord, who specialized in stealth, had infiltrated the castle and captured the baby in Queen Rhiannon's arms.

The Succubus Queen still hadn't regained her full strength, so she wasn't able to detect the Abyssal Lord either.

"Noooooo!" Queen Rhiannon shouted as the Abyssal Lord escaped from the castle, carrying her child in his arms.

Antero roared, and the entirety of the Thirteenth Layer shook due to his rage.

Now that someone had dared to kidnap his family member, he would not stop until that person was destroyed.

The silhouette of Azathoth above Daniel's head opened its eyes.

It then unleashed a deathly beam of destruction at the Primordial Golem of the Abyss and shattered its body into countless pieces.

Queen Rhiannon's cry of despair spread throughout the entirety of the Thirteenth Layer as the world around her started to crumble.

Now that the balance of power in the Abyss was broken, the final prelude for the end of the world had finally begun.

Chapter 1193: Antero's Ultimatum

Queen Rhiannon still hadn't regained her full strength after giving birth to Dia.

At the moment, she was only at the peak of the Calamity Rank. But after seeing Antero get destroyed and her daughter taken away from her, she decided to burn her life force in order to save her daughter regardless of the consequences.

But right before she was about to do that, she heard a voice speak inside her head, stopping her from what she was about to do.

While this was happening, Antero's shattered remains swirled like a tornado and began to attack not only Daniel but also the Demigod who had kidnapped his granddaughter right under his nose.

The skies of the Thirteenth Layer now had cracks in it, and parts of it were falling to the ground.

The Succubi all joined the battle to protect their Queen, not caring about the fact that they were fighting against countless Demigods.

Red lightning descended from the cracks in the sky and annihilated countless Abyssal Monsters that were on Daniel's side.

Antero's body was slowly reforming, and even then, his shattered parts didn't stop attacking anyone within its range.

The Demigod who had captured Dia was hard-pressed to escape because Antero had locked him in his sights.

Even while in Stealth, he couldn't escape from Antero's Wrath. A giant spiked stone, which was part of Antero's body, flew straight toward the Demigod with the intention of boring a bloody hole through his chest, killing him for the crime of taking his granddaughter.

However, just as the stone was about to hit its body, the Demigod turned around and raised the baby in his arms, using the crying Dia as a shield against the stone that was about to kill him. But, just as he expected, the

stone stopped a meter away from the baby, making the Demigod breathe in a sigh of relief.

He didn't know that this act not only angered Antero even more but that the Golem of Destruction had now decided to murder the entirety of Daniel's forces.

A gigantic stone fist descended upon the bulk of Daniel's army, turning anything it hit into meat paste.

This was the reason why the Pseudo-God didn't want to fight against Antero. Not only was the Golem of Destruction Immortal, but it could also easily regenerate its body, which was why everyone referred to him as Indestructible.

Although he could be destroyed, he would never be destroyed completely.

Even if the Abyss were to cease to exist, Antero alone would remain.

This made him the most dangerous being to fight against. A Monster who could regenerate endlessly and could never be killed was a nightmare to face in battle.

Knowing that this fight could not go on, Daniel teleported beside the Demigod who was holding Dia and took the baby away from him.

The moment he did, a stone spike pierced the Abyssal Lord's chest, killing it instantly.

Dia was the only one preserving his life, so the moment she disappeared from his hands, his life was already forfeited.

"Antero, stop!" Daniel shouted. "I only need the Pillar! You can take back this child. I promise that she will not suffer from its loss! We will also not interfere with the Thirteenth Layer, so stop this madness at once!"

Antero snorted.

No one in the Abyss or anywhere in existence could threaten him. Although Dia might die if he really fought against Daniel with everything he had, the Golem of Destruction was confident that he could capture her soul and store it safely inside his body.

He could just go to Elysium and take a seed from the World Tree, using it to create Dia's new vessel. Not only would she be reborn with a stronger body, but she would be many times more powerful as well.

The same could be said for Queen Rhiannon.

Even if Daniel were to kill him, Antero would do the same.

Also, he had another option.

Since Lux was a Necromancer, he was certain that the Half-Elf would go above and beyond to give Dia and Queen Rhiannon the perfect bodies, which would give them the perfect conditions to revive.

The Golem of Destruction believed that, as long as he had their souls, everything was going to be fine. So even if Daniel was threatening him with Dia, Antero didn't back down and raised his fist to punch the hateful Pseudo-God to oblivion.

However, he stopped his attack when the Succubus Queen flew between him and Daniel with her arms spread wide.

"Please stop, Lord Antero," Queen Rhiannon stated. "It's fine. Dia will be fine."

The Succubus Queen then turned to Daniel and glared at him.

"Take the Pillar of Eternity," Queen Rhiannon stated. "But know this, if my daughter suffers even for a little bit from it, I swear that even if it costs my life, I will make you pay for what you have done to her!"

Antero also glared at Daniel, making the latter sigh in relief.

Although it was troublesome to extract the Pillar of Eternity without harming the baby, it was still within his capabilities.

Taking a deep breath, the Pseudo-God channeled the power of Azathoth in his body to slowly, but gently remove the pillar from the infant's soul.

He didn't dare rush things because he felt that Antero had already sent part of his will to the deepest layer of the Abyss.

The moment something happened to Dia, he would unleash his wrath there, waking the sleeping Outer God from its slumber.

This was Antero's ultimatum.

He didn't care even if he and Daniel suffered mutual destruction. The moment his bottom line was crossed, he would not hesitate to wake up the Outer God, who had the power to destroy almost everything in creation.

Once the Outer God broke free of Daniel's control, the first thing it would kill would be him. Knowing this, the Pseudo-God didn't dare to play any tricks and did his best to extract the Pillar of Eternity without harming the baby, who had now stopped crying in his arms.

The Abyssal Army that belonged to Daniel also breathed a sigh of relief after seeing that Antero had finally compromised.

In that short span of time, over a dozen Demigods had died, and countless Abyssal Monsters were killed.

It once again reinforced the belief in their minds that they could offend anyone in the Abyss except the Golem of Destruction, who would not stop until those who offended him were dead without the hope of reviving ever again.

Chapter 1194.1: The Three Troublemakers Of The Temple Of Ten Thousand Gods [Part 1]

The Thirteenth Layer of the Abyss was in shambles.

Countless cracks could be seen in the sky, and a large portion of it had already collapsed.

The land had countless fissures in it, and the only place that remained standing was the mountain where Queen Rhiannon's castle stood.

The entire layer had also darkened considerably. Only Antero's burning eyes, as well as the eyes of the creatures that glowed in the dark, could be seen in the surroundings. Although the Thirteenth Layer's degradation had been put to a screeching halt, it still looked like a world that was about to meet its end.

Antero was the only creature that was preventing it from being destroyed completely, but all of that could change the moment he decided to attack Daniel and his cronies.

The Golem of Destruction was paying close attention to Dia's vital signs and aura. Although her presence was still as weak as a flickering flame, it still held strong and refused to be snuffed out.

Slowly but surely, a golden candle emerged from the baby's chest. Its light burned brightly amidst the darkness that surrounded it.

Dia slept peacefully without a care in the world as if the process of something very powerful and important to her being extracted from her body had no meaning.

Earlier, Queen Rhiannon heard a voice inside her head.

It was a childish voice telling her that everything was going to be fine, so she didn't need to burn her life force in order to save her daughter.

The voice also told her to let Daniel take the Pillar of Eternity from Dia's body, for the artifact would not serve the Pseudo-God even if it fell into his hands.

Queen Rhiannon didn't know from whom or where the voice had come from, but she felt that this voice was from someone who was on their side.

Because of this, she stopped Antero's attack and decided to trust the owner of the voice by telling Daniel that he could take the Pillar of Eternity from Dia's body.

Although she believed that Antero would do everything in his power to revive her and her daughter, it was still better if both of them could live without needing to have their current vessels destroyed.

Two hours later, the Golden Candle had been fully extracted from Dia's body.

Queen Rhiannon quickly descended in front of Daniel and hurriedly but gently took her baby from his arms.

After that, she glared at Daniel one last time before flying toward the castle in order to let Dia have a proper rest.

Antero gave his granddaughter a glance and felt relieved that she was safe and unharmed from the extraction of the Pillar of Eternity from her soul.

"Go and leave this place," Antero said in a cold tone. "I do not want to see any of you ever again."

"We will leave as promised, Antero," Daniel said while holding the golden candle, whose light was burning brightly in his hand. "However, I want you to promise me as well that you will not become my enemy. I kept my part of the bargain, so you keep your part as well."

"Go," Antero repeated. "I will not repeat myself a third time."

Although he didn't affirm or reject Daniel's words, the Pseudo-God could tell that Antero no longer planned to antagonize him. Even though the Golem of Destruction could destroy the Abyss if it wanted to by waking up Azathoth, it would only do this as a last resort.

The Abyss was his home, and he must have an attachment to it, so Daniel believed that he would not dare to destroy it unless his hands were forced.

Daniel then commanded his army to follow him toward the 12th Layer of the Abyss.

Now that the way was clear, no one was stopping him from reaching the First Layer, where the portals leading to the countless worlds were located.

Daniel now had three Pillars of Eternity in his possession. He only needed two more to complete his ascension to Godhood and gain the power that he had desired for many years.

But before that, he would first have his revenge on Solais and Elysium.

He had long wished to destroy the two worlds with his own two hands, and soon, he would obtain the power to do that.

When the Abyssal Army had all passed through to the 12th Layer, Antero raised his hand and snapped his fingers.

The Thirteenth Layer started recovering at a rapid pace as it greedily absorbed the power of the Abyss.

The cracks in the sky disappeared, and the portion of the sky that had collapsed was once again filled up, making it look as if nothing had happened.

All the fissures on the ground closed up as well, and the place where the parts of the sky fell transformed into a lake that shimmered like crystal.

With a wave of his hand, Antero once again sealed the Thirteenth Layer, excluding it from the grand battle that was about to commence between the Pseudo-God, who wished to become a God, and the Necromancer of Heaven, who had seen the battle in the Abyss from start to end.

Lux looked at the crystal ball that was being held by Cupid with a complicated look on his face.

Eiko, who was perched on top of his head, looked at the Dim Sum God, who was also perched on top of the head of a little girl, whom the Half-Elf labeled as "Red Riding Hood".

The Dim Sum God and the Baby Slime held each other's gaze and smiled.

The Dim Sum God thought that the Baby Slime was a kindred spirit who also liked to perch on top of people's heads.

On the other hand, Eiko was wondering if the Dim Sum God tasted good because it looked very delicious in her eyes.

While the two little ones were appraising each other, the Loli Goddess, Lily, was paying close attention to the Half-Elf, who now had a solemn expression on his face.

Lux was relieved that Queen Rhiannon and Dia were safe, but he also felt pressured because he knew that it was only a matter of time before Daniel appeared in their world.

Once that happened, a clash between them would be inevitable, and Lux still had no idea how he would beat Daniel in battle.

Seeing his expression, a smile crept up Lily's face. Unlike the mortal who didn't know how to fight against a Pseudo-God, who wielded the power of an Outer God, she knew how to give Lux a fighting chance.

This was also the reason why Eriol and Max allowed the three Gods to descend in Elysium.

The three Troublemakers were the only Gods within the Temple of the Ten Thousand Gods who could get away with breaking a few rules because of the connections they had with the other Gods.

Although they were not strong as individuals, the three of them combined could move mountains if need be.

And they would do just that.

Move a big mountain so that Lux could meet with someone, who might be able to give him the knowledge that would allow him to fight against Daniel, who wielded the power of an Outer God that could potentially destroy all of creation the moment it opened its eyes.

Chapter 1195.2: The Three Troublemakers Of The Temple Of Ten Thousand Gods [Part 2]

"Do you wish to have a fighting chance against that Daniel guy?" Lily asked the Half-Elf with a smile on her face.

"Of course," Lux replied in a heartbeat. "If there's a way that I can defeat him, I will gladly do it."

"So you say, but what are you willing to pay to gain that knowledge?" Lily arched an eyebrow. "I practice the law of equivalent exchange. I also don't accept refunds. Once you agree to my conditions, you can not break the contract that you will sign."

Lux looked at the little red riding hood with a solemn expression on his face.

Eriol and Max had talked to him telepathically, and both informed him that the three individuals in front of him were actually Gods who had decided to offer their help to him, but not for free.

"Then, what must I do?" Lux asked. "As long as it doesn't fall below my bottom line, I am willing to pay any price."

Lily pondered a bit before walking around Lux in circles.

She eyed the Half-Elf from head to toe as if she were some kind of connoisseur checking the quality of the products that were on display in the store.

"The one who will decide the price for the knowledge you wish to obtain will not be me," Lily stated. "It's someone who has been treated unjustly by another God, who at this moment is doing his best to survive in a world despite the limitations placed on his body.

"His end game goal is to fight against Fate, as well as give his Father a beating he will never forget.

"Us Gods are paying close attention to this individual, and some of us are actively rooting for him from within the Temple of the Ten Thousand Gods. You are going to meet with this person, and he will decide whether he will help you or not."

Lux nodded his head in understanding. "I want to meet this person."

Lily smiled and nodded her head. "Wait here for a bit. I will ask my friends to help you. Cupid, you can stay here for a while. How about you, Dim Dim? Do you want to stay here and play?"

"Dim~ Dim~" the Dim Sum God nodded its head.

It had taken a liking to Eiko because she was like a kindred spirit to it.

What Dim Dim didn't know was that Eiko had also taken a liking to the Dim Sum God but in a different kind of way.

"I'll leave Dim Dim in your care then," the Loli Goddess, Lily, handed the Dim Sum God to Lux before opening a portal beside her. "I'll come back as soon as I can."

The moment Lily left, Lux asked Eiko to take care of the Dim Sum God, whom the latter accepted with a big smile on her face.

Dim Dim was also very happy because it thought that it was going to play with the cute Baby Slime, who started licking its body, making Dim Sum God giggle.

The Half-Elf smiled after seeing that Eiko seemed to be very fond of Dim Dim, but for some reason, he felt that the Dim Sum God was in danger.

'Must just be my imagination,' Lux thought before leaving the room to look for his lovers.

He had to inform them that he would be leaving Elysium for a while in order to meet with someone who would be able to help him fight against Daniel, who was able to wield the power of an Outer God whenever he wanted.

Five hours later, Lily returned.

However, this time, she wasn't alone.

Standing beside her were two very cute little girls with pink hair, who were busy munching on gummy bears.

Lily glanced at the surroundings and sighed in relief when she noticed that Dim Dim wasn't around.

The two girls beside her were gluttons, so Dim Dim was very scared of them.

Lux blinked once then twice as he looked at the two little girls whom he had met not long ago.

They were none other than Maple and Cinnamon, who just celebrated their birthdays.

He and Aurora were present at their birthday party because James took them back to his home world to stay for a few days.

"Hello, Maple, Cinnamon," Lux said with a smile. "How is your mother, Chiffon? And your father, William?"

"Mama is good," Maple replied. "She's currently eating Papa's hotdog. At least, that is what she told us before she and Papa locked themselves inside their room."

"Cinnamon wants to eat a hotdog too! But Mama said I'm still too young for it," Cinnamon pouted. "It's not fair!"

"Right?" Maple nodded. "Neh~ Big Brother. Can we eat your hotdog?"

Lux and Lily almost coughed out blood after hearing what the two girls had to say.

Both of them even cursed their parents in their hearts for being bad influences on the two girls who just turned nine years old this year.

"B-Both of you are still young to eat hotdogs, so why don't you wait until you are a bit older?" Lux replied. "Or better yet, why don't you eat something else for the time being? There are many more delicious foods than hotdogs."

"But Mama always says that Papa's hotdog is delicious," Cinnamon countered.

"That's right!" Cinnamon commented. "She even said that no matter how many times she eats it, it doesn't run out of stock. Isn't that like eating in an all-you-can-eat buffet? Oh... I forgot. We are banned from going to buffets."

"Yes. Cinnamon finds this very vexing as well," Cinnamon replied. "How can they call it a buffet when we are not allowed to eat there?"

Lux coughed and glanced at Lily, who was also looking back at him. The two then nodded at the same time and came to an agreement.

Both of them decided to have a nice long talk with Maple's and Cinnamon's parents and tell them to be more careful when it came to teaching their children about things that they shouldn't know until they were older.

"Maple, Cinnamon, you don't have to worry about eating hotdogs right now," Lily stated. "I will buy you a lot of them later, okay? But first, this Big Brother needs your help."

"Okay," Maple nodded. "We're going to visit that Big Brother, right?"

"I like that Big Brother. He's very nice to Cinnamon," Cinnamon replied.

Lily smiled. "I won't be coming with you this time because that world's God is very strict. However, as long as you don't do anything out of place, you'll be safe... maybe."

Lux felt that Lily's words were ominous, but since he didn't have a choice in the matter, he just nodded his head and gritted his teeth.

Maple and Cinnamon held each other's hands before moving their free hand in a circular motion.

A moment later, a red portal appeared in front of them, which was emitting an oppressive aura.

"Let's go, Big Brother," Maple said. "Make sure to follow us closely. If you don't, you might get lost in time and space."

"Follow us closely, okay?" Cinnamon warned again before walking toward the red portal with her twin.

The Half-Elf took a deep breath before he, too, entered the portal with the two little girls, who had the power to travel to different worlds, in search of their own special someone who would love them just as much as their Papa loved their Mama.

Chapter 1196.1: The Second Strongest System [Part 1]

"Big Brother, we've come to visit you~" "Big Brother, Cinnamon is here, too~"

Lux looked in front of him and saw a black-haired young man, who was panting for breath as he leaned against a tree.

Countless corpses of Monsters were littered around him, which showed that he had just finished a tough battle. Blood seeped at the corner of his lips, and the black, military armor he was wearing was torn in several places. His left arm was also bent at an unnatural angle, which clearly signified that it was either dislocated or broken.

Either possibility was bad, and the way he saw it, the person in front of him didn't seem like someone who could give him advice on how to fight against a Pseudo-God, who was able to use the power of an Outer God.

Lux was sensitive to the strength of an individual, and a glance was enough to make him realize that the teenage boy was weak.

Extremely weak by Elysian and Solaian standards.

He was just like a Grade-D Apostle, which was the weakest rank in Elysium after the Beginner Class. And by a single glance at him, Lux assumed that he was not even older than sixteen years old. "Big Brother, can you help Brother Thirteen?" Maple asked. "His left arm looks funny."

Lux nodded and went toward the young man and gently held his hand. "This is going to hurt, so bear with it," Lux said.

The teenage boy with short black hair and green eyes nodded. Even though he was bruised and battered all over, his eyes remained calm, and his expression didn't show any signs of pain.

His stare was strong and steady, which made Lux feel as if he was looking at a monster that was trapped inside a teenage boy's body.

With one quick jerk of his arm, Lux straightened the teenage boy's left arm, setting it back into its rightful place.

"Thanks," the teenage boy, whom Maple called Thirteen, said. "You're welcome," Lux replied.

The Half-Elf watched as the young man casually raised the pinky finger of his right hand and stared into the distance.

Although Lux couldn't see anything, he had a feeling that the young man was looking at something, which made him frown.

After the young man finished what he was doing, he lightly patted the head of the two little girls, who both smiled and gave him a hug.

"What are the two of you doing here?" Thirteen asked. "Are you looking for your sister?"

"No," Maple replied. "We came here for you, Big Brother."

"This Big Brother wants to ask you for help, Big Brother," Cinnamon stated. "Can you help him?"

Thirteen frowned before glancing at the Half-Elf and eyed him from head to foot. "How may I help you?" Thirteen asked. "I am in a hurry, so make it quick."

Lux took a deep breath before introducing himself.

"My name is Lux Von Kaizer," Lux said. "I came here because the Goddess, Lily, said that you can help me."

"I don't know any Goddess named Lily," Thirteen replied. "But you still haven't answered my question. What do you want?"

Thirteen's voice was filled with impatience as if he couldn't be bothered to talk to someone. However, he did accept the potions that Maple and Cinnamon gave him so that his injuries would recover faster.

Sensing that Thirteen would really leave if he kept on wasting his time, Lux no longer minced his words and told him about his dilemma.

The young man with short black hair and green eyes listened to his story from start to end before looking into the distance.

"Explaining will take some time, and I need to go someplace to look for someone," Thirteen replied. "Can you come back after a day? I really need to go." Without even waiting for Lux's reply, Thirteen briskly walked away.

He was still injured and, despite the potions that Maple and Cinnamon had given him, the injuries on his body still hadn't fully healed.

If he rested for two to three hours, all of his injuries would recover. However, he didn't have the luxury of rest.

Someone important to him was somewhere out there, fighting alone to help others survive against the Monsters, who had started to massacre everyone on the continent.

Lux wanted to say that he could help him find the person whom he was looking for, but before he could do that, he found himself unable to say anything.

He had lost his voice, which greatly surprised him.

"Big Brother, we can follow Brother Thirteen, but you are not allowed to interfere or do anything," Maple stated.

"Helping him is no good," Cinnamon said sadly. "Even if Cinnamon wants to help, she can't do it because someone very scary will hurt him more if he receives help from others."

"We helped him a bit earlier, but if we did more, we would just anger that scary person," Maple said with a pout. "This is the limit we can do for Big

Brother Thirteen." Suddenly, Lux felt his strength being suppressed for some reason, which wasn't always a good sign. However, after hearing Maple's and Cinnamon's statements, he assumed that this world had its own set of laws that he also had to follow, or else, he would face dire consequences for his actions.

In the end, he had no choice but to observe Thirteen from a distance, along with Maple and Cinnamon, who were looking at him with worried expressions on their faces. He still didn't understand why Lily told him that the extremely weak teenage boy, whom he could easily kill with a flick of his finger, held the answers to beat an enemy who was someone that even Lux couldn't fight with his full power.

However, it didn't take long for him to be amazed when he realized that the teenage boy whom he just met had the courage to fight against Monsters whose ranks were many levels higher than his. Lux watched with a solemn expression on his face as Thirteen used every method in his arsenal to fight the enemies that Lux wouldn't dare to face if he were in the same situation.

Thirteen used the environment, other monsters, as well as his cunning, to overcome the challenges that stood before him. The more Lux watched the teenage boy struggle, the more he understood why Lily and the other Gods were paying close attention to him.

Bleeding and battered, Thirteen continued to walk forward with a resolute look on his face.

For a brief moment, Lux had a feeling that if Daniel had faced this young man in a one-on-one battle, the one who would win would be none other than Thirteen.

He looked at the teenage boy who was dragging his injured body along and facing monsters stronger than him, to look for someone whom he held sacred in his heart.

(E/N: Read System's POV.)

Chapter 1197.2: The Second Strongest System [Part 2]

As Lux, Maple, and Cinnamon followed Thirteen's journey, the Half-Elf's admiration toward the person whom he initially described as extremely weak, rose by leaps and bounds.

Thirteen didn't manage to win because he was strong.

No, he fought as if he knew exactly when his enemies would strike, and where their attacks would land. Despite his foes being way stronger than him, it was as if they were trying to hit a fly that was buzzing around them, which was almost impossible to hit.

Of course, impossible to hit was an exaggeration. While they were unable to land a direct blow on his body, their attacks still managed to graze the teenager since he couldn't completely evade their attacks.

But even with this, Thirteen remained calm as he threw one throwing knife after the other.

There were even times when he hit his own throwing knives, making them fly at an almost impossible angle just to hit their designated targets.

It was as if the teenage boy was able to calculate everything perfectly, allowing him to hit where he wanted, and hit it hard.

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There were times when he set up traps and lured the Monster he was fighting into them, dealing serious damage and catching them by surprise.

Basically, he was like watching someone who, despite being weak, was not afraid to fight toe to toe with stronger opponents.

There was even one instance where Thirteen lured a Monster to fight against another Monster.

Although Lux could easily kill these creatures with his current rank, he would certainly be running away from them if he were in Thirteen's shoes.

To put matters into perspective, Thirteen was like a Grade-D Apostle trying to fight against a Rank 5 Monster, which only the Initiates and Low-Rankers of Elysium should be able to fight.

It was like imagining Colette when she was still a Grade-D Apostle, fighting against the Thunder Wolf King that almost destroyed Leaf Village in the past.

That was the kind of foe Thirteen was facing at the moment, and even a Monster as strong as that was having problems beating a teenager, who had already been injured before the battle began.

Lux watched as three four-meter-tall Black Hercules Beetles were buried under an avalanche that Thirteen had instigated.

He had planted explosives at the top of a cliff, and detonated it remotely while being chased by the Monstrous Beetles.

The Half-Elf couldn't help but feel his blood boil after watching this scene because he had seen everything from start to finish.

It was like watching a painter start to paint on a black canvas, and see a masterpiece unfold right before his very eyes.

That was the only way that Lux could describe the emotions that he was feeling right now. He momentarily forgot Daniel, as well as the threat he brought to his world.

After burying and killing his targets, Thirteen leaned his body against a fallen boulder and closed his eyes.

The battle he just had took a toll on him, and he was truly exhausted. He knew that moving forward would be detrimental to his condition, so he decided to rest for an hour to let his body regain a bit of his strength.

Unfortunately, he underestimated how tired he was. Just a few minutes after closing his eyes, he fell asleep, the sight of which made Maple and Cinnamon sigh in relief.

Even Lux thought that the teenage boy deserved to have a short break after everything he had been through.

He thought of Thirteen's battles and thought about what he would have done if he was in his shoes. No matter how hard he tried, he couldn't see himself winning against the Monsters the teenage boy had fought if he was in the same rank as him.

'What does he have that I don't?' Lux thought. 'Courage?'

Lux thought and shook his head. If he lacked courage, he wouldn't have gone to the Abyss to look for Aurora, despite the danger of meeting Daniel along the way.

'Then am I cunning?' Lux pondered.

He had to admit that he wasn't cunning enough, or resourceful enough to accomplish the things that Thirteen did.

But, he still thought that this still fell short of his evaluation of the teenage boy, who was currently resting on one of the boulders that had fallen from the mountain due to the avalanche that he had caused.

'Just what is it?' Lux pondered. He felt as if he had grasped a bit of it, but before he could firmly hold it in his hands, it slipped away like fleeting air.

The Half-Elf had never felt so frustrated because he truly believed that he had already found the answer to his problem, and yet, the answer always stayed out of arm's reach as if teasing him to come a bit closer.

However, every time Lux did come closer, it would move away, allowing only the tips of his fingers to touch its surface.

Lux felt helpless, but since Thirteen asked him to wait for a day, he would wait for a day.

Whoever he was searching for seemed important enough for him to brave these kinds of dangers despite his low rank.

Two hours later, Thirteen opened his eyes. He slowly climbed up the small hill that was created by the avalanche to go to the other side. Lux, Maple, and Cinnamon followed him at a safe distance.

They followed him as he walked for five miles without stopping. When he reached the top of the small hill he finally stopped.

In the distance, countless Monsters were advancing in his direction, making Lux, Maple, and Cinnamon frown.

At that moment, Thirteen spoke up, which caught the three stalkers by surprise.

"You asked me that question earlier, but I didn't have time to answer you," Thirteen stated. "Now, I have a bit of time, so I'll answer your question while I still can."

A second later, Lux reappeared beside the teenage boy, whose clothes were more torn apart than the last time he saw him up close.

"Listen closely because I will not repeat myself," Thirteen stated. Lux nodded, as he, too glanced, at the hordes of monsters that were advancing in their direction.

Based on their presence, he could tell that they were Rank 1 up to Rank 7 Monsters.

Lux could easily deal with these things if he summoned his Undead Legion.

But, he didn't do that. He simply waited for Thirteen to tell him the answer to his question before these Monsters descended toward the Second Strongest System in the world like a raging tide.

Chapter 1198.3: The Second Strongest System [Part 3]

Thirteen stared at the approaching Monster Army with a calm expression on his face.

Lux was sure that the moment these Monsters reached them, the young man wouldn't be able to survive no matter what tricks he used in battle.

He was prepared to take Thirteen away by force if he had to because he didn't want to see the young man die, knowing that he could do something to prevent it.

While he was deep in thought, the teenage boy spoke unhurriedly, breaking him out of his thoughts.

"More often than not, there are times when we can't rely on anyone but ourselves to do things right," Thirteen stated. "Each of us has our own battles to fight, like the Monster Army that is headed toward me right now. With your current strength, you can wipe them all out just as easily as raising a hand."

Thirteen then turned to face Lux. His eyes were as calm as the surface of a still lake, unperturbed by what was happening in his surroundings. The Half-Elf couldn't see any trace of fear in those beautiful green eyes, who seemed to hold all the knowledge of the world and suffered countless hardships and heartaches.

"But this is not your battle," Thirteen said firmly. "Just like how your battles are not mine."

The teenage boy then shifted his gaze back to the Monsters that were coming closer and closer to him.

"Remember this—the Fate of an entire world is not decided by the strength of a single individual," Thirteen explained. "You are stupid and arrogant if you think that you alone can save your world. What I hate the most are Heroes and those who have a Hero Complex."

"Why must a single individual carry the weight of an entire world with billions of people in it? Are you telling me that those billions of people are all dead weight? If you think that way, then I suggest you let a donkey kick your head. There is something very wrong with you."

Lux felt like he was being insulted, but for some reason, he also felt embarrassed after Thirteen's pep talk.

The teenage boy was right.

The world of Elysium and Solais had billions or even trillions of people when combined.

He automatically assumed that since he was appointed by Eriol and Max to help save Solais from destruction, he alone had the power to save it.

He thought that he alone would be able to save everyone in it.

"If your life is a novel, I bet the readers are thinking that you're not the real Main Character of your story," Thirteen stated. "You're probably just the sidekick or the mount of a Baby Slime, who is secretly the true Protagonist of your story."

Somewhere in Elysium....

Eiko sneezed just as she was about to feed her pet Sea Otter, Lucky, a Calamity-Ranked Beast Core that she had taken from an Abyssal Monster.

Thinking that it was her Papa and Mama thinking about her, she cutely smiled and continued to feed the Baby Otter, which made the latter very happy.

Thirteen then held his left and right hands out to the side, creating a hazy fluctuation that seemed to disrupt space itself. From those hazy distortions in space, he took out two short swords, which he would use to fight against the Monster Army that was just a kilometer away from him.

"Listen," Thirteen said. "When we feel like all hope is lost and we can no longer stand our ground, that's when we often realize something very important."

Thirteen then glanced at Lux, and a faint smile could be seen on his face.

"Remember this, Lux," Thirteen stated. "In the greatest battles of our lives... We. Are. Never. Alone."

As if waiting for that moment, over a dozen rocket missiles flew past Thirteen's and Lux's heads, landing on the Monster Army that was advancing on them.

Loud explosions erupted, and pained cries reverberated in the surroundings.

A few seconds later, the sound of a Helicopter rotor reached their ears.

Lux glanced upwards and saw a black military Helicopter flying in their direction. When it was right above their heads, four Individuals jumped out of it and landed perfectly in front of the teenage boy, who had been fighting alone all this time.

"I'm sorry, Young Master," a middle-aged man wearing a butler's suit bowed his head respectfully. "It took us some time to steal—errr borrow a Military Helicopter from the base. I deeply apologize for coming late."

A chubby teenage boy smirked before raising his hand.

Suddenly, a six-meter-tall Troll appeared beside him, holding the most badass bastard sword that Lux had seen in his lifetime.

"It's smacking time!" A two-meter-tall young man bumped his knuckles together and his entire body completely turned bronze in color, making him look like a bronze statue that was moving on its own.

The incredibly handsome young man with long blonde hair tied up behind his back and eyes that were red as rubies chuckled as he held a beautiful ornate sword in his right hand.

He then pointed the tip of his blade at the enraged Monster Army, which was now madly rushing in their direction with the intention of shredding them into pieces.

"With my friends beside me, I am Invincible!" The incredibly handsome young man declared, as he, the Butler, the Chubby Boy, the Troll, as well as the young man that had transformed into a Bronze Statue, rushed towards the Monster Army with the intention of fighting them head-on.

Thirteen watched them with a faint smile on his face before shifting his gaze back to Lux and pressing his closed fist on the Half-Elf's chest.

"You are not alone, Lux," Thirteen stated. "And I'm sure that there are many people who will gladly fight alongside you, risking their lives to protect everything they hold sacred. This is why you are foolish if you think that you are fighting this battle alone."

"Let's say that this Daniel guy and this Outer God are truly powerful. You just need to think outside the box. If the people or creatures in Elysium and Solais are not enough to fight them, then you should tap into the power that was bestowed upon you by that b*tch named Fate. "You are the Necromancer of Heaven. Since that is the case, what is stopping you from using the power of Necromancy to pound your enemy into submission? Don't only look inside of the two boxes you are in. If you look outside those two boxes, no one in the world or the multiverse will be able to stop you."

Thirteen then gave Lux a slight push before turning to face the Monster Army in preparation to join his people to annihilate them all.

A portal had appeared behind Lux, so the moment Thirteen pushed him, he found himself falling into the portal, unable to do anything. "Death smiles at us all and all a man can do is smile back," Thirteen said as he took a step forward. "But when you look Death in the eye, and death blinks first, nothing seems impossible."

(A/N: Quote from Marcus Aurelius, and Rick Yancey.)

Lux watched the young man's back as he dragged his injured body toward the Monster Army. This image was burned in the Half-Elf's eyes, and before the portal closed to send him back to his world, the final words of the Second Strongest System in all of creation reached his ears.

"In times of Darkness, one must stop looking for the Light, and become the Glow for others to follow."

Those were the last words that the Half-Elf heard before he felt his body falling toward the endless Abyss, with Maple and Cinnamon flying closely by his side.

Chapter 1199: Giving Him A Piece Of Their Mind

After falling for what felt like an eternity, Lux found himself suddenly appearing in the skies of Elysium.

The Fox Lady, Hana, suddenly appeared beside him and held him tightly.

She then made several short teleportations in rapid succession before landing softly on the ground, still holding the Half-Elf in a princess carry.

"Thank you, Hana," Lux said.

"You're welcome," Hana replied as she helped her Master stand up properly. "Did you find the answers that you were looking for, Master?"

"Weren't you there with me?" Lux asked back. "Didn't you hear Thirteen's words?"

Hana shook her head. "The moment we appeared in that world, we couldn't see what was happening outside. For some reason, we also can't materialize beside you. "Our vision only returned a moment ago when you started falling from the sky, Master. Because of this, I took the initiative to bring you safely to the ground because I thought that you lacked the power to land by yourself."

Lux smiled and nodded his head.

Although he could have landed safely and broken free from Hana's hold, he allowed himself to be taken care of by his companion. Thirteen's words had resonated in his heart, and he finally understood something that he had been taking for granted all along.

'Yes, I am not alone,' Lux thought. 'I've been fighting with everyone from the start. Also, there are others like Keoza, who will always lend me their hand when I need them.'

He then remembered Thirteen's snarky comment about him being a side character and the mount of a Baby Slime, who was the true protagonist of his story if his life were in the world of a novel.

"What a funny guy," Lux thought. "How can I be the side character of my own story? Isn't that a joke?"

Shaking his head, Lux teleported to his Guild Headquarters in order to see how everyone was doing.

Currently, the Alliance was rushing back toward the Kingdom of Espoir Frieden after they received word that Nyarlathotep had suddenly appeared there, bringing its horde of Golden Abominations with it.

They knew that no matter how fast they wanted to go, things would have already concluded the moment they arrived.

Fortunately, Herewith had informed them through the Guild Chat of Heaven's Gate that everything had already been dealt with.

Despite countless deaths and damage received by the Elven Kingdom, Nyarlathotep was finally defeated, which made the entire Alliance rejoice.

Even so, that didn't stop them from moving at full speed back to the Elven Kingdom to reunite with their loved ones, while hoping that their families weren't among those who had died due to the Outer God's invasion.

Lux, who suddenly appeared in the Floating Island of Edea, found himself facing two Dragon Kings, who had sensed his arrival.

"So you've finally shown yourself, you brat." King Azza pressed his hand over Lux's shoulder and held it in a vice grip. "We have many things to talk about. But first, tell me, how would you like to die? You can choose the method. I don't particularly mind. However, I highly recommend that you choose the slow and painful way to die."

The corner of Lux's lips twitched when his father-in-law stopped talking. Clearly, the Dragon King wasn't too thrilled about the news of his precious and beautiful daughter suddenly being pregnant without his knowledge.

"Father..." Lux said, but before he could finish saying the rest of what he planned to say, King Azza grabbed his robe and raised him up, making the Half-Elf look at the Dragon King eye-to-eye.

"Don't call me Father, brat." King Azza growled. "You have the guts to do that to my daughter. Do you know how much I'm tempted to rip you to shreds right now? The only reason why you're still alive is because you dealt with that bastard Nyarlathotep, who is only a little less scummy than you."

Lux didn't know what to say after being compared to the Outer God, who had almost destroyed the World Tree and turned everyone in Esplor Frieden into Golden Abominations, which would serve as its personal army.

"Dad..." Lux said, which made the Dragon King raise his hand to smack him.

Fortunately, Keoza held onto the Dragon King's wrist and prevented him from hurting the Half-Elf, whom he was also very tempted to smack for getting Aurelia pregnant.

The worst part of it all was that he was almost forced to watch the process. Fortunately, at the last second, he managed to split his spirit from the Dragon Token to appear in Karshvar Draconis.

That was when he told the Dragon King that he would join him the next time King Azza went fishing.

"Don't tease him too much, Lux," Keoza stated. "First, tell us everything that happened. Hereswith has already told us how the event unfolded, but we want to hear your version of it."

King Azza snorted, but he still released the Half-Elf so that the latter could talk.

After fixing his robe, Lux told the two Dragon Kings everything from start to finish. He told them about going to the Abyss to save Aurora and his near brush with Daniel.

When he came to the part when he finally arrived in Elysium, the two Dragon Kings' expressions became solemn.

The Half-Elf told them that Blackfire informed him that Hereswith was in danger, and the Kingdom of Espoir Frieden was under attack by Nyarlathotep.

Because of this, he had hurriedly gone there to fight against the Outer God and prevent him from destroying the World Tree, as well as hurting his lovers, who were all living near the tree itself.

When he told them that the Golden Scales didn't appear even after he destroyed Nyarlathotep's soul, the expressions of the two Dragon Kings' became even more grim.

Lux even mentioned the part when he saw Daniel breaking the seal that Antero had placed to prevent anyone from reaching the Thirteenth Floor.

King Azza, as well as Keoza, were dumbfounded when Lux admitted that the Succubus Queen had given birth to his daughter.

But that was not all.

His daughter possessed the Pillar of Hope within her soul, which was now also in Daniel's possession, making the Pseudo-God the owner of the three Pillars of Eternity.

"So, you and Eiko are in possession of two of the Pillars. The Pillar of Love and Pillar of Stability, which are the Golden Locket and the Golden Anchor," Keoza said. "Only by gathering all five will you be able to save Solais. "On the other hand, if Daniel succeeds in acquiring all of them, he will not only hold

power over both Elysium and Solais, but he will also finally ascend into Godhood."

The Crystal Dragon sighed before looking at Lux with the most serious expression he had made in his life.

"So, have you found a way to defeat him?" Keoza asked.

Even King Azza, who was still mad at Lux, held his tongue and waited for the Half-Elf's answer.

"Yes and no," Lux replied. "I think I understand how to defeat him, but until I put it into practice, I will not know whether I am right or wrong."

"So when do you plan to put this to the test?" King Azza inquired.

Lux didn't say anything. Instead, he pointed towards the Heavens, making both Dragon King's frown.

"We can't let Daniel reach Elysium and Solais and make these worlds our battleground," Lux stated. "We won't wait until he brings the fight to our doorsteps. We will bring the fight to him and hit him with everything we have or die trying."

King Azza and Keoza glanced at each other before looking at the Half-Elf with smiles on their faces.

They were done being messed around with by the invaders from the Abyss.

If a fight is what the Pseudo-God wanted, a fight he would get.

But this time, they would be the ones knocking on Daniel's doorstep in order to give him a piece of their mind.

Chapter 1200: Final Preparations

It took the Alliance one week to hurry and reach Espoir Frieden.

Some of them were relieved to see that their loved ones were alive, while some cried bitter tears after finding out that their family members were among the casualties of the battle.

But their bitterness disappeared when they saw their loved ones, who had been turned into Undead by Asmodeus and his Undead Mages.

Due to the power of the World Tree, the souls of the people who had died had temporarily taken shelter near its body, preventing them from being sucked into the Abyss.

When Lux arrived, these souls returned to their bodies, which he had raised from the dead to help fight against the Abominations, who had ended their lives.

Although they were now Undead, the mere fact that they could still talk and communicate with their families was a blessing in itself.

Asmodeus was now a Demigod-Ranked Monster, so his abilities to reanimate the dead had also been upgraded. As long as twelve hours hadn't passed after the person had died, he would be able to bring their soul back to their bodies and allow them to be born again as Sentient Undeads.

After their bittersweet reunions, plans were made for the final battle that would take place in the Abyss.

This was only possible thanks to Lux's, Eiko's, and Aurora's help.

Eiko could make everyone fly in the sky, allowing them to travel the path that Aurora would guide them to take.

Since Aurora had been reborn as a Transcended Succubus in the Abyss, her connection with that world was very strong.

Also, because she had grasped the path that James had taken on their return trip to Elysium, she was able to point Eiko in the right direction.

Lux, on the other hand, had the Golden Locket. He could create a barrier that would protect everyone from the fabric of time and space, allowing them to safely travel through one of the many pathways that led to the Abyss.

Daniel had already infiltrated the First Layer of the Abyss and was now charting a path that would take him to Elysium.

Lux and the others wanted to meet him halfway, and their battlefield would be on the path that connected both worlds.

The Leaders of the Alliance told everyone to rest for three days before they undertook their final journey.

Three days was just enough time to let the warriors, who would accompany them into battle, say their goodbyes to their loved ones.

They knew that this time, their chances of survival were significantly smaller compared to fighting against Nyarlathotep and the Abyssal Lords under its command.

The one they would be fighting against was a Pseudo-God, and the power the other party had at his disposal was something that not even the two Dragon Kings, King Azza and Keoza, could easily overcome.

Even so, they would still face him head-on, using the full might of the alliance.

However, on the second day, something unexpected happened.

Several portals appeared in Espoir Frieden, and countless warriors from the different Kingdoms and Empires of Solais poured out to join the battle.

It seemed that they had also managed to defeat the Abyssal Lords that had tried to invade their world, and this time, they would join the fight, which made the total forces of the Alliance swell exponentially.

The Six Kingdoms, the Rowan Tribe, Barbatos Academy, and many other forces decided to join the final battle that would determine whether their worlds would be saved or perished.

Eriol and Max had used their authority to communicate the current situation of Elysium to Solais.

The Kings and Emperors of the various Kingdoms and Empires knew that once Elysium fell, there would be no hope for them as well.

So although they suffered a lot from the Abyssal Invasion, they, too, sent all able-bodied men and women to join the Alliance in their final gamble.

When Lux returned to Espoir Frieden, a pleasant surprise awaited him.

All of his lovers, who had lost their memories, finally remembered him, and this was all thanks to Cupid.

The little troublemaker had used his arrows to shoot the hearts of Lux's lovers, forcefully destroying the seal that prevented them from remembering their beloved.

Their reunion was happy, bittersweet, and painful.

The reason why it was painful was due to the fact that Iris and Cai demanded that he make them pregnant as well.

Of course, Lux could no longer use the excuse that "this wasn't the right time" to have babies because Valerie and Aurelia were already pregnant with his children.

Because of this, Lux was dragged into the bedroom by his two fiances, who had forcibly taken the Everlasting Ring off from his finger to ensure that both of them would conceive his child.

They knew that the battle he would face was a very dangerous one. But regardless of what happened in the future, whether they survived or not, they still wanted to conceive his child.

Making Lux unable to refuse them.

Ali and Ari had promised Valerie that they would only consider getting pregnant after she had given birth to her baby. Because of this, the two beautiful handmaidens didn't demand that Lux get them pregnant.

However, that didn't mean that they didn't spend some intimate moments with Lux in the bedroom.

Of course, Aina and Aurora did the same. Three days later, Iris, Cai, Aina, and Aurora all stood beside Lux on the Floating Island of Edea.

They decided to come with him and take part in the battle that would decide their futures.

Valerie, Aurelia, Ali, and Ari also decided to travel with Lux and stay inside his Guild Headquarters alongside their mothers.

All of them understood that there was no point in staying in Elysium if the Alliance was to be defeated in battle.

If they were going to die, they would die alongside the people that they loved. That way, all of them could be reunited in the afterlife.

Perhaps, the other races also felt this strongly as well.

Because of this, even the non-combatants decided to take up arms and join the Alliance in their fight, further increasing the size of their Army.

All the floating Islands of Karshvar Draconis and the Crystal Palace would be used to house the people who wished to fight.

Since there were more preparations to be done, the three-day limit was extended to five days, giving everyone barely enough time to make the necessary arrangements needed to prepare for the greatest battle the likes that Elysium and Solais had never seen.

High above the Heavens, Eriol and Max watched this scene with solemn expressions on their faces.

Both of them knew where Daniel was and how long it would take him to travel between the Abyss to reach the world of Elysium, where the two final pieces of the Pillars of Eternity were waiting for him.

They relayed all the necessary information to Lux, who shared it with the rest of the Alliance.

This was why they were okay to delay their departure by two days, which they wouldn't have done if they hadn't known Daniel's current location.