

Strongest Necromancer Of Heaven's Gate

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On the mountain overlooking the Dark Forest, a castle stood at its peak.

Within it, hundreds of beautiful ladies, whom men would die for, chatted in excited voices.

"Have you heard? A group of Humans have suddenly appeared in the Dark Forest," a beautiful girl with light-brown hair said with sparkling eyes.

"Really? Do they have men?" A lady with long blonde hair and purple eyes asked.

"Yes! I used a scrying spell just now, and I saw a few handsome guys in the group," a lady with short pink hair stated. "All of them are quite young, I assume that they are still teenagers."

"Girl, it doesn't matter if they are teenagers," a mature-looking beauty said before adjusting the glasses on her face. "As long as they can make it stand, all is fair game."

"Right!"

"Hahaha! Should we also join in the fun? I'm sure if we ask the Satyrs, they'll give us the guys without any hassle."

All the beautiful ladies were getting excited at the prospect of milking the Human men dry of their essence, which was a very valuable source of nutrition for them.

"Wait! Have all of you forgotten something important?!" a pretty lady with long black hair shouted. "We have to inform Her Majesty about this first! If we don't, she might nag at us later for not telling her about this event!"

"Ah!"

"Right! We almost forgot to tell Her Majesty!"

"S-Someone, go to her room and tell her what is happening."

The Succubus then started pushing each other, as they pointed fingers as to who would become the sacrificial lamb that would wake their Queen and inform her about the uninvited guests that had appeared in their Domain.

"You bunch of babies!" a succubus, who seemed to be in her late teens, shouted. "Fine. I'll wake Her Majesty. I'll also call first dibs on the boys that we will get later!"

"W-Wait! No fair! I'll go!"

"No! I will go!"

"B*tch! I saw them first! I'll go!"

"Hag! Shut up! Although you look young, you're already several hundred years old. Can't you just give us youngsters the first taste first? You can get the leftovers after we are done!"

"Girl, you don't have filial piety. I'll get you for that!"

While everyone was starting to fight about who would wake their queen, the beautiful girl with light-brown hair snuck away and escaped the scene.

A few minutes later, she knocked on a majestic golden gate, which was the entrance to their Queen's Residence.

"Hng... what is it?" a voice that was as smooth as silk reached the girl's ears, making her cheeks redden. "I told you girls not to wake me up when I'm taking a nap."

"Y-Your Majesty, I apologize for waking you up, but something interesting happened," the beautiful girl with light-brown hair said. "Humans have appeared in the Dark Forest, and the Satyrs are currently playing with them. My Sisters and I are wondering if we can join in the fun. There are a few handsome guys in the group that have piqued our interest."

The beautiful girl with light-brown hair heard a creaking sound and the golden gate in front of her opened wide.

A moment later, a large canopy bed that could easily hold a hundred people appeared in her vision.

"Humans appeared in the Dark Forest?" a peerless beauty slowly propped herself up from the bed. "How did they manage to get here in the Abyss? I thought that the Gates to Elysium and Solais had all been sealed by the Dragons and the Elves. Did they somehow unseal one by accident?"

The beautiful girl with light-brown hair gazed at their Queen, who was said to be one of, if not the most, beautiful women in the Abyss.

Her long pink hair draped over her skin, which was as white as cream and radiant with life.

Her purple eyes which could easily captivate and charm any men and women she laid her eyes on seemed to glow faintly as she looked at the beautiful girl, who was kneeling on the floor and admiring her from a distance.

The two devil-like horns that were on top of her head didn't lessen her beauty. On the contrary, it highlighted them even more.

She was scantily dressed, allowing the one who woke her up to see her voluptuous body that would make even an innocent boy blush upon seeing her.

If Hereswith was the most beautiful woman that Lux had ever seen in his life, the moment he gazed at this peerless beauty, he would definitely say that the pink-haired lady was more beautiful than his foul-mouthed Grandmaster, Hereswith.

"Thank you for informing me about this," the Succubus Queen said with a smile. "They have some handsome boys in their group, right? I'll make sure to let you choose one of them before your other sisters have some fun."

"Thank you, Your Majesty!" the beautiful girl with light-brown hair smiled sweetly.

The Succubus Queen then waved her hand, and a projection appeared in front of her.

Since everything within her Domain, including the Dark Forest, was her territory, she could view them without even leaving her castle.

The moment that the battle appeared in front of her, a lazy smile appeared on her face.

"Looks like Ampelos and his kin got a bit lucky," the Succubus Queen commented. "There are many beauties in that group. I feel a little pity for those girls. In a few months, they will be giving birth to Satyrs."

The succubus girl giggled after hearing her Queen's comment.

The Satyrs were very lustful creatures, and their essence was very potent. A Human woman would not be able to prevent themselves from becoming pregnant once their womb was filled with their seed.

Only the Succubus, who specialized in consuming life force and essence, were safe from the Satyrs' bestial prowess.

Since they were neighbors, there were times when both sides would indulge in carnal activities together.

Only their Queen didn't partake in such orgies because she preferred to sleep in her room and visit Elysium and Solais through her Unique Ability, Dream Walking.

However, when her gaze landed on the Boar that was fighting against one of the Satyrs, her eyes widened a bit as if she couldn't believe what she was seeing.

"Is she perhaps..."

Back in the Dark Forest...

"You dumb boar! I'm not interested in you!" one of the Satyrs shouted in anger. "Go away!"

The Satyr kicked Cai and the boar flew like a kite whose string had been cut, slamming through countless trees in the forest, creating a path of destruction in her wake.

"Cai!" Iris shouted. "Astra! Go to her!"

The White Unicorn turned into a streak of lightning and flew to where Cai was last seen.

Iris then glared hatefully at the Satyr that attacked her best friend and waved her hand.

"Kill him!" Iris ordered and her Guardians moved as one in order to attack the Argonaut Ranked Satyr who had made their Master angry.

The Blue Dragon unleashed a Dragon Breath, forcing the Satyr to back away. However, the scorpion-like tail of Iris' Black Turtle stung its arm, making it cry out in pain.

Seeing this opening, the White Tiger lunged at his target with his jaws opened wide. However, before he could even bite the Satyr's neck, something hit the side of the White Tiger's body and sent him flying in the opposite direction.

"Hanz!" Iris shouted before hurtling a fireball at the Leader of the Satyrs, who casually brushed it aside as if it was just a small pebble that was thrown at him.

"Thanks, Boss!" the Argonaut-Ranked Satyr said as he looked at Ampelos gratefully.

"You're welcome," Ampelos chuckled. "Don't underestimate this girl. After all, I have set my sights on her."

"Boss, do you plan to make her your mate?"

"Yes. So I'll deal with her now. You just handle the small fries."

The Argonaut-Ranked Satyr bowed his head before charging at the Black Turtle that had snuck up and attacked it from behind.

Ampelos then walked towards Iris with a confident look on his face.

However, after taking a few steps forward, the Leader of the Satyrs stopped before dodging sideways.

A moment later, a Dragon Breath flew harmlessly past him, making Iris' expression turn grim.

"You're in the way," Ampelos said before flicking his hand and firing a dark ball of energy at the blue dragon who had fired a Dragon Breath in his direction.

The attack was too fast for the blue dragon to dodge, and it was hit in the chest, sending it crashing through the trees behind it.

"No! Lapiz!" Iris shouted after seeing that her Guardian Spirit was seriously injured by the Satyr's attack.

Currently, her Guardians were at the initial stages of the Argonaut Rank and were simply no match for an Emyrean-Ranked Alpha Monster.

"Although I don't want to do this, you leave me no choice," the Satyr then disappeared from where he stood and reappeared behind Iris.

He then lightly struck the back of her head, making the blue-haired beauty lose consciousness.

"One down," Ampelos smiled as he supported Iris' body, preventing her from falling to the ground. "Truly an exceptional beauty. I can't wait to have my fun with you later."

"Monster! Get your hands off of her!" Alicia shouted as she ran towards Ampelos with her sword blazing with white flames.

Due to Ampelos' ability to read minds, the plan that she had formulated was easily thwarted, and their formation fell into chaos. Because of this, Iris and Cai were forced to fight in the hopes that they would find an opening for them to escape.

Ampelos gave the Ranker, whose rank had degraded, a sneer and didn't move from his spot.

Alicia then swung her sword with the intention of cutting the Satyr's head off, but the latter only raised his hand and caught the sword in a firm grip.

"How?!" Alicia's eyes widened in shock because she couldn't believe that the Satyr was able to block her sword strike with such ease.

Although her rank had degraded, her weapon was a Legendary Weapon, which could easily slice a boulder in half.

"I'll tell you a little secret," Ampelos said with a devilish smile on his face. "My body cannot be cut by any weapon. Even this sword in your hands has no power over me. Although you are also an exceptional beauty, I can't be too

greedy and hog all the girls for myself. Otherwise, my men will get angry. So do your best to satisfy them all, okay?"

The Leader of the Satyr then gave Alicia a light kick, sending her high up in the air.

A moment later, Alicia fell on the ground unconscious, making all the other Rankers despair. Originally, they still thought that they had a small chance of escaping, but after their initial plan failed, the group fell into chaos.

With their strongest fighter down for the count, there was no longer any way for them to resist the group of Satyrs, who had all of them completely surrounded.

Chapter 873.1: Do You Want Me To Save You? [Part 1]

Hovering high in the air, the Succubus Queen watched the skirmish happening on the ground with her arms crossed over her chest.

With Alicia down for the count, causing the members of the expedition to fall into despair, their resistance weakened considerably, giving the Satyrs an easier time neutralizing them one by one.

Although Xander, Malcolm, and the other Rankers were doing their best, their enemies were simply too strong and too many for them to handle.

Suddenly, the corner of the Succubus Queen's lips rose when her gaze landed on the boar, whose body was starting to glow as it slowly propped itself up.

A White Unicorn was right beside her, using healing magic to heal her injuries.

Slowly but surely, Cai shed away her Boar Form and switched to her human form. The High Priestess of the Rowan Tribe then pressed her palms together as if praying to the Gods.

A moment later, her attire changed to that of a High Priestess of the Rowan Tribe, and her entire body was covered with a white Aura that grew in intensity with each passing second.

"Celestial Burst," the Succubus Queen muttered. "I knew it. This girl has the Celestial Maiden Physique."

The Celestial Burst ability was an exclusive skill that only those with the Celestial Maiden Physique could use. It would drastically increase their stats by 2000% for a brief period of time, sometimes lasting for only five to ten minutes.

In return for this overwhelming power, they would burn away their current Rank until they regressed to that of a Beginner, which was below the Apostle Grade.

In short, after the effect of this skill fades, Cai would lose all the progress that she had made and would have to start from scratch.

"Astra, no matter what happens, your priority is to save Iris," Cai stated with a determined look on her face. "Leave us if you have to, but make sure to keep her safe. Also, find a way to return to Elysium or Solais."

Astra nodded before transforming into his Demi-human form.

This was his strongest ability, which he used to fight against Eiko in their battle at Barbatos Academy.

"Let's go," Cai took a step forward and instantly disappeared from where she stood.

Staking everything on the line, she would do everything she could to save the people that were important to her.

"Hahaha!" Ampelos laughed loudly. "I already told you that resistance is futile. All of you should have accepted your Fate earlier!"

Xander and Malcolm were currently unable to prop themselves from the ground because the Satyrs were stepping on their heads with smug expressions on their faces.

Only the two of them resisted until the very end, and the Satyrs beat them up until they no longer had the strength to stand.

Suddenly, a blur of white light flashed in front of Ampelos, which made him subconsciously dodge to the right.

A second later, a foot smashed against the side of his face, which sent him flying.

Because of the unexpected situation, he dropped Iris, whom he had been carrying just a few seconds ago.

Everything happened so fast that the Satyrs were unable to understand what had just happened to their Boss.

However, when their gaze landed on the young lady with light-brown hair, who was holding Iris in a princess carry, they understood that she might be one of the Humans that were accidentally transported into the Abyss.

Astra, who had first attacked Ampelos and allowed Cai to deliver the decisive blow, reappeared beside the High Priestess and took Iris from her.

"Go, Astra," Cai ordered. "Find a safe place until help arrives. I'm sure Lux will come with reinforcements as soon as he hears the news. My Fiance is that kind of person."

The first thing that Cai did after they were transported to the Abyss was contact Lux through the Guild Chat.

But, for some reason, she was unable to use it. In fact, none of the Guild Features were working, including the Guild Buffs that strengthened her body.

She also could not feel the Spirits that were always with her wherever she went in Solais and Elysium. It was as if she was transported to a different world with different rules that were in no way similar to the two worlds she was familiar with.

Astra reluctantly nodded and transformed into a streak of lightning, flying away from the battlefield. Right now, his priority was to find a safe place to hide, until reinforcements arrived.

When her best friend was finally safe from harm, Cai once again disappeared from where she stood and reappeared beside the Satyr whose hoof was pinning Xander to the ground.

With a powerful kick that showed no mercy, Cai smashed the Deimos-Ranked Satyr's head like a watermelon, sending blood and pieces of flesh flying everywhere.

Currently, Cai's Rank was B-Rank, due to her Celestial Burst.

She could fight toe-to-toe with Dreadnaught Ranked Monsters right now, so Argonaut Ranked Monsters and below were something that she could fight head-on.

The High Priestess of the Rowan Tribe knew that time was limited, so she unleashed a fury of deadly blows to all the Satyrs that were weaker than her.

Contrary to her looks, Cai was actually very proficient in hand-to-hand combat.

She and her sister, Rose, had been trained by their Grandpa in close combat from a young age.

Maximilian believed that there might come a time when his granddaughters might face foes who would think that they were helpless Priestesses who couldn't defend themselves.

The element of surprise could be a very deadly weapon, and Cai was now utilizing it to the fullest.

Seeing his low-ranking subordinates being slaughtered, Ampelos roared in anger and charged at Cai, who had just killed an Argonaut-Ranked Satyr.

The High Priestess knew that she was not a match against the Leader of the Satyrs, so she ignored him. Using her fastest speed, she targeted another Deimos-Ranked Satyr, who had tried to run away from her.

However, Cai was faster than him, and a second later, her fist smashed against the Satyr's back, punching a bloody hole through it.

This time, the Dreadnaught-Ranked Satyrs finally decided that enough was enough and encircled Cai, preventing her from getting away.

Ampelos also used this opportunity to jump inside the encirclement and attack Cai.

The High Priestess barely dodged the Satyr Leader's attack, forcing her to jump back. However, the Dreadnaught Ranked Satyr that was behind her kicked her towards Ampelos making Cai grit her teeth as she endured the pain.

Knowing that this would probably be the last time she would get a chance, she twisted her body mid-air, and unleashed a round-house kick at the Leader of the Satyr, hoping that she would be able to deal great damage to him.

But Ampelos was no pushover. After that surprise attack earlier, his guard was up completely, so he was able to block Cai's attack.

Cai didn't back down and launched a flurry of punches and kicks at Ampelos, who either dodged, blocked, or deflected her blows.

Suddenly, as Cai was about to kick Ampelos on the side of his body, her legs lost their strength, causing her to lose balance and fall to the ground.

The White Aura that surrounded her earlier vanished without a trace, making her feel extremely weak, and unable to even lift a finger.

"Hoh~ is that it?" Ampelos said in a cold tone. "What's wrong, little girl? Did you finally run out of juice?"

The Leader of the Satyrs walked towards Cai before crouching down to look at her closely.

He then pulled up her hair, forcefully lifting her head off the ground to look at him in the face.

"You did a good number to my subordinates, Young Lady," Ampelos growled, his eyes cold and ready to kill. "I don't know what trick you used earlier, but I can tell that right now, you're as weak as a child. But that won't stop me from giving you the punishment you deserve!"

Ampelos yanked Cai's hair, making her cry out in pain. The leader of the Satyrs stood up and lifted the young lady by the hair.

"Although the other one escaped, it doesn't matter," Ampelos stated. "You're just as beautiful as her, so you will do nicely. For every Satyr you killed today, I'll make sure that you give birth to the same amount and more. I will treat you as my personal broodmare until the day you die. If you want to blame someone, blame yourself for being a woman!"

As if wanting to humiliate her in front of everyone, Ampelos' hand reached out to grab Cai's Priestess Clothes to tear them apart.

The Leader of the Satyrs knew that his subordinates wanted nothing more than to get revenge on Cai by ravaging her body until she broke. So he decided to humor them and allow them to see the place that all women held sacred.

But just as Ampelos was about to tear Cai's clothes apart, a voice that made the Leader of the Satyrs shudder reverberated in the surroundings.

"That's enough, Ampelos. If you don't want to die, don't do anything stupid."

The Succubus Queen descended from the sky and landed in front of the Leader of the Satyr with an amused look on her face.

She then caressed the side of Cai's face, who was still in pain from having her hair pulled, and smiled.

"Tell me, little girl, do you want me to save you?" the Succubus asked in a gentle and seductive tone. "All you need to do is say yes, and I'll make sure that these boorish Satyrs no longer touch a strand of your hair or harm any of your friends. So, how about it?"

The Succubus Queen smiled sweetly, as she continued to caress the face of the young lady who had piqued her interest.

"I'll ask again," the Succubus Queen said softly. "Do you want me to save you?"

Chapter 874.2: Do You Want Me To Save You? [Part 2]

Cai had seen many beautiful girls, but she hadn't seen someone as peerless as the woman in front of her.

The lady's words which were as smooth as silk and sweet like honey passed through her ears, making her forget about the pain she was currently feeling.

Before she could even properly think and consider the other party's proposal, her lips moved on their own and said 'yes.'

The smile on the peerless beauty's face widened after hearing her answer.

"You have three seconds to release her, Ampelos," the Succubus Queen stated. "If you don't, I'll cut off your d*ck and feed it to the Hell Hounds."

As if given the death sentence, Ampelos hastily released his grip on Cai's hair, causing the girl to fall to the ground.

However, the Queen of the Succubus lifted her finger, and Cai floated in the air, unharmed.

"Queen Rhiannon, what's the meaning of this?" Ampelos said through gritted teeth, restraining his anger. "These Humans appeared in my territory and even killed several of my brethren. Are you saying that we are to endure this injustice, and allow you to take them all away?!"

The other Satyrs were also unwilling, but they also didn't dare to anger the Queen of the Succubi, who was one of the Demigods of the Abyss.

(A/N: Demigod is the Supreme Version of Monsters. In short, they are stronger than Calamity Class Monsters.)

"Worry not, I will not take everyone, and I'll even give you a small token of my appreciation," the Queen of the Succubus, Rhiannon, said with a smile.

She then looked at the six Ranker Ladies who belonged to the Skystead Alliance and Xynnar War Pact.

Queen Rhiannon's purple eyes glowed faintly as she activated her Charm Ability. This was no ordinary Charm Skill, for this skill was of the [Epic] Rank, only a level below the [Divine] Rank.

"The six of you are not allowed to commit suicide, and you will treat the Satyrs as your lovers," Queen Rhiannon ordered. "Do I make myself clear?"

The Six Ladies blanked out for a brief moment before nodding their heads in unison.

""We hear and obey, Your Majesty.""

During the battle earlier, Queen Rhiannon noticed that there was a group of people that were desperately trying to protect Cai and Iris when the Satyrs had encircled them.

The other Rankers seemed to belong to a different group and focused on defending only themselves.

In order to maintain a good impression from Cai, she decided to "save" the people that were on her side. This included the members of the Rowan Tribe and Barbatos Academy, who desperately fought alongside Alicia to protect their people.

"...This is not enough, Your Majesty!" Ampelos insisted. "I want her!"

The Leader of the Satyr pointed at the purple-haired beauty, Henrietta, who was currently unconscious beside Alicia.

"No," Cai said weakly. "Not Henrietta. She is a friend."

Queen Rhiannon smiled as she once again caressed the side of Cai's face.

"Don't worry, none of your friends will be hurt," Queen Rhiannon stated. "Do you also want me to look for your friend who escaped? I can do that as well if you want."

"No." Cai shook her head. "Leave Iris alone."

Queen Rhiannon nodded. "Fine. Now sleep, I'll handle the rest."

Cai was already very exhausted and was only hanging on through sheer willpower. After getting the beautiful lady's assurance that none of her friends would be hurt, she finally blacked out and lost consciousness.

"You heard her," Queen Rhiannon smirked. "Her people are off limits. But don't worry. You can have this as compensation."

The Succubus Queen raised her hand and a Beast Core, the size of a basketball appeared in front of Ampelos.

"That is an Empyrean-Ranked World Boss Beast Core from an Abyssal Dragon," Queen Rhiannon. "No need to thank me. It's yours."

Without another word, the Succubus Queen snapped her fingers, and all the members of the expedition, with the exception of the six Lady Rankers from the Skystead Alliance and Xynnar War Pact, floated in the air.

Queen Rhiannon took all the men regardless of whether they were on Cai's side or not because she planned to give them to her subordinates, who were very eager to have some fun with the Human males.

Ampelos and the Satyrs could only watch with resentment as the Succubus Queen flew away, carrying away with her the women who were supposed to fill the nursery with their young.

When the Queen was no longer in sight, Ampelos smashed his fist on the ground with hatred.

"You b*tch!" Ampelos growled in anger. "I swear I'm going to screw you silly someday, even if it's the last thing I do!"

The Leader of the Satyrs repeatedly punched the ground out of anger in order to vent out his frustration, creating a large crater under his feet.

Only after several minutes passed did Ampelos manage to regain his composure.

He then hatefully glanced at the Ranker Women that the Succubus Queen had left behind.

Although they weren't half bad and were also pretty ladies, they were still nothing compared to Iris, Cai, Alicia, and Henrietta, whom Ampelos wanted to taste at least once.

However, that was no longer possible, so he was left with this small compensation in return for all the deaths of his subordinates.

"We're going back," Ampelos ordered before he picked up the prettiest lady among the six that were left to them. "You can have fun with the others, but make sure not to break them. Understood?"

""Yes Boss!""

The Six Ladies, who had been charmed by Queen Rhiannon, didn't resist and followed the Satyrs to their lair.

Those who were watching the scene lead to this outcome through the projection in Elysium could only clench their fists and cry out in anger after seeing the Fate of the Rankers that belonged to their faction.

The battle in the Dark Forest was only a small part of the expedition force.

The other Rankers who were teleported to random places in the Abyss suffered worse fates, and some even died at the hands of Abyssal Creatures.

This was perhaps the most tragic expedition that the Skystead Alliance, Xynnar War Pact, and the Six Kingdoms had suffered in many years.

Only the members of the Crystal Palace, who were exploring a different place when the incident happened, were spared from the tragedy.

Only a handful of their people, who had gone with the main group, were sucked in by the Black Hole. However, all of them were still alive because they seemed to have been transported to a deserted place, somewhere in the Abyss.

Even so, the fact still remained that no one knew if there was a way out of that place.

A place where hope didn't exist and where life could easily be snuffed out in the most unlikely of places.

Chapter 875: Time Waits For No One.

Lux and Eiko were in the middle of their journey toward the Pantheon of Exile when his Guild Chat was flooded with news that made his face almost lose all color.

"Lux! Iris and Cai were sucked into a Black Hole. They're transported in the Abyssal World, alongside the majority of those who went inside the Gate of Apocalypse!" Vera said. "They were attacked by Satyrs and nearly kidnapped to become their broodmares. Fortunately, Cai had an ability that allowed her to gain enormous strength for a brief moment.

"She used this skill in order to help Iris escape. She succeeded, but when the effect of her burst of strength ended, Cai was captured by the enemy. I don't know if it's a good or bad thing, but she was saved from the Satyrs by some kind of Succubus with unfathomable strength. Right now, everyone here is panicking and doesn't know what to do."

"Alexander and Maximilian planned to send all able-bodied C-Rankers and below from Barbatos Academy and the Rowan Tribe. The other Factions are also thinking about what to do next, but it seems that some of them plan on doing the same. It is complete chaos here right now."

Lux glanced in the direction of the Pillar of Light in the distance before closing his eyes.

Gaap, who had also read the Guild Chat, was aware of what had happened. He knew that Iris and Cai were Lux's fiances, and the Half-Elf loved both of them very much.

Now, the red-headed teenager was faced with a very difficult choice, and the sight of his obvious struggle made the Halfling sigh in his heart.

"Master, I need to go," Lux said through gritted teeth.

He was clenching his fists so hard that they emitted cracking sounds.

"Ma!" Eiko was also teary-eyed after understanding what was happening. Just like Lux, the Baby Slime loved Iris very much and would go to hell and back if that was what it would take to rescue her.

"Understood," Gaap replied. "I roughly know the location of the Domain of the Fallen, but it will take some time for me to get there. You can go on ahead. I'll wrap things up here in a bit."

"Thank you, Master," Lux stated before turning into a beam of light that shot toward the heavens.

He planned to return to Wildgarde Stronghold first, and then teleport to Barbatos Academy. From there, he would use the Teleportation Gate of the Academy to reach the location of the Domain of the Fallen.

Gaap, who was left alone on the deck of the ship, heard a splashing sound behind him.

The Halfling didn't even bother to turn around and kept his gaze locked on the pillars of light in the distance.

"Where is Eiko?" Lilian's annoyed voice reached his ears. "Where did that Half-Elf take her?"

Gaap sighed before facing the Wicked Queen Slime with a complicated look on his face.

"Lux and Eiko had to go back to the Surface World in order to rescue someone very important to them," Gaap replied.

"Rescue who?" Lilian frowned. "When will they be back?"

"They went to rescue Lux's fiance," Gaap answered. "As to how long it will take them to do that, no one knows. It can take a week, a month, or maybe even longer."

The frown on Lilian's face deepened. She couldn't care less where the Half-Elf went. However, she wanted to help awaken Eiko's bloodline because she felt that it was her duty to do so.

Just like the Fairy Princess, the Wicked Queen Slime had evolved to become a member of the Royalty of the Slime Race. For her, making sure that Eiko became more powerful was a priority as it would ensure a brighter future for their race.

"I'm also going back," Gaap stated. "Whatever Lux will face, I'm sure that it will not be someone simple."

The Halfling then tossed something to Lilian, which the latter caught with ease.

"That is a communication crystal," Gaap said. "You can contact me with that, but I won't be able to reply to you if I am still in the Abyss. While we are away, think about my proposal. I will hear your answer when I return."

"There is no need for that," Lilian replied while looking at Gaap with a determined look on her face. "Since Eiko is not here, staying here is pointless. Also, I have no attachment to this Kingdom."

Gaap smiled because he didn't expect Lilian to agree to his proposal. He thought that he would have to wait until they returned to Agarthia before the Wicked Queen Slime came to a decision.

"Very well, let's go." Gaap nodded. "Time waits for no one."

Gaap and Lilian then both turned into beams of light that shot up towards the sky, leaving behind the ship Octavius, who would remain in the Purple Sea of Death until they came back to finish what they started.

Inside Lux's and Vera's house in Wildgarde Stronghold...

The moment Lux opened his eyes, he found himself in a familiar setting.

This was the place he would always return to once he returned to Solais from Elysium.

However, he was surprised to see two people standing in front of him as if waiting for his arrival.

They were none other than the God of Games, Eriol, and his Patron God, the God of Gamblers, Max.

"Before you go to the Abyss, there are a few things I need to tell you," Eriol stated in a serious tone. "Some of your abilities won't work in the Abyssal World because it is a different plane of existence. That world has a different law, and unless you were born in that world from the start, you are bound to suffer some restrictions as long as you are there."

Max nodded in agreement to Eriol's words. The two Gods knew that Lux was in a hurry to save his Fiances', so they no longer dallied and told him everything he needed to know.

"Your Heaven's Call won't work in the Abyss," Eriol stated. "You will be unable to summon your Guild Members to aid you in battle. You also cannot instantly teleport from the Abyss back to Solais or Elysium. Like I said earlier, that world is not under my control.

"Because of this, Cross-Planet Teleportation is not possible. Also, any C-Ranker, and above, with the exception of Saints, will find their ranks regressing by one stage. The reason for this is due to an invisible miasma that is ever present in the Abyssal World.

"It is similar to air. Something that you cannot see, but still exists. Since you are a D-Ranker, you are not affected by this invisible Miasma, but the people that have been sucked inside, like Alicia, have weakened considerably.

"Lastly, I do not know of any open gate or portal in the Abyssal World that will connect to Elysium or Solais.

"These gateways have long been sealed, and only special places like Zangrila, whose existence hovers between the Abyssal World and Elysium, can allow Empyrean-Ranked Abyssal Monsters and below to appear in Elysium.

"However, the Abyssal World has many layers and is unending. No matter how hard you search for such an exit, it might take you years in order to find one."

Eriol then tossed a storage bag towards Lux, which contained twenty white marbles.

"The white marbles in your possession are consumable Divine Artifacts that can open a Black Hole that will directly send you back to Elysium," Eriol explained. "I have set its return coordinates to the entrance of the Domain of the Fallen. Take note that the Black Hole will only last for half a minute. So once it is activated, you and the others must enter it right away.

"Take note that if any Abyssal Creatures enter the portal at that time, they will also be sent to Elysium. Because of this, I need to stress the point that you need to choose a good time, and place, to open such a portal. We don't want to bring a ridiculously strong Abyssal Noble into our own world, right?"

Lux nodded in understanding. He also didn't want something that dangerous to appear in Elysium, so he took Eriol's words to heart.

"Take this as well," Max threw a marble to Lux that was half white and half black, which reminded him of the Yin Yang Symbol. "It works the same way as Eriol's white marbles, but it will take you to a random place in Elysium. It is quite faulty, but take it as a good luck charm."

"Thank you, Eriol, Max, for your help," Lux replied. "If there is nothing else that I need to know, I will go now."

"Go," Eriol stated. "And good luck."

Lux bowed gratefully to the two Gods before running towards the entrance of their house. He still needed to go to Barbatos Academy in order to use their teleportation gate.

Right now, he was in a race against time.

Alexander and Maximilian were still members of Lux's guild, and both of them were waiting for him at Barbatos Academy. The three of them would travel to the location of the Domain of the Fallen and do whatever they could in order to save their people.

Meanwhile, Gaap and Lilian arrived at Lux's Guild Headquarters in the territory of the Crystal Palace.

Since the Halfling had no time to give Lilian a tour, he simply asked the Wicked Queen Slime to follow him to the Teleportation Gate.

Their plan was to teleport to the Capital City of the Crystal Palace, and from there, use another Teleportation Gate to teleport somewhere near the location of the Domain of the Fallen.

Gaap knew how dangerous the Abyssal World was, and he would definitely do his best to help his disciple, who was forced to abandon his mission in order to save his two fiances, who were both at the mercy of the Abyss.

Chapter 876: Lux's Arrival At The Gate Of The Fallen

After teleporting to Barbatos Academy, Lux didn't bother going anywhere else and simply headed straight to the exclusive teleportation gate of the Academy, which brought him to the location of the Domain of the Fallen.

Although he had to travel for at least a mile to reach his destination, this distance wasn't a big deal for him anymore.

When he arrived, he saw several people with grim expressions on their faces. This just cemented how terrible this tragedy was, and almost all Factions had sent their best C-Rankers and below, to explore the Gate of the Apocalypse.

Losing these people was tantamount to losing the strength of their nations, which would affect their manpower.

There were also groups of people who seemed to be in a heated discussion as they discussed their next course of action.

Lux ignored all of them and headed straight to the three people, who were there waiting for his arrival.

"Lux, you're finally here!" Maximilian grabbed the Half-Elf's shoulders with firm hands. "Cai... Cai was..."

"I already know, Grandpa Maximilian," Lux replied. "Don't worry, I will do my best to save her."

Vera and Alexander also looked at Lux with hopeful gazes.

Both of them were Saints, so it was impossible for them to go and rescue Iris. There was a restriction placed in the Domain of the Fallen, and it prevented anyone whose rank was above C-Rank from entering its Domain.

If Vera, Alexander, and Maximilian had their way, they would definitely go to the Abyss regardless of the dangers that they would face in order to rescue their people.

Lux was feeling just as restless as they were, but he forced himself to remain calm and tried to gather as much information as possible.

"Tell me what happened. I would appreciate it if you didn't skimp on even the minor details no matter how unrelated they seem," Lux stated. "I want to have a better understanding of what I am about to face when I enter the Abyss."

Vera nodded and told Lux everything from the very start until the part where Cai was saved by the Succubus Queen.

A frown appeared on Lux's face after hearing that the Succubus Queen had used a Charm Spell to the Rankers of the Skystead Alliance and Xynnar War Pact.

Although he knew that this question sounded out of place, he still asked it for the sake of his own safety.

"How strong is the Succubus Queen?" Lux asked. "Also, is she scantily dressed, revealing almost her entire body?"

Vera, Alexander, and Maximilian didn't find any fault in Lux's first question because this was a logical question.

However, his second question made them look weirdly at the Half-Elf, who had a complicated look on his face at the moment.

"According to our estimate, she is either a Calamity-Ranked Abyssal Noble or higher," Vera replied. "If not, her influence and reputation seems so great, that even an Empyrean Ranked Alpha Satyr is afraid of offending her."

Lux sighed internally because Calamity Class Monsters and above was something that he had no hope of defeating.

The Wicked Queen Slime, Lilian, was a Calamity Class Monster, and her presence alone was enough to give Lux goosebumps.

If he knew that what he was about to face wasn't a Calamity-Ranked Monster, but instead someone of the Demigod Rank, the Half-Elf might even break down, knowing that he was about to embark on a rescue mission that was nearly impossible to succeed.

"To answer your second question, she is indeed scantily dressed," Alexander stated. "Not to mention, her beauty is otherworldly. Even through the projection, we can tell that even without using her Charm Spell she could easily charm anyone as long as she put effort into it.

The frown on Lux's face deepened because his worst fears came to life.

It might still be possible for him to resist the Succubus Queen's Charm Spell. But if he was faced with his weakness, his chances of resisting it would certainly drop by half.

After learning everything that he had to know, Lux still didn't enter the Gate of the Fallen. Instead, he showed Vera, Alexander, and Maximilian the White Marbles in his possession.

"These marbles have the ability to create a black hole that will last for half a minute," Lux explained. "If you enter that black hole, you will be teleported to this place. This is the means that I plan to use to bring Iris, Cai, and the others back to Elysium."

After hearing Lux's words, some of the Rankers who were secretly paying attention to them, immediately walked up to the Half-Elf and demanded that he give them a few of the White Marbles in order to conduct their own rescue missions to save their people.

Just as everyone was getting riled up, a loud voice spread in the surroundings, making them all turn to look behind them.

"You filthy Low Landers should calm down for a bit."

Piccoro, who had also been dispatched by Lady Augustina to save the Dragon Borns in the Abyss, had finally arrived at the scene.

"I know that you want to save your subordinates, but fighting amongst ourselves right now isn't the best thing to do," Piccoro stated, releasing the powers of a Saint, and pressuring everyone to back down.

"Everyone, don't worry, I planned to give all the factions three marbles each so that you can save your members," Lux explained. "However, I will not give more than that. First and foremost, these consumable artifacts belong to me, and I would appreciate it if you did not impose your demands on me.

"All of us here want to save our people. I hope that we can all work together to achieve that means, and overcome this unforeseen tragedy together."

Lux was very understanding of the current situation and wasn't selfish enough to hog all the White Marbles for himself.

He had already planned to give the Skystead Alliance, Xynnar War Pact, and the Six Kingdoms, three White Marbles each so that they could conduct their own rescue operation.

As for the Crystal Palace, Lux also intended to give three marbles to Piccoro because they were his allies.

This only left eight marbles in his possession, which he deemed were enough to save Iris, Cai, and the others from the Abyss.

A few minutes later, Gaap arrived at the entrance of the Domain of the Fallen.

No one paid any attention to him because they thought that he was simply an emissary from one of the Factions that were currently trying to figure out a way to rescue their members.

Aside from that, he was only of the Apostle Rank, so people didn't give him much attention.

When Lux saw his Master, he felt a bit relieved. For him, Gaap was someone who could help him overcome a potential battle with the Succubus Queen, who had "saved" Cai from the Satyrs.

Even Vera, Alexander, and Maximilian were quite thankful that Gaap had arrived. They were unable to go to the Abyss, but the Halfling could.

This gave them hope that if Gaap was able to accompany Lux to save their family members, the chances of success would be significantly higher.

"Tell me the details," Gaap stated as soon as he stood beside his Disciple. "Also, if possible, describe to me the appearance of the Succubus Queen as clearly as you can. I might have a way to identify her and know her location in the Abyss."

Lux suddenly remembered that his Master had captured the Soul of an Abyssal Noble back when they were in the Gate of Famine.

If what he was thinking was right, his Master would seek the answers from the Soul of the Abyssal Noble, who currently had no way to escape the Halfling's grasp.

Chapter 877: Not Strong Enough For This Mission

After hearing the full details of what had happened, Gaap summoned the Abyssal Soul that he had captured and started to interrogate it.

"Hahaha!" the silver-haired Abyssal Noble's Soul laughed out loud. "You lowly mortals thought that you could get the Beast Core of a Noble Abyssal like me? Serves you right! I cast a Grand Spell on my Core so that, if it was ever taken away, it would create a gateway that would give you all a one-way trip to the Abyss!"

The faces of everyone at the Gate of the Fallen contorted in anger as they glared at the Soul who was currently gloating due to their dire circumstances.

"Did you have fun?" Gaap asked. "Laugh more. For every laugh you release, I will make sure to burn your soul with Necromantic Flames. Let's see if you can feel smug later."

With those words, the Soul immediately stopped laughing and shuddered from simply imagining Gaap's threat. Ever since he was captured, the Halfling would torture him and force him to reveal some of his deepest and darkest secrets.

Gaap had asked the Abyssal Soul many questions about the Abyss during his free time, gaining great insight about the land beyond the void.

Seeing that the Abyssal Soul was behaving, Gaap once again asked him a question.

"Do you know the identity of the Succubus Queen in the Abyss?" Gaap asked.

"Are you talking about that b*tch, Rhiannon?" the Abyssal Soul replied. "If your people were sent to her territory, then you should forget about them. After all, that slut, Rhiannon is a Demigod. She's one of the most powerful figures in the Abyss, and only a handful of individuals would dare to mess with her."

Gasps of shock and disbelief were heard in their surroundings as the Abyssal Soul revealed Rhiannon's Rank.

Even Gaap frowned after hearing that the enemy was a Demigod.

'If she was only a Calamity-Ranked Creature, then I could deal with her,' Gaap thought. 'But, if she is really a Demigod, I will need Antero's full power in order to defeat her.'

Using Antero's full might drain Gaap's lifespan greatly.

This was why he had only been using Partial Summoning in order to preserve his second rebirth, which Lux had imparted to him.

"Do you know her weakness?" Gaap inquired.

"That b*tch has no weakness," the Abyssal Soul replied. "Well, maybe if you are handsome enough, she can make you her plaything. At least, you won't die if you are captured by her."

The Abyssal Soul then glanced hatefully at the Half-Elf, who was the source of his downfall. Currently, he wanted nothing more than to see Lux become

Rhiannon's plaything and watch the Succubus Queen drain his life essence until he died.

"Where is her territory located?" Gaap asked.

"The Thirteenth Layer of the Abyss," the Soul answered. "We often refer to her as the B*tch Queen, because she is the Queen of all those Succubi whores who will fornicate with any demi-human creature as long as they have a d*ck!"

Gaap asked a few more questions, and he found out that in every layer of the Abyss, there was a portal that led to the layer above it and the layer below it.

These were characterized by Black and Gray portals.

The Black Portals lead to the lower layer, while the Gray Portals lead to the upper layer.

According to the Abyssal Soul, there were hundreds, and maybe even thousands of Layers of the Abyss, with each layer spanning countless miles.

He added that the Abyss was still expanding, which is what had allowed it to breach through several worlds, which the Abyssal Creatures had already conquered.

Even today, they regret that they were still unable to conquer Solais and Elysium due to the Unified Resistance of the people living there, which kept thwarting their plans of invasion.

After hearing everything they needed to hear, Gaap unsummoned the Soul and looked at his Disciple.

"We are up against a Demigod," Gaap stated. "Are you prepared to die?"

Lux nodded. Even if the chance of succeeding was small, he wouldn't back down from the mission to save his two fiances, whom he loved very much.

"Originally, I intended to ask the three of you to join us, but you are not strong enough for this mission," Gaap said as he looked at Vera, Alexander, and Maximilian.

The people who were quietly listening earlier found the Halfling's words very amusing.

For an Apostle to say that the three Saints were "not strong enough" was quite hilarious. If he considered the Saints to not be strong enough, then what could possibly be his definition of strong?

But Vera, Alexander, and Maximilian didn't say anything to refute Gaap's claims. They had fought alongside the Halfling when they were fighting against the Divine Army of Light.

Others may not know how strong Gaap was, but they had seen him fight alongside Antero, making them change their opinion of him.

"Can we really not join you?" Maximilian asked. He was very unwilling to just watch as Lux and Gaap took a gamble with their lives.

Gaap firmly shook his head. "You can't. Our opponent is a Demigod who has a very powerful Charm Ability. If the three of you got charmed, then bringing you with us might only make the situation worse.

"I am somewhat immune to Charm because of my Master. Lux, on the other hand, can also resist Charm, so he is good to go. The three of you don't have such abilities, so you will only end up being liabilities instead of assets. Lastly, we need you here just in case something unexpected happens."

Gaap then held up one of the White Marbles that Lux had given him.

"Once this is used, a Black Hole will appear and create a gateway to this world. If some Abyssal Creatures were to slip through, it would be your job to eliminate them as soon as possible. We can't risk having a strong Abyssal Noble reach our world. That would be catastrophic."

The Saints from the various factions all tensed after hearing Gaap's statement. Even Piccoro, who had come with four other Saints from the Crystal Palace for the rescue mission, frowned upon hearing that there was a chance an Abyssal Noble could come into their world.

Gaap then scanned the surroundings before pointing at Piccoro and his team of Saints.

"The five of you will come with us," Gaap stated. "Dragon Borns have resistance stronger than the average man, so you guys will do."

"We are Saints," one of the Dragon Borns replied. "The Domain of the Fallen only allows C-Rankers and below. How can we possibly bypass its restrictions?"

"Naturally, I have a way of bringing you guys with me," Gaap commented. "The only question is, do you dare to go to the Abyss with us?"

The Dragon Borns felt as if their pride as one of the strongest Races in Elysium was being questioned. Because of this, all of them spoke up to affirm that they would accompany Gaap if he really knew of a way to bypass the restrictions of the Domain of the Fallen.

Only Piccoro didn't react the way his comrades did and remained silent, which was very surprising for his character.

"There is something that I'd like to say first," Piccoro said. "The Crystal Palace and Lux's Guild are allies. However, we can't possibly help you fight against a Demigod. The reason why we are here is to save our own people.

"Even so, since we will owe you a great debt of gratitude, I alone will accompany you to face that Succubus Queen. My other comrades will not interfere and focus on bringing our people back home."

Lux, who thought that Piccoro would declare that he really wouldn't help him, sighed in his heart.

'No wonder Cethus likes Piccoro,' Lux thought. 'Although he is stubborn and arrogant, he knows how to repay debts.'

The other Saints of the different Factions, namely the Skystead Alliance and the Xynnar War Pact also asked Gaap to allow them to go to save their countrymen.

Gaap agreed but he made sure to let them know that he would only bring them to the Abyss. What happened afterward was no longer his concern.

"Gather around me," Gaap ordered. "I will only do this once, so if you guys back out, then I will not take you with me. Remember this, don't resist."

Without another word, Gaap summoned a miniature version of Antero's head, which was around five meters tall.

The Golem of Destruction then opened its mouth to suck up all the Saints around Gaap, temporarily storing them inside his body.

Eiko had the same ability, but Lux and Gaap both agreed that this was something that they should keep a secret from others. Since the Baby Slime looked harmless, they'd like to keep it that way for as long as they could.

"Let's go," Gaap said after he was done.

Lux nodded and both of them pressed their hands against the Gate of the Fallen.

A second later, Lux and Gaap transformed into particles of light that flew towards the center of the Gate, leaving behind the people who were hoping beyond hope that they would succeed in their rescue mission.

Chapter 878: Go And Clean This Up Quickly

"So, that's the Black Hole," Lux narrowed his eyes as he looked at the five-meter-tall black orb in the distance. "Master, to ensure that the two of us do not get separated when we enter, we should let Eiko store us inside her body."

Gaap agreed with Lux's suggestion, knowing that this was definitely the best option for them to enter the abyss.

"Eiko, make sure to release Lux and me as soon as we arrive in the Abyss," Gaap stated. "There might be monsters lurking in the place where you arrive, so the sooner we are out, the better."

"Un!" Eiko nodded.

She then opened her mouth and swallowed the Half-Elf and the Halfling inside her body before flying in the direction of the Black Hole.

As soon as she came within its range, the Baby Slime felt a very powerful force pulling her toward its center.

She felt a bit scared, but she made no effort to resist and allowed herself to be sucked into the gateway towards the Abyss.

A few seconds later, Eiko appeared in a place that was surrounded by many active volcanoes. Volcanic plumes were rising from these volcanoes, and the temperature in the surroundings was quite high.

After making sure that there were no Monsters nearby, Eiko immediately spat Lux and Gaap out from inside her body.

"This is the Abyss?" Lux appraised his surroundings, and his Master, Gaap, did the same.

The Halving then summoned the Abyssal Soul and asked him a question.

"What Layer of the Abyss is this?" Gaap asked.

The Abyssal Soul looked around his surroundings for a brief moment before giving his answer.

"The Seventh Layer of the Abyss," the Abyssal Soul replied. "This place is called the Volcanic Pit, and several Fire-Type Abyssal Creatures are living in this place. The ruler of this place is the Six-Headed Hydra, Jazkia, a Calamity-Ranked Monster. Jazkia has the ability to regenerate its body, so it's a very troublesome opponent."

"Is it safe to assume that every Layer of the Abyss has a Calamity-Rank and above ruling it?" Gaap inquired.

"For most Layers, this is true," the Abyssal Soul replied. "However, there are some Layers of the Abyss where several Abyssal Nobles share the Abyssal Plane. These Abyssal Nobles can be found on the 100th Layer and below."

After getting the information he needed, Gaap unsummoned the Soul and called out Antero.

"Antero, spit them out," Gaap ordered.

The Head of the Golem of Destruction appeared and did as Gaap commanded.

One by one, it spat out the Dragon Born Saints, as well as the Human High-Rankers that had been sent to rescue the members of their faction.

As soon as these High-Rankers appeared, they immediately noticed that their Ranks had regressed by one stage.

However, they were prepared for this, so this didn't come as a surprise to them.

The Dragon Born Saints, on the other hand, didn't regress, which relieved them greatly.

Just as Gaap was about to tell everyone that they would now go their separate ways, a loud roar was heard in the distance.

Lux then immediately summoned his Soul Book to check his map to see what kind of creature it was.

But to his surprise, he saw dozens of green blinking dots moving in their direction.

Right behind them, one big red dot, accompanied by six smaller ones, was in hot pursuit of what Lux assumed were people from the Skystead Alliance, Xynnar War Pact, Six Kingdoms, or the Crystal Palace.

All the people that were around Lux glanced at each other before nodding their heads at the same time.

Without even speaking a word, they all headed in the direction where the roar came from in order to check what was happening.

Lux and Gaap followed them as well, and within a minute, they were met with a scene of a dozen Dragon Borns and humans being chased by a Giant Salamander that was an Emyrean Ranked World Boss Monster.

The Compendium was able to identify the creature, and its species was Red-Scaled Fiery Salamander.

Running alongside it were Salamanders half its size and had purple skin coloration.

They were called Purple-Scaled Venomous Salamanders, and these Salamanders were all Argonaut-Ranked Monsters.

The High-Rankers, whose ranks had regressed by one stage, didn't even bat an eye and charged toward the Salamanders that were chasing their people.

These High-Rankers were the best fighters that their respective Kingdom possessed, and they were all proficient in fighting strong monsters together.

"Go and clean this up quickly," Piccoro ordered the other Saints that accompanied him in the rescue operation. "We have people to save."

The Four Saints nodded their heads and obeyed Piccoro's command. With them joining the battle, the Salamanders were easily subdued, which made the survivors cheer in happiness.

"Don't worry. All of you are safe now," Piccoro said to the Dragon Borns that belonged to the Crystal Palace. "Where are the others?"

"Three of our comrades died while we were fleeing the Salamanders," one of the Dragon Borns reported. "As for the others, we have no idea. We got separated after entering this cursed place."

Piccoro sighed in his heart. He had already expected that some of the people they had sent to conquer the Gate of Apocalypse would die in the Abyss.

'I just hope that there will be no more casualties on our side,' Piccoro thought with a pained expression on his face.

After the battle ended, they collected the corpses of the monsters.

Everyone then agreed to gather together in one place to discuss their next course of action.

"My Disciple and I will go to the 13th Layer of the Abyss," Gaap stated. "As for you guys, you can choose to go wherever you want. Just know that every layer of the Abyss has many powerful Monsters. If I am to make a suggestion, the Saints and the High-Rankers should go as a team and save people together."

"You already have the White Marbles with you, so feel free to use them anytime," Lux commented. "Remember, do not use them when there are many monsters around you. We must prevent the Abyssal Creatures from entering our world through the Black Holes you will create."

After further discussion, the Dragon Borns, and the High-Rankers all agreed to send the first batch of survivors to Elysium.

They deemed that it was not wise to move into such a big group as it would attract many monsters to them. Also, since the survivors' strength had regressed, they'd be more of a burden than a helper. It would be a

troublesome thing for the High-Rankers to try to protect them while fighting strong monsters.

When the first batch of survivors finally appeared at the Entrance of the Gate of the Fallen, many people cheered. They finally regained their hope of reuniting with their trapped comrades in the Abyss.

"Let's separate now," Gaap said. "Are you still coming with us, Piccoro?"

"Of course, Halfling," Piccoro replied. "I already gave my word, and I don't plan to back out of it."

Piccoro then accompanied Lux and Gaap until they were out of sight of the others who had come with them to the Abyss.

The Half-Elf didn't come to the Abyss without a plan. Eiko had the ability to instantly teleport to him or Iris as long as they were both on the same Plane of Existence.

After making sure that Piccoro wasn't wearing any artifacts that would project what they were doing to those in Elysium, the Half-Elf asked the Dragon Born to allow himself to be swallowed by Eiko.

The Dragon Born didn't resist and allowed the Baby Slime to swallow him. A moment later, she swallowed Lux and Gaap once more, storing them safely inside her body.

The Baby Slime then used its skill, Family Bond [EX], and turned into a beam of light that traveled towards the 13th Layer of the Abyss in order to finally reunite with her Mama, who was currently being protected by her rival, Astra.

Chapter 879: Iris' Resolve

Two hours before Lux and Gaap arrived in the Abyss...

"Ugh..." Iris opened her eyes and found herself in a dimly lit place that had a musty smell.

"You're finally awake, Iris," Astra, who had returned to his Unicorn Form and was guarding the entrance of the cave, immediately approached her.

"Astra?" Iris placed a hand over her forehead in an attempt to ease the headache that she was feeling.

However, when her consciousness cleared and she recalled what had happened to everyone in their group, she momentarily forgot the pain she was feeling and looked at her Guardian with a grim expression on her face.

"Where is Cai?" Iris asked. "Where are Alicia, Henrietta, and the other members of Serenity?"

"...I don't know," Astra replied. "After Cai's sneak attack succeeded, she ordered me to take you away from the battlefield. I do not know what happened afterward."

Iris clenched her fists tightly while doing her best to keep herself calm.

She knew that if she allowed her emotions to get the best of her, she wouldn't be able to make rational decisions, let alone save the people dear to her.

"Hanz, Lapid, Myrtle, come," Iris ordered as she summoned her Guardian Beasts.

The White Tiger, the Blue Dragon, and the Black Turtle appeared before her. All of them had sustained serious injuries.

Iris didn't hesitate and took out healing potions, which were specifically made for Beasts, in order to help her Guardians recover from their injuries.

Whenever she went to Elysium to join her Guild, Serenity, in subduing monsters in the Dungeons, her Guardians would often take the brunt of the damage to prevent any casualties from happening.

Because of this, Iris always carried dozens of potions with her in order to help her Guardians recover faster.

Half an hour later, her summons had all been treated, and Iris told them to rest in order to recover their strength.

She knew that she would need her Guardians to be at their peak if she wanted to go and rescue Cai and the others from the Satyrs.

While the others were resting, Iris took out a blue potion from her storage ring and removed her dress.

She then summoned a full-body mirror and looked at it with determination.

Her body which the Leader of the Satyr, Ampelos, lusted over, was reflected on the surface of the mirror.

Lux had treated it with great care whenever the two of them made love with each other as if it was one of the most precious things in the world.

Iris then opened the potion and dipped her finger inside of it. After her fingertip was dyed by the contents inside the potion, she then drew the symbol of the Black Turtle on her forehead.

This symbol represented longevity, wisdom, and protection.

When she was done, she proceeded to draw the symbol of the White Tiger on her left arm.

This symbol represented strength and bravery.

Once she was done drawing the Symbol of the White Tiger, she then drew the symbol of the Blue Dragon on her right arm.

This symbol represented power, fortune, and prosperity.

When she was finished, she once again dipped her hand inside the potion before drawing the symbol of the Red Phoenix on her chest.

Just like the others, this symbol had a meaning. It represented passion, love, beauty, and rebirth.

After drawing these symbols, several rune markings appeared on the blue-haired beauty's body that glowed faintly, empowering Iris and blessing her with the strength of the Four Mythical Beasts under her command.

Each symbol glowed with a different color.

Black, blue, white, and red.

However, they were not the only symbols that were shining on Iris' body.

Located on her lower abdomen, a golden symbol glowed faintly.

This symbol was heart-shaped with six wings spread wide on the side. Only two people in the world had this symbol on their bodies.

Iris and Cai.

The two people who had been marked by Lux as his women and the two whom he loved dearly.

Iris lightly caressed this mark because even though they were worlds apart, her beloved was always with her wherever she went.

"Don't worry, Lux," Iris said softly as she looked at her reflection in the mirror. "I will save Cai, as well as the others. After that, we will all go back together, safe and sound. We will return to you, Lux."

When the runes that were circling Iris' body stopped glowing, she took a dress out of her storage ring and put it on.

This dress was as light as silk, but it was as hard as Dragon Scales. It was gifted by her father, and it was meant to keep her safe from harm.

Now, she wore it not to protect herself, but to protect others instead.

Astra, who had returned to guarding the entrance of the cave when Iris started drawing the symbols on her body, returned and waited for his mistress' orders.

"We leave in half an hour, Astra," Iris said as she poured some healing potions over Astra's body in order to help him regain his strength and stamina. "Get some rest until then."

The White Unicorn nodded and crouched down on the ground to rest, boosting the speed of his recovery.

Although it didn't show on his face, Astra was quite exhausted. He had fought against the Satyrs, and after that, he fled the battlefield as fast as he could in order to find a safe place for Iris.

He also stood guard until the blue-haired beauty regained her consciousness. During this entire time, Astra was on edge and was also feeling guilty for leaving Cai and the others behind.

So, when he realized that his Mistress had decided to use her true power in order to save the others, Astra vowed that, no matter what happened, he would do his best to assist Iris in rescuing everyone.

While her Guardian Spirits rested, Iris sat cross-legged on the ground in order to meditate.

She knew that she had to be physically, mentally, and spiritually ready in order to harness the full powers of the Four Mythical Beasts that would merge with her body, granting her the power of four Argonaut-Ranked Alpha Monsters.

That was Iris' current limit because her original Rank was not high enough to include Astra.

Just like the others, Iris had just become an E-Ranker and had awakened some of her Unique Abilities as a Mythical Beast Tamer.

Once she became a D-Ranker, she would also be able to merge the power of 5 Argonaut-Ranked Monsters with her body.

When she became a C-Ranker, she would be able to harness the power of 5 Dreadnaught-Ranked Monsters.

When she became a Saint, she would be able to merge the power of Calamity-Ranked Monsters with her body, making her a true powerhouse that no one would dare to offend.

But this was still far off in the future, and the current Iris could only use a fraction of her true powers.

Finally, after half an hour, Iris opened her eyes.

Her Guardians also stirred one by one and looked at their mistress with determination.

Myrtle, the Black Turtle.

Hanz, the White Tiger.

Lapiz, the Blue Dragon.

And Zoe, the Red Phoenix, all turned into colorful rays of light and flew towards the symbols on Iris' body, sharing their power with her.

Astra neighed and made a gesture for Iris to mount his back, which the latter obliged.

"Let's go, everyone," Iris said softly as Astra ran out of the cave in order to head to the Dark Forest. "To Damnation and Beyond."

Chapter 880.1: Iris Versus Ampelos [Part 1]

Astra was very sensitive to the presence of Monsters, so he could easily pinpoint the Lair of the Satyrs.

When they got close to their lair, Iris could vaguely hear the voices of the women suffering pain and pleasure at the same time.

Knowing what was happening, her face immediately turned grim. However, she contained herself and didn't charge recklessly. Instead, she stealthily snuck towards the location of the sound, using the trees as cover.

Astra had recovered enough to transform into his demi-human form again, but he knew that he could only use it for a limited amount of time.

Even so, he needed to be in his full power in order to protect Iris from the Satyrs, who were busy fornicating with the Rankers that the Succubus Queen had given them.

The blue-haired beauty sighed in relief when she realized that Cai, Alicia, and Henrietta were not among the women that the Satyrs were embracing. Although she felt sorry for the women in front of her, she didn't come to rescue them because her friends were her priority.

Also, she didn't want to suddenly alert the Satyrs of her presence, so she continued to sneak around the Satyr's Lair, trying to search for any traces of her companions.

"Iris, I only sense the presence of one more woman, but she is inside that cave," Astra said through telepathy. "It is impossible to enter it without being noticed by the Satyrs. So, I have a plan. I will distract them, while you sneak

inside and see if any of your friends are inside. If they are not there, please, escape as fast as you can. Do we have an understanding?"

Iris nodded. "I understand. Be safe, Astra."

The handsome young man with silver hair and a horn protruding from his forehead smiled and assured Iris that, if he wanted to escape, none of the Satyrs could catch up to him.

A moment later, lightning bolts descended on the Satyrs who were busy with their lovemaking.

Astra didn't hold back and unleashed his strongest attacks with pinpoint accuracy, preventing any of the lightning bolts from hitting the women.

"You bastard! How dare you?!" one of the Dreadnaught-Ranked Satyrs roared in anger before summoning a bow.

The other Satyrs did the same and a moment later, Elemental Arrows flew in Astra's direction, forcing the Unicorn to back away.

However, in order to ensure that the Satyrs would focus on him, he kept attacking them with lightning bolts while slowly backing away.

Enraged from their orgy being forced to come to an abrupt halt, the Satyrs charged in Astra's direction, leaving the Lair unprotected.

When Iris was sure that all the Satyrs had left, she snuck inside the cave to see if any of her comrades were being held captive, or worse, being embraced by the vile creatures of the Abyss.

As she went deeper into the cave, the voice of a woman who was in the throes of pleasure gradually became louder.

Steeling her heart, she followed the voice and came upon a spacious cavern.

There, at its center, was a single Satyr, who was being straddled by a woman, who was shaking her hips in wanton abandonment.

After a quick scan of the cavern, Iris deemed that her friend wasn't there, so she decided to back away.

However, she had just taken a single step when a husky voice reached her ears.

"Welcome to my humble abode, young lady," Ampelos, who was being straddled by the woman, said with a smile. "I heard the commotion outside, so I thought that the Succubus Queen returned, but your Aura was weaker than hers, so I decided to stay and find out what you were up to. Have you come to rescue your friends? If so, why don't you stay and have a nice long talk with me as I take you to the peak of pleasure? Sounds good, right?"

Iris didn't even bother to answer and hastily headed for the exit of the cave.

The Red Phoenix, Zoe, had just informed her Mistress that there were no other ladies inside the cave aside from the one that was being embraced by the Satyr. Because of this, she deemed that there was no longer a reason to stay and fled as fast as she could.

"You have escaped once, you're not getting away a second time!" Ampelos' shout reverberated inside the cave, and Iris could tell that the enemy was approaching her from behind.

The moment she had left the cave, red phoenix wings sprouted from her back. Iris then soared into the sky in order to escape her pursuer.

But before she could soar even higher, a red dome covered the Satyr's Lair, preventing anyone from escaping it.

Iris raised her right hand, and a blue sword materialized out of nowhere. She then slashed the barrier that was preventing her from leaving, but it held firm, and not even a scratch could be found on it.

"That Barrier can only be destroyed by a full-powered attack from a peak Emphyrean-Ranked World Boss. I'm afraid someone as delicate as you will not be able to break it."

The Leader of the Satyrs, Ampelos, looked up at Iris with eyes filled with lust and anticipation.

"I'm glad that you came to me on your own volition," Ampelos said. "Perhaps letting you escape earlier was a blessing in disguise. Because of this, that b*tch Rhiannon wasn't able to take you away, just like what she did with your friends."

Iris, who had heard vital information, eyed the Leader of the Satyrs with a calm expression on her face.

"Who is this Succubus Queen you speak of?" Iris asked. "Where did she take my companions?"

"I'll gladly answer your questions during our pillow talk," Ampelos replied in a charismatic tone that could sway the hearts of ladies. "For now, why don't you come down? I don't want to hurt you. If possible, I'd like to treat you gently, like a princess."

Knowing that she could no longer escape the Satyr's Lair, Iris held the blue sword in her hand firmly and pointed it in Ampelos' direction.

"Are you sure you want to fight?" Ampelos asked in a teasing tone. "You will only get hurt if you do. What's the point in fighting if we already know the end result? You can't beat me."

"We'll see about that," Iris said in a calm manner.

Suddenly, the blue sword in her hand shone brightly, which made the smile on Ampelos' face disappear.

Right now, he could feel that the power that the sword radiated could injure his body, which surprised him greatly.

'It seems that she won't go down without a fight,' Ampelos thought as he summoned a short sword in his right hand and a blowpipe with his left.

Iris then held the handle of her sword with both hands before taking a fighting stance.

"Kaizer War Art," Iris said firmly. "Blue Dragon Descent!"

A roar of dragon reverberated in the surroundings as Iris swung her sword down.

A moment later, a beam of light shot out from the tip of her sword, transforming into a blue dragon that charged toward Ampelos with its jaws wide open.

The Satyr sneered as he also took a fighting stance with his short sword, facing the blue dragon that was descending from the sky.

"Dark..." Ampelos growled. "Slash!"

The Satyr slashed sideways, sending a dark crescent blade towards the blue dragon, with the intention of slicing it in half.

Chapter 881.2: Iris Versus Ampelos [Part 2]

"Blue Dragon's Descent!"

"Dark Slash!"

The two attacks collided in the air, sending sparks flying in every direction.

Iris held firm and tried to push Ampelos' attack back, and the Satyr did the same.

A few seconds later, the Dark Slash was slowly gaining momentum, pushing the Blue Dragon back despite Iris' efforts to win their clash.

Half a minute later, the blade cut the blue dragon in half and continued its trajectory toward the blue-haired beauty, who immediately flew sideways to evade it.

Suddenly, and without any warning, Iris heard the whistling of wind.

At that exact moment, a black shell that was the size of a round mirror appeared a meter away from Iris' neck.

When the young lady finally understood what happened, she saw a silver needle sticking out from the center of the black shell. If it weren't for the black shell's protection, it would have hit her neck.

Ampelos clicked his tongue because his follow-up attack failed. The needle he shot toward Iris using his blowpipe contained a very powerful paralyzing poison.

He thought that he had the battle under his control, but it seemed that his opponent had a few aces up her sleeve.

'Thank you, Myrtle,' Iris said to her Black Turtle, whose specialty was defense.

In their Bestial Forms, each of Iris Guardian Beasts were powerful in their own right. They were all Argonaut-Ranked Alpha Monsters, so they weren't weak.

However, the moment they merged with Iris, their specialties were heightened, giving them a drastic boost.

Myrtle, the Black Turtle specialized in defense.

Lapiz the Blue Dragon, specialized in powerful attacks.

Hanz, the White Tiger, specialized in speed, agility, dexterity, as well as an overall increase in Physical Strength.

Zoe, the Red Phoenix specialized in long-ranged attacks, flight, regeneration, and increased resistance against magical attacks, and status debuffs.

Together, her Guardian Spirits ensured that Iris would be able to stand against stronger opponents even if she was only an E-Ranker.

The Leader of the Satyr, who refused to use any deadly attacks against Iris, was in a dilemma.

His original plan was to overpower the young lady with his Dark Slash at a decreased speed, giving her a chance to evade it. While she was focused on doing that, he would use his blowpipe to end the battle.

It was a perfect plan, but because things didn't go according to his expectations, his opponent would now be more wary of future sneak attacks.

'I guess I have no choice,' Ampelos thought before summoning a lyre in his hand.

His fingers then lightly plucked its strings, creating beautiful music that slowly grew in intensity with each passing second.

Iris, who was hovering in the air, casually moved to the side, causing something to fly past her, making her hair flutter.

After a brief pause, Iris once again dodged to the side and did it a third time. As Ampelos' rhapsody rose to the next level, the young lady kept on dodging the invisible attacks that were flying in her direction.

The only reason why she was able to do this was due to her White Tiger, Hanz.

One of its unique abilities was primal roar, allowing it to attack with supersonic shockwaves in its Bestial Form.

Because of this, Iris was quite familiar with sound wave attacks and was able to predict their trajectory with the White Tiger's help.

As if understanding how his opponent was able to dodge his invisible strikes, Ampelos strummed the string as if he were slashing the lyre in half.

Iris then raised her right hand, with her palms open.

"Tiger's Roar!" Iris shouted and a deafening roar of a tiger spread in the surroundings, creating a shockwave that nullified Ampelos' Sound Wave Attack that was meant to hit a wide area.

"You are starting to annoy me, Young Lady," Ampelos said in a cold and deadly tone. "If I wanted to kill you, I could do it anytime."

"I know," Iris replied. "But since you have no plans to kill me, you will not be able to defeat me."

"Don't push me," Ampelos growled. "As long as you don't die from my attack, I will be able to nurse you back to health. Although I dislike doing it, I can just slice off your limbs, making you unable to do anything. I admit that it will lower the thrill of ravaging you, but you are leaving me with no other choice."

The Satyr then summoned his short sword again, making it glow in a purplish hue.

'I'll just cut off her arms first,' Ampelos thought. 'Once she is defenseless, she will no longer have a means to resist.'

Iris could tell that Ampelos no longer planned on holding back. Because of this, she pressed her palms together, gathering the power of her four Legendary Beasts for one single attack that would contain all of her power.

"Infinity Edge!" Ampelos roared as he swung his sword, creating countless Crescent Blades with different colors that flew toward Iris.

Iris then unleashed her own concentrated attack, with the intention of drilling a hole in the Satyr's chest, obliterating his heart.

"Ruinous Prayer!" Iris shouted and unleashed a four-colored ray of light that flew toward her opponent like a rail gun.

The crescent blades that were on its path were all shattered like pieces of glass, shocking Ampelos because he didn't expect Iris' final strike to be so strong.

Because of this, he was forced to dodge to the side, but the ray still brushed past his body, leaving a trail of blood on his chest.

The Crescent Blades that survived Iris' spell were about to land on her body when suddenly a blue beam of light flew through the barrier and appeared in front of her.

"Ei!"

One by one, the Crescent Blades shattered, failing to reach their target. Iris then looked at the little girl who was standing in front of her with her arms spread wide, shielding her from harm.

"E-Eiko?"

"Ma!"

The little girl immediately hugged Iris and kissed her cheeks repeatedly. After having had her fill, she then spat two orbs of light towards the ground.

A moment later, Lux and Gaap appeared, making Ampelos growl in anger. He had long wanted to vent his frustration on something or someone because the lady he wanted to embrace was resisting him with all of her might.

"Good! Good! Good!" Ampelos clenched his fists, making the muscles in his body bulge. "You came here to rescue her, right? Well sorry to disappoint you, but the only thing you will get is a one-way ticket to hell!"

Just as the Satyr was about to lunge at the two newcomers, a gigantic shadow was cast upon his body.

Lux, who had seen how his fiance was about to be sliced up by the Satyr's attack, was very angry at the moment.

Because of this, he had summoned the Giant Skeleton King, in its basic form.

As if feeling the wrath of his Master, the Skeleton King, who was hundreds of meters tall, materialized out of thin air and broke the red dome of light that prevented Iris from escaping earlier.

It then raised its gigantic foot, which made Ampelos subconsciously take a step back.

"The only one going to hell today is none other than you!" Lux growled. "Now, die!"

As if given the signal to strike, the Giant Skeleton King then stomped its foot towards the Satyr, crushing Ampelos under his foot.

Chapter 882: You Already Know What I Want, Right?

In the castle high up in the Mountains, overlooking the Dark Forest...

Alicia, Henrietta, and the other girls who were taken to Succubus Palace were currently submerged in a pool of magical water that had restorative effects.

All of them were naked and seemed to be asleep. Their bodies slowly healed from the injuries that they had garnered in the fight against the Satyrs.

While this was happening, Xander, Malcolm, and the rest of the men found themselves being surrounded by beautiful ladies, who each had a charm of their own.

All of them were also injured and, similar to the girls, they were all naked as well.

Each man was being cared for by several beauties, which would make those who ever saw them wish that they could trade places with them.

Even Xander, who had a very strong willpower, found himself unable to muster any strength to resist, as one of the beautiful ladies kissed him passionately on the lips.

While this was happening, another lady was also kissing, and licking his little brother, stroking the desire that lay dormant within his chest.

Right beside Xander, Malcolm, who didn't have any strength to even move his finger, found his head buried in the chest of a beautiful young lady, who seemed to be in her late teens.

"You poor thing," the succubus embracing Malcolm said sadly. "Those Satyrs are idiots who only think with their lower half. Here, let me make you feel better."

The young lady guided Malcolm's lips to the pink tip of her right breast and gently patted his head while telling him that he was going to be okay.

Behind him, another beautiful lady was pressing her breasts against his back, while her hand stroked Malcolm's shaft, which had become as hard as a rock despite his injuries.

"The young ones are good," the beautiful succubus behind Malcolm commented before nibbling his right ear. "I think he'll be able to go for a few rounds."

The Succubi inside the Passion Palace, where Queen Rhiannon ruled, had not frolicked with Humans for nearly two decades.

Because of this, they were very eager to have their fun with the men that their Queen had brought them and taste their fertile seeds which were considered to be the most delicious delicacy in the world.

Soon, Xander and Malcolm were embraced by the Succubi, who whispered words of love and affection in their ears. They took the lead in making love with the helpless young men, who were at their mercy.

It didn't take long before sighs and grunts of pleasure spread in the Main Hall of the Passion Palace, which was a place that was specially made to accommodate orgies.

A few minutes later, Xander, Malcolm, and the other men shuddered, as their seeds spurted inside the beautiful ladies, who felt ecstatic after being filled with their essence.

While this massive orgy was happening, Queen Rhiannon gazed at the young lady, who was submerged in a pool of water all alone.

Unlike the place where Alicia, Henrietta, and the other ladies had been placed, Cai had her own personal pool, and floating on the pool's surface were crimson flowers that bloomed only in the Abyss.

Cai, who was also unconscious and seemed to be asleep, was also slowly recovering due to the restorative effects of the pool that served as the Succubus Queen's personal property.

No one had been able to use it in the past, but she made an exception for the young lady who possessed the Celestial Body Physique, which held significant importance to her.

Suddenly and without any warning, an emblem appeared on Cai's lower abdomen that glowed in a golden light.

Queen Rhiannon arched an eyebrow after seeing this phenomenon. Although she was seeing it for the first time, her woman's intuition let her know what it signified.

"So, the man who took your chastity followed you to the Abyss," Queen Rhiannon said softly. "Did he come here because he was afraid of losing his tool that would allow him to become a future powerhouse, or did he come here to save you because you are important to him? Care to answer me, my dear?"

Cai's eyes slowly opened, and her pupils glowed in a purple color.

"Lux came here because I am his fiance," Cai answered in a monotonous tone. "He will do everything in his power to save me."

"Oh really?" Queen Rhiannon smirked. "Tell me, does he love you?"

"...I believe that he loves me," Cai replied in the same monotonous tone. "At least, that is what I hope."

Queen Rhiannon then entered the pool and lightly caressed the side of Cai's face. "Then, should we put this love to the test? Do you want to know if he merely sees you as a tool or as someone really important to him?"

"...Yes," Cai replied. "I want to know his true feelings."

"Then, let's have a bet," Queen Rhiannon whispered in Cai's ears as if she were a devil trying to tempt Cai into selling her soul to her. "If you win, I will grant one of your wishes. But, if I win... You already know what I want, right?"

"Very well," Cai replied in the same monotonous tone. It was as if she wasn't fully conscious and merely answering the Succubus Queen with an automatic response. "If you win, I will agree to your proposal."

"Good." Queen Rhiannon grinned. "We have a deal."

The Succubus Queen then caressed the emblem that was glowing on Cai's lower abdomen.

The heart-shaped emblem with six wings spread wide slowly lost its golden glow and was replaced by a purple light.

After making sure that Cai's mark was now dyed with her colors, the Succubus Queen disappeared from her private pool and reappeared at the very top of her palace.

In the distance, she could see a towering Skeleton King, who easily shattered the barrier that was covering the Satyr's Lair, where Ampelos and his gang of Satyrs lived.

"Lux...", Queen Rhiannon smirked as her gaze locked on the red-headed teenager, who had come to the Abyss to rescue the Celestial Maiden that she had kidnapped. "You look so tasty. I'm very tempted to drain you dry."

The Succubus Queen's purple eyes glowed faintly as she giggled. Right now, she didn't plan on interfering with the battle.

She didn't have to do anything because, no matter the outcome of Lux's battle with Ampelos, sooner or later, he would come to her if he wanted to rescue his comrades, who were currently inside her Passion Palace.

Queen Rhiannon wanted to see Lux's despairing face when he found out that the one who captured the Celestial Maiden was a Demigod.

A Demigod that he had to fight if he wanted her back in one piece.

Chapter 883: A Taste Of Their Own Medicine

Ampelos panted for breath as he looked at the gigantic foot that had stomped the place where he had been standing not long ago.

At the very last second, before the foot could descend on his body, he managed to use his skill that allowed him to instantly dash a hundred meters away from his original location, which was similar to a teleportation ability.

Seeing that his target managed to evade his attack, the Skeleton King once again raised his foot and stomped for the second time.

Ampelos didn't stand idly by and quickly distanced himself from the Behemoth, whose rank was lower than him by one stage.

Deus Gigantia's Basic Form was only that of a Dreadnaught-Ranked World Boss.

Ampelos was much stronger because he was a Peak, Empyrean-Ranked Alpha Monster. Even so, he didn't dare to allow himself to get hit by the Skeleton King's attacks because his bestial senses were telling him that one direct hit might give him serious injuries.

The reason why the Leader of the Satyrs was feeling this way was due to Lux's skill, Divine Abyssal Touch [EX].

Before its upgrade, his Abyssal Touch ability not only directly attacked a creature's soul, but it also dealt 200% Pure Damage against Abyssal Creatures.

Now that it had evolved into the Divine Abyssal Touch [EX], it was now imbued with Divine Energy, which was another one of the weaknesses of Abyssal Creatures.

This skill now deals 400% increased damage against Abyssal Creatures and had the same "Pure Damage" effect that it had before the skill was upgraded.

Simply put, even if Ampelos was a Rank Higher than Deus Gigantia, a single attack from the Skeleton King would deal great damage to him. However,

what he didn't know was that the Giant Monster in front of him was not the only one who had this ability.

Lux's Undead Army, as well as the members of his Covenant, also had this ability!

But that was not all. Due to the Half-Elf's passive skill, Death God Aura, all of his Undead were capable of dealing massive damage to Abyssal Creatures that were equal in rank or higher by one stage.

"Come!" Lux, whose anger would not be sated until the Leader of the Satyrs was beaten half dead, raised his right hand and summoned his clones, who summoned his Undead Army in full force.

The Doom Knight Gangbangers, Nighstalkers, Jade Golems, Lich Revenants, Doomsday Gargoyles, and Fortress Defenders all surged forth like a tide and charged towards the Leader of the Satyr with a vengeance.

At that moment, the sound of hooves running across the forest reached Lux's ears.

"Boss! Are you alright?!" one of the Dreadnaught-Ranked Satyrs asked as soon as they arrived at the scene.

"We saw the giant skeleton from afar and knew that our Lair was being attacked," another Satyr shouted in indignation. "Who has the guts to attack the mighty Satyrs of the 13th Layer of the Abyss?!"

All the Satyrs, who had just arrived at the scene, also shouted in anger. The Lair was their home, and anyone who dared to attack it was going to be exterminated no matter what.

However, when they saw the thousands of Doom Knight Gangbangers that were running in their direction, they instinctively felt as if their buttocks were in danger of being violated.

This was a feeling that the Satyrs had never felt before in their lives, and because of this, they did what any sensible Satyr would do in that situation.

They ran!

"Sorry Boss, nature calls," said one of the Dreadnaught-Ranked Satyrs, who had come earlier, intending to help fight whatever attacked their Lair, before running away in full force. "This one is going to be a big one, so I don't think I'll return soon."

"Um, I forgot I have a prior appointment with the Corrupted Dryad on the 14th Layer," another Satyr stated. "I'll be back in a few days."

All the Satyrs gave various excuses to Ampelos before running away full throttle. However, just as they thought that they were about to get away, a barrier surrounded the entire Dark Forest, trapping all of them inside it.

High above the peak of her castle, the Succubus Queen giggled because she had not seen something so amusing in the past decade of her life in the Abyss.

Since she wanted to be entertained, she made sure that none of the Satyrs could escape the Dark Forest, forcing them to fight Lux and his summons with everything they had.

Lux and Gaap frowned after sensing the barrier that had surrounded the forest. This was very different from the Barrier of the Satyrs which they had broken so easily.

"Antero, spit them out, but don't show yourself," Gaap ordered.

A moment later, a red portal materialized above his head.

From inside that portal, two beams of light emerged and landed a few meters away from Gaap.

Lux's eyes widened in shock once he saw who they were. He never expected to see the Wicked Queen Slime in the Abyss.

"Aunt!" Eiko shouted as soon as she saw Lilian, making the beautiful woman smile at her.

"We meet again, Eiko," Lilian said as she walked towards the baby slime and picked her up from Lux's head. "Why did you leave without saying goodbye? I was very sad, you know?"

"Sorry, Aunt," Eiko replied. "Have to save Mama."

"Don't worry. Now that I'm here, everything is going to be fine," Lilian coaxed the Baby Slime as if she were her own baby.

Piccoro, who had also been spat out by Antero, scanned his surroundings with a serious look on his face.

He sensed that there was a creature that was stronger than him, rivaling that of a Supreme. Because of this, he walked towards Lux and handed him something that had been passed to him by their Steward, Lady Augustina.

"Take this, boy," Piccoro said as he handed the Dragon Token to the red-headed teenager. "Lady Augustina had a premonition that you might need this when you entered the Abyss."

Lux didn't stand on ceremony and accepted the Dragon Token with gratitude.

With Keoza by his side, he now possessed another Trump Card that would help him fight an opponent that was leagues above his current Rank.

Lilian also sensed the presence of someone stronger than her, but she wasn't too worried.

When she fought using her full powers, her rank would jump to the peak of the Calamity Rank. Even against a Demigod, she was confident that she would be able to survive, even if they were to fire her their strongest attack.

Also, she had left bits and pieces of herself in secret places in Agatha, that she could use to revive herself in case she died in battle.

Although it might take her a year or two to return to her full strength, for Calamity-Ranked Monsters like her, a few years was no different from taking a nap.

Ampelos and his gang of Satyrs, who were now cornered by Lux's Undead Legion, no longer had any choice but to fight.

They were stronger than Lux's summoned Creatures and were confident that they would be able to overwhelm quantity with their quality.

"Brothers, follow me!" Ampelos shouted. "Charge!"

""""Charge!""""

Hundreds of Satyrs all took out their weapons and clashed against Lux's Undead Legion.

It didn't take long before shouts of surprise, pain, and indignation, spread across the battlefield.

Although the majority of the Doom Knight Gangbangers were instantly shattered after the clash against the stronger monsters, some of them succeeded in sticking their long, hard swords into their designated targets, giving the Satyrs a taste of their own medicine.

No data found.