Strongest Necromancer Of Heaven's Gate

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"So, you are still alive Adonis," Queen Rhiannon said with a smile.

"Not quite," Adonis replied. "I have already died once. I was simply reanimated by a Beautiful Necromancer, and I am now serving her Disciple."

"Oh, such a thing happened?"

"It did."

Queen Rhiannon sneered at the former leader of the Satyrs of the 13th Floor.

"Good." Queen Rhianon nodded. "Now that you are here, I can finally kill you myself. Although I waited for over a hundred years, the wait was certainly worth it."

"Well, you can try," Adonis shrugged. "But I doubt that things will go your way."

Piccoro and Lilian stared at the otherworldly beauty in the sky.

However, they were not looking at her with admiration but appraising her to find possible weaknesses that they could exploit.

While everyone was looking at the Succubus Queen, the latter shifted her gaze to look at the Half-Elf, who was glaring at her from the ground.

"You must be Lux, right?" Queen Rhiannon said sweetly. "Cai told me many things about you. Why don't you come to my Castle? I will guarantee that you will not want to leave after you experienced our warm hospitality."

After hearing the name of his fiance, the Half-Elf narrowed his eyes and continued to glare at the peerless beauty in the sky.

He originally thought that the Angel, Himea, as well as his Grandmaster, Hereswith, were the most beautiful ladies he had seen in his life. But after seeing the Succubus Queen, he had no choice but to admit that her beauty was a level higher than the two ladies that were on the top of his list.

Gaap, who understood what his disciple was feeling, spoke to the Succubus Queen in a calm tone. He intended to try to settle things peacefully as much as possible so that a battle could be avoided.

However, the Halfling wasn't someone who would shy away from battle. If the Demigod were to act hostile against them, he would not back down and show her that they were not soft persimmons that she could pinch so easily.

"Queen Rhiannon, we have come to rescue our comrades who have accidentally entered the Abyss," Gaap stated. "We would be very grateful if you returned them to us unharmed. If you wish to trade anything for their release, we will definitely try to meet your conditions, as long as it doesn't go below our bottom line."

"A trade?" Queen Rhiannon crossed her arms over her chest. "I only trade with someone of equal strength. If all of you can defeat me in battle, I will consider your proposal. But if you can't, all of you will die here in the 13th Layer of the Abyss."

"Can we not settle things peacefully?"

"No. This is the Abyss. Only the strong have the final say. Weaklings have no choice but to kneel and obey the orders of their superiors. So, if you all want to survive, beg me to spare your lives."

Piccoro, who had been silently listening since the dialogue started, snorted.

"What a cheeky little Demigod," Piccoro stated. "Since this is the first time I've seen you, I can say for certain that you did not join the great war between the Abyssal Legion and the Forces of Elysium more than a century ago, right?"

"So?" Queen Rhiannon arched an eyebrow.

"So it means that you're just a newly minted Demigod." Piccoro sneered. "How naive. Do you think that someone like you who hadn't experienced that Great War can easily crush us like insects under your foot? How delusional."

The Succubus Queen frowned after hearing the Dragon Born's words.

She had been paying close attention to the Half-Elf, the Halfling, the Dragon Born, as well as the black-haired woman, whom she was certain was a Calamity-Ranked Monster in human form.

Although the Half-Elf seemed to be wary of her, the others were not. It was as if they weren't facing a Demigod, but an opponent of equal standing.

"This is interesting," Queen Rhiannon smirked. "I can tell that the three of you are not afraid of me. Are you perhaps thinking that I am a fake Demigod?"

"Hah! We couldn't care less if you are fake or real." Piccoro scoffed. "In the end, it doesn't matter. Do you want me to tell you a short story about that Great Abyssal War over a hundred years ago?"

Queen Rhiannon didn't say anything and simply looked down on the Dragon Born with a smile on her face.

Seeing that the Succubus Queen didn't reject his offer, Piccoro decided to tell her his story.

"When the Abyssal Creatures invaded our world, a war of epic proportions was waged," Piccoro said. "Back then, the lives of Rankers were like grass being culled in the thousands. Even Saints, and Supremes, who stood at the Apex weren't spared, and many died in that great battle for survival."

King Leoric hovered beside Lux and listened to the Dragon Born's explanation.

He was one of those who had fought at the beginning of the Abyssal Invasion and died alongside his loyal retainers, who fought till the last man.

His country was one of the first kingdoms that fell in the early phase of the invasion, and now, very few people, with the exception of historians, knew that a Kingdom named Zangrila once existed in the past.

"Due to how fierce the battle was, former warring kingdoms set aside their differences and fought side by side with each other.

"Mortal enemies, who wished nothing more than to slit each other's throats, fought back to back in order to repel the invaders that threatened to destroy all

they held sacred. Even the Apostles, who knew that they were powerless against the monsters that had come to ravage their friends, family, and their loved ones fought until they breathed their last.

"We fought hundreds of Calamity-Ranked Monsters and battled dozens of Demigods during that Great War. It was a sight to behold. An intense hugescale battle that we had very little hope of winning. Even so, we fought, and didn't back down.

"In the end, the people of Elysium pushed the Abyssal Legion back to the Abyss and sealed the Portals and other Gates that your kind used to invade our world. But some of these gates remain active.

"The only silver-lining was that no Calamity-Ranked Abyssal Creature or above, could pass through them due to the powerful enchantments that were put in place."

Piccoro then summoned his sword and pointed it at the Succubus Queen, who had remained silent as he told his tale.

"And now, we will once again show you that even Demigods like you, cannot defeat us so easily!" Piccoro shouted in an arrogant tone.

"Is your boring tale over?" Queen Rhiannon yawned. "While you did manage to win that war against the Abyssal Creatures back then, most of your powerhouses also perished. A little Saint like you thinks that you can talk big in front of me? How delusional. In the beginning, I intended to show mercy to all of you, but now, I changed my mind."

Queen Rhiannon then pointed at the black-scaled Dragon Born and sneered.

"Aside from that girl whose name is Iris, and that Half-Elf, whose name is Lux, all of you will die here," Queen Rhiannon stated. "Don't worry. I will at least turn your bodies to ashes, so your souls wander the 13th Layer and suffer for eternity!"

Piccoro didn't reply to Rhiannon's statement and simply took a fighting stance.

"Ranged and Close Attacker," Piccoro said.

"Defender," Gaap commented.

"Disruptor." Lilian brushed her hair in a carefree manner.

It took a while for Lux to realize what Piccoro, his Master, as well as Lilian was talking about.

They were simply stating their roles in the battle.

In short, Piccoro would serve as the main attacker, and his Master would focus on the defense.

A Disruptor was someone who would try to prevent the enemy from using strong attacks, or cancel any attack completely.

Since he understood what they were talking about, he also decided to state what role he was going to play on the battlefield that matched his current abilities.

"All Rounder," Lux said firmly, which made Piccoro, Gaap, and Lilian nod their heads at the same time.

Right now, they were a party that was about to conduct a Raid Battle with a powerful Boss Monster.

Ampelos and the other Satyrs stared in disbelief at the people who had decided to fight against a Demigod.

For Abyssal Creatures like them, it was very normal to serve those who were stronger than them. They would rather submit than fight a hopeless battle against someone, who could destroy entire cities with just a single punch, or a single spell, due to how strong they were.

Lux's Undead Legion, Named Creatures, and Covenant, all stood behind their Master in preparation for the battle ahead.

Even Blackfire, who had been busy swallowing the dead Satyrs earlier, hovered behind Lux.

Since their Master was going to fight against a Demigod, it was their duty to see this battle until the end, even if it meant that all of them died and were turned to ashes.

Chapter 886.2: Raid Boss Battle [Part 2]

Queen Rhiannon didn't know whether she should laugh at her enemies' folly because, in her opinion, only a Demigod could fight a Demigod.

The only one who could potentially threaten her was probably the Wicked Queen Slime, who was a peak Calamity-Ranked Monster, only a step away from becoming a Demigod herself.

But to those that had fought in the Great War, which was written down in the history books as the "Great Abyssal War," a Demigod wasn't impossible to defeat.

Not all Demigods were the same, just like the Gods that once graced Elysium.

A God of Healing's status as a God wouldn't make them adept at fighting. However, when it came to healing, they were second to none.

These were the things that the Elysians and Solaians had discovered after fighting against these creatures, and because of that, they had developed ways to fight them.

"I guess it's time for me to make you understand what it means to fight against a Demigod!" Queen Rhiannon declared as she unleashed her aura, making the Satyrs on the ground tremble.

"Go ahead," Piccoro stated. "Knock yourself out."

As soon as the Dragon Born finished speaking, he opened up his Draconic Wings and took to the skies in order to fight against the Succubus Queen.

The Saint unleashed a barrage of dark fireballs at his target.

Queen Rhiannon didn't even bother dodging and simply created a purple barrier around her, blocking Piccoro's attacks effectively.

Lilian, who was on the ground, raised her hand toward the Succubus Queen and snapped her fingers.

A second later, a beam of green light shot upward, aimed at her target.

Queen Rhiannon held her ground and once again allowed her barrier to block all attacks. She wanted to make the Elysians understand that in the face of absolute strength, all tricks are meaningless!

However, the moment the green beam of light hit her barrier, cracks immediately appeared and spread on it, which made the Succubus Queen's eyes widen in shock.

"Shield Breaker," Lilian said with an amused look on her beautiful face. "Is this the first time you've seen this skill? It just proves that you're just a frog in the well."

Before Queen Rhiannon could even react to Lilian's ridicule, a flaming dark spear collided with her barrier, increasing the size of the cracks in its surface.

Knowing that her barrier wouldn't hold any longer, she immediately dodged to the side, allowing the flaming dark spear to harmlessly pass by her.

A second later, she heard a snapping of fingers once more, which made her instinctively fly sideways, but it was futile.

Dozens of magic missiles flew in her direction and followed her wherever she went.

"You insects!" Queen Rhiannon shouted before unleashing several purple rays of light that clashed with Lilian's Magic Missiles, nullifying them completely.

But, before she could even take a breather, Lux, Eiko, Asmodeus, and their clones, all pointed their fingers in her direction and used a spell that was meant to fight against Boss Monsters.

"""Mana Drain!"""

When Lux had broken through and became a Ranker, one of the skills that received an upgrade was the skill, Mana Drain.

It was now Mana Drain [SSR], and its effects were still the same before it got an upgrade. The only difference was its range.

In the past, Mana Drain absorbed 5% of the target's maximum Mana for five seconds.

It also had a range of 20 meters, and had a 30 second cooldown, making it very effective against creatures that heavily relied on magical attacks.

However, after being upgraded to Mana Drain [SSR], its range had drastically increased to a thousand meters, allowing Lux to drain the mana of their target from a great distance.

Lux and Asmodeus had three clones each, while Eiko had five.

In a span of five seconds, they managed to effectively drain 55% of Queen Rhiannon's mana, catching the Succubus Queen by surprise.

Out of shock, she blanked out and moved on instinct, momentarily forgetting her reasoning, and unleashed one of her strongest offensive spells at the Half-Elf and his subordinates.

"Nether Flare!"

Hellish Crimson Flames descended from the sky as if wanting to turn everything on the ground into a sea of fire.

Only after Queen Rhiannon unleashed the spell did she remember that she needed Lux and Iris alive, making her feel panic.

Just as she was cursing herself for getting carried away, Gaap raised both of his palms in an attempt to block the attack.

A moment later, two gigantic hands appeared several meters above him and stood firm like a wall, meeting the Succubus Queen's attack head-on.

An earth-shaking explosion reverberated in the surroundings, sending hellish flames flying in every direction.

The Satyrs cried out in shock and tried to flee for their lives, but some of them were hit by the stray flames, igniting their bodies into a blaze.

Before their bodies turned to ashes, Blackfire appeared and swallowed them all. As long as they still had a body and a soul, Blackfire could still revive them, adding them to its Master's Animated Undead Army.

When the Hellish Flames finally disappeared, Queen Rhiannon felt relieved, but at the same time, her annoyance peaked.

She originally thought that she could easily crush her opponents, capturing Lux and Iris before bringing them back to her castle.

"Just what do you think you're looking at?" Piccoro sneered as he unleashed countless Dark Flame Spears at the Succubus Queen, who had remained stationary after unleashing her powerful attack.

"Scram!" Queen Rhiannon shouted as she waved her hand, creating countless purple beams of light, fending off Piccoro's attacks.

Again she heard the annoying spell that had made her unleash a powerful attack in the first place.

"""Mana Drain!"""

Lux had always known that this skill was a pain in the arse for magical-type monsters. However, never in his life did he think that he'd be using this skill against a Demigod.

He knew that most of his spells wouldn't even scratch Queen Rhiannon's defenses, but Mana Drain was different.

It was a skill that would make those who specialized in Magic cough blood out of anger and frustration.

To make matters worse, Lux's Undead Army had started to join the offensive barrage, forcing Queen Rhiannon to dodge relentlessly while flying in the sky.

The Elemental Arrows of the Nightstalker.

The Stone Throws of the Jade Golem.

The Necrotic Attacks of the Lich Revenants.

The Poison Sprays of the Doomsday Gargoyles.

Originally, Queen Rhiannon could easily face these attacks head-on even if she were to stand still.

However, she had greatly underestimated the abilities of her opponents, which jeopardized her offensive and defensive abilities.

Ampelos and the other surviving Satyrs couldn't believe what they were seeing. They originally thought that all of them were going to be turned to ash due to how powerful the Succubus Queen was.

However, as the battle dragged on, they were starting to think that Lux and his team might just be able to beat the uncontested Ruler of the 13th Floor, through their impeccable teamwork and specialties.

Queen Rhiannon gritted her teeth in anger as she unleashed a barrage of lowlevel spells at the Halfling who had blocked her skill, Nether Flare.

As a Demigod who prided herself on her powerful magical attacks, she found herself reeling in shock after realizing that the one that blocked one of her strongest offensive spells was only of the Apostle Rank.

This made Queen Rhiannon question herself if she had misread Gaap's rank, but after appraising him, while dodging the relentless rain of attacks that were being fired in her direction, she confirmed that the Halfling was truly a Grade-A Apostle.

'Just what is going on here?!' Queen Rhiannon thought as she continued to fire countless purple orbs at the ground, hoping that one of them would hit the Halfling, whose main role was to defend his comrades from her concentrated attacks.

Although her Mana had been drained earlier, she possessed a powerful Mana Regeneration ability, which was one of the best among the Abyssal Lords.

Unfortunately, even with this advantage, the only thing she could use at the moment were low-ranking spells in great numbers.

Even so, each of these spells contained the might of a Demigod.

If one of the Satyrs were to be hit by her bombardment, they would find their bodies littered with holes due to how powerful these low-ranking spells were.

But, no matter what she did, her spells didn't reach her intended target.

If she only knew that the one blocking her spells was the Indestructible Golem of Destruction, she would have definitely changed her tactics to something more practical. Unfortunately, she had no idea, and because of this, she was unable to land a decisive blow on the weak creatures, who decided to fight her as a group.

Chapter 887.3: Raid Boss Battle [Part 3]

In the eyes of the Satyrs, the battle seemed to have easily shifted in their favor after only a few minutes since the fight started.

However, those who were fighting, especially Lux, Piccoro, and Lilian, knew that the only reason why they were able to resist was due to Gaap's impeccable defense.

The Dragon Born and the Wicked Queen Slime were quite surprised by Gaap's ability to block a powerful attack that was coming from a Demigod.

Seeing this, they lowered their guards a little and became bolder, increasing the pace of their attacks against the Succubus Queen, who was now starting to doubt her abilities.

'Impossible!' Queen Rhiannon shouted internally. 'How could this be happening?! Just what are these giant hands that this Halfling is controlling?! How can it block my attacks as if they were low-ranked spells?!'

Question after question popped up inside Queen Rhiannon's head. She didn't know that Gaap had temporarily unlocked Antero's seal, raising his Rank back to the Demigod Level.

Although it took a toll on his lifespan, it wasn't as cumbersome as before since he was only using the hands of the Golem of Destruction to block the Succubus Queen's attacks.

"We need to finish this battle as soon as possible," Lux said through telepathy. "Master can't fight long battles."

After they all teamed up, the Wicked Queen Slime created a spell that allowed all of them to communicate telepathically. This was to ensure that their opponent wouldn't be able to hear their strategies in real-time.

"Understood!" Piccoro replied and once again engaged the Succubus in a deadly battle in the sky.

Every time Queen Rhiannon tried to close the distance to kill the Dragon Born, Lilian or Gaap would get in her way, forcing her to dodge or back away.

On the other hand, Lux concentrated on draining the Succubus Queen's Mana, preventing her from casting powerful spells, similar to the one she used earlier.

"Duel [EX]!" Pazuzu's clone, who was flying in the sky, used the Taunt Skill to prevent Rhiannon from landing an attack against Piccoro.

The Succubus Queen had suddenly increased her speed, surpassing the calculations of Lilian and Gaap, which created an opening for a decisive blow on the Dragon Born.

Fortunately, Lux's Named Creatures were also paying close attention to the Succubus Queen and were just waiting for a good opportunity to strike.

But something unexpected happened.

After Pazuzu's clone used the skill, Duel [EX], Queen Rhiannon's body only stopped for a brief moment before she slashed at the Dragon Born using the purple dagger in her hand, which looked extremely poisonous.

But those few seconds that she had lost proved to be crucial as it provided Piccoro time to back away, just in time for Gaap's and Lilian's attacks to arrive at the scene.

This prevented the Succubus Queen from pursuing her target, making her glare hatefully at Pazuzu's clone.

With a flick of her hand, the dagger in her hand flew towards Pazuzu's clone in a heartbeat, creating a big hole in its chest.

Pazuzu's Gut Skill activated, but due to the poison that coated the dagger's blade, the clone died a few seconds later and turned into particles of light.

"Duel [EX] doesn't work on Demigods..." Lux narrowed his eyes because this was the first time that the skill, Duel [EX], had failed to give them the result they wanted.

It was a skill that the Half-Elf had used repeatedly in the past and, without it, he would have definitely faced a lot of hardships while fighting against strong opponents.

'It could stall them for two seconds at most,' Lux thought. 'Perhaps even three seconds, if we are lucky. I'm glad I learned this information now. Otherwise, I would have made a great mistake if I had to fight beings that were as strong as Demigods without them.'

The red-headed teenager's curiosity was ignited, so he summoned Calypso in order to test his theory.

In her Living Armor Form, Calypso could fight autonomously, or merge with Lux, granting him a suit of armor.

But Lux didn't intend to wear the Living Armor at the moment. He wanted to experiment if the skill Duel [Epic] would work against a Demigod.

"Calypso, do it," Lux ordered.

"Yes, Master," Calypso replied.

The Living Armor then rose towards the sky and observed the battle between Piccoro and Queen Rhiannon. A moment later, she activated her skill when she deemed that the right time had come.

"Duel [Epic]!"

Piccoro and Queen Rhiannon were exchanging blows in close combat.

The Succubus Queen was fast, and her magical attacks were strong. But in terms of raw strength, the Dragon Born had the advantage.

Due to the fact that she was unable to cast powerful skills due to Lux and his supports casting Mana Drain every half a minute, she had no choice but to resort to close combat to get rid of the annoying Dragon Born, who was being aided by Gaap and Lilian.

Just as the two were about to clash with each other, Calypso activated her skill, Duel [Epic], which made the Succubus Queen's body stiffen.

"Take this!" Piccoro, who seemed to understand what just happened, didn't miss the opportunity to land a powerful blow on Queen Rhiannon's body, sending the Succubus Queen flying backward.

"Five seconds, Master," Calypso reported. "I can only stop her for five seconds after using my Duel Skill."

Rhiannon's Succubus Garment was damaged due to Piccoro's attack, but due to its powerful defensive abilities, the Succubus Queen only suffered a very shallow wound.

This wound, however, was immediately regenerated by her Regeneration Ability, but it didn't change the fact that her opponent could now land a blow on her body.

"Lux, summon your Light Elemental," Gaap said after seeing the effect of Lux's experiment. "The creatures of the Abyss are inherently weak against Light and Divine Magic. If you use the Light Elemental's skill, Field of Light, we can create a battleground that is disadvantageous to our enemy."

"Understood, Master," Lux replied before summoning his Greater Light Elemental to join the battle.

But he didn't stop there.

He also summoned Seraphina, who was a Divine Angel. He believed that even if she had been weakened due to the laws that bound Heavenly Beings, she could still use Divine Magic to help suppress their opponent.

"Eiko, summon Slimes that have Light or Divine Elements," Lux ordered.

"Pa!" Eiko nodded before she and her clones all raised their hands together. "Summon!"

Five Argonaut-Ranked Radiant Slimes appeared beside the Fairy Princess and waited for her orders.

"Greater Light Elemental, Seraphina, use Field of Light!" Lux commanded.

Immediately, the Light elemental spread its arms wide, expanding its brilliance into its surroundings.

Seraphina clasped her hands together in prayer and emitted her Divine Powers to help increase the power of the Field of Light that the Light Elemental had summoned.

"Ei!" Eiko and her clones also commanded the Radiant Slimes to assist the Greater Light Elemental.

One by one, the Radiant Slimes glowed brightly like giant light bulbs in the darkness.

With the Divine Angel's as well as the Radiant Slimes' help, the Field of Light spread for miles above and below the ground, making the Succubus Queen draw in cold breath.

Her pride was the only thing stopping her from backing down, despite the fact that she was unable to get the upper hand against her weak opponents, who were ganging up on her.

"Now then, Queen Rhiannon, are you ready for round two?" Piccoro, who now felt that they could finally win the battle, asked in an arrogant tone.

Earlier, he was struggling to land an attack on his opponent despite the backup from his comrades.

However, with the Field of Light active, he could tell that the Succubus Queen's Aura had weakened considerably.

Also, now that he had seen that Lux was capable of stopping his opponent for a few seconds, the Dragon Born, who had the most battle experience in fighting against Abyssal Monsters—second only to Lady Augustina, finally saw that victory was within his reach.

Chapter 888.4: Raid Boss Battle [Part 4]

Queen Rhiannon glanced at the ground before shifting her gaze back at the arrogant Dragon Born, who seemed to think that he already won their battle.

Although she admitted that she was now at a disadvantage, she still had a few tricks up her sleeves that she could use to tip the scale of battle in her favor.

However, after experiencing the teamwork of her opponents, as well as the ability that momentarily restricted her freedom, she had become very wary about attacking haphazardly without a plan.

Right now, she was analyzing her opponents' strengths, as well as their abilities.

Although Piccoro was weaker than her, she had to acknowledge that his attacks were indeed powerful and could potentially bypass her defenses.

This was because Dragon Borns were superior creatures, and their strength surpassed the norm. She also knew that if push came to shove, her opponent could turn into a true Dragon, further boosting his strength.

The Wicked Queen Slime on the ground was another threat that she couldn't underestimate. During the entirety of the battle, she had to pay close attention to Lilian's sneak attacks from the ground while evading Piccoro's attack.

There had been a few close calls when the Wicked Queen Slime's attacks almost hit her, which could have dealt serious injuries if they hit her vital points.

The Halfling was also a very troublesome opponent. No matter what she did, none of her attacks could land on their target because Gaap was solely focusing on defense.

Lastly, Lux Von Kaizer.

Cai's fiance, and the one sharing half of the power of the Celestial Maiden Physique. Capturing him was of the utmost importance in order to set her plan into motion.

As for Iris, she was Cai's best friend, and capturing her was optional.

Now that a Field of Light had been erected on the battlefield, her body's performance was greatly affected.

Even as a Demigod, she couldn't shrug off the effects of the Field of Light, which was powered by a Light Elemental, Five Argonaut-Ranked World Boss Radiant Slimes, as well as an Angel, who had come from the Divine Realm.

'Should I use that?' Queen Rhiannon frowned as she weighed her options. 'To think that a Demigod like me would be cornered to this extent. How laughable. Is this the consequence of living a monotonous lifestyle here on the 13th Layer of the Abyss?'

A silence descended on the battlefield as the Succubus Queen hovered in the air.

For some reason, Piccoro and Lilian stopped their attacks because they suddenly felt a great change in Queen Rhiannon's Aura.

Lux also felt this, so he commanded their creatures to cease their attacks, in order to ready themselves for whatever the Succubus Queen was planning.

"Congratulations," Queen Rhiannon said in a calm manner. "After stepping into the Ranks of a Demigod, this is the first time I've suffered like this. Perhaps I got too conceited after stepping into this realm because no opponents dared to fight me for nearly five decades. I guess I've become rusty after being the Overlord of this place."

The Succubus Queen giggled as if finding her current helplessness very funny.

"Very well. This time, I will fight without holding back," Queen Rhiannon declared. "You, Halfling on the ground, make sure to protect Lux no matter what. I am about to use one of my Trump Cards and, in this form, I am unable to hold myself back when facing enemies. Make sure to not let him die, okay?"

Gaap didn't reply and simply narrowed his eyes.

He could tell that the Succubus Queen's words carried a hint of confidence in them, so he heightened his senses and prepared for any unexpected attacks that she might unleash in their direction.

Queen Rhiannon then closed her eyes, and her Aura completely disappeared. It was as if she had perished while hovering in the air, making Lux and Gaap have a very bad feeling about it.

Suddenly, something glowed on Queen Rhiannon's lower abdomen.

It was a black, heart-shaped crest with four bat-like wings spread wide on the sides.

On her forehead, another crest appeared, resembling a third eye. The air around her crackled as if space was being distorted.

Six bat-like wings sprouted on her back, and countless amount of flower petals began to rain from the sky.

Dark clouds blocked the moonlight, and purple lightning started to streak across the heavens.

Without any warning, a powerful pressure descended upon everyone, making Piccoro almost fall from the sky.

The pressure was so great, and yet, Lux held his ground as he looked up at the peerless beauty, who had now completed her transformation.

Earlier, Queen Rhiannon was wearing skimpy clothes that showed most of her body.

Now, she was wearing a dark, lightweight crimson armor that seemed to be made up of dragon scales.

The corner of Queen Rhiannon's lips curled up as he looked at the shocked expression of the Dragon Born, who had been acting quite arrogant earlier.

"Thank you for waiting, everyone," Queen Rhiannon said before pointing her finger at Piccoro, who now had a grim expression on his face. "Now then, Dragon Born, are you ready for round two?"

Queen Rhiannon's voice was filled with amusement as if she found this whole situation very funny.

"Enough talk!" Piccoro mustered all of his strength, and courage before charging towards the Succubus Queen, who seemed to have evolved from a normal succubus to a Battle Maiden.

Lilian, who was on the ground, snapped her fingers several times, sending countless beams of light flying toward the Succubus Queen who was hovering in the sky.

A faint chuckle escaped Queen Rhiannon's lips before her body turned Ethereal, like a ghost that had no material body. The countless beams of light that Lilian had shot in her direction passed harmlessly through her body.

Piccoro, who had summoned a Dark Flaming Sword, slashed at his opponent, but similar to Lilian's attack, his sword passed through her body as well.

"You have to do better than that, Dragon Born," Queen Rhiannon playfully whispered in Piccoro's ear. "Otherwise, you're going to die soon."

A second later, Piccoro's body was sent flying backward as Queen Rhiannon returned to the material plane and punched the Dragon Born's chest, making him cough a mouthful of blood.

The Succubus Queen then glanced at the ground to check out Lux's and Gaap's expressions.

She thought that the two would show despairing faces after witnessing how strong she had suddenly become, but the Half-Elf and the Halfling both looked at her with calmness. She frowned, finding their expressions unusual.

"She sure has become strong, Master," Lux thought. "I think she reversed her Intelligence Stat with her Strength Stat, while retaining her speed stat. This makes her an exceptional melee attacker, but her magical attacks are no longer a problem."

"That's right," Gaap agreed. "She is also using a different version of Ethereal Jaunt. Instead of nullifying ordinary physical attacks, she nullifies magical and force-based attacks. There's also a possibility that she can use a normal Ethereal Jaunt, making her immune to physical attacks as well. If she can really use both versions, this will be a tricky battle."

"Even so, that doesn't change the fact that we need to beat her."

"Yes."

Now that Queen Rhiannon had no choice but to close the distance in order to attack them, the abilities and Summons that they hadn't used earlier would now be able to show their mettle.

Especially Diablo, as well as the Doom Knight Gangbangers, who couldn't directly attack Rhiannon in the sky.

Lux's First Born looked at the Succubus Queen in the sky eagerly, gripping his sword tighter in his hand.

Due to the number of deaths on the battlefield, his attacks had also increased drastically.

Also, Queen Rhiannon wasn't aware that Lux's Death Sovereign also specialized in Ethereal Attacks.

An attack that could cut through the Ethereal Plane and damage the foes that normal attacks couldn't possibly reach.

Chapter 889.5: Raid Boss Battle [Part 5]

After her transformation, Queen Rhiannon had gained formidable strength.

Just as Gaap and Lux guessed, she changed her tactics from attacking with magic to attacking physically.

In the Abyss where every day was a fight for survival, the Succubus Queen had experienced her fair share of fights. She always adapted to her environment as she raised her Rank to that of a Demigod, becoming one of the true powerhouses of the Abyssal Realm.

And now, she would show the foolish mortals, who had pushed her to a corner, her true might.

'I'd better get rid of the real threats first,' Queen Rhiannon disappeared from where she was hovering and appeared a few meters away from Lilian.

The Wicked Queen Slime was already expecting that the Succubus would attack her first, so she met her head-on with a flurry of kicks and punches.

Since magical and force-based attacks wouldn't work against an opponent phased into the Ethereal Plane, the only thing she could do was use melee combat.

Queen Rhiannon didn't expect that the Wicked Queen Slime would not only be proficient in magical attacks, but she was also good in martial arts. The two clashed, destroying everything around them, forcing Lux, Gaap, and the Satyrs to distance themselves from the battle.

'So this is a fight between true Power Houses,' Lux thought as he watched from the side. He felt both fear and awe from the destructive power shown by the two beings that stood at the Apex of the World.

The Dark Forest, as well as the land beneath, split apart as Lilian and Queen Rhiannon exchanged blows that would've been strong enough to instantly annihilate an Empyrean-Ranked Monster without giving it a chance to scream.

Knowing that the Wicked Queen Slime couldn't lose the exchange, Lux's forces moved in to support her.

"Duel [EX]!" Orion's clone used the taunting skill and managed to make the Succubus Queen's body stiffen for a split second.

Lilian, who saw this opportunity, didn't hold back and threw a punch at her opponent's face. However, the Succubus Queen phased out into the Ethereal Plane, rendering the physical blow useless.

"Just as we feared, she can use both kinds of Ethereal Jaunts," Gaap stated.

Lux nodded as he finished his preparations on his side.

While Lilian and Queen Rhiannon were fighting the Half-Elf and the Halfling weren't standing idly and were readying their counterattack.

The Field of Light was also playing a vital role in the battlefield. Although the Succubus Queen didn't seem to be affected by it, her speed and strength had decreased a bit, preventing her from completely overpowering Lilian despite the difference in their ranks.

After clashing one last time, Queen Rhiannon found an opportunity and kicked Lilian away, sending her crashing towards one of the mountains in the distance.

The Succubus Queen then flew in the direction of the Light Elemental that was keeping the Field of Light active.

After her exchanges with the Wicked Queen Slime, she deemed that the Field of Light was affecting her performance significantly and needed to be destroyed at all costs.

But Lux and Gaap already saw this coming and were prepared to prevent this, so they also made their moves.

"Go, Baal!"

"Diablo, show her what we can do!"

The two Black Knights who were under the Master-Disciple Necromancers charged at the Succubus Queen fearlessly. One was riding on a flaming horse, and the other was running holding a black sword in his hand.

Diablo and his trusted mount, who had fought countless battles together, were now Argonaut-Ranked Monsters.

Their strength grew as their Master, Lux, grew, making them very formidable.

An Argonaut-Ranked Monster fighting against a Demigod sounded like a very laughable concept. However, just like his Master, Diablo wasn't fighting alone.

"Hellfire..." Diablo said and the sword in his hand blazed with hellish flames. "Annihilation!"

Baal, who was running next to him, raised his sword high and swung it forward.

"Oblivion Slash!"

The Fiery Attack as well as the Crescent Sword Slash that the Knights unleashed merged together, forming a Hellish Crescent Blade that sent flames trailing in its wake as it flew towards its designated target.

Queen Rhiannon wasn't impressed and was about to deflect it with her sword when suddenly, her body froze mid-air, preventing her from deflecting the attack.

The combined attack hit its mark and pushed the Succubus Queen a few meters away due to the impact.

However, due to Queen Rhiannon's Scaled Armor, the attack didn't wound her body, nor showed any signs that they had dealt damage to her, with the exception of the black smoke that rose from the place where they hit her.

"That skill is starting to annoy me," Queen Rhiannon muttered as she looked at Calypso, who was hovering in the sky, with killing intent.

She knew that anything that could momentarily make her pause on the battlefield was a dangerous ability because it allowed her opponents to deal a blow to her uncontested.

This had happened thrice already, and at this point, the Succubus Queen was past being annoyed.

If she were to have her way, she wished that she could kill all of her foes instantly.

But now, she knew that she was not capable of doing that. Their actions had proved that they weren't people whom she could underestimate any longer.

The Succubus Queen might look calm on the surface, but Diablo's and Baal's attacks surprised her greatly.

Although there was no visible damage on the surface, she felt pain at the moment of impact as if the attack had grazed her soul.

As a Demigod, her soul was extremely powerful because she had to undergo a Rebirth that strengthened not only her body but also her soul.

Soul-Based attacks were something that everyone was quite wary of, even Demigods, and if their opponents possessed such an ability, they must do their best to eliminate them first.

Using her incredible speed, she flew past Diablo and Baal with ease and reappeared a few meters away from Lux and Gaap.

Since she wanted to capture the Half-Elf alive, she focused her attention on the Halfling, who had thwarted her attacks many times already.

"Do you think you can hurt my Master under my watch?"

The Fox Lady, Hana, whom Gaap had revived, placed her hands on Lux's and Gaap's shoulders. A second later, the three of them disappeared and reappeared hundreds of meters away in a different location.

Queen Rhiannon clicked her tongue. Her opponents were sure like slippery eels that refused to be caught.

Even so, she still pursued Gaap and Lux, forcing Hana to teleport repeatedly across the battlefield in an attempt to shake off the Succubus Queen.

While Queen Rhiannon was chasing Lux and Gaap, she made sure to attack indiscriminately throughout her surroundings, killing countless Undead Monsters in her wake.

However, since Hana refused to give up, the Succubus Queen deemed that it was counterproductive to continue chasing them at this point in time.

'I'll deal with the small fries first.' The Succubus Queen then slashed sideways, creating a wind blade that flew in the direction of the Greater Light Elemental, as well as the Radiant Slimes that were supporting it.

But, just like always, a pair of gigantic hands appeared, blocking her attack, making the Succubus Queen frown.

Knowing that the same thing would happen again and again, Queen Rhiannon finally made the decision to prioritize eliminating Gaap at all costs.

She was starting to get suspicious of the Gigantic Hands that were blocking her attacks. The more she saw them, for some reason, the more familiar they looked to her.

The Succubus Queen had a nagging feeling at the back of her head, but she didn't pay it too much attention and pursued her target with a vengeance.

Hana, who was protecting Lux and Gaap, sneered as she used her teleportation ability to distance themselves every time the Succubus Queen headed in their direction.

Queen Rhiannon unleashed devastating ranged attacks at the Halfling, but each of them was blocked effortlessly by the Gigantic Hands which were like an impassable wall, blocking her path. Once she deemed that enough was enough, she unleashed wide-scale attacks, not caring what she hit or where it hit.

Although the Gigantic Hands were big, the Succubus Queen didn't believe that they could block all of her attacks that obliterated everything around her, changing the topography of the land.

And she was right.

Nearly 95% of Lux's Undead Legion perished instantly after getting hit by her wide-scale attack that split the land in half.

But just as she was feeling good about her strategy, her body once again stiffened, and eleven ominous-looking red lightning bolts flew in her direction.

"""Finger of Death!"""

Lux's, Eiko's, and Asmodeus' clones all attacked at the same time under the Half-Elf's command.

The finger of death only worked on monsters, and it could insta-kill any monster that was equivalent to Lux's Rank or lower. It was not fatal to Humans or Demi-Human Creatures, and he was not delusional enough to think that it would work against a Demigod.

However, there were two things that this skill was capable of doing.

One was that it could inflict great pain on their targets.

And two, it was imbued by Lux's Divine Abyssal Touch, which dealt increased damage against Abyssal Creatures.

Although the attack was not lethal, the pain from getting hit by the Finger of Death on top of the damage that it inflicted on the Soul was something that even the Succubus Queen wouldn't be able to shrug off so easily.

"You brat!" the Succubus Queen said through gritted teeth as her beautiful purple eyes locked on Lux's body. "I swear I'll make you pay for this!"

Although she intended to capture Lux alive, that didn't mean that she would not hurt him in order to achieve her goal.

As long as his heart was beating and he was still breathing, the Succubus Queen would not hesitate to give him a serious injury that could permanently cripple him for the rest of his life as punishment for the trouble he was giving her.

Chapter 890.6: Raid Boss Battle [Part 6]

"She's really mad now, Lux," Gaap smirked. "Don't let her catch you, or she will wring you dry down there."

"That's a very scary thought, Master," Lux replied. "My little brother only belongs to my fiances."

"You Master and Disciple pair can still joke at this time!" Hana complained. "Who do you think is making sure that she doesn't catch either of you?!"

Among the members of Gaap's Covenant, it was Hana who specialized in formations as well as the one who served the role of Disruptor.

She could help teleport her allies as well as give them a boost in their overall performance with her powerful enchantments.

But right now, she was solely focused on teleporting the pair away from the Succubus Queen, whose speed and attack power were no laughing matter.

Hana was certain that if one of Queen Rhiannon's attacks really connected, her Master and Lux would definitely be seriously injured or, worse, killed on the spot.

Iris was currently under the protection of Eiko and Blackfire, so Lux didn't have to worry about her.

He had even given Eiko an explicit order to swallow Iris and run away with Blackfire if things really got messy, and right now, things were really starting to get messy.

The Dark Forest, which spanned for miles, was no longer the same forest as it was an hour ago.

It was now almost completely destroyed, and deep fissures could be seen in the land where trees used to stand tall and undisturbed for centuries.

Only Lux's and Gaap's Named Creatures and Covenant Members were still alive, and only a few dozen remained of his Undead Legion.

Due to this battle's high danger level, Lux didn't summon Bedivere or Garret to fight alongside him, knowing that both of them had families to take care of.

Also, he wasn't confident that he would be able to protect them in a battle of this magnitude, where one mistake could end their life in a heartbeat.

Only Zagan, ALL-MITE, Shax, King Leoric, and Draven were present from Lux's Covenant, who were also hard-pressed to evade the Succubus Queen's Wrath.

Just as Queen Rhiannon was about to chase Lux and Gaap, several colorful light rays once again flew in her direction.

She immediately turned into her Ethereal Form, allowing these attacks to pass harmlessly through her body.

Lilian had returned to the battlefield and she was angry as hell.

It had been a while since someone had managed to hurt her. The last time she suffered a similar fate was when she fought against the previous King of Agartha, which ended in a draw.

Now that her rage had been fueled, she returned to her original form, which towered ten meters tall.

Queen Rhiannon, who understood the Wicked Queen Slime's threat, changed her target and flew in her direction.

But just as the Succubus Queen was about to engage her enemy, she noticed something that made her face turn grim.

Inside the Wicked Queen Slime's body were nearly twenty Succubi who had left Passion Castle in order to help their Queen fight against the people that invaded their realm. Unlike Lux and Gaap, Lilian didn't care about fighting fair and square. She was a Calamity-Ranked Monster who had fought against countless Monsters in the past, and she would do everything in her power to win.

It didn't matter what methods she used, whether it was moral or immoral, as long as she was able to grasp victory.

"You fiend!" Queen Rhiannon shouted. "Release my people!"

Lilian ignored the Succubus Queen's demand and unleashed an acid spray that could melt Adamantine.

Queen Rhiannon dodged to the side and circled around the Wicked Queen Slime, looking for a way to rescue her people.

"Your Majesty! Don't worry about us!" one of the Succubus inside the Wicked Queen Slime's body shouted through telepathy. "Just kill this monster!"

"That's right, Your Majesty! Kill it!"

"We don't want to drag you down, Your Majesty! Forget about us! Eliminate all of them without holding back!"

The Succubus Queen gritted her teeth in anger before drastically increasing her speed, allowing her to close the gap between her and the Wicked Queen Slime in the blink of an eye.

"Die!" Queen Rhiannon slashed furiously with the intention of cutting the Wicked Queen Slime in half, but she made sure to only target the place where none of the Succubi were being held captive.

But her attack didn't hit anything because Lilian split her body in half, evading Queen Rhiannon's attack completely.

"Die!" Lilian's hateful telepathic voice reached Queen Rhiannon's ear at the same time her two bodies unleashed an Acid Spray at point-blank range.

"""No! Your Majesty!"""

The captured Succubi cried out in shock and anger as their Queen was sprayed with the Wicked Queen Slime's Concentrated Acid, which Lilian always used against stronger opponents. This attack would almost, always, melt her opponent's flesh and bones, allowing her to gain the upper hand.

The only downside of this strategy was that its effective range was short, extending only thirty meters.

Lilian had to fight her opponent at close quarters in order to bring them close enough for her to unleash the Concentrated Acid, which was one of her Trump Cards in battle.

Suddenly, two gigantic hands materialized in the air and enclosed the Succubus Queen between them.

The Wicked Queen Slime, who was already certain that her foe would suffer serious injuries from her attack, frowned after seeing this scene.

At first, she thought that the Gigantic Hands appeared in order to crush their enemy.

However, after taking a good look at what happened, instead of crushing their foe, the Gigantic Hands protected the Succubus Queen instead!

"What's the meaning of this Halfling?!" the Wicked Queen Slime's telepathic voice reached Gaap, making the latter narrow his eyes.

He wanted to ask Antero the same question—why did it choose to protect their enemy instead of ending the battle?

The Succubi were initially crying out due to anger and frustration because of their own weakness, causing their Queen to suffer terribly, but they were all shocked after understanding what had happened.

When the acidic mist disappeared from its surroundings, the two hands opened, revealing an unharmed Rhiannon, who was just as confused as everyone else.

Suddenly, a gigantic face appeared above the Succubus Queen and chuckled.

"Little Rhiannon is now a Demigod," Antero chuckled. "Very funny."

"L-Lord Antero?!" Queen Rhiannon, who now realized the reason why the Gigantic Hands looked familiar, finally connected the dots.

The Golem of Destruction, which disappeared from the Abyss over a hundred years ago, now appeared in front of her once again.

Antero laughed, and his laugh reverberated across the entire 13th Layer, making the land tremble as if a giant was walking across them.

"Good girl," Antero said as it used its finger to pat Queen Rhiannon's head. "Now, behave."

Everyone on the battlefield was dumbfounded by this sudden turn of events.

The Golem of Destruction had moved autonomously, regardless of Gaap's will.

Truth be told, even if Gaap were to temporarily unseal the limiter that prevented Antero from unleashing his full powers, the Golem didn't drain much of the Halfling's life force.

One of the reasons for this was due to the fact that Gaap was only using Antero's hands to fight against Queen Rhiannon.

The other reason was that, in the Abyss, Antero's power was magnified by several folds, allowing him to take nourishment from his surroundings.

In short, as long as Antero was in the Abyss, the Golem of Destruction would no longer need to drain Gaap's lifespan in order to materialize.

But the problem was the seal that bound him to the Halfling.

As long as he was bound to Gaap, Antero had no choice but to listen to his orders.

It was different now. The Golem of Destruction could move autonomously as long as he was in the Abyss, which gave the Halfling a bad premonition.

"Run!" Gaap shouted because he knew that Antero now had full control of his body, allowing him to resist the Halfling's orders.

Lilian, Piccoro, Eiko, Iris, and Blackfire, all moved towards the Halfling. Gaap didn't hesitate to take one of the White Marbles out of his storage ring in order to use it.

Just as Gaap was about to activate the White Marble, Queen Rhiannon snapped her fingers, and Cai appeared in front of them.

Seeing the person that he wanted to rescue, Lux's body subconsciously moved by itself and flew towards his fiance in an attempt to rescue her.

Antero watched this scene with a smirk on its face as its eyes glowed crimson.

The White Marble on Gaap's hand activated by itself, creating a black hole that sucked the Halfling, Eiko, Iris, Piccoro, and Lilian inside it.

The strong suction force was about to suck Lux and Cai as well, but Antero's Giant Hand caught both of them, preventing them from escaping.

When the Black Hole disappeared half a minute later, the Golem of Destruction placed the unconscious Half-Elf, and his fiance on the ground before looking at the Succubus Queen with a smile.

"Bye bye, Little Rhiannon," Antero chuckled. "Play nicely."

Although he could move autonomously in the Abyss, the fact still remained that he was bound to Gaap's body.

The moment the Halfling disappeared from the Abyss, his bond with Antero would pull the Golem of Destruction back to him, whether he liked it or not.

The Succubus Queen stood rooted on the spot because everything that had happened was like a blur to her.

When she finally regained her composure, she looked down at the two unconscious teenagers beside her feet.

"Although there were several mishaps along the way, I finally have you," Queen Rhiannon muttered. "The one that shares the other half of the Celestial Maiden Physique."

Queen Rhiannon was worried about her people who had been captured by the Wicked Queen Slime. However, she knew that since the Half-Elf had been left in the 13th Layer of the Abyss, they would have no choice but to come back and come to his rescue.

That would give her enough time to get what she wanted and make the Half-Elf pay for the things he did to her.

Chapter 891.1: Tainted Love [Part 1]

When Lux opened his eyes, he found himself lying on a very soft and comfortable bed, feeling weak and unable to move.

There was also a sweet fragrance in the air, and its scent made him unable to form coherent thoughts, breaking his ability to think properly.

Just before he could wonder where he was, he noticed that he wasn't alone on the bed.

A young lady with long purple hair was positioned in front of him, and she was currently servicing his little brother with her lips, unaware that he was already awake.

At first, he thought that he was dreaming because what he was seeing seemed to be impossible. But it didn't take long for him to recognize that what he was seeing was real, and it subconsciously made his little brother react, making it awaken from its slumber.

Although there was a faint purple mist in the surroundings, it was impossible for him to not recognize the Guildmaster of Iris' Guild, Henrietta.

The proud and beautiful lady who led the academy's Guild, Serenity, and already had a fiance was busy kissing, licking, and sucking his member as if it was the most delicious thing in the world.

As if noticing that he was now awake, Henrietta released Lux's member from her lips, making a popping sound.

The young lady with purple hair then raised her head and looked at him seductively.

It was then that Lux realized that Henrietta wasn't wearing any clothes, which suddenly made his body heat up, and his breathing became ragged.

Her breasts, which were usually hidden by her armor, were now laid bare for him to see, and for a moment, the thought of touching and sucking them passed through the Half-Elf's mind. However, unlike what happened earlier, this line of thought didn't disappear and remained inside his head.

It was as if the sweet fragrance in their surroundings was encouraging this thought, fanning the desire in his chest to rise to the surface.

The Half-Elf forcefully shook his head in order to dispel the idea that was slowly taking root in his consciousness. He knew for a fact that Henrietta was already betrothed to another, and he had no intention of stealing another man's lover.

But even this newly-found determination disappeared, making Lux blank out for a split second.

While he was desperately trying to regain some sort of control over his thoughts and body, Henrietta suddenly kissed his lips in a passionate manner, as if the Half-Elf was her lover.

Lux's first reaction was to push her away, but as soon as this thought emerged, it instantly disappeared, making him blank out for a second time as Henrietta continued to kiss him, invading his lips with her tongue and making his body heat up.

After nearly half a minute of being kissed, Henrietta pulled back and cupped Lux's face, and looked at him affectionately.

"Lux, I want you," Henrietta said before kissing his lips for the second time and pressing her naked body onto him, holding him in place and preventing him from pushing her away.

Somewhere inside the Passion Palace...

"Men don't care if the one they are going to embrace is already promised to another," Queen Rhiannon whispered into Cai's ear, as they both watched what was happening inside the room where Lux and Henrietta were through a projection.

"As long as that lady is beautiful enough, they will not hesitate to hold them, and cheat on their partners." Her words were smooth as silk, and gentle as a breeze, similar to a devil who was trying to tempt someone to do evil things. "You confined Lux in an environment where he can't think properly, and his freedom is restrained," Cai replied in a monotonous tone. "Do not think that I'm naive and gullible. I can tell that Henrietta is under a Charm Spell and is simply following your orders."

Queen Rhiannon chuckled as she wrapped her hands around Cai, hugging her from behind.

"What you say is indeed true," Queen Rhiannon commented as she lightly caressed the glowing mark on Cai's lower abdomen as if it was something very precious. "But you've got one thing wrong.

"As long as he had the willpower to break free from the enchantment I placed, he would be able to push her away. The fact that he is unable to do that proves that he is also enjoying that young lady's embrace."

Cai didn't reply and simply watched the projection in silence.

What Queen Rhiannon didn't tell her was that when Lux was still unconscious, she made him drink a strong aphrodisiac that would slowly take effect a few minutes after he regained consciousness.

It also had the ability to make him feel weak and incapable of using his powers for a few hours.

The sweet fragrance that was preventing Lux from thinking properly and forming coherent thoughts came from the four incense burners that were located in the four corners of the room.

The scent was coming from a powdery substance that came from a Carnivorous Abyssal Flower, exclusive to the 13th Layer of the Abyss.

This flower had the ability to befuddle anyone who smelled its fragrance, robbing them of their strength and thoughts. This fragrance also creates illusions, making them see the person they desire.

The Carnivorous plants would then take this opportunity to wrap their vines around their victims as if they were giving them a passionate hug. Slowly but surely, they would tighten their grip, injecting a paralyzing venom to their victim, rendering them helpless. But their victims wouldn't feel any pain, only the ecstasy of being embraced by the person they loved.

They didn't even know that they were about to be swallowed by a carnivorous flower, which had gained the name Lovers Bloom.

With this deadly combination, the Half-Elf was rendered helpless and only able to passively accept the one-sided passionate kisses that Henrietta was giving him, who was currently under Queen Rhiannon's Charm Spell.

"That young lady is still a chaste maiden," Queen Rhiannon once again whispered in Cai's ears. "If your fiance is really a man of character, he would definitely push her away. Now, watch closely. I will let you see that all men are the same. They only treat us as their playthings, and throw us away when they see someone better."

As soon as Queen Rhiannon finished talking, Henrietta stopped kissing Lux and sat on his waist.

The Half-Elf's face was now flushed, and his body was feeling so hot, it felt like burning.

The Aphrodisiac that Queen Rhiannon had secretly made him drink was now starting to take effect, making his breathing ragged and his member as hard as a rock.

An alluring smile appeared on Henrietta's lips as her soft, and delicate hand held the throbbing shaft that would soon pierce her maidenhood and take her chastity away.

Lux watched with bloodshot eyes as the purple-haired beauty rubbed the tip of his member at the entrance of her cave, which was now parted, wet, and slick with desire.

All Henrietta needed to do was lower her waist, and the deed would be done.

Cai, who was watching this scene, subconsciously clenched her fist as her eyes glowed purple.

Queen Rhiannon, who was hugging her from behind, smiled sweetly, as she commanded Henrietta to lower her hips and offer her virginity to Cai's fiance,

which would allow the Succubus Queen to corrupt the High-Priestess' virtuous heart.

Chapter 892.2: Tainted Love [Part 2]

When Queen Rhiannon ordered Henrietta to lower her hips and offer her chastity to Lux, a single tear fell down her eyes. However, she still obeyed the Succubus Queen's command like a puppet that was being manipulated by strings.

However, at that exact moment, Lux's hands held her shoulder and gave her a push.

A moment later, Henrietta stared blankly at the Half-Elf who was pinning her down on the bed.

Their position was a bit awkward because the purple-haired beauty was lying down with her legs spread wide, and Lux's member was pressing on her lower abdomen, like a hot rod of iron that was about to brand her body with his mark.

Lux was panting for breath as if he had just run a marathon at full speed without stopping.

The Succubus Queen who was watching the projection frowned.

She didn't expect that Lux would really be able to muster enough strength and willpower to push Henrietta away under the influence of the Aphrodisiac and the Incense that was befuddling his senses.

Before she could command Henrietta to overpower the Half-Elf, Lux's soft and raspy words reached her ears.

"Henrietta... treasure yourself... a bit more," Lux said while panting for breath. "Don't allow... others to control... your destiny. Fight it... Someone is... waiting for you... back in Solais."

Henrietta didn't reply and simply wrapped her legs around Lux's waist, binding him to her.

She then raised her hands and placed them behind Lux's head, pulling him to her. A moment later, she once again kissed the Half-Elf passionately.

Lux had expanded almost all of his strength and willpower to push Henrietta away before she lowered her body.

Because of this, he was unable to muster enough strength right away to break free, allowing the purple-haired beauty to lock him in place.

'It's no use,' Queen Rhiannon laughed as she watched the projection from her room. 'Although you managed to break free for a while, the end result will still be the same. If one isn't enough, I'll send another to you.'

Suddenly, the door of the room where Lux and Henrietta were currently locked in a passionate embrace opened.

A naked, beautiful lady, who seemed to be in her late twenties walked towards Lux and Henrietta with steady steps.

The Half-Elf, who had sensed the arrival of the newcomer, raised his head to see who it was.

A second later, he drew in a deep breath because another familiar figure had appeared in front of him.

It was none other than Alicia, whom the Succubus Queen had also captured. Similar to Henrietta, she was also under Queen Rhiannon's Charm Spell and followed her orders like a puppet.

The moment the mature beauty's hand cupped Lux's face, the Half-Elf's body shuddered uncontrollably as if he had been electrocuted.

He then immediately broke free from Henrietta's hold and backed away until his back hit the wall.

Queen Rhiannon's body stiffened after seeing this scene, unable to understand how the Half-Elf managed to regain his strength and senses the moment Alicia entered the room.

What the Succubus Queen didn't know was that she had accidentally helped Lux overcome the dirty tricks that she had employed the moment she sent Alicia inside the room. At that moment, a monotonous laugh escaped Cai's lips as if she found this situation very funny.

She remembered that one time when she, Lux, and Iris were doing pillow talk after the three of them finished making love to each other.

Out of curiosity, Cai asked Lux a silly question.

Her question was, if you were the only man remaining in the world and there was also one woman remaining in the world, who is the one person that you least want to be your lifelong partner in a world where only the two of you existed?

Cai thought that it would take a while for Lux to answer this question, but to her surprise, the Half-Elf answered her question in a heartbeat.

"Alicia."

That was Lux's answer to his question.

If there was one person that Lux didn't want to become his lifelong partner in the world, that would be none other than the lady that Queen Rhiannon had sent to make Lux and Cai fall together in her clutches.

Out of all the women in the world, Lux dared not to touch Alicia the most because he knew of her undying love for his stepfather, Alexander.

Also, the Half-Elf had a feeling that even if the Headmaster of Barbatos Academy didn't show it on his face, he believed that he was starting to develop some feelings for Alicia.

This was evident when Lux saw how distressed he was when Iris, Alicia, and Henrietta were captured by the Succubus Queen.

Lux was also one of the people who supported Alicia's love for his stepfather, and he, of all people, didn't want to lay his hands on the mature beauty, whose eyes would always turn affectionate, whenever she stared at Alexander's back.

"Bone Prison!" Lux shouted and a prison made of bones locked up the two ladies, preventing them from coming close to him.

After casting this spell, he lost the strength in his legs, causing him to collapse on the ground.

His powers were still restricted, and he was only able to cast the spell due to his strong resolve to not touch his stepfather's woman, which allowed him to momentarily break free from the things that were taking hold of his body.

Cai, who was watching the projection, finally stopped laughing before facing the Succubus Queen with a smug smile on his face.

"It looks like your plan backfired," Cai said in the same monotonous tone.

"You think this is very funny?" Queen Rhiannon scoffed. "Fine. Let's see how long he will last."

The Succubus Queen smirked before turning into a purple mist that flew towards Cai's forehead, merging with her body.

When the purple smoke was nowhere to be seen, a tattoo that resembled a third eye appeared on Cai's head.

"Playtime's over," Cai said with a devilish smile on her face. "I'll show you that all men are the same."

She then waved her hand, and Lux disappeared from his room and reappeared to where Cai was currently at.

The Half-Elf, who was still in a weakened state, looked at his fiance who was walking towards him with a sweet smile on her face.

He could tell that the young beauty that was moving towards him was indeed his fiance, but there was something different about her that made Lux raise his guard.

"I may not know a lot of things about you, but I know your weakness," Cai said as the tattoo on her forehead glowed purple. "Silly boy, of all the weaknesses in the world, why did you have such a stupid weakness?"

Lux glared at the young beauty in front of him because he realized that his fiance was being possessed by someone.

"Get away... from her... Queen Rhiannon," Lux said as he tried to prop himself up from the ground. "Leave... Cai alone!"

Cai giggled before resting her hand on Lux's head who was glaring at her.

"I like that look of defiance in your eyes," Queen Rhiannon, who had possessed Cai's body, said in a teasing tone. "Let's see how long it lasts."

A moment later, Lux found himself lying on the bed, with his face buried in Cai's thighs.

While this was happening, the young lady kissed and licked the Half-Elf's throbbing member before putting it inside her mouth.

She had vowed to herself that she would punish the Half-Elf for the things that he had done to her.

Now that he was her captive, she would not stop until she had wrung him dry, using the body of his beloved Cai.

Chapter 893.3: Tainted Love [Part 3]

"Please, Forgive me!"

"After all of the things you've done to me? Keep dreaming!"

PA! PA! PA!

"I beg you! Please, stop!"

"I'll only stop when your brain turns to mush!"

PA! PA! PA!

"I can't go on! Have mercy!"

"The only mercy you will get from me is a two-minute break. Now, move that hip!"

PA! PA! PA!

Cai's body shuddered in both pain and pleasure as Lux released his seed inside her for the umpteenth time. She helplessly collapsed on top of the Half-Elf as she panted for breath. "I'll kill you for this," Queen Rhiannon said, still possessing Cai's body. "I swear, I'll kill you!"

"Go ahead," Lux whispered in her ears as he patted her head. "We will start Round XX in two minutes."

Cai's body trembled as the thought of making love with the devilish Half-Elf for the umpteenth time appeared in her mind.

The Succubus Queen couldn't accept what was happening. Nothing was going according to her plan.

At the start, she had full control of the situation, but everything changed the moment the Half-Elf filled Cai's womb with his seed for the first time.

'How did this happen?" Queen Rhiannon sighed internally as the Half-Elf's member slowly regained its vigor inside Cai's cave, which was now overflowing with his essence. 'How did they do this to me?'

The Succubus Queen had many questions, but no answers came.

Two minutes later, Lux's hands held her backside and moved it up and down. Now that Cai had downgraded into an ordinary mortal, the Half-Elf could easily lift her body with ease even if she didn't do anything.

A few minutes later, Queen Rhiannon cried out for the umpteenth time as she was once again filled to the brim with Lux's essence.

A moment later, she fell on his chest and lost consciousness as the emblem on Cai's lower abdomen glowed with golden light.

Six Hours Ago...

Lewd sounds reverberated inside the room as Queen Rhiannon, who was possessing Cai's body, enjoyed sucking Lux's member using her soft and seductive lips.

As the Succubus Queen, she had many ways to fan a man's flames of lust, making them release their essence non-stop until they were wrung dry.

She had long decided to make Lux suffer even if he begged for forgiveness and mercy.

The thought of drinking the last drop of his seed until the Half-Elf lost his consciousness flipped the switch of her sadistic nature, making her more eager to use her techniques to make Lux and Cai fall into depravity.

After a few minutes of preparing Lux's throbbing shaft for the deed, Queen Rhiannon gave it one last kiss before changing her position to sit on the Half-Elf's waist.

She gazed victoriously at the Half-Elf, whose face was in a daze after being buried in Cai's thighs, which was his weakness.

Queen Rhiannon had a special ability that was similar to a third eye.

With this ability, she was able to see the weakness of all men, allowing her to use this information to her advantage.

The Succubus Queen then cupped Lux's face and lowered her head to give him a long and passionate kiss.

When the kiss ended, she stared at his eyes and used her Charm [Epic], which would put the Half-Elf under her control.

Originally, Lux had a very strong resistance against Charm Skills, making him nearly immune to them. However, after being exposed to his weakness for several minutes, his resistance had considerably lowered.

"Don't resist," Queen Rhiannon, who was possessing Cai, said affectionately as her eyes glowed purple. "It will be over soon."

Lux still did his best to resist, but his body was weakened by the effects of the incense, Aphrodisiac, and his fiance's thighs, so his senses were inevitably conquered by Queen Rhiannon's Charm skill. His eyes also turned purple, and with it, his body became lax.

Seeing that she had managed to put the Half-Elf under her control, the Succubus Queen giggled because she knew that she had already won.

"Make love to me as passionate as you can," Queen Rhiannon ordered.

"Yes, Your Majesty," Lux replied in a monotonous tone.

Queen Rhiannon smiled as she stood up, and laid down on the bed.

The Half-Elf then moved to kiss her passionately, intertwining his tongue with hers. His hands then moved to grope her breasts, in a gentle yet firm way, just like the way he made love to Iris and Cai whenever they were together.

When their kiss ended, the Half-Elf continued to shower her with kisses, moving downwards.

He kissed her neck, collarbone, until he reached her breasts, which he kissed lovingly before sucking them inside of his mouth.

"How innocent," Queen Rhiannon said as he wrapped her arms around Lux's head, pulling his head closer. "You still have much to learn, Lux. I'll give you a 4 out of 10 for your effort."

The Half-Elf didn't reply because he was busy nibbling and sucking the nipple inside his mouth to talk.

After a few minutes had passed, he once again kissed his fiance lovingly and moved ever so slowly downwards.

When he finally reached her cave, which was already wet with anticipation, he licked it lovingly before inserting his tongue inside it, savoring its flavor which he hadn't tasted for several weeks ever since he left for Agartha.

A sigh escaped Queen Rhiannon's lips as Lux did his best to make her feel good. It had been nearly two decades since she had made love to someone, so having a young man, who was still inexperienced in the true art of lovemaking, made her quite eager to ravage him.

'His member's girth and size are perfect as if he was born to make love to me,' Queen Rhiannon thought as he lightly tapped Lux's head, making the latter raise her head to look at her.

"Do it," Queen Rhiannon ordered, as she spread her legs wider. "Make love to me."

"Yes, Your Majesty," Lux replied in the same monotonous tone as earlier and rubbed the tip of his shaft at her entrance, coating it with her love juices.

Queen Rhiannon wrapped her legs around Lux's waist and pulled him closer to her, making his member penetrate deep inside her until its tip kissed the entrance of Cai's womb. "This is it..." Queen Rhiannon moaned in ecstasy. "It's been so long since I had this feeling."

Soon, Lux started moving his hips.

Queen Rhiannon moved her legs with every thrust, allowing the Half-Elf's every thrust to hit deeper inside of her. Over time, their lovemaking became rougher, and only the sound of their bodies hitting each other and her lustful moans reverberated inside the room.

Although she didn't want to admit it, her nearly two-decade-long abstinence had made her body crave the touch of a man.

She refused to fornicate with the Satyrs, as well as the other Demihuman creatures in the Abyss because she didn't want them to benefit from the act of making love to her.

She had learned a very painful lesson in the past, and because of that, she decided that she would be very careful in choosing who her next partner would be and that she would only do it with someone who was under her complete control.

'It's getting bigger,' Queen Rhiannon thought when she felt Lux's member starting to throb inside of her. 'He's going to release his seed.'

The Succubus Queen's legs that were wrapped around Lux's waist tightened their grip as she pulled him to her when she deemed that the time was right.

The moment she did that, she felt something hot and very powerful gushing inside of her, making her body tremble in ecstasy as it filled up her womb.

The emblem on Cai's lower abdomen glowed purple as she basked in the afterglow of her and Lux's first orgasm that scratched the itch that she had been unable to scratch for the past two decades.

"You're indeed perfect, Lux," Queen Rhiannon said. Even after the Half-Elf had released his essence inside of her, his member remained hard and raring to go.

With a giggle, the Succubus Queen once again ordered the red-headed teenager to move his hips, and with that, they started round two.

Queen Rhiannon wasn't aware that, in front of the young man who had resumed making love to her, several words of text appeared in front of him.

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

Within the depths of Lux's charmed eyes, something stirred for a brief moment before vanishing without a trace.

Once again, only the sound of Cai's pleasurable moans and their bodies hitting each other reverberated inside the room.

Queen Rhiannon wasn't aware of the changes that were happening inside Lux's body, as well as the Stat Points that he was absorbing from her.

As a Demigod, her combined stats points were over 50 Million, so losing a thousand stat points was negligible. She wouldn't notice it in normal situations, let alone in her current state, drunk at the thought of milking the Half-Elf dry and making him unable to defy her again.

Chapter 894.4: Tainted Love [Part 4]

"Yes! Yes! Give it to me!" Queen Rhiannon cried out loudly as Lux once again released his seed inside of her.

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

"Rougher! I don't care if you break me!"

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

"Amazing, you're still this hard. Mmm! That's it. That's the way I like it!"

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

Queen Rhiannon and Lux made love over and over again without stopping even for a minute.

Perhaps due to the effects of the Aphrodisiac and Queen Rhiannon's techniques, Lux's member remained standing strong even after doing several rounds non-stop.

With every release, the Half-Elf's stat points increased, raising his Rank little by little.

Every time his seed filled up Cai's womb, the purple color that emanated from her lower abdomen slowly lost its luster.

After an hour of lovemaking, a faint golden color appeared on the edges of Cai's emblem.

After two hours had passed, the golden light slowly spread, overpowering Queen Rhiannon's spell that had put Cai under her control. This was the reason why she was able to control Cai to do whatever she wished.

The Succubus Queen was unaware of these changes as she indulged herself in Lux's young and strong body, which was radiating with vigor and life.

"We're very compatible," Queen Rhiannon said as she shook her hips in a steady rhythm. "I changed my mind. I'll make you my personal toy and not share you with my subordinates."

After making love for the umpteenth time, the Succubus Queen decided to take the place on top and use her techniques to make herself feel good.

However, an idea popped inside her head, which made her smile sweetly. If she wanted to make the Half-Elf feel true despair, robbing him of his consciousness wasn't the right way to do it.

What she needed to do was make Lux understand true despair by making him feel helpless as she toyed with him.

"It's boring when I'm the only one conscious," Queen Rhiannon smirked as she tapped Lux's finger with her forehead. "How about you enjoy this as well?"

As soon as her finger touched Lux's forehead, the Charm Spell that she had placed on him vanished without a trace, allowing the Half-Elf to regain his freedom.

"I will not lose to you," Lux said through gritted teeth as he endured Queen Rhiannon's Carnal Techniques that were forcing him to release his seed for the umpteenth time. "You won't have your way!"

"But I will," Queen Rhiannon replied. "Just like this."

The Succubus Queen increased the movement of his hips, making Lux grunt. A second later, the Half-Elf's body shuddered as he helplessly released his essence inside of his Fiance, who was currently being possessed by the Succubus Queen.

"Yes! That's it!" Queen Rhiannon smiled sweetly as she gazed at the expression on Lux's face. "That look of defiance. I want to see how long it will last."

Just as Lux was about to retort to her, several rows of text appeared in front of him, making him stop whatever he was going to say midway.

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

Seeing the Half-Elf pause, unable to say whatever he was going to say to her, the Succubus Queen smirked and cupped his face.

"What's wrong, Lux?" Queen Rhiannon. "Are you giving up?"

"You wish!" Lux replied. "We'll see who will have the last laugh!"

"Hahaha! You're still clinging to hope?" Queen Rhiannon sneered. "Sorry, but the one who will laugh last is none other than me."

A few minutes later...

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

"Become my loyal slave and I promise that I will make you feel good for the rest of your life."

"Dream on! You may have my body, but you will never have my heart!"

"I don't need your heart, I just need your body. Take this!"

"Ah!"

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

"You B*tch! I will not lose to you!"

"You can still spout that nonsense? It seems that you still haven't learned your lesson!"

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

"Hah... Hah... I can still go on."

"Don't worry, I will not stop until I drain you dry!"

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

"Remember this... Hah... I will make you... call me Daddy... before this is over!"

"Is that one of your kinks? How about you start calling me Mistress instead?"

"Dream on!"

"Suit yourself."

"Kuh!"

You have absorbed 1,000 Free Stats Points from Queen Rhiannon.

Due to the effect of the Progenitor Class, the stat points you gained will be increased to 3,000 Stat Points. Feel free to allocate it anywhere you like.

After three hours of lovemaking, Queen Rhiannon was starting to feel that something was wrong. Even after she repeatedly drained Lux of his essence, instead of getting weaker and more desperate, the Half-Elf seemed to become more stubborn and more defiant.

As if to prove that point, the one who was moving their hips was Lux, and she was now the one on the receiving end.

Since she was possessing Cai's body, which currently had the strength of a normal mortal, she could tell that she was slowly being overpowered by the Half-Elf, who was dominated by her earlier.

Right now, Lux was pinning Queen Rhiannon on the bed as he moved his hips in a rough manner, making the Succubus Queen grit her teeth.

Earlier, she was still feeling pleasure. However, right now, she was feeling numb down there after being pounded non-stop for several hours.

"S-Stop!" Queen Rhiannon finally had enough and cupped Lux's face. Her eyes then glowed as she activated her Charm Spell, forcing the Half-Elf to obey her command.

However, instead of being Charmed, the Half-Elf only smirked and even kissed her lips, catching her by surprise.

When the kiss ended, Lux whispered something in Queen Rhiannon's ears, making her eyes widen in shock.

"Checkmate," Lux whispered in a teasing tone. "You no longer have power over us, Your Majesty."

At the same time, the Half-Elf released his essence inside of her womb, making the Succubus Queen shudder.

The emblem on Cai's lower abdomen glowed brightly, erasing the remains of the purple color that once suppressed its light.

Suddenly, Queen Rhiannon heard a voice inside her head, which made her face turn pale in disbelief.

"It seems that I have won our bet, Your Majesty," Cai said in the same teasing tone, imitating her beloved fiance, Lux. "Now, it's your turn to suffer."

"N-No...," Queen Rhiannon stuttered as Lux looked down on her with a smug expression on his face. "This is impossible!"

The Half-Elf didn't reply and simply kissed her once again on the lips, shutting her up, as he moved his hips for the umpteenth time.

He was very close to making a breakthrough to become a C-Ranker, and he was a fool if he let this perfect opportunity go to waste.

Chapter 895: Seeking A Compromise

When Queen Rhiannon opened her eyes, she found half of her body submerged in water.

'This is... my private pool area?' Queen Rhiannon thought as she scanned her surroundings, confirming her guess.

Right now, she was indeed in her private pool area, and half of her body was submerged in the water that had restorative properties.

'Oh the irony,' Queen Rhiannon thought. 'The Capturer is now the captured. How the tables have turned.'

Just as she was about to stand up, she realized that she was unable to do so because someone was holding her from behind.

Turning her head to the side, she saw Lux. He slept peacefully with his arms firmly wrapped around her body, holding her in place and preventing her from breaking free.

Queen Rhiannon frowned, but after trying a few times, she realized that there was no way for her to escape the Half-Elf's grasp, even though he was currently asleep.

Right now, she was in Cai's body, whose strength was only equal to that of an ordinary teenage girl. There was no way that someone like her could break free from the hold of a Ranker, whose stats were way higher than hers.

Left with no choice, the Succubus Queen assessed her current situation and started thinking of a way to escape her predicament.

She had already tried to get out of Cai's body multiple times, but something was preventing her from doing it.

If only she could materialize her true form, she could easily deal with the Half-Elf, who had ravaged the body she was possessing, therefore ravaging her as well.

But since she couldn't do that, she decided to punish the Half-Elf with the only thing she could think of at that moment, and that was to crush his member with her hands.

'You bastard, even if I only have the strength of a mortal, I'm going to make you pay dearly for your insolence!' Queen Rhiannon thought as her hands moved behind her body, grasping the hot shaft that was pressed against her backside.

Even though Lux was asleep, his member was still as hard as a rock due to the Succubus Queen's Aphrodisiac.

The only reason why he stopped making love to Cai to increase his rank was due to the fact that his fiance's body was that of an ordinary girl, and continuously making love with her wasn't a good idea.

Cai's little sister was swollen after six hours of continuous lovemaking, so Lux decided to take a break and allow her body to fully recover.

He fell asleep not long after soaking in the recovery pool because he was also exhausted both physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Just as Queen Rhiannon was about to give Lux's little brother a squeeze, the Half-Elf's eyes opened.

"Give it up," Lux said before raising the young lady's hips and thrusting his member inside of her, making Queen Rhiannon gasp in shock. "If you don't want to rest then we will continue with round XX. Are you sure you want that?"

Queen Rhiannon's body shuddered out of fear because she didn't want to experience that feeling of helplessness ever again.

It reminded her of the time when she was still weak and had no choice but to do anything in her power to survive the cruel Abyssal World.

If not for the fact that the Golem of Destruction, Antero, had become her Guardian and provided her with a place that she could call home, she might have already become a plaything of one of the Abyssal Nobles that ruled the Abyss.

Seeing that the young lady in his arms stopped moving, Lux pulled her to him, allowing her to lean her body on his strong chest.

A few minutes of silence passed between them before Queen Rhiannon broke the silence.

"You and Cai won," Queen Rhiannon stated. "What must I do for you to release me?"

"If we release you, I'm pretty sure that we will regret it," Lux replied. "The moment you regain your freedom, you will immediately restrict our own freedom, making sure that we do not get a second chance in turning the tables against you."

"I won't." Queen Rhiannon promised. "I will no longer antagonize any of you and I'll allow all of you to return to your world."

"I wasn't born yesterday, Your Majesty," Lux said while lightly pinching the pink tip of Cai's right breast, making Queen Rhiannon's body stiffen. "We are too weak to fight you. The only time I can win against you is now. However, it's not like we can't reach a compromise." The Half-Elf loosened his grip on Cai's body and asked her to face him.

Queen Rhiannon did as she was told and turned around, making sure that the Half-Elf's member slipped out of her body.

She then glared at the red-headed teenager, who was looking at her in the eyes with a calm expression on his face.

"What compromise?" Queen Rhiannon asked. "As long as it doesn't go below my bottom line, I am willing to agree to your condition."

"Before we talk, can you put my little brother inside you again?" Lux asked in a teasing tone. "He missed Cai so much that he wanted to be inside her as much as possible."

The corner of Queen Rhiannon's lips twitched after hearing the Half-Elf's words. His member had already been inside her for an entire six hours, and he still wanted to stick it in while his fiance's body was still recovering?

"Are you an animal?" Queen Rhiannon asked. "Is that all you can think of?"

"Well, we won't start our negotiation until you meet that condition first," Lux insisted. "It's up to you whether you want to compromise or not."

The Succubus Queen knew that Lux was just messing with her and doing his best to humiliate her. However, since she had no other choice but to seek a compromise, she decided to endure it for the time being.

Holding the hot, and hard shaft in her hand, she slowly slid it inside her body, while giving the Half-Elf the "Are you happy?" glare.

Lux smiled and nodded his head.

"This is a good start," Lux stated. "Your act alone proved that you are willing to compromise with me."

"Enough!" Queen Rhiannon snapped. "What is your condition?"

Lux knew that the Succubus Queen had already reached the limit of her patience, so he no longer teased her and went straight to the point.

"There are three conditions that you need to meet in order for you to be released," Lux said. "The first one is for you to cooperate with me and allow

me to become a C-Ranker. Do not think for a moment that I am unaware of your original plan to absorb my strength until my Rank regressed to that of an ordinary mortal.

"I am merely doing what you initially planned to do, so you can't blame me for my actions. Although I feel sorry that you will lose a bit of your strength, this is the price you have to pay for losing against us."

Queen Rhiannon frowned, but she didn't deny Lux's accusation. She had indeed planned to drain his strength and transfer his stats to Cai.

The moment Lux's Rank regressed to that of an ordinary Mortal, she would use him as a hostage to force Cai to accept her offer in becoming a Succubus, corrupting the High Priestess and making her one of her loyal subordinates.

"What is the second condition?" Queen Rhiannon asked.

"The second condition is a bit harsh, but it is needed to ensure that you will not go back on your words and try to hurt us," Lux replied. "The second condition is that you should give me your True Name."

Queen Rhiannon's eyes widened in shock after hearing Lux's second condition.

She could still agree to let the Half-Elf drain some of her stats and allow him to become a C-Ranker, but giving her True Name is akin to giving the Half-Elf the power to command her, similar to that of a slave.

Just as Lux expected, the Succubus Queen's eyes became murderous as she rested her hands on the Half-Elf's shoulder, digging her nails into his skin.

If she could muster even a tenth of her previous strength, she would immediately gouge the Half-Elf's eyes, which were looking at her with a challenging gaze.

Chapter 896: Queen Rhiannon's True Motive

Queen Rhiannon's gaze was enough to tell Lux that what he was asking was something that was very hard to achieve.

Even so, he didn't back down and stated his third condition.

"After giving me your name, I will give you a set of orders that will prevent you from harming us in any way possible. As long as you can do that, Cai will release you."

The one who thought of these conditions wasn't Lux but Cai herself. After giving her chastity to Lux, she was able to communicate to him telepathically as long as they were within two thousand meters of each other.

The Half-Elf thought that these conditions were good, so he decided to use these as the foundation of the compromise that he planned to offer Queen Rhiannon.

Suddenly and without warning, Queen Rhiannon dug her teeth into Lux's neck, biting it with everything she had.

However, no matter how hard she bit his neck, her teeth couldn't dig enough to draw blood, and she even felt like she was biting against something very hard.

What she didn't know was that Lux could make his skin as hard as Dragon Scales. He already knew that Queen Rhiannon would attack him in some form, so he had already made preparations in advance.

But even if he didn't do this, the most that Queen Rhiannon could leave on his body was a kiss mark that would disappear after a few minutes.

Since that was the case, Lux allowed her to vent her frustrations until her jaws started to ache.

"Those are the only conditions we have for you," Lux stated while Queen Rhiannon was still biting his neck repeatedly like a fangless vampire. "I understand that this isn't fair, but this is the only way to ensure that you will not go back on your word."

A few minutes later, Queen Rhianon stopped biting Lux and started slapping him until her hands turned red.

When the Half-Elf deemed that Cai's body would only be hurt if this continued, he knocked her unconscious before holding his fiance's body close to him,

allowing the water of the pool to recover the injuries she had inflicted on herself.

Queen Rhiannon didn't know how many hours had passed, but the next time she opened her eyes, she found herself lying on her own bed with the Half-Elf lying beside her.

"You're finally awake," Lux said. "So, how about it? Will you consider my offer?"

"Just kill me!" Queen Rhiannon shouted hatefully. "Kill me! I'd rather die than become your plaything!"

"But you don't want to die, right?" Lux replied. "You have suffered for many years in order to stand tall in the Abyssal World. Are you sure you want to throw that all away?"

Queen Rhiannon's eyes widened in shock after hearing Lux's words.

"I'm sorry."

Cai's words resonated inside Queen Rhiannon's head.

"I was desperate to find any weakness that we can use over you. Because of that, I peeked into your memories, while you are unconscious."

"..." Queen Rhiannon could only endure in silence as she bit her lip, causing it to bleed.

Lux continued to hug her and used the skill, Healing Wind, in order to heal the injury that Queen Rhiannon had inflicted on Cai's body.

While this was happening, Queen Rhiannon closed her eyes and willed herself to go to Cai's Sea of Consciousness, where the owner of the body resided.

There, she found Cai, sitting on a chair while patting the head of a baby golden slime, whom she had snuck inside her body during the battle against the Satyr.

Since Fei Fei was not as courageous as Eiko when it came to fighting, Cai used her connection with her Beast Companion to put her somewhere safe from harm, which was her Spiritual World.

This was also where Iris kept her Guardians whenever she was going to Elysium to fight a Boss or conquer a Dungeon.

"I'm sorry." Cai apologized for the second time after seeing the Succubus Queen's hateful glare in her direction.

"How much did you see?" Queen Rhiannon asked through gritted teeth.

"Everything," Cai replied. "I saw everything. Because of this, I can no longer see you as an enemy. After all, both of us are the same. We both have the Celestial Maiden Physique."

"We're not the same!" Queen Rhiannon shouted. "What do you know?! You have lived a very peaceful life surrounded by family and friends! I wasn't as lucky as you! The first man I loved used me as a tool in order to increase his rank! After he stepped into the Calamity Rank, he tossed me aside like a dirty rag that no longer had any value!

"For many years, I wandered the Abyss, fighting for survival every single day! I lived a hellish life, and you tell me we are the same? Screw you!"

Queen Rhiannon hatefully summoned a giant fireball and threw it at Cai. However, the High Priestess only raised his hand, and the giant Fireball disappeared without a trace.

"What you say is true," Cai replied. "It was arrogant of me to say that we are the same. Unlike you, I grew up in a loving family, protected by my tribesman. If anyone tried to harm me, my Grandfather would immediately go on a rampage and start killing people.

"You, on the other hand, had to resort to tricks and schemes to steadily raise your rank in places far away from those that will harm you. However, even that didn't last long because the one whom you had given your love and trust came back for you in order to use you as a tool for the second time."

Queen Rhiannon's body trembled as she recalled the hateful Demon, who had gone to great lengths to find her when he realized that he needed her to become a Demigod.

Fortunately, the Golem of Destruction was passing through on that day, and out of whim, saved Queen Rhiannon from a horrible fate. Hundreds of years passed, and Queen Rhiannon also became a Calamity-Ranked Abyssal Creature. The first thing she did when she gained her rank was to hunt down her traitorous first love and kill him with her own hands.

However, his death wasn't simple.

Queen Rhiannon absorbed his essence and added it to her own, allowing her to break through and become a Demigod.

After that, she took over his territory, which was the 13th Layer of the Abyss, and became its new overlord.

Cai looked at the Succubus Queen with a pitiful gaze because she knew how much Queen Rhiannon had suffered.

She also understood the real reason why the Succubus Queen tried to corrupt her by letting her absorb Lux's Rank and recover her strength.

Queen Rhiannon had long lost her trust in men and treated them as mere tools to satisfy the cravings of her body.

She wanted Cai to not suffer the same heartbreak as she did, so she took matters into her own hands and laid out the foundations in order to convert the High Priestess into a Succubus.

Queen Rhiannon intended Cai to be like her.

Someone who would take the strength of others and add it to her own, instead of letting others absorb her strength until she became nothing but an empty shell.

In Queen Rhiannon's eyes, she was merely helping someone who had the same Body Constitution as her.

Even if the methods she used were something that the High Priestess of the Rowan Tribe couldn't accept, she believed that after a few hundred years had passed, Cai would thank her for opening her eyes to the truth.

The truth that men couldn't be trusted and that they would only use her as a tool for their own gains.

This was why the moment she saw Lux, Queen Rhiannon decided to capture him alive at all cost and let Cai personally kill him, thinking that it would make her lose her heart and embrace a new destiny.

A new destiny that would make her another powerhouse in the Abyss and become Queen Rhiannon's trusted companion for life.

Chapter 897: I Bring Dire News

As a High Priestess, Cai had developed a skill that would allow Spirits to Possess her for short periods of time when she was still very young.

This allowed her to harness their powers and use it to defend herself or to attack others in self-defense.

Through the years, she had mastered this ability, allowing her to retain the spirits inside her for a long time that could last for several days up to several weeks.

When Queen Rhiannon possessed her in the hope to corrupt and control her body from within, the former didn't know this.

She only succeeded to possess Cai in the beginning because the former allowed her to succeed.

Cai was certain that Lux would come to her rescue, so she confidently laid out the foundation of her trap that would prevent the Succubus Queen from escaping once she possessed her body.

Since she had given her chastity to Lux, she had imparted a mark in his body, which allowed her unique Body Constitution to synchronize with him every time they made love with each other.

Through this connection, Cai was able to break free from Queen Rhiannon's control and trap the Demigod inside her body, allowing them room for negotiations.

Queen Rhiannon, who was still possessing Cai's body, laid on the bed as the Half-Elf's essence spurted inside of her.

Throughout their lovemaking session, the Succubus Queen just laid there without moving and simply allowed Lux to do whatever he wanted with her body, draining her strength in the process.

Her outburst in Cai's Spiritual World drained her emotionally, and she no longer cared what they did to her.

Queen Rhiannon knew that Cai couldn't keep her trapped inside her body forever, so the Succubus Queen was merely waiting for that time limit to expire.

Once that happens, she would have her revenge and pay Lux back tenfold for everything that happened to her.

As for Cai, she still intended to turn her into a Succubus, regardless of her will.

The Succubus Queen was a very patient person, especially after everything that she had gone through. Knowing that she would have the last laugh, she decided to endure everything until Cai reached her limit.

As for Lux, although he was able to increase his rank drastically, the Half-Elf was only halfway through his breakthrough to become a C-Ranker.

He had to take several breaks in order to let Cai's body recover, aware that doing it too much would harm her in the long run.

His fiance had also shared what had happened between her and Queen Rhiannon inside her Spiritual World and asked Lux to help convince the Demigod to settle for a compromise.

'I can understand that she hated the condition of revealing her True Name,' Lux thought. 'But if we can't get her True Name, any negotiations we make with her will have no binding power whatsoever.'

Cai had also told the Half-Elf that at most, she would only be able to trap Queen Rhiannon inside her body for a week. After that, the Succubus Queen would be able to break free.

When that happened, it will be their turn to suffer her wrath.

Two days had already passed since Lux and Cai were able to turn the tables against the Demigod.

This meant that they only had five more days in order to find a way to convince her to compromise.

While Lux was thinking about what they should do, he gently carried Queen Rhiannon off the bed and walked towards her private pool, which had restorative properties.

Although Lux could heal her injuries using Healing Wind, he was unable to restore her stamina. Because of this, he would take her to the pool after every ten rounds to rest for half an hour.

The pool also allowed Lux to recover his stamina, which was like hitting two birds with one stone.

"Is there really no way for us to meet halfway?" Lux asked the Succubus Queen as he gently cleaned her body with his hand.

"My True Name is non-negotiable," Queen Rhiannon replied. "I will not agree to any compromise if it involves giving you my True Name."

The Half-Elf sighed in his heart because they were once again back to square one.

An hour later, while the two of them were still resting, someone barged inside the room, taking Lux and Queen Rhiannon by surprise.

"Your Majesty! It's terrible!" one of the Succubus of the Passion Palace shouted as soon as she entered the room. "Your Majesty, where are you?!"

Hearing the urgency in the Succubus' voice, Queen Rhiannon felt that something was terribly wrong.

"I am here!" Queen Rhiannon replied. "What's wrong?"

Since Lux was holding her firmly in his embrace, the Succubus Queen had no choice but to call out her subordinate to her.

A second later, the room of the pool area opened and an anxious looking Succubus entered.

"Forgive my intrusion, Your Majesty," the Succubus stated. "I know that you are still toying with these mortals, but I bring dire news. Andras, the Demon Lord of the 12th Layer, is gathering his massive army to attack!"

"What?!" Queen Rhiannon shouted. "Where is he going to attack? Who is he going to attack?!"

"Your Majesty, you already know that there are only two possible targets for this invasion," the Succubus replied with a grim look on her beautiful face. "Either he attacks the 11th Layer, or he attacks the 13th Layer.

"As far as I know, Orias, who ruled the 11th Layer, is still as formidable as ever. His army is also very competent, especially after his latest skirmish against the Abyssal Lord of the 10th Layer, Andrealphus. Although we think that he might be intending to attack the 11th Layer while they are still recovering from the war, the possibility of him attacking the 13th Layer is still higher."

Queen Rhiannon hatefully gritted her teeth after hearing her subordinate's report.

"That war-mongering bastard Andras, does he think of me as a weakling?!" Queen Rhiannon gnashed her teeth in anger. "Does he really intend to attack the 13th Layer?!"

This wasn't the first time that Queen Rhiannon had fought against Andras. Their latest battle happened fifty years ago, and it ended with Andras retreating in defeat.

That was also the time when Queen Rhiannon had made a name for herself and everyone recognized her strength as an Abyssal Lord of the 13th Layer.

'Did he perhaps increase his strength in a span of a few decades?' Queen Rhiannon frowned. She knew that Andras would only attack if he was certain that he had a chance of winning.

"Your Majesty, what should we do?" The Succubus asked. "According to our Agents in the 12th Layer, it will only take Andras three days to gather and arm his thirty Demonic Legions before they set forth to wage war. If he really decides to invade the 13th Layer then..."

The lips of the Succubus trembled because this was the worst case scenario.

Although their Queen was indeed very powerful and stronger than Andras, they didn't have an army that could fight against his Demonic Legions.

When two Demigods fought, they would definitely prevent each other from targeting each other's army.

This would allow their subordinates to move, and whoever had the stronger army would eventually win in the end.

Unless Queen Rhiannon could drastically overpower Andras and prevent his forces from invading the 13th Layer, the chances of the 13th layer winning were slim.

Each Layer of the Abyss held a very special Abyssal Core.

This Abyssal Core granted authority to the Abyssal Lord, giving him complete dominion over the Layer of the Abyss.

Once the ownership of this Abyssal Core changed, the new Master of the Land would gain a great boost in their strength, allowing them to become more powerful than they already were.

"Send word to the Satyrs, and gather everyone in the Main Hall," Queen Rhiannon. "I will meet all of you in three hours."

"Yes, Your Majesty!" the Succubus hurriedly left the room to carry out her Queen's orders.

Lux, who had heard everything from start to finish, suddenly felt Cai's body tremble.

It was as if Queen Rhiannon was fighting a great internal battle with herself.

A battle that would decide her Fate, as well as the Fate of her subordinates who trusted her with their lives.

Chapter 898: Please, Do Not Betray My Trust.

Cai's body didn't stop trembling until five minutes later.

When it stopped, Queen Rhiannon faced Lux with a determined look on her face.

"I am willing to accept your condition, but I will also give my conditions as well," Queen Rhiannon stated. "The conditions I'll give you are non-negotiable. If you don't agree to them, then all of us will die."

Lux knew that this was a turning point, so he decided to nod his head and listen to the conditions that Queen Rhiannon was going to add to their agreement.

"I will allow you to drain my strength and help you become a C-Ranker," Queen Rhiannon stated. "In return, you will help me fight against Andras and his Demonic Legions.

"The Second Condition is that, after you finish commanding me to agree to your conditions using my True Name, you and Cai will completely forget about it. What I'm talking about is that this information will be erased from your memory completely, not leaving any trace behind."

Queen Rhiannon paused for a bit before telling Lux her last condition.

"Last but not the least, you will give me one of those white marbles as an insurance," Queen Rhiannon stated. "Just in case Andras succeeds in defeating our forces. I don't want my sisters to fight. Even though they are capable of fighting, I don't want any of them to die.

"Just like me, they have suffered a lot of hardships in the Abyss. If there are people who'll fight this battle, it will just be you and me. If there is really no hope in winning, I will immediately use the White Marble to escape the Abyss, alongside you, Cai, your people, and my sisters.

"Here in the Abyss, only slavery and death awaits the losers. I don't intend to become a slave to anyone ever again. If you are worried that I will wreck havoc in your world, you can add a condition that I'm not allowed to attack any of your people, unless it is for self-defense. That should be enough, right?"

Lux didn't agree right away and consulted with Cai about Queen Rhiannon's proposal.

A minute later, both of them agreed that as long as they were able to clearly state their commands to her while invoking her true name, Queen Rhiannon would not be able to break their agreement.

"Very well," Lux said. "We agree to your conditions."

"Understood." Queen Rhiannon nodded and closed her eyes.

She returned to Cai's Spiritual World so that she could give her true name to Cai. But before doing so, she initiated a Soul Contract that would bind Cai to only adhere to the conditions that they had agreed upon.

If she were to add any other conditions while commanding Queen Rhiannon using her True Name, the High-Priestess' Soul would be destroyed, making her body a soulless husk.

After carefully laying out the conditions in the Soul Contract, Queen Rhiannon took a deep breath before facing Lux with all the willpower she could muster.

"My True Name is Rhiannon Regina Luxuriae," Queen Rhiannon's lips trembled as she cupped Lux's face. "Please, do not betray my trust."

After saying her True Name, Queen Rhiannon kissed Lux before Cai commanded her using the authority she gained after knowing the name of the Succubus Queen that lorded over the 13th Layer of the Abyss.

Lux accepted Queen Rhiannon's kiss and felt something warm and wet dripping to the side of his face.

He didn't need to open his eyes because he already knew that the thing he felt were Queen Rhiannon's tears as she set aside her pride and dignity in order to save her people from the threat that loomed above their heads.

When Cai finished commanding the Succubus Queen to adhere to their agreement, a ripple appeared inside her Spiritual World, which also manifested in the real world.

A moment later, the eye tattoo on Cai's forehead glowed brightly, and the Succubus Queen, who had been trapped inside the High Priestess' once again materialized in the real world.

Cai and Lux, who were still inside the pool, looked at the peerless beauty in a daze as Queen Rhiannon's True Name disappeared from their memories.

The Succubus Queen looked at her hands and clenched them tightly. It was as if she was getting a feel on how much strength she had lost after Lux started draining her strength, allowing him to increase his own. A minute later, she snapped her finger and instantly teleported Lux to her bedroom.

Before the Half-Elf even knew what was happening, the Peerless beauty was already pinning him down on the bed with a devilish smile on her face.

"We don't have much time, so I'll take over and have you do it with me instead of your fiance," Queen Rhiannon stated. "She's not the only one with the Legacy of the Celestial Maiden. I also have this body constitution."

Without another word, the Succubus Queen held Lux's member and kissed its head before putting it inside her soft and seductive lips.

The Half-Elf's body shuddered as a wave of intense pleasure washed over his body.

Right now, Queen Rhiannon was increasing his sensitivity, magnifying the pleasure that took over his senses.

In just a span of a minute, the Half-Elf's body trembled as he reached his climax.

The pleasure was simply too intense for him to endure, making him release his essence inside Queen's Rhiannon's lips, who had no intention of wasting a single drop of his seed.

The release was so strong and so powerful that it lasted for nearly half a minute, making Lux feel as if Queen Rhiannon had sucked his very soul out of his body.

With a resounding pop, the Succubus Queen released Lux's member and licked her lips in a seductive manner.

"You have to do better than that, boy," Queen Rhiannon said in a domineering tone. "You still have quite some way to go before you become a C-Ranker, so we won't be having any breaks till then. Don't worry about draining my stats because I have a way for the two of us to increase our strength without harming each other's Rank."

The Succubus Queen smiled because Lux's defeated expression tickled her sadistic tendencies.

"You don't have to do anything else except keep this thing standing," Queen Rhiannon stated as she gripped Lux's member. "You can do that, can't you?"

Lux gritted his teeth before nodding his head. He was like a soldier that was about to go to war for the first time and was determined to win no matter what it took.

Soon, the Half-Elf would understand what a Demigod Succubus could do. Not only was Queen Rhiannon proficient in the arts of lovemaking, she also taught Lux many ways on how to pleasure a woman.

Cai didn't just stand idly on the side and joined the two on the bed.

With two ladies having the Legacy of the Celestial Maiden working together to increase his rank, it only took Lux one more hour to finally make his breakthrough.

"That was unbelievable," Lux muttered in exhaustion as his member released its last load inside Queen Rhiannon's body before finally going limp.

The Half-Elf fell unconscious afterwards with a satisfied expression on his face.

Cai laid down beside him and hugged her fiance before also closing her eyes to rest. She had been physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually exhausted after everything she had been through.

Lux had shared the stats that he absorbed with Cai, allowing her to once again become a Ranker.

Queen Rhiannon looked at the two sleeping lovers for a few seconds before turning around to leave the room.

Now that she had done her part in increasing Lux's rank into a C-Ranker, it was now time for her to gather her forces in preparation for the war that was about to come.

Chapter 899: I Will Be Sad. So Don't Die

The day after Lux became a C-Ranker, the Half-Elf went to check the other people who were captured by Queen Rhiannon and brought to the Passion Palace.

"What did you say?" Lux asked Malcolm, whose head was currently resting on the lap of a mature beauty, who was lovingly caressing his naked chest. "You plan to stay here and fight for the war?"

"Yes," Malcolm answered. "I decided to stay so that I could protect Julia, Piper, and Juniper. I won't let them get hurt."

The three ladies in question were currently by Malcolm's side, with one giving him a lap pillow, and the other two hugging him from the sides.

The teenage boy was naked, and only a towel covered his member, which was recovering its strength for another round with the three ladies by his side.

After experiencing the same thing as Malcolm, he had no words to say except "Long Live Thighs!".

The Half-Elf also couldn't find fault in Malcolm's decision because he, too, was going to fight in the upcoming War between Abyssal Lords.

Even so, Lux asked a second time to confirm whether the young man with dark blue hair was not under the influence of a charm ability and was truly going to fight for what he believed in.

"Are you prepared to die here in the Abyss?" Lux inquired. "Do you not want to go back to Elysium?"

"Don't misunderstand me, Lux," Malcolm replied. "I will go back to Elysium, but only after this war ends. I'm sure that I'm going to regret it in the future if I run away from this battle."

Lux was now sure that Malcolm wasn't under the influence of a charm spell and that the latter had made a decision with his own free will.

Since that was the case, he no longer asked him anything and checked on Xander.

Just like Malcolm, the young warrior from the Rowan Tribe was butt naked, and currently sleeping peacefully in the embrace of a beautiful blonde succubus, who looked like a young lady in her late teens.

The Succubus even placed a finger over her lips, signaling Lux not to wake the young man in her embrace.

The Half-Elf nodded and went to talk to Alicia and Henrietta, who for some reason couldn't look him straight in the eye.

(E/N: Wow, I wonder why? What reason could there be? I don't know either. Really. It's definitely not because she almost—)

"We don't plan to join this war," Alicia said. "Although I'm thankful to the Succubus Queen for extending her help when we were attacked by the Satyrs, this battle is something that is way out of our league. Also, I still want to return to Elysium alive. There are still some unfinished business that I haven't dealt with back there.

Lux knew that one of Alicia's unfinished business was her relationship with his stepfather, Alexander.

Henrietta also didn't want to join the war, and the same could be said for the members of Serenity who had come along with her.

Truth be told, Lux didn't want his allies from Elysium and Solais to fight in the upcoming war, and this was none of their business either.

Knowing that Alicia and Henrietta felt the same, he felt relieved and decided to tell them about his plan before the war started.

"The two of you, as well as those who don't want to fight, will return to Elysium with Cai tonight," Lux explained. "I and a few others will stay to help the Succubus Queen fight her opponents."

"Why aren't you coming with us?" Henrietta asked with concern. "Surely, you do know that this isn't a battle that you should poke your nose in, right?"

The purple-haired beauty subconsciously grabbed hold of Lux's arm, and looked at him with a pleading gaze.

"Please, just go back with us," Henrietta pleaded. "This is not our fight to begin with."

Lux smiled and patted the hand that was holding unto him.

"I'm sorry, but I made an agreement with Queen Rhiannon that I will fight in exchange for everyone's safe return back to Elysium," Lux said softly. "Don't worry. I don't intend to die here. Iris and Cai are waiting for me back home. I can't possibly leave my two beautiful fiances behind now, can I?"

Henrietta's lips trembled before she looked down. However, she still held onto Lux's arm as if using it as a form of support to keep herself standing.

Lux didn't pry her hand away and simply shifted his attention to Alicia. He knew that Henrietta truly cared for his safety, and this was something that warmed his heart.

"When you return, please look for my Master and tell him to return here in the Abyss to back me up," Lux stated. "I know that even if I don't tell you to do this, he would still come here to save me.

"But in order to avoid any misunderstanding, tell him about the current situation between the Succubus Queen and her neighbors. That way, he would not attack Queen Rhiannon the moment he sees her. Just pass my message to him, and I believe he will know what to do next."

The Half-Elf also thought of Eiko, who was currently with Iris back in Elysium.

Knowing her personality, Lux was sure that the Baby Slime would not listen to reason and go to the Abyss to save him with nuclear-level Blast Bombs.

"Are you sure about this?" Alicia asked. "This is a battle that surpasses any of the battles that you have experienced in the past."

"I know, but don't worry," Lux replied. "This is not the first time I've fought against Abyssal Creatures."

During his stay with Zangrila, Lux and his subordinates had fought countless Abyssal Creatures and even stored their bodies inside their Bounty Rings.

Truth be told, the Half-Elf hadn't experienced a proper war because all of the opponents he had faced so far were all more powerful than him.

Because of this, he looked weak and useless in the eyes of others. So in this war, he wanted to test his mettle as he fought the lower-ranked fighters of the Abyssal Lord's army, while Queen Rhiannon kept their Leader at bay.

"Just promise me that you will go back alive, okay?" Henrietta spoke after a few minutes of silence. "Iris will be very sad if you die here."

"How about you?" Lux asked in a teasing tone. "Are you going to be sad if I die here as well?"

"Yes," Henrietta replied. "I will be sad. So don't die."

Lux nodded and smiled at the purple-haired beauty, who was looking at him with determination. "Understood. I won't die. All of you will be leaving tonight, so talk to the others who want to return as well.

"Queen Rhiannon had sent her subordinates to fetch the Six Rankers that she had bestowed to the Satyrs a few days ago. Right now, those girls are being purified, removing all traces of the Satyrs that had been left inside their bodies. Some of their memories were also altered, preventing them from experiencing any trauma when they returned to their respective kingdoms."

Alicia and Henrietta sighed in relief because. Lux might have tried to sugarcoat his words, but as women, they understood what he was trying to say.

The essence of Satyrs were very potent, and if they did it once with a woman, they were guaranteed to get pregnant.

Knowing that these girls wouldn't have to suffer any hardships in their return put their minds at ease.

Lux then bid goodbye to the two ladies who had almost lost their chastity to him if he didn't manage to resist Queen Rhiannon's petty tricks.

Henrietta watched him go with a sad expression on her face.

When she was under Queen Rhiannon's Charm Spell, she was unable to take control of her body. Even so, she was very aware of her surroundings.

She remembered everything that she had done to Lux, which made it hard for her to look at him straight in the face.

"If I only met you sooner," Henrietta muttered.

Alicia, who stood beside Henrietta, hugged the young lady and patted her head. She didn't know what would happen in the future, but she believed that the hurt that the young lady was feeling in her heart would be healed if given enough time.

Chapter 900: I Want Your Baby

Three hours before the return of those who didn't want to fight to Elysium...

The sound of kissing reverberated inside the room as Cai and Lux shared passionate kisses with each other.

This was very different from the time where they were making love just for the sake of increasing their ranks before the war started.

Both of them had been through to a lot, and their relationship had only grown deeper after this incident.

Lux and Cai only realized how much they truly cared for each other, after entering the Abyss for the first time in their lives.

Knowing that her fiance would be fighting a great battle, where his safety was not guaranteed, Cai felt the strong urge to make love to him to ease both of their hearts, as they would miss each other terribly.

When their kiss ended, Cai stared at Lux lovingly before sliding his member inside of her. She didn't make any movement and simply stared at the handsome young man, whom she didn't expect would become her lifelong partner.

"You know, in the Rowan Tribe, when the men are about to go to war or fight a battle where their safety hang in the balance, they will make love with their wives or lovers to leave their descendants behind," Cai said as she wrapped her arms around Lux's neck, and stared at him intently. "I wish I could have your child, Lux. But I have a feeling that you'll say that you have no intention of dying, so you won't grant my request. "Even so, I can't help but feel anxious about the war. It will be a fight against Demigods, and even if you are a C-Ranker now, you are still an insignificant insect in their eyes. Also, the Succubi won't be fighting in this war. There are only you and the others who decided to stay."

Lux smiled and pressed his forehead on Cai's forehead.

"You want my child?" Lux asked.

"Yes," Cai replied.

Lux wrapped his arms around Cai's body, enjoying the feeling of her skin touching his own.

"I don't know why, but hearing you say that makes me very happy," Lux said. "Although I believe that you, Iris, and I will eventually have kids together and become a family, I feel that it is still too early for that.

"Both of us still have things we need to do, and having a baby at the moment will prevent us from realizing our goals. Don't worry. I promise you that no matter what happens, I will return to you. Master will also be there, so if I really kick the bucket, I'm sure that he will think of something."

Cai then pulled back her head before pounding Lux's chest repeatedly with her clenched fist.

"Not funny," Cai said. "I want you alive. Iris will want you alive as well."

"I'm a Necromancer," Lux commented. "It will take more than killing me to kill me. Besides, the readers always say I have plot armor. Maybe that's true?"

Cai shook her head helplessly because she felt that Lux was just doing his best to assure her that everything is going to be okay.

"I'm serious," Cai stated. "I want your baby."

"And I will give it to you after two or three years," Lux replied. "Even the end of the world will not stop me from making you conceive with my child. I'm sure that my daughter will be as beautiful as you."

"And what if it's a boy?" Cai inquired with amusement.

"What else?" Lux winked. "He will be just as handsome as me."

The High Priestess of the Rowan Tribe wasn't able to stop the giggle that bubbled inside her chest.

Lux's words were firm and carried a determination. It left Cai with no choice but to believe in him.

"Okay," Cai said softly. "Two to three years from now, I will conceive your child. Don't get cold feet when that time comes, okay?"

"I won't," Lux said as he placed his hands on his fiance's waist.

Cai smiled and started to move her hips while wrapping her hands on the handsome teenager's neck, who promised to give her his child a few years from now.

A few hours laters...

"Are all of you ready?" Lux asked the people who were now about to return to Elysium.

"Yes," Alicia answered. "But before we go, wear this, Lux."

Alicia handed Lux a necklace that would allow them to see everything around him. Although they couldn't be with him in the war that was about to take place, they would be with him in spirit.

Lux accepted the necklace and wore it.

He then handed Alicia a white marble, which would take everyone back to Elysium.

"Don't forget to inform my Master of the situation here, Alicia," Lux stated. "I will need all the help I can get."

"I will," Alicia replied before hugging Lux . "Be safe and don't die."

"Yes, Ma'am." Lux returned Alicia's hug and let her go after a few seconds.

After saying their final goodbyes, Lux, and the others backed away, keeping a safe distance from the others who would return to Elysium.

Cai waved at her fiance, and Lux waved back at her. They had already told each other what they wanted to say when the two of them were making love with each other, so there was no need to say anything else.

"Let's go," Alicia announced before activating the white marble in her hand.

Immediately, a black hole appeared above their heads and sucked all of them inside it almost instantly.

Lux, Xander, Malcolm, and the rest of the men watched the ladies go from a safe distance.

All of them had decided to stay and fight for reasons only known to them.

A minute after Cai, Alicia, and Henrietta returned to Elysium, the Satyrs led by Ampelos appeared in front of Lux and the others.

"I find it quite ironic that all of us will be fighting side by side in this war right after we fought each other," Ampelos said. "Do you share the same feelings?"

Malcolm, Xander, and the rest of the men, with the exception of Lux, glared at the hateful Satyr.

They still hadn't forgotten what these monsters had done to them, and just seeing them made their hearts burn in anger.

Ampelos wasn't fazed by the looks of hatred that the humans were giving him.

Instead, he looked at the Half-Elf, whom he secretly admired after seeing his fight against the Succubus Queen back in the Dark Forest.

"I just want to ask you one thing," Ampelos stated. "Do we have a chance to win?"

"I don't know," Lux replied. "But I have no intention of dying."

"Sounds good enough to me," Ampelos laughed. Just like Lux, he didn't know whether they could win the upcoming war.

However, he also had no intention of dying, especially after meeting his father after not seeing each other for a century.

He had so many questions to ask him, and he wanted to see him again.

Ampelos believed that as long as Lux was in the Abyss, his Master, Gaap, would come to find him and allow him to talk to his father, once again.

Chapter 901: Queen Rhiannon's Treasure Vault

"Since all of you decided to fight, in a possible war against the Demon Lord of the 12th Layer, Andras, I have decided to open up the treasury of the Passion Palace," Queen Rhiannon announced. "All of you are only allowed to take two items from my treasure trove. Take one more than you're supposed to, and..."

Queen Rhiannon didn't finish her sentence and simply gave the men and the Satyrs a devilish smile that spoke volumes.

After Queen Rhiannon used her authority to make an announcement that could be heard within the 13th Layer, the number of Satyrs who had gathered in the Passion Palace was just a little over a thousand.

The rest who didn't wish to fight hid themselves in the mountains, far away from the portal that led to the 12th Layer of the Abyss.

As for the Succubi, who were only around five hundred, they were to remain inside the Passion Palace during the war.

Even though the 13th Layer didn't have legions of monsters that served as its army, Queen Rhiannon alone was enough to handle most threats.

Her power as a Demigod was the real deal.

In truth, during her battle against Lux and his comrades, she didn't unleash her full powers for fear that she might accidentally kill the Half-Elf in the process.

She had limited her strength to the Initial Stages of a Demigod when her true powers were somewhere in the middle stages.

Now that war was threatening her territory, she no longer had a reason to hold back, and she would fight using her full powers against the Abyssal Lord, whose greed knew no bounds.

"Now, go," Queen Rhiannon announced as she waved her hand, unlocking the Vault that stored the treasures she had collected over the past hundred years.

Although she was reluctant to do this, she deemed that these treasures would be useless if they weren't used for the benefit of her domain.

The Satyrs all entered the Vault with very eager expressions on their faces.

Lux and the others shared the same excitement, and they entered the Treasure Vault to see if there were any items that they could use for the upcoming battle.

"I have never seen so many Mythical, Pseudo-Legendary, and Legendary items in one place," Malcolm muttered in awe as stared at the countless rare ores, gold, gems, weapons, armor, and miscellaneous items that were scattered across the entire Vault, which was as big as an entire football stadium.

"Remember, all of you are only allowed to get two items each," Queen Rhiannon reminded everyone, whose faces had become greedy after seeing her collection. "No more than two if you value your lives."

The Satyrs didn't bat an eye and immediately picked up pieces of armor, which they believed would help them survive the upcoming battle.

Some picked short bows and short swords, which were the common weapons they used to fight.

Xander and Malcolm directly headed to the sword area and feasted their eyes on the Legendary Swords that were up for grabs.

Lux didn't join everyone immediately and simply crossed his arms over his chest.

His Soul Book hovered in front of him, and it was checking every item inside the treasury, searching for the most suitable artifacts that would serve him and his own Army best.

Since there were countless treasures inside the Treasure Vault, he wasn't in a hurry to join the others, which surprised the Succubus Queen.

"Why aren't you joining them?" Queen Rhiannon asked as she walked beside the Half-Elf, who was busy looking at his Soul Book.

Since Lux didn't give Queen Rhiannon any permission to see it, she thought that Lux was just staring into empty air.

"Your Majesty, I have a request," Lux said. "I am wondering if you can do me a favor."

"A favor?" Queen Rhiannon arched an eyebrow. "What kind of favor?"

The Half-Elf made a gesture of wanting to whisper something in her ear, so she decided to hear him out.

"If possible, I want you to..." Lux whispered.

Queen Rhiannon frowned after hearing the Half-Elf's request.

"Aren't you a little too greedy?" Queen Rhiannon glared at the Half-Elf who was asking for more than what she had stated.

"Believe me when I say that I'm not saying this because of greed," Lux insisted. "I'm doing this to give us a better chance of winning."

The frown on Queen Rhiannon's face deepened as she stared at the Half-Elf, whom she considered the main fighter in the battle that was about to knock on her doorstep.

"Very well," Queen Rhiannon said. "But wait until everyone leaves the Treasury."

Lux nodded. "Understood."

Since the Succubus Queen had stated that everyone could only take two items from the treasury, she decided to let Lux choose the treasures he would need after everyone was done picking theirs.

She didn't want anyone to think that she was giving Lux preferential treatment, and the Half-Elf knew this as well.

Two hours later, only Lux and Queen Rhiannon remained inside the Treasury because everyone had already taken the treasures they wanted.

As if to make sure that no one would take a peek later, the Succubus Queen waved her hand and closed the doors behind her.

"Guys, it's our turn," Lux said with a smile. "Only two items, so choose wisely."

All of his Named Creatures, as well as the members of his Covenant, with the exception of Bedivere and General Garret, appeared around him.

Asmodeus also summoned Morpheus and Ithaqua because Lux had found items that were suitable for Lich King's two henchmen.

King Leoric had also summoned his Knights because Lux had also given them permission to join the fun.

Suddenly, Blackfire appeared out of nowhere and spat a person who looked familiar to him.

Although there were great changes in his body, his face remained the same, allowing the Half-Elf to recognize him.

The person that Blackfire spat was none other than Leonidas, who was holding a flaming spear and shield in both hands.

His skin was red, and flames would occasionally erupt from it, making him look like a creature that wouldn't look out of place in the Abyss.

In fact, Queen Rhiannon thought that he was an Abyssal Creature at first because he radiated the stench of the Abyss.

"It is an honor to finally see you again, Master." Leonidas gave Lux a brief nod. "The mere thought of fighting alongside you makes this second chance at life worth it."

"You honor me with your words, Leonidas," Lux replied. "Having you here puts my mind at ease."

As someone whom Lux had recognized as a true warrior, Leonidas didn't need to bow and kneel before him to prove his allegiance.

He could tell that the Agarthian was willing to fight for him, and that was enough.

Just as Lux thought that Blackfire's unexpected surprise was over, the Black Coffin spat several more people, which made the corner of Queen Rhiannon's lips twitch.

Aside from Leonidas, Blackfire had spat out the Gladiators from the Arena, the Bounty Hunters who were once Sion's subordinates, and the two Saints that he acquired not long ago.

The Giant Tiger, whom Vera had crushed in the Necromancer's Ancestral Lands, was now emitting black flames, making it look more sinister.

The High Templar, who had been burned to a crisp after slashing Eiko's Nuclear Blast Bomb, had made a full recovery and was wearing a Paladin's Attire, with his eyes burning with infernal flames.

Both of them knelt in front of Lux and swore their allegiance to him.

Queen Rhiannon who was feeling displeased earlier, now had a smile on her face after seeing Leonidas and the two Saints appear in front of her.

What her army was lacking was High-Level Warriors, so having these three made her feel that she could forgive the Black Coffin for bringing uninvited guests, who also joined the others in looking for items inside her treasury.

Chapter 902.1: Abyssal War [Part 1]

12th Layer of the Abyss...

"Are the preparations done?" a Demon with two horns on his head asked his right-hand man, who was kneeling in front of him.

"Our Armies have gathered, My Lord," Andras' second-in-command, who went by the name, Jackal, replied. "They are just waiting for you to lead them to battle."

The Demon Lord of the 12th Layer of the Abyss, Andras, clenched his fist as his eyes glowed with power.

"The day has finally come," Andras said as he stood from his throne. "I've waited for decades to screw that b*tch, Rhiannon. I will make her regret opposing me back then."

Jackal didn't lift his head and simply stared at the black marble under his feet.

He didn't know why his Lord suddenly decided to declare war on the Succubus Queen out of the blue.

As Andras' second-in-command, he was certain that his Liege hadn't surpassed Queen Rhiannon's strength, which made him wonder why the Demon Lord was picking a fight with her.

The only way for them to conquer the 13th Layer was if their Master was able to prevent the Succubus Queen from wiping out their forces before they managed to secure the location of the Abyssal Core, which served as the heart of the 13th Layer.

As long as they were able to overwrite Queen Rhiannon's authority over the Core, their Lord would gain a great boost in strength, allowing him to overpower his opponent.

'But that will only be possible if we get to the Core right away,' Jackal thought. 'Did Master perhaps gain a fortunate encounter during his travels?'

While Jackal was deep in his thoughts, Andras walked down the stairs that led to his throne, until he stood in front of his right-hand man.

"Raise your head, Jackal, and order our armies to march," Andras ordered. "Worry not. I will guarantee that this battle is already in the bag."

Jackal wanted to ask his Lord where his confidence was coming from. But since he didn't want to ruin his Lord's mood, he simply bowed his head and left the throne room to follow the orders he was given.

13th Layer of the Abyss...

"They're coming," Queen Rhiannon muttered while sitting on her throne.

She then looked towards the East where the portal of the 13th layer was located.

If possible, she wanted nothing more than to destroy the portal, but doing this was impossible.

The portals connecting the layers were indestructible. They could try to break it, but even if they succeeded, the Abyssal Core of the 13th Layer would just create another one, making the attempt a waste of time and resources.

Lux, Xander, Malcolm, and the Satyrs who were all standing on the mountaintop, gazed toward the East, where they felt a formidable presence.

Malcolm's face paled because he didn't expect that he would feel such a foul and overwhelming presence several miles away.

"This is very different from Queen Rhiannon's Aura," Xander commented. "It's like I'm about to be run over by our Chieftain in his Boar Form."

Ampelos, who had seen Queen Rhiannon fight decades ago, was still calm. They had seen how the Succubus Queen had defeated the Demon Lord, Andras, and forced him to retreat back to the 12th Layer.

But they still doubted whether they would be able to deal with the Demon Lord's Abyssal Legion, which numbered in the hundreds of thousands.

Even with the Legendary Equipment that Queen Rhiannon had bestowed upon them, Ampelos didn't believe that they would win in a head-on confrontation.

The only reason why he wasn't running away was because he believed that after Queen Rhiannon overpowered Andras, she would immediately and single-handedly wipe out the Demonic Army.

'We just have to buy enough time until then,' Ampelos thought as he gripped his shortbow firmly in his hand. 'If things get really dicey, I'll just retreat and beg Andras to spare me later.'

Lux remained calm as he waited for the Demon Lord and his Army to finally arrive on the 13th Layer. He was confident that even if their enemies had the advantage in numbers, they would still prevail as long as Queen Rhiannon was able to hold off the Abyssal Lord.

A few minutes later, Queen Rhiannon appeared in front of her make-shift army and simply said, "It's time".

With a wave of her hand, Lux, Xander, Malcolm, Ampelos, and the Satyrs all floated in the air.

"Let's meet them on the battlefield," Queen Rhiannon stated before flying in the direction of the portal while carrying everyone with her magic.

She had no intention to fight near the Passion Palace because it might endanger the Succubi, whom she didn't want to die in the war.

A few minutes later...

"Have you personally come here to welcome your new Master, Rhiannon?" Andras said with a smile on his face.

"Cut the crap, Andras," Queen Rhiannon replied. "Go back to where you came from before I twist your neck."

"You had the chance to do that several decades ago, my dear," Andras commented. "But now, times have changed. Soon, you will be the one kneeling in front of me and sucking my d*ck like the whore you are."

"I only suck the d*ck of real men." Queen Rhiannon sneered. "You can't even match up to this kid, who is still wet behind the ears."

The Succubus Queen rested her hand on Lux's shoulder, which made the Half-Elf's body stiffen.

"Hahaha!" Andras laughed after hearing his opponent's taunting. "You are comparing me to a child? Even if the Abyss turns into a frozen waste land, I don't believe that you'd suck the d*ck of that boy. Your taste is better than that, Rhiannon."

Lux wanted to spit in the Demon Lord's face for calling him a child. He wanted to shout so badly that the Succubus Queen had sucked him dry until he could not get it up again.

However, he held his tongue.

He had a feeling that if he really revealed that, Andras would get angry, single him out, and kill him right away before the Half-Elf could even understand how he died.

Queen Rhiannon only giggled as she eyed the Demon Lord with contempt.

Just like Lux, she was tempted to tell the Demon Lord that she had already done it with the boy, not just once but multiple times.

But to ensure that her strongest fighter wouldn't die an untimely death, she kept her silence as she eyed the Abyssal Army in front of her.

Andras knew that Queen Rhiannon wished for nothing more than to wipe out his army in an instant before facing him.

That was her only chance at victory and he knew it. Even so, he wasn't worried because he had prepared well beforehand.

"Well then, Rhiannon. Shall we begin?" Andras said before flying towards the sky. "Don't try anything funny. You're not the only one who can wipe everyone out in the blink of an eye."

Queen Rhiannon sneered before flying upwards in order to face the Demon Lord, who was oozing with confidence.

Now that the two powerhouses were in the sky, the ones left on the ground eyed each other.

This standoff didn't last long as Jackal raised his hand and ordered the Demonic Army to advance.

He already knew that the army of the 13th Layer was nothing compared to their own.

Because of this, he intended to wipe them out as soon as possible before advancing to the location of the Abyssal Core that would grant his Master dominion over the 13th Layer of the Abyss.

Chapter 903.2: Abyssal War [Part 2]

These Demons ranged from Rank 5 Monsters up to Deimos-Ranked Monsters, and their Captains and Generals ranged from the Argonaut Rank up to the Dreadnaught Rank.

Jackal, who was Andras' second-in-command, was an Empyrean-Ranked Alpha Monster.

He served as the General, as well as the strategist of their army, during their campaigns in the Abyss.

Seeing that they were only going to face a ragtag army with less than two thousand fighters, Jackal decided to order two of their Demonic Legions to crush them instantly and the half of their forces to spread out in order to search the Abyssal Core of the 13th Layer.

'The difference in military might is staggering,' Ampelos thought. 'They even sent two Legions in order to end this battle as swiftly as possible.'

Currently, Ampelos was the "strongest" Monster that was on the frontlines of the battlefield.

Even so, he was certain that he alone was not strong enough to fight a hundred-thousand strong army, which was now charging in their direction.

The Satyrs, just like their leader, were also feeling anxious. They were wielding Mythical and Legendary Grade weapons, but having great equipment wouldn't be enough to overturn the situation.

Just as the Leader of the Satyrs were thinking of running away, someone took a step forward, making him stop in his tracks.

"Everyone get back," Lux said as he continued to walk forward. "I'll handle this."

Xander and Malcolm nodded their heads because they already knew how Lux fought his battles.

Ampelos and the Satyrs had also seen him fight, but since Lux was fighting against a Demigod at that time, his summons didn't play a major role as they were instantly wiped out by Queen Rhiannon's AOE attacks.

In front of everyone, Lux summoned his two clones, who immediately flew in the direction of the other Legions that had spread out in order to find the Abyssal Core of the 13th Layer.

Jackal, who noticed this peculiarity, narrowed his eyes as he assessed the Half-Elf's strength.

'A Human Ranker?' Jackal thought. 'I've heard reports that there are several humans who suddenly appeared in the Abyss. Did this pitiful creature appear in the 13th Layer. Were they enslaved by the Succubus Queen? Poor guy. He will die so young.'

Just as Jackal thought that the enslaved Human had decided to commit suicide by facing his army alone, he saw the Half-Elf raise his hand before speaking in a loud and confident tone.

"Arise!" Lux ordered.

As soon as he gave the order, the members of his Undead Legion and his Covenant appeared around him.

A little more than a thousand Undead Warriors, Golems, and Gargoyles, appeared on the battlefield.

Compared to the hundred-thousand strong army in front of them, this number was rather pitiful.

But this was just the beginning.

Asmodeus chuckled before summoning his clones, and his Undead Minions to fight alongside their Master.

Overall, Lux's forces instantly rose up to 4,000, making Jackal frown.

"A Necromancer...," Jackal muttered. "I should end this battle quickly."

He understood just how troublesome it was to fight against Necromancers, so he decided to order the 15th and 16th Legion to reinforce their 1st and 2nd Legion, whom he had ordered to crush the resistance forces earlier.

"But General, isn't this overkill?" the Commander of the 15th Legion asked.

"Just do as I say and prioritize eliminating that Half-Elf!" Jackal ordered. "Kill him as fast as you can!"

"...Very well." The Commander reluctantly agreed to Jackal's order and commanded his man to advance.

Although Jackal was confident that they would emerge victorious, there was a nagging feeling in the back of his mind that was making him feel anxious.

Meanwhile, Lux stood with his arms crossed over his chest as he waited for the Demonic Army to come within their strike range. The moment he deemed that the right time had come, he sent a telepathic message to Asmodeus, signaling him to start their operation.

"Lich Revenants, it's time to show them who's boss!" Asmodeus shouted. "Summon our own Abyssal Legion!"

During their time in Zangrila, the Liches had revived countless Abyssal Creatures and added them to their Abyssal Army.

Originally, Lux planned to use this in his fight against the Divine Army of Light, but since they were at a disadvantage, he decided to use these reserve forces, right here, right now.

Each Lich could summon 200 Animated Undead Creatures.

Right now, the number of Liches on the battlefield was 240.

The moment they all summoned their Abyssal Creatures, Lux's army drastically increased to over fifty thousand strong.

But, Lux and Asmodeus weren't finished just yet.

"Flesh Golems, come out!" Asmoedus ordered. "Plague Deathworms, kill them all!"

Suddenly out of nowhere, Four Flesh Golems that stood over six meters tall appeared in front of Lux's army and took a charging stance.

The ground under their feet trembled for a brief moment before four Plague Death Worms, which were over twenty-meters tall, rose up from the ground before burrowing once more.

"Charge!" Lux ordered.

Immediately, the four Flesh Golems charged forward, followed closely by the Fortress Defenders, the Doom Knight Gangbangers, and the Jade Golems.

The Nightstalkers, as well as the Lich Revenants, began to unleash their long range elemental bombardment at the approaching Demonic Army, who originally belittled Lux's forces.

The moment the two forces collided, a shower of blood erupted, dyeing the ground red.

Since Lux's army was composed of the Dead, the blood that was staining the ground red didn't belong to his forces but from the opposite army.

The battle was fierce, with Demons fighting tooth and nail with the Undead, who knew no fear.

As piles of scattered bones and dead bodies littered the front lines, Lux's forces did the unthinkable.

The Jade Golems backed away from the fighting and started to pick up the corpses on the ground.

They then threw these corpses towards the middle of the opposing army, as per their Master's order.

While this was happening, Lux, and Asmodeus glanced at each other before nodding their heads at the same time.

"""Corpse Explosion!"""

Lux's deadly skill that didn't care whether those that it would annihilate were friend or foe, erupted in the center of the enemy's formation, killing their enemies en masse.

Screams of pain, disbelief, and fear spread in the surroundings as the explosion of death spread outwards like wildfire, killing more in its wake.

High above the sky, Andras, who was exchanging blows with Rhiannon, looked down at the battle on the ground with an amused expression on his face.

"Looks like you found yourself an interesting pet, Rhiannon," Andras said with a smile. "He will make a good addition to my army after I defeat you."

"Keep smiling, Andras," Queen Rhiannon replied. "You won't be smiling later."

"Hahaha! You're right, my dear. I won't be smiling later, but laughing my heart out."

"Sure. Laugh like the clown you are."

Although Queen Rhiannon had a calm expression on her face, she couldn't shake off the feeling that something was off.

She could tell that Andras wasn't faking his confidence, and his complete disregard for Lux's existence bothered her.

It was as if he had already won the war before they even started, which made her feel anxious.

Because of this, she went all-out on the offensive in an attempt to kill her opponent, and wipe the annoying smile off of his face.

Chapter 904.3: Abyssal War [Part 3]

Jackal's face turned grim as he witnessed the carnage that was happening on the battlefield.

Although not all the soldiers who had been affected by the Corpse Explosion died, most of them suffered serious injuries and were now unable to continue fighting.

To make matters worse, he noticed a Black Coffin swallowing up the dead bodies of his soldiers before spitting them back out like cannonballs towards the two Legions that he had sent to reinforce their vanguard.

The commanders of the two Legions hurriedly ordered their soldiers to retreat as fast as possible and even took the initiative to use spells to obliterate the falling corpses from the sky to prevent their own Legions from getting annihilated.

Blackfire wasn't too pleased to see its attempt to draw first blood on the enemy's reinforcement fail.

Because of this, it flew in the direction of the two retreating legions like a cannonball, flying past the rear forces of the two armies.

When the Black Coffin was deep in the enemy's battle formation. Its lid opened up, and several beams of light rained down on the Demonic Army.

The Commanders watched as a man, whose skin was crimson red, appeared in the midst of their army.

He was holding a flaming red spear and a round shield in his hands, which made the temperature rise in his surroundings.

Surrounding him were several men who also held spears and round shields in their hands.

The only difference was that their weapons and shields weren't covered in flames unlike the man standing at the center of the formation.

Before the Commanders and their soldiers could even react to the new threat that had infiltrated deep among their ranks, Leonidas' words reached their ears.

"Unless I miss my guess, we're in for one wild night."

The leader of the gladiators then thumped the rear end of his spear on the ground twice, and his comrades moved accordingly to stand side by side, forming a phalanx formation.

The only difference was instead of forming a wall of shields and spears, they formed a dome of shields and spears with Leonidas at its center.

If someone were to look at it from afar, it looked like a turtle shell with spikes protruding at the small spaces by its side, giving no room for the Demons to attack them.

"Show them hell!" Leonidas ordered.

As soon as he gave his orders, the dome of shields and spears started to spin rapidly.

A moment later, it caught flames, turning into a spinning dome of fire that rammed its enemies, tearing them apart and burning their remains.

It didn't take long for the smell of burning flesh to spread on the battlefield, forcing the enemy's forces to scatter in order to escape the spinning dome of fire that was slaughtering demons in the dozen.

Due to their location, it was hard for those at the center to escape because they were right in the middle of the formation, allowing Leonidas and his men to continue their one-sided slaughter for a good period of time.

Those who were at the edges finally realized that they needed to back away in order to allow their comrades to escape a gruesome fate, but they suddenly found themselves facing four Plague Deathworms.

These deadly Tyrants didn't hesitate to use their enormous bodies to crush the Demons under them, creating complete chaos among their enemy's ranks.

In a span of a few minutes, the Four Demonic Legions found themselves running for their lives as Lux's forces steadily decimated them.

Naturally, the two Commanders who were leading the reinforcements were infuriated because of the sudden turn of events.

Because of this, they personally attacked the Black Coffin, which was floating not far away from Leonidas, and his Gladiators.

"I'll shatter you to pieces even if it's the last thing I do!" a Demon with a giant war axe charged at Blackfire with his weapon raised high.

His companion, who was wielding a halberd, shared the same opinion.

This Commander then moved behind the Black Coffin for a pincer formation, charging at their target from the front and the back.

Blackfire, who had been singled out by the two Dreadnaught-Ranked Commanders, made several rows of texts appear in front of the two Demons who planned to destroy it.

"So you choose death."

Those were the words the Blackfire had shown the two Commanders, which only angered them more.

When the two Commanders were only a few meters away from Blackfire, the lid of the coffin opened, and two beams of light erupted from it.

The Demon wielding a Giant War Axe found himself staring face to face with a Giant Flaming Black Tiger, whose jaws were wide open.

Before the Demon could even react, the Tiger's jaws bit the side of his body, making him scream out in pain.

The Demon, who had swung his Halberd from behind Blackfire found his weapon blocked by a silver tower shield, preventing it from reaching its target.

The Paladin of Vengeance, who was once the High Templar of the Divine Army of Light, looked at the Demon with indifference before thrusting his sword towards his enemy's chest, piercing his demonic heart.

The two Demon Commanders died just like that, making those who witnessed it feel a chill run down their spine.

The Paladin of Vengeance carried the body of the slain Commander and offered it to Blackfire, who nodded gratefully before swallowing the offering.

The Black Flaming Tiger, on the other hand, casually tossed the Demon on its jaws towards the Black Coffin as if throwing a piece of trash in the garbage can.

Naturally, Blackfire didn't reject the tribute and swallowed the Demon Commander as well.

When this deed was done, the Black Coffin hovered above its two bodyguards and scanned the battlefield.

It was like a food aficionado who was analyzing the dishes in front of him, searching for those that were of high quality.

Blackfire no longer swallowed corpses willy-nilly because it now had "standards".

Only those it deemed to be worthy to become part of its Master's Legion would be brought into the fold.

As for the rest, they still had some worth since their corpse could serve as fodder for his Master's Corpse Explosion.

After finding its next target, the Black Coffin flew, bringing its two bodyguards alongside it.

Truth be told, Blackfire was eyeing Jackal from afar.

Aside from Andras, who was fighting against Rhiannon in the heavens, the Demon General was the one he wanted to devour the most.

If not for the fact that Jackal was well protected by half of Andras' Demonic Army, Blackfire would have already brought his two servants to attack him, adding another powerful subordinate to his Master's army.

Chapter 905.4: Abyssal War [Part 4]

"Xander, I'm glad I didn't choose to become your team's enemy in the Gates of the Apocalypse," Malcolm said as he looked at the battle taking place in front of him with awe and disbelief. "I don't want to be on the receiving end of this army."

Xander didn't say anything and simply nodded his head.

When Malcolm first met Lux, the Half-Elf was weaker than him. Because of this, he didn't treat him seriously and even thought that he wasn't that of a big deal.

When he faced him for the first time, even though he got defeated by the Half-Elf, he thought that Lux only got lucky.

But soon, he later found that it wasn't just luck.

Every time he saw Lux, he couldn't help but feel bitter due to how fast his rank was improving. Also, the Half-Elf could summon a formidable army, allowing him to fight large-scale battles even if he was on his own.

Malcolm was now a D-Ranker, but Lux was already a C-Ranker.

This difference in strength wasn't something that he could even out in a short period of time.

The only way to reach this rank, right after completing the Ranker Trial, was to absorb tens of thousands of Beast Cores of High-Ranking Monsters.

Then and only then would you become a C-Ranker.

Even so, Malcolm despised people who did this.

Yes, their rank would drastically increase, but so what?

The moment they faced someone of equal Rank who had reached that level through continuous battles, these Fake-Rankers wouldn't even stand a chance.

But Lux was different.

Malcolm knew that whatever method the Half-Elf used to reach the rank he had now, it wasn't due to consuming countless Beast Cores to get an upgrade.

"This is crazy," Malcolm muttered as the Demonic Army in front of him started to scatter and run away from the Undead Legion, who surged forward like a wave of death.

The Satyrs were also just as surprised as Malcolm, with some of them looking at their leader, Ampelos, with determined looks on their faces.

"Boss! Are we just going to let those Doom Knight Gangbangers get the better of us?" one of the Satyrs stated. "Just look at them! Those Demons are being impaled left and right by their long and hard swords."

"That's right, Boss!" another Satyrs spoke up. "As a Satyr, I pride myself in being hard and strong. If they can do it, we can do it better!"

Ampelos blinked once then twice before glancing at his subordinates, who were looking at him with faces ready to go to war.

However, instead of telling them to fight, he spoke out something that bothered him.

"But those Demons are men," Ampelos commented.

"Boss, have you heard of that famous saying?" a Satyr inquired. "As long as there is a hole, there is a way!"

"I repeat, those Demons are men," Ampelos stated.

"Boss, sometimes, it takes a man to be the best girl," another Satyr commented. "Have you heard of Astolfo?"

"No. And I don't want to know anything about him."

"Your loss, Boss. I'd tap that guy anytime."

Ampelos pretended that he didn't hear his subordinates' words and simply stared in front of him. However, the more he waited, the more these gazes intensified until he finally relented.

"Fine," Ampelos stated. "Do what you want to do. Just make sure that you don't die, okay?"

"Yeah! Boys let's go!"

"Damn right. Time to use Deez Nuts!"

"Charge my brothers! Let's show those Doom Knight Gangbangers what we're made of!"

"""Wooo!"""

The Satyrs that numbered in the thousands charged towards the Demonic Army who were now in chaos.

The Demons, who were unlucky enough to be overtaken by these madlads, were stabbed repeatedly until they cried for their mothers and fathers.

The Doom Knight Gangbangers who were near these chaotic scenes looked at the Satyrs with a steady gaze.

The Satyrs looked back at their "rivals", feeling all smug and peppy.

"Noice!" one of the Doom Knight Gangbangers commented as he gave the Satyrs a thumbs up.

The Satyrs also gave the Doom Nnight Gangbanger a thumbs up before all of them continued to stab any Demon within their reach, painting a very gruesome sight.

"Just kill me already!" one of the Demons that were captured by the Satyrs cried out. "A warrior would rather die than be humiliated!"

"That's what they all say at first," the Satyr that was stabbing the Demon sneered. "Don't worry, you won't get any complaints after I am done with you." Malcolm, Xander, and the rest of the humans, gave Ampelos side-long glances.

All of them looked at the Satyr Leader in disgust, but the latter simply pretended that he was not aware of their gazes.

Perhaps wanting to shift the topic, Ampelos cleared his throat before pointing in the direction of the other Legions who didn't participate in the battle and completely ignored their presence.

"We are not like that Half-Elf who has an army of his own," Ampelos stated. "However, we shouldn't forget that we are here to fight. It is impossible for us to face an entire legion by ourselves, so let's just harass them from afar."

Xander, Malcolm, and the others nodded their heads in agreement.

They truly couldn't fight the way that Lux was doing, and standing on the side without doing anything wasn't their style.

Because of this, all of them banded together and began throwing long-range attacks at the Demonic Legion closest to them, killing several demons in the process.

"G-General, what should we do?" one of Jackal's Aide's asked.

"Order all Legions to use long range attacks to kill the enemy," Jackal ordered.

"But, Sir, our men are still there fighting," the Aide commented.

"There is no other way. We can't get near them, or that Necromancer will use his Corpse Explosion Skill," Jackal replied. "The best thing we can do is decimate his entire army before he can summon more Undead. If our men die in the process, then so be it. They will die for the greater good."

Although he was reluctant to do it, the Aide bowed his head and passed Jackal's orders to the rest of their army.

A few minutes later, a rain of spells and other projectiles rained down on Lux's Undead Army, killing thousands of Undead and Demons at the same time.

Asmodeus, who was standing beside Lux, placed his hand behind his back and smiled.

"Master, it seems that the enemy General plans to wipe out our entire forces, with complete disregard for his own men," Asmodeus stated. "Should we do Plan B?"

Lux nodded. "Yes. It's time for us to bring the battle to their doorstep."

Asmodeus chuckled before summoning a dozen Giant Skeleton Cannons that he had prepared for this day.

"Master, we can only use each Cannon six times," Asmodeus stated. "I did my best to imitate the design of the Destroyer, but my prototype lacks both range and firepower."

"Will your projectiles reach the enemy camp?" Lux inquired.

"Just barely, but I am very optimistic that it will enough," Asmodeus replied.

Lux smirked. "Good. As long as we can close the distance, that is enough."

The Half-Elf and the Lich King then recalled their forces that were being decimated by the enemy's long ranged attacks.

They then pressed their hands together in order to create some cannonballs for their counter offensive.

"Skeleton Make.... Cannonballs!" Lux, and Asmodeus shouted and encased fifty Doomknight Gangbangers in a Skeleton Shell, which would be used as projectiles for the cannon.

The Lich King's clones did the same, and before long, nearly 50 Skeleton Cannonballs filled with Doomknight Gangbangers, as well as Jade Golems were ready to go.

While Asmodeus and his clones were busy loading up the cannonballs with their forces, Lux created a special Cannonball, which would contain Diablo, Ishtar, Pazuzu, Orion, Lazarus, ALL-MITE, Zagan, and Shax.

He intended to also send his main force at the enemy's camp, allowing his heavy-hitters to rampage to their heart's content.

Once everything was ready, Asmodeus didn't waste any time and gave the signal to start the counterattack.

"Aim!" Asmoedus raised his hand, as the Bone Cannons took their aim.

After making sure that they were all aiming in the same direction, the Lich King sneered before pointing at the center of Jackal's army.

"Fire!"

A series of explosions erupted from the Cannons, sending their payload towards where the strategist of Andras army was located, giving him a nasty surprise.

Chapter 906: I'll Just Have To Bully You Back!

Jackal, who saw the Skeleton Cannonballs flying in their direction, frowned, but he wasn't fazed by it.

"All spellcasters and ranged attackers, concentrate all your attacks on those Cannonballs!" Jackal ordered. "Don't let them get near us!"

His men were quick to follow his orders, and before long, countless spells flew towards the sky with the intention of destroying the enemy's counter attack that came from a great distance away.

Just as the spells were several meters away from hitting their targets, some of the Cannonballs exploded mid-air, catching Jackal by surprise.

What followed next was a fireworks display that illuminated the red-sky, making Queen Rhiannon and Andras pause their battle for a brief moment.

From the dust cloud in the sky, eight gigantic Hecatoncheires crashed down on the frontlines of Jackals' Army, sending dirt, rocks, blood, and fleshbflying in every direction.

With a roar of anger and defiance, these eight behemoths charged forward. They smashed, slapped, punched, bit, and trampled anything and anyone that stood in their way.

Behind them were four giant Blood Golems, who were making their way toward Jackal's army .

When Diablo's Cannonball landed on the ground, he and the rest of his comrades followed behind the Hecatoncheires and started to massacre anyone that managed to survive the rampage of the eight abominations.

"Your boys are putting up a good fight," Andras commented. "They did a good number on my troops."

"Why do I sense that you don't care even if your entire army is annihilated in this battle?" Queen Rhiannon asked. "That's not like you, Andras. Do you not care about your men?"

"Of course I care," Andras replied. "But I care more about you than I care about them."

"You're sick in the head, Andras. Has your constant wars with Andrealphus made you crazy?"

"While it's true that I waged war with Andrealphus a couple of times over the past decades, the two of us realized that we can sit down and talk in a civilized manner."

Queen Rhiannon's eyes widened in shock as an unbelievable thought appeared inside his head.

"Y-You!" Queen Rhiannon looked at Andras in disbelief. "Don't tell me..."

"Too late, My Dear," Andras said as he took out a crystal ball in his hand." Andras smirked. "I got you where I want you."

Without another word, Andras crushed the crystal ball in his hand.

A second later, a purple dome enveloped him and Queen Rhiannon, locking both of them in place.

The Succubus Queen immediately unleashed her strongest attack on the barrier, but it did nothing but make it shake for a few seconds before coming to a complete stop.

"It's no use, my dear," Andras chuckled. "This is checkmate."

As if to prove his point, the Abyssal Gate that connected the 12th Layer and 13th Layer glowed brightly.

Queen Rhiannon's face turned grim as she sensed the power of another Demigod that was about to come out from those very gates.

A Giant Dreadlord emerged from the Abyssal Gate and he looked at his surroundings with an amused expression on his face.

"You're finally here, Andrealphus," Andras stated. "You sure took your time."

The Giant Dreadlord chuckled as he glanced towards the sky.

"Well, I thought that I don't need to make an appearance since your army greatly outnumbered your opponents," the Dreadlord stated. "But to think that Rhiannon managed to get help from the Surface Dwellers. How interesting."

The Dreadlord shifted his attention to the Half-Elf, whose face had become solemn after another Demigod appeared in the battlefield.

"Make sure not to kill the boy, Andrealphus," Andras stated. "He will make a fine Darkspawn after he is corrupted."

"True," Andrealphus commented. "I'm sure he will be a good addition to my army."

The corner of Andras' lips rose up, but he didn't say anything.

His agreement with Andrealphus was that he get Rhiannon, and the Succubi, while the Dreadlord gets everything else, including the authority of the 13th Layer.

Although it was regrettable to not keep someone like Lux who could replenish the loss of his army, he could still turn a blind eye on it since the real prize was now in his hands.

Andras knew Queen Rhiannon's weakness, and that was her Succubi.

The Succubus Queen didn't want any of her followers to get hurt, so as long as he could make Queen Rhiannon become his willing slave, the losses he suffered would be worth it!

"Now, let me deal with these small fries first." Andrealphus sneered before pointing at one of the Hecatoncheires in front of him.

A tiny flame that was the size of a human head emerged from his finger tip and flew in the direction of the Giant Abomination.

The small fireball was fast and swift, and in just a blink of an eye, it hit its target, making the Hecatoncheires explode into countless pieces that turned into particles of light not long after.

Andrealphus chuckled before repeating the same thing in quick succession, instantly obliterating the Giant Abominations in a matter of seconds.

"Ah... I missed a few."

The Dreadlord raised his hand before snapping his finger.

The Blood Golems that were still dozens of meters away from Jackal's forces exploded, creating a blood rain that drenched the battlefield in blood.

"We're doomed..." Ampelos' face became deadly pale as he looked at the Abyssal Lord of the 11th Layer. "Two Demigods working together. There's no way for us to win."

And to the Satyr Leader's horror, the Dreadlord looked in his direction and sneered.

"You never had a chance of winning from the very start," Andrealphus sneered. "I hate Satyrs, so I will not dirty my hands in killing you. Go and kill him for me!"

Andrealphus' Demonic Legions surged out from the Abyssal Gate and charged forward.

Lux and Asmodeus both glanced at each other before nodding their heads at the same time.

Since there was nowhere to run, they might as well just fight!

Recalling Diablo and the others, Lux once again summoned his Undead Army to fight back.

However, the moment they were summoned, a fireball landed several meters away from Lux, creating a powerful explosion that decimated his newly summoned army. Asmodeus, who was beside him, didn't hesitate to use his body to shield his Master from the sudden attack that came from the Demigod.

It was not only Asmodeus who made a move to protect his Master.

Diablo, Ishtar, Pazuzu, Orion, Lazarus, Zagan, ALL-MITE, and Shax all stood in front of their Master, shielding him from harm.

The blast was so powerful that it sent the Half-Elf, and his Named Creatures flying several meters high in the air before crashing on the ground.

Andrealphus didn't hesitate to make the Half-Elf understand that it was no use fighting against him.

Lux might be able to fight anyone below the Empyrean Rank, but Calamities and Demigods were still far from his reach.

The Dreadlord laughed heartily as his forces charged at the fallen teenager in the distance.

Just as Ampelos was thinking of running away to save his life, he saw a blue shooting star descending from the heavens.

"Boom Boom Bakugan!"

Countless Blast Bombs dropped down from the sky, creating countless explosions, making the army on the ground cry out in pain and surprise from the sudden attack that came from above.

Out of nowhere, Blackfire appeared and caught the baby slime from the sky.

"Ei!" "Ei!" "Ei!" "Ei!" "Ei!" Eiko didn't stop throwing one-meter tall Blast Bomb one after the other, forcing the approaching army to stop in their tracks, as Blackfire flew towards his Master.

"Pa!" Eiko shouted before jumping off Blackfire and nudging Lux's cheeks, asking him to stand up.

"You're finally here, Eiko," Lux said as he patted the baby slime's head, assuring her that he was fine.

Eiko also smiled before looking in the direction of the Dreadlord who had tried to hurt her Papa earlier.

She then spat Gaap, Lilian, and Piccoro from her mouth, making them join the battle as well.

Queen Rhiannon, who was trapped inside the purple dome covered her lips as tears streamed down the side of her face.

She didn't expect that she would be so moved after seeing Lux's Baby Slime who suddenly arrived when all hope was lost.

Andras, who thought that the Succubus Queen was crying out of despair and sadness, decided to tease her.

"It's fine for you to cry tears of sadness now, my dear, because soon, I will make you cry in pleasure," Andras stated. "So watch closely as your precious Necromancer turns to ashes."

Andras had noticed that Andrealphus wasn't too pleased of having his men die under his nose. He had been fighting the Dreadlord for many years and knew how much the Abyssal Lord cared about his subordinates.

Just as he expected, the Dreadlord pointed his finger at the fallen Half-Elf, who was currently talking to the baby slime.

He no longer cared about turning Lux into a Darkspawn and simply wanted to kill him and his pet.

Unlike Andras who could sacrifice his men so easily, Andrealphus had stronger bonds with his soldiers.

Because of this, he was willing to kill a potential powerful subordinate for the sake of avenging his subordinates.

"Die and apologize to my subordinates in the afterlife!" Andrealphus roared as he threw a fireball that was as big as his hands in the Half-Elf's direction.

An earth-shaking explosion erupted, sending flames rising up towards the sky.

Andras laughed, thinking that with this, Queen Rhiannon's last hope would now turn into ashes.

Just as he was laughing out loud, something gigantic emerged from the hellish flames that could wipe out an entire city in a heartbeat.

Suddenly, a chuckle that was filled with ridicule reverberated in the surroundings, making Andras stop laughing.

There was something very familiar with the laughter he was hearing, and for some reason, he couldn't get it off his head.

Then something monstrous appeared, and the sight of it made Andras and Andrealphus gasp in shock.

"You dare bully little Rhiannon?" Antero asked as he looked at Andras whose face had turned pale from fright. "No problem..."

The Golem of Destruction chuckled as he raised his gigantic fist, ready to strike.

"I'll just have to bully you back!"

Antero smashed his fist on the purple dome that imprisoned the Succubus Queen, shattering it into countless pieces.

Chapter 907: Where Do You Think You're Going, Puny Demon?

In the past, the Abyss only had a single layer.

This layer was the size of a massive continent, spanned thousands of miles, and later, it was called the "Land of Endless Races".

In this great continent, the first Abyssal Demons appeared.

But before these first Demonic Races even walked the land, there was one creature that was born before them.

It was none other than the Golem of Destruction, Antero.

He was the oldest creature in the Abyss, as well as the one who struck fear in the hearts of many.

Several years later, the 2nd Layer was born.

A few thousand years later, the 3rd Layer came into being.

This cycle continued until the present day, and hundreds of Layers had been created in the abyss.

But it didn't end there for the Abyss was constantly expanding, even extending to many planes of existence and breaking through to several star systems in the multiverse.

This allowed the Abyssal Creatures to invade other worlds, and every time they succeeded, these worlds would permanently become part of the Abyss.

Solais and Elysium faced their onslaught head-on.

Elysium fared a little better and was able to push back the invaders back to the Abyss. They also sealed as many portals as they could to prevent a second invasion from happening.

The Elysians knew that they would be unable to stop the Abyssal Creature from spilling into their world completely, so they devised and created a very powerful barrier that prevented any Calamity and Demigod-Ranked Abyssal Creatures from getting through.

Although the threat of Empyrean-Ranked Creatures and below was a pain, it was still better than dealing with far more dangerous opponents which posed a greater threat to their very existence.

Solais, on the other hand, suffered a lot and vast swaths of land became uninhabitable in the Hundred-Year War.

Miasma thrived in these places, sealing kingdoms and empires off from the outside world.

Those who dared to venture through this miasma would encounter horrendous monsters, diseases, and plagues that could end their lives in a day if they weren't lucky.

While the Abyssal Demons were busy waging wars on different worlds, Antero roamed the many layers of the Abyss out of boredom.

There, he met the Succubus Rhiannon whose rank had degraded to a Rank 1 Monster after she was discarded by the Abyssal Noble who had taken advantage of her Unique Constitution.

Antero wasn't a kind creature and preferred to destroy things as he wandered the land.

When he encountered Rhiannon, the first thought he had was to step on the puny insect and end her suffering.

But after countless years of killing and destroying things, Antero had become bored, so it decided to spare the Succubus and went on with his business.

Rhiannon, who thought that she was going to die, steeled herself and tagged along with the Golem of Destruction as it wandered the Lower Layers of the Abyss.

Everywhere Antero went, destruction followed and countless lives were ended.

Trailing not far from him, the Succubus harvested the Abyssal Cores of the Demons that had been killed, consuming them and raising her strength little by little.

The Golem of Destruction found this funny and even thought of Rhiannon as its pet.

After hundreds of years, the weak and frail Succubus slowly gained a reputation in the Abyss as the Herald of Death. Wherever she was spotted, death and destruction would soon follow.

After spending many years with Rhiannon, Antero had grown attached to her and treated her as his daughter.

When the War between the Abyss and the Elysians started, Antero had just finished killing the Abyssal Lord of the 13th Layer.

He then bestowed its Authority on Rhiannon, giving her a safe place to call her home.

Back then, Rhiannon had already reached the Calamity Rank, so Antero deemed that she was already strong enough to protect herself.

When Rhiannon asked to accompany Antero in the war against the Elysians, the Golem of Destruction rejected her request and asked her to stay on the 13th Layer until she became a Demigod like him.

When the war ended and the gates of the Abyss were sealed, Rhiannon was heartbroken when she found out that Antero was one of the Demigods that had been unable to return to the Abyssal Plane.

Countless eyewitnesses said that the Golem of Destruction had fallen during the war, shattering into hundreds of pieces when he fought against the previous Dragon King.

They said that his sacrifice was worth it because he dragged the Dragon King to die along with him, but that didn't make Rhiannon happy.

For her, Antero wasn't just her savior and protector, he was also the closest thing to a family she ever had.

So when she finally saw the Golem of Destruction appear for a second time after a hundred years, she was unable to stop her tears from falling as her 'foster father' raised his gigantic fist high up in the sky to save her once again.

"You dare bully little Rhiannon?" Antero asked as he looked at Andras, whose face had turned pale from fright. "No problem...

"I'll just have to bully you back!"

When the fist came crashing down, the barrier that she was unable to break using her full powers shattered easily as if it were made from glass.

Andras' face turned ashen as his Trump Card in the war to make Queen Rhiannon his slave broke in front of his eyes.

Since he was a Demigod, he was able to recover from his shock right away, and the first thing he did was flee!

No one in the Abyss dared to fight against Antero because he was the most ancient and strongest creature in existence.

Some even said that if there weren't any limitations placed on the denizens of the Abyss, the Golem of Destruction would have already attained Godhood because of the strong power of Faith that he had gathered over the years.

Weaker Demons treated Antero as their God and aspired to become him.

Smaller Demonic Tribes and Communities would sometimes build Antero's statue in their territories in the hope that the Abyssal Lords would leave them in peace.

After the Golem of Destruction had laid waste through all the Layers of the Abyss, the majority of the Abyssal Lords feared him, so they left these small Demon tribes alone in fear that Antero would visit them and destroy everything they possessed.

That was also why no one dared to touch the 13th Layer, for this was the Domain of Antero's Herald of Death.

Although many eyewitnesses believed that the Golem had truly fallen in the war, they still didn't dare to attack it as they feared that Antero might revive and find its way back to the Abyss.

Andras was an exception because he managed to discover the truth about Rhiannon's body constitution through the diary of her former lover, making him covet her even more.

"Where do you think you're going, puny Demon?" Antero chuckled as he pointed his finger at the fleeting Abyssal Lord.

"Duel [Divine]."

Andras, who had nearly reached the portal, immediately froze mid-air and found himself being pulled towards the Giant Golem, whose fist was already raised high in the air.

"N-Noooooooooooo!"

Andras' scream reverberated across the battlefield as he found himself helplessly staring at the gigantic fist that was about to land on his body.

A few seconds later an earth-shaking explosion blew everyone away from the battlefield.

Lux grabbed Eiko in his arms before summoning his Corpse God and Skeleton King to protect the two of them from the aftermath of Antero's fullpowered-smash, which was more powerful than Eiko's tactical nuke that was used against the Saints of the Divine Army of Light.

Chapter 908: Playing Possum

The entire 13th Layer of the Abyss shook as Antero's gigantic fist smashed against the ground.

ALL-MITE, who was watching the scene, raised his thumb and said "Nice Smash", immediately after which he was sent flying by the powerful shockwave that followed.

(E/N: Kowabunga!)

Everything within the three-mile Radius of Antero was blown away, and those who were near the point of impact were instantly obliterated by his overwhelming might.

When the dust receded, Antero's hulking figure appeared, with his fist firmly embedded in the ground.

A moment later, he lifted his hand, allowing those who had recovered see Andras' pitiful form.

Surprisingly, the Demigod survived Antero's punch, but his body was wounded all over. His arms and legs were bent at unnatural angles.

Clearly, he had suffered serious injuries after taking the Golem's punch headon.

Without any warning, Blackfire appeared beside the Demigod and started smacking it with its body. It even resorted to using its entire body to body slam the Demigod. Unfortunately, it wasn't able to deal much damage to it.

Antero chuckled as he watched the persistent Black Coffin try to beat the crap out of the Demigod in order to devour it.

However, even in his injured state, Andras was still a Demigod, and Blackfire's repeated attacks weren't able to deal much damage to him.

Suddenly, Antero picked up the black coffin with his fingers and stopped it from attacking.

"Funny coffin," Antero chuckled. "Greedy coffin."

Blackfire stopped struggling and behaved like an obedient child. Clearly, it didn't want to get on Antero's bad side.

Even so, it looked down on the body of the Demigod with regret because it was unable to steal it!

Queen Rhiannon landed beside the fallen Demigod and looked at him in disdain.

To his credit, Andras didn't flinch from her stare and even managed and dared to laugh despite his injured state.

"You got lucky this time, Rhiannon," Andras said as blood spilled at the corner of his lips. "I was this close to making you submit. If only Antero hadn't appeared, you and your Succubi would have become my playthings!"

Queen Rhiannon didn't say anything because what Andras said was certainly a possibility. Although she wouldn't go as far as to say that she would have become his slave, the fact remained that her Succubi would indeed become his playthings if Antero hadn't appeared.

There was simply no way for her to fight against two Demigods at the same time.

The Succubus Queen then stared in the direction of the portal.

Andras' associate, Andrealphus, was nowhere to be seen.

During the commotion, the Dreadlord quickly made his escape and was probably fleeing back to the 11th Layer.

Queen Rhiannon sneered before shifting her gaze back to Andras.

She would deal with Andrealphus later, but for now, she had to deal with the hateful Demigod on the ground.

"Any last words?" Queen Rhiannon asked as she summoned a purple blade in her hand.

Andras didn't reply and simply spat on her feet.

Queen Rhiannon didn't bother to dodge, allowing the Demigod to get a little bit of satisfaction before he died.

The Succubus Queen then stabbed Andras' chest, piercing through his Abyssal Core.

A moment later, her blade glowed brightly, absorbing the Demigod Core and passing its strength to its new Master.

When the absorption was done, Queen Rhiannon felt her strength soar drastically, making her sigh in pleasure due to how good it felt.

"Don't worry, Andras," Queen Rhiannon stated. "I'll take over your domain before I visit Andrealphus. He and I have a lot of things to talk about."

As soon as she pulled out the sword from the Demigod's dead body, Blackfire appeared and swallowed the corpse whole.

After succeeding with its attempt, the Black Coffin gave Queen Rhiannon a brief bow before disappearing completely.

The corner of the Succubus' Queen's lips twitched because she didn't expect the Black Coffin to snatch Andras' body in front of her and Antero.

The Golem of Destruction looked at his fingers that had been holding Blackfire a moment ago and chuckled.

"Sly little coffin." Antero chuckled. "Playing Possum."

Just as Antero had stated, Blackfire decided to play the obedient coffin and waited for the perfect moment to strike.

Lux, who had just witnessed the scene, laid down on the ground and closed his eyes.

Eiko, who didn't understand what her Papa was doing, nudged his cheek in an attempt to wake him up.

"Shhh, let's play a sleeping game for now, Eiko," Lux said in a hushed tone. "We didn't see anything."

"Pa!" Eiko nodded and played along with her Papa.

The Baby Slime then closed her eyes, pressed her cheeks against Lux, and pretended to be asleep.

Gaap, who saw his disciple's antics, could only chuckle and shake his head helplessly.

Deep inside, he was quite impressed by how bold Blackfire was. He knew how diligent the Black Coffin was when it came to collecting the bodies of strong people in order to strengthen Lux's army.

But getting the corpse of a Demigod wasn't the same as getting the corpse of a Saint.

Demigods were inherently more powerful than Saints, and it would take a party of them to defeat one in combat.

With a Demigod secured in Blackfire's hands, Gaap had no doubt that his disciple would be able to stand on the shoulders of giants very soon.

'With this, I will be able to rest easily,' Gaap thought. 'There is still some unfinished business that I have to do, and staying with Lux will only hinder his growth.'

While the Halfling was thinking about these things, Queen Rhiannon landed beside them. She then walked past Gaap before kicking Lux off the ground, which sent the Half-Elf fly a few meters away.

"Where am I?!" Lux shouted after he crashed on the ground. "Who am I?!"

"Brat, it seems that you don't recall what happened just now," Queen Rhiannon stated as her tail extended, and wrapped itself around the Half-Elf's body, dragging him back to her. "Do you want me to make you remember?"

The Succubus Queen flashed the Half-Elf a devilish smile before making her nails grow longer.

Lux smiled bitterly as he looked at Queen Rhiannon with a face filled with injustice.

"Consider Andras' body as my reward for helping you," Lux replied. "I won't ask for anything else."

"Oh? After your servants pillaged my Treasury like bandits, you still have the guts to ask for a reward?" Queen Rhiannon then moved forward to whisper something in his ears. "Do you want me to squeeze you dry and make your Rank regress? I think you're forgetting that I have the Celestial Maiden Physique."

The Half-Elf's face paled because of the Succubus Queen's threat. He had a feeling that she wasn't joking, and it made his blood rush to his middle region.

'Idiot! What are you thinking at a moment like this?!' Lux berated himself because his little brother reacted like a fearless soldier prepared to fight a war that it had no chance of winning.

A giggle escaped from Queen Rhiannon's lips after sensing the changes in Lux's body. Truth be told, she was not offended when Blackfire stole Andras' body.

In fact, she was even glad about it because she didn't want to see his face for another second, even if he was already dead.

"Fine. I'll let you off just this once," Queen Rhiannon stated. "But your duty is still not done. Follow me."

"Follow you where?" Lux inquired.

"Where else?" Queen Rhiannon sneered. "It's time to give the 12th Layer a new Master."

Although she didn't have any goals to expand her rule, the other Abyssal Lords would look down on her if she passed up this opportunity.

Since she didn't want anyone aside from Andras to think that she was softhearted, she decided to carry out the motions of conquering the slain Abyssal Lord's Domain.

Antero chuckled before following Queen Rhiannon to the portal.

He knew that he couldn't stay long in the Abyss, and the only way for him to ensure her safety was to make every Abyssal Lord think that he could return to the Abyss anytime he wanted.

In the next few days, rumors spread through the Abyss like Wildfire.

Every demon was talking about the reappearance of The Herald of Death on the 12th Layer, accompanied by the Golem of Destruction, as well as a Necromancer, whose Undead Army had taken the entire layer by storm.

Chapter 909.1: Do I Need A Reason To Save Someone? [Part 1]

A week had passed since Andras and Andrealphus joined forces and attacked the 13th Layer of the Abyss.

After Andras' death, Queen Rhiannon easily subjugated the 12th Layer and took control over its Core, further raising her strength and influence as a Demigod.

With her current power, no Abyssal Lord from the 2nd Layer up to the 100th Layer was her match. Only those at the deeper levels whose strengths were equal or perhaps stronger than hers didn't fear her.

However, none of them would dare to antagonize her, especially now that the Golem of Destruction had made its appearance in the Abyss once again after having been missing for more than a hundred years.

Inside a room in Andras Castle, the Succubus Queen sighed in ecstasy as Lux's hot essence spurted inside of her.

"Let me rest for a bit," Lux complained as he panted for breath while resting his head on the Succubus' Queen's voluptuous chest.

"Fine," Queen Rhiannon replied as she lovingly patted his head. "We still need to do it ten more times so that you can strengthen both Cai and Iris and allow both of them to break through to become D-Rankers."

After absorbing Andras' Abyssal Core and gaining authority of the 12th Layer of the Abyss, Queen Rhiannon decided to let Lux absorb some of her strength in order to strengthen his two fiances as compensation for the hardships they suffered inside her Domain.

Truth be told, the Succubus Queen was just making an excuse to spend a little more time with the Half-Elf, who would soon return to Elysium.

At first, Lux resisted her advances because he already had two fiances.

However, when Queen Rhiannon pointed out that they had done it many times already when Cai was still in the Abyss and said that doing it a few more times wouldn't make a difference, Lux folded.

The Half-Elf couldn't find any flaw in this statement since he had indeed done it countless times with the Succubus Queen, with Cai even joining them in a threesome.

Also, her reasoning to let him absorb her strength in order to strengthen his two fiances to make them stronger made the Half-Elf hesitate.

This hesitation allowed Queen Rhiannon to use Lux's weakness against him, sealing the deal.

While her subordinates rounded up Andras' forces, she spent the entire day making love to Lux.

An hour later, Queen Rhiannon left the room looking radiant and more beautiful than ever before.

Although she had lost some of her strength, Lux's life essence was incredibly potent, making her feel that their exchange was worth it.

The Half-Elf, on the other hand, slept soundly on the bed out of exhaustion and would only wake up half a day later. When Queen Rhiannon arrived in her new throne room, she saw Gaap and Piccoro playing a game of chess beside the throne.

The Halfling sensed her presence and looked at her with a smile.

"My Disciple?" Gaap asked.

"Sleeping," Queen Rhiannon replied.

The Halfling nodded his head in understanding before shifting his attention back to their game.

Piccoro snorted and even gave the Succubus Queen a look of disgust. He didn't need to ask to know what she did with the red-headed teenager whom he hadn't seen for an entire day.

Queen Rhiannon didn't give a damn about what the Dragon Born was thinking because she was in a good mood.

Not only did she subjugate the 12th Layer, she had also forced Andrealphus to sign a Soul Contract, forcing him to protect the 12th and 13th Layers should any danger befall them.

If the Dreadlord were to break the agreement, his Soul would cease to exist, snuffing out any hope for revival.

"We will leave in two days time," Gaap stated. "I would like to thank you for your help in rounding up the Humans and Dragon Borns that had been sent to the Abyss. Although technically we are enemies, I greatly appreciate your help."

"It's just a trivial thing," Queen Rhiannon replied. "But you are right. This is only a temporary truce. Although I personally don't care about attacking your world, the other Abyssal Lords don't share the same opinion. I'm telling you now that the moment they find a way to invade your world, another great war will commence."

Gaap didn't reply right away and first moved the Queen chess piece in order to corner Piccoro's King, making the Dragon Born scowl.

"We'll cross that bridge when we get there," Gaap commented. "At least, there is one less Demigod to worry about. So what are your plans?"

"Me? I intend to stay here in the Abyss," Queen Rhiannon replied. "However, some of my Succubi wishes to go to your world for some sightseeing. Will you be so kind as to let them have some fun?"

Piccoro, who was already annoyed from losing another game, scoffed.

"By having fun, you mean you want us to bring those wenches to our world so they can fornicate with Humans?" Piccoro asked. "No, thank you."

"I'm not asking you, Dragon Born, so shut up," Queen Rhiannon smiled sweetly. "Besides, the men we brought in our castle didn't have any complaints. In fact, they all agreed to the idea of bringing some of my sisters back to Elysium."

"They're just a bunch of horny brats. Their opinion is not important."

"Well, I'm also not asking for your opinion. Can you stop butting in?"

Gaap chuckled as he watched the two banter.

Although he didn't have a high opinion of Abyssal Creatures, he was willing to make an exception for Queen Rhiannon and the Succubi.

Since Antero treated the Succubus Queen as his daughter, he believed that she would also not become hostile to them.

Also, he could tell that she had developed a soft spot for his Disciple.

'My boy, it seems that you are treading in dangerous territory,' Gaap mused. 'If only my Master was awake. Once she finds out that you have slept with the Succubus Queen, who is also a Demigod, she would definitely laugh out loud and say, 'As expected of my Disciple's Disciple!'"

Truth be told, Gaap wanted to see that scene. Unfortunately, he didn't know that Hereswith's soul was already inside Blackfire and was undergoing a complete recovery.

The Half-Elf still hadn't told him about this because he planned to surprise him the moment the beautiful Elf finished her rebirth.

"Listen, woman, I'm gonna tell you directly what's going to happen." Piccoro glared. "The moment your Succubi and those perverted Satyrs cross over to

Elysium, all of them will immediately be annihilated by the Saints waiting on the other side. This is a fact.

"Even if they manage to survive, where will they go? No faction will accept them, and they will be hunted down by the Abyssal Hunters."

Queen Rhiannon smiled and crossed her arms over her chest. "You don't have to worry about that. They can all join Lux's Guild. Problem solved."

The Dragon Born almost choked after hearing her reply.

Lux's Guild Headquarters were currently situated within the territory of the Crystal Palace.

If the Half-Elf really brought them all there, wouldn't that mean that they would have no choice but to protect the Abyssal Creatures since Lux had sought asylum?

Seeing the Dragon Born's face turn pale made Queen Rhiannon laugh.

Truth be told, he had already asked for Lux's permission to bring her people under his wing. The Half-Elf didn't reject her proposal, and even said that, although it would be tricky, it was not impossible.

With this matter already settled, the Succubus Queen left the throne room in order to talk to her people.

In two days time, the Half-Elf would return to Elysium, so she wanted to have everything done before he left the Abyssal World for good.

(E/N: Who says he ain't returning?)

Chapter 910.2: Do I Need A Reason To Save Someone? [Part 2]

After finishing her tasks, Queen Rhiannon returned to her temporary room in Andras' Castle with a satisfied expression on her face.

She had delegated one of her trusted subordinates to serve as the temporary ruler of the 12th Layer, who would keep it in check in her absence.

Although she knew that the Demons under Andras' control would not be cooperating with them anytime soon, she believed that they would soon accept her as their leader.

"Still sleeping?" Queen Rhiannon smirked as she looked at the handsome Half-Elf, who was sleeping peacefully on the bed, completely naked.

She was tempted to play with him again in order to wake him up, but she resisted this urge and simply sat on the space beside him.

Queen Rhiannon then gently patted his head and decided to peer inside his memories.

When she captured Cai, the High Priestess had told her that her fiance would come to save her after he was done with his mission. She didn't elaborate on the mission, and back then, Queen Rhiannon didn't believe that Lux would truly come to his fiance's rescue.

For her, all men were the same, and they couldn't be trusted.

Naturally, this mindset changed a bit after meeting Lux.

Although she didn't want to admit it, she felt jealous of Cai because even though Lux knew that he would face her, a Demigod, the Half-Elf didn't abandon the High Priestess and fought against her in order to save his fiance.

She understood that Lux had abandoned whatever he was doing and came to the Abyss as soon as he could, giving Queen Rhiannon a good impression of him.

'I wonder what you were doing before you came to the Abyss?' Queen Rhiannon thought before closing her eyes to peer in Lux's memories.

A minute later, she abruptly opened her eyes and looked at the sleeping Half-Elf in disbelief.

"I-It can't be," Queen Rhiannon muttered. "Is Fate playing a trick on me?"

The Demigod bit her lip before peering at Lux's memory a second time. This time, she traced the memory that she had seen earlier and confirmed that it wasn't just a figment of her imagination.

"So it's true," Queen Rhiannon said as she looked at the sleeping Half-Elf with a complicated look on her face. "Fate, you are a b*tch."

When Lux opened his eyes, he found himself staring at a peerless beauty, who was staring straight at him.

"Good morning?" Lux said before stifling a yawn.

"Good morning," Queen Rhiannon replied in a calm manner. "Lux, I want to ask you a question. What were you doing before you came to the Abyss?"

Lux, who was still half asleep, replied. "I was going to the Pantheon of Exile in Agartha to meet someone."

"Is it a girl?"

"Yes. Why?"

"Tell me more about her."

Lux yawned before giving his reply. "Are you talking about Aurora? She is currently imprisoned in the Pantheon of Exile. She is also a very pitiful girl that bears the title Misfortune's Beloved. If possible, I want to find a way to prevent her from infecting others with bad luck, so I can bring her back to the Surface World with me."

The Half-Elf then blinked once then twice as he looked at the peerless beauty in front of him.

"Now that I take a good look at you, the two of you bear a great resemblance with each other," Lux said with a smile. "Are you perhaps her long lost mother?"

Lux said these words in a teasing manner.

Although Aurora and Queen Rhiannon had some similarities, he didn't believe that the two of them were related. Afterall, the Succubus Queen lived in the Abyss and was a Demigod.

It was impossible for her to go to Agartha.

Aurora was also a little thin and obviously malnourished from her stay within the Pantheon of Exile. After a bit of pondering, Lux believed that once she became healthier, her beauty would rival the woman who was lying on the bed with him at the moment.

"Misfortune's Beloved? Truly a pitiful girl," Queen Rhiannon replied. "And you want to save someone like her? Why?"

"Do I need a reason to save someone?" Lux answered. "Isn't that a normal thing to do?"

Queen Rhiannon eyed Lux critically as if looking for any signs of insincerity. Her stare was so intense that the Half-Elf felt as if she was staring straight to his soul.

"Is something wrong?" Lux inquired. "You don't look so good."

"It's nothing." Queen Rhiannon propped herself up from the bed before closing her eyes. "Tomorrow, before you leave, I plan to give you something. I will visit the 69th Layer for the time being. Make sure you don't leave until I come back, understand?"

"Well, if you say so."

"Promise me that you'll wait for me."

"O-Okay."

Queen Rhiannon gave Lux an intense stare before walking towards the window of the room. A moment later she vanished, leaving a confused Half-Elf behind.

Not far from the castle, Antero sat on the ground, with two guests sitting on his head.

Lilian was patiently teaching Eiko a few things, and the Baby Slime was listening to her with a serious expression on her face.

"Lord Antero, I need your help," Queen Rhiannon said. "Please come with me to the 69th Layer of the Abyss. It is of grave importance."

Antero chuckled and slowly stood up from the ground.

Lilian held Eiko protectively in her embrace before jumping off the Golem's body. She didn't intend to follow them to whatever layer of the Abyss they planned to go to.

She was busy passing a Legacy to the Baby Slime that would allow the latter to unlock her true potential and become stronger.

The two Demigods left in haste, and no one knew what they were going to do once they reached the 69th Layer of the Abyss.

Whatever Queen Rhiannon was planning, it had to be something of great importance because she personally asked Antero for help.

Lux, who had been left alone inside the room, decided to sleep a little bit more in order to recover his stamina.

He was not aware that the simple question he asked earlier had lit a flame inside Queen Rhiannon's heart that had remained dormant for nearly two decades.

Chapter 911: Leaving A Precious Gift Behind

"You want to go to Elysium?" Lux asked.

Ampelos nodded. "Yes."

"Why?"

"Let's just say that it's time to go to greener pastures, if you know what I mean."

The Satyr flashed Lux a dashing smile, the sight of which gave the Half-Elf an urge to beat the crap out of him.

When the Satyr said that it wanted to go to greener pastures, it meant that it wanted to start its notoriety in Elysium, and this was something that Lux couldn't possibly agree to.

He already knew how lustful these creatures were and the danger they could pose to the Elysians if they were given the opportunity to leave the Abyss.

"I know what you are thinking," Ampelos said. "Me and my men are now reformed. We will not do anything indecent when we get to Elysium, I promise."

"Hahaha, do you think I was born yesterday?" Lux sneered. "You might behave for a day or two, maybe even a week, before your carnal urges go out of control. I can't possibly bring you back with me knowing how dangerous you guys are."

Ampelos' smile stiffened after hearing Lux's reply. Clearly, the Half-Elf didn't trust them enough to let them go to Elysium with him.

"You reject our request to come with you to Elysium, but you didn't reject the Succubi when they asked to go with you?" Ampelos snorted. "Double standards much?"

"The Succubi are different," Lux replied. "Don't you know that thicc thighs save lives?"

"Bullsh*t!" Ampelos scoffed. "Both of us know that isn't the real reason why you agreed to bring them with you."

Lux shrugged because he really didn't want to argue with the Satyrs on this matter.

Queen Rhiannon and him were now practically allies after everything they had gone through. Also, he didn't think that bringing the Succubi to Elysium would pose any serious problems.

The Satyrs, however, were a different threat. These walking lechers needed to be neutered before the Half-Elf would agree to bring them back with him.

While Ampelos was thinking of ways to convince Lux to bring him and his subordinates to Elysium, the land started to shake, which made them look in the direction of the portal that led to the 14th Layer.

Antero had just returned to the 13th Layer, alongside Queen Rhiannon, and the two were making their way towards the Passion Palace, where everyone gathered. Lux and his people should have left a few hours ago, but since he made a promise to the Succubus Queen that he would wait for her, he put their plan on hold until her arrival.

A few minutes later, the peerless beauty landed beside Lux and dragged him to the side to have a private talk.

"It's good that you kept your promise," Queen Rhiannon said. "I thought you would already be gone by the time I arrived."

Lux didn't reply to her right away and looked up at the beautiful queen who was looking back at him with a smile.

"Do you want to come to Elysium with me?" Lux asked.

Queen Rhiannon didn't expect the Half-Elf to invite her to go to Elysium, but the way he was looking at her made her realize that he wasn't joking, which warmed her heart.

"I would love to go... but I can't," Queen Rhiannon replied. "There are still many things I need to do here in the Abyss, and I can't possibly leave those who have decided to stay behind."

Lux nodded because he had already expected that her answer would be like that. It was just his wishful thinking that the Succubus Queen would agree to his invitation and leave everything behind.

Queen Rhiannon saw the disappointment in Lux's eyes, but she pretended not to see it.

Instead, she showed him a pearl necklace, which made the Half-Elf's eye widen in shock.

Although it was faint, Lux could feel a strand of divinity within the white pearl that hung on the golden chain in front of him.

"This artifact is called Fortuna's Tears," Queen Rhiannon explained. "Its ability is to prevent its wearer from getting bad luck. However, if the one who wears it is Misfortune's Beloved, its ability would only prevent her from spreading misfortune to other people.

"The downside is that her bad luck will still remain active, but it will only affect her. If you wish to take that girl, Aurora, with you to the Surface World, this is the thing that you need the most."

Without even waiting for Lux's reply, Queen Rhiannon handed the necklace to him, making the Half-Elf look at her gratefully.

"Thank you very much," Lux replied. "This is exactly the thing I need."

"Don't mention it." Queen Rhiannon smiled.

Lux lowered his head as he pondered something.

After half a minute, he took out a small wooden box and handed it to the peerless beauty who had given him a priceless treasure.

"Open this after we leave," Lux stated. "Whether you use it or not is up to you."

Queen Rhiannon took the box from Lux's hand and held it in the palm of her hand.

The two then stared at each other for a long time, their eyes swirling with emotions that they couldn't tell each other.

Suddenly, this intimate moment was broken by someone clearing their throat, which made Lux and Queen Rhiannon glare at the person that disturbed them.

"Can we not come to a compromise?" Ampelos asked. "No offense, but I've been here in the Abyss since I was born. I want to see how much bigger the world is out there, and Elysium seems to be a good place to spread my wings—if you know what I mean."

"Spread your wings, or spread your d*ck?" Queen Rhiannon sneered.

"Look, my subordinates and I are willing to sign a Soul Contract if that's what it would take for us to go to Elysium," Ampelos said with determination. "As long as it doesn't touch our bottom line, like being neutered, we are willing to abide by its terms."

Lux frowned before glancing at the beauty beside him.

"What do you think?" Lux asked.

"Well, it's a Soul Contract, so you don't have to worry about them going back on their word," Queen Rhiannons shrugged. "Who knows, they might even help you in the future. Although they are a rowdy bunch, they are excellent cannon fodd— I mean, excellent vanguards during wars."

Ampelos smiled and pretended that he didn't hear Queen Rhiannon's snarky remark.

"Okay, how about this," Lux stated. "You guys are not allowed to force any women to do the deed with you using intimidation, violence, spells, or anything that will remove their free will. If you can woo them properly using the right method, then I won't bat an eye."

The Half-Elf then glanced at Queen Rhiannon and asked her a question.

"Can you prevent them from siring any children while they are in Elysium?" Lux asked. "I don't think the Elysians are ready to see an influx in the Satyr population in the upcoming years."

Queen Rhiannon giggled and nodded her head. "Sure. I can do that. I will ensure that they can't get anyone pregnant for the next hundred years."

"W-Wait! Calm down. How about you lower it a bit to 10 years?" Ampelos asked anxiously.

"50 years." Queen Rhiannon smirked.

"30!" Ampelos bargained.

"50."

"40!"

"50."

"....Fine, 50 years."

One of the Satyrs who was listening stepped up and asked a question.

"I understand that we cannot be rough with women, but how about men?" the Satyr asked.

The corner of Lux's lips twitched after hearing the Satyr's inquiry. To his surprise, almost all the Satyrs were looking at him with a determined look on their faces as if the answer to this question was a matter of life and death.

Just as Lux was about to say 'no,' an idea suddenly popped inside his head, which made him smile evilly.

"You are not allowed to be rough with men... but I will allow it if that person is a member of the Divine Army of Light or Twilight Rain," Lux replied. "As long as those people are affiliated with those factions, you can be rough with them as much as you want. Anything goes! But remember, only the men, okay? You still need to treat the women with respect."

"""Whoa!"""

With the exception of Ampelos, all the Satyrs cheered after they were given permission to screw the members of the Divine Army of Light as well as Twilight Rain.

"Hahaha! Divine Army of Light? They sound strong. Do they have Magical Knights?"

"Of course they do," Lux replied with a smile. "They have thousands of them."

"Nice!" the Satyr gave Lux a thumbs up. "You're not going back on your word, right? We can *ahem* them as much as we want, right?"

"Knock yourself out!" Lux gave them a thumbs up in return.

The Satyr then shook hands with Lux, and gave him the "thanks bro, you are a real man of culture" look.

Lux simply nodded his head and gave his blessings to the Satyrs to make the lives of the Divine Army of Light a living hell.

Since they were already at each other's throats, he would not bat an eye if the Satyrs screwed them thrice over.

After agreeing to the details of the contract, all Satyrs were then invited to join Lux's guild.

Antero then swallowed the Succubi and the Satyrs inside its body to prevent the humans and Dragon Borns, who were waiting on the other side, to attack them.

When everything was ready, Lux bid Queen Rhiannon his final goodbye, and the latter just nodded her head and waved at him.

Gaap then took out a white marble and activated it. In the blink of an eye, a black hole appeared above their heads, sucking up everyone in its surroundings.

A long sigh escaped the Demigod's lips the moment the black hole disappeared.

She then opened the small wooden box in her hand to see what Lux's farewell gift to her was.

Sitting at the center of the box was a single white marble that would allow Queen Rhiannon to go to Elysium.

"Become strong, Lux," Queen Rhiannon said before closing the wooden box in her hand. "I have high hopes for you. Also, please save my daughter, Aurora. I wasn't a good mother to her, and I hope that she can feel what a family is like when she's by your side."

The peerless beauty then affectionately caressed her lower abdomen as she thought of the handsome Half-Elf who had returned to his own world, not knowing that he had left her another precious gift aside from the White Marble in her possession.

Chapter 912: I Wish She Was Here too

As Lux dried his hair with a towel, he looked at the two beautiful ladies who were lying on the bed, naked with a smile on their face.

Two days had passed since his return from the Abyss, and many things had happened since then.

First of all, not all the humans who were accidentally sucked into the Abyss managed to make it back home. Some of them had been slain by the Abyssal Monsters, which was quite unfortunate because those that had entered the Gate of the Apocalypse were the Elites of each faction.

Even the Dragon Borns had significant casualties on their side, leaving Piccoro's face very dark when he took his people back to the Crystal Palace.

A day after Lux's return, something happened to the Domain of the Fallen, which no one had foreseen. All the people who had come to conquer the Domain of the Fallen and the Gate of the Apocalypse were expelled from the Domain.

Not only that, the Gate that served as its entrance vanished without a trace.

This alarmed everyone, and many even believed that the Half-Elf had done something that made the Gate disappear.

The Skystead Alliance were the ones who brought up and spread this idea, and the Xynnar War Pact followed suit.

However, Piccoro, who had been with Lux since the beginning claimed that the Half-Elf was innocent, and what happened to the Domain of the Fallen had nothing to do with him.

Since no one wanted to anger the Saint of the Crystal Palace, they held their tongue. But deep inside, they were still blaming the Half-Elf for what happened to the Domain.

The Six Kingdoms didn't say anything because they didn't want to anger the Saints who were on Lux's side, as well as their ally, which was the Xynnar War Pact.

In the end, Lux returned to Barbatos Academy to rest for a few days before he returned to Agartha to complete the quest he'd started.

Just when the Half-Elf had finished putting on his clothes, Cai stirred on the bed and looked at her surroundings in a daze.

She was still half asleep, and it took her a while to recognize the Half-Elf who was smiling back at her.

"Good morning, Cai," Lux said as he approached the bed and kissed his fiance on her forehead. "Did you sleep well?"

"Mmm," Cai replied before yawning.

Her beautiful body looked more smooth and radiant than it had a few days ago.

The same could be said to the blue-haired lady, who was still sleeping peacefully on the bed.

After Lux returned to Barbatos Academy, the first thing he did was to help Cai and Iris increase their ranks to D-Rank using the special method that Queen Rhiannon had taught him.

What happened in the Gate of the Apocalypse made everyone realize that accidents could happen anytime and that they didn't have the liberty of choosing their opponents.

This made everyone pursue the goal to become stronger in order to better protect themselves if a similar incident happened in the future.

Right now, Lux was a C-Ranker.

Although he had increased his Rank by one stage, he was still far away from the True Powerhouses of the World.

He knew that he was only able to save his lovers due to the help of others, especially his Master, Gaap, who had the Golem of Destruction, Antero, under his command.

Without his help, fighting against a Demigod like the Succubus Queen was pure suicide.

"Are you going somewhere?" Cai asked as she looked at her fiance who was already fully dressed.

Lux nodded. "I need to return to the Guild Headquarters for a bit to check the Succubi and the Satyrs. Although Garret told me that they have been behaving, I would like to see it with my own eyes and make sure that everything is in order."

"Okay, you do that." Cai smiled before kissing him on the cheek. "I'll wake up Iris so we can take a bath and have breakfast together. Will you be back for lunch?" "I'll be back this evening," Lux replied. "The Steward of the Crystal Palace wants to talk to me in private."

After saying goodbye to his fiance, Lux teleported to his Guild Headquarters to check if the denizens of the Abyss and his other guild members were getting along.

Fortunately, the Succubi and the Satyrs were behaving themselves and even did their best to get along with everyone in the Guild's Headquarters.

The Abyssal Creatures didn't have Guilds or the likes.

Because of this, they didn't have any idea of how famous Lux's Guild was in both Elysium and Solais.

The Half-Elf also told them that if anyone were to ask them what the name of their Guild was, they must only answer Ars Goetia.

Piccoro had informed Lady Augustina about the newest members of Lux's Guild, which was why he needed to meet with her in the Crystal Palace.

Although the Dragon Born didn't say it outright, Cethus' Uncle had concerns about the Abyssal Creatures who were now inside their territory.

"So how are your sisters faring?" Lux asked the leader of the Succubi, whom Queen Rhiannon had designated to be their temporary leader while they were in Elysium.

Her name was Clover, and she was a mature beauty with long blue hair and a seductive body. She was the only one among the Succubi who wore glasses, making her look like a very serious and competent person.

"The air here is very fresh, and the sky is very blue," Clover replied. "I've heard many stories about Elysium, but I never expected it to be this beautiful. I wish my Queen could see all of this."

Clover sighed after she thought of her beloved Queen, who had protected all of them for several decades on the 13th Layer of the Abyss.

"I wish she was here too," Lux said softly as he thought of the peerless beauty who had decided to stay in the Abyss.

After recalling the unspoken promise he and Queen Rhiannon made with each other, the Half-Elf smiled and continued his conversation with Clover.

"It's good to know that you are enjoying it here," Lux commented. "If there is anything that you need, don't hesitate to tell Garret or Emma if I'm not around. They are the ones who manage my Guild Headquarters whenever I am away."

Clover nodded. "Understood. But I'd like to ask you something about this Guild of yours."

The Succubus adjusted her glasses as she looked at the Half-Elf with a solemn gaze.

"For some reason, I felt like I got stronger after arriving in Elysium," Clover stated. "My sisters have also grown stronger, which means that this isn't an individual thing. When I asked Emma about it, she said that it was the effect of your Guild Buffs.

"She added that not all guilds in this world have this effect, and as far as she knows, only your guild has it. Can you tell me why you are the only one to have these so-called Guild Buffs?"

"Sure," Lux answered. "You see..."

The Half-Elf explained the concept of Guilds to Clover including the Rank of each one. He also told her about the Adventurer's Guild, which greatly captured her interest.

After his explanation, the Succubus asked if anyone could register in the Guild Headquarters to become an Adventurer.

Lux didn't know the answer to this question, so he taught Clover on how to use the Guild Chat and introduced her to Keelan, who was one of the Branch Guildmasters of the Adventurer's Guild in the Kingdom of Gweliven.

Clover found the Guild Chat very interesting, so she shared the information with her sisters. Soon, the Guild Chat was flooded with messages as the Succubi, who knew nothing about the world began to ask questions, which his guild members were happy to answer. After making sure that there weren't any immediate concerns in his Guild Headquarters, Lux decided that it was time to meet with the Steward of the Crystal Palace, who had been waiting for his arrival.

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Chapter 913: Act With Proper Manners, Or I Will Teach It To You Personally

Since the Teleportation Gate in Lux's Guild Headquarters was connected to the Capital City of Rex Zariza, where the Royal Castle was located, it only took him a few minutes to arrive at his destination.

Just as he was about to enter the Royal Gate, a flying carriage landed beside him.

Lux threw the carriage a casual look and immediately froze after seeing a familiar face looking back at him from the carriage window.

""You!""

Lux and the lady shouted at the same time as they pointed at each other.

A second later, the Half-Elf quickly took a step back and summoned his Named Creatures and Covenant Members, inwardly deciding whether he should fight or flee.

While he was thinking of what to do, the carriage door opened, and a beautiful lady descended from its steps.

"I didn't think that we would meet again this soon, Heretic," the Oracle of the Divine Army of Light said in a cold tone filled with killing intent. "I still remember what you did to me that day, and I am very eager to repay the favor."

"Well, there's more where that came from," Lux replied. "Do you want to experience it a second time?"

The two stared at each other before someone else walked out of the carriage and looked at the Half-Elf with contempt.

"You sure like to talk big, brat," the High King of Lunaria stated. "Let's see if you get another chance to blow us up like you did last time."

The High-King of Lunaria was about to make his move when a sudden pressure descended on his body like a mountain, forcing him to kneel on the ground.

A second later, a calm yet firm voice reached everyone's ears, making the Oracle of Light cease any attempt to seize the red-headed teenager that was in front of her.

"You are not in your Divine Empire, Human. Act with proper manners, or I will teach them to you personally."

The Oracle then faced the palace gate and gave a respectful bow to the Steward of the Crystal Palace, who was standing on the opposite side.

"I apologize for my colleague's outburst," the Oracle said. "It will not happen again, Your Excellency."

"As it should," Lady Augustina replied. "There will not be a second time, do you understand?"

"Yes, Your Excellency." The Oracle nodded.

Lady Augustina then released the pressure that pinned the King of Lunaria on the ground.

Having been freed from the pressure, the Saint rose up and bowed respectfully to the Steward of the Crystal Palace.

"I apologize for my rudeness," the King of Lunaria stated. "It will not happen again during our stay in your Empire, Your Excellency."

"Very well." Lady Augustina nodded before shifting her gaze to the Dragon Prince standing beside her. "Aur, why don't you keep Lux company while I entertain our guests."

"As you command," Aur replied with a smile before making a gesture to Lux to follow him.

Lux glanced at the Saints from the Divine Army of Light before unsummoning his Undead Army.

He then hurriedly walked through the gate without looking back at the Saints, whose eyes followed him like wolves ready to go for the kill.

If not for the fact that a Supreme was paying close attention to them, they might have assassinated Lux there and then.

Once the Half-Elf had safely gone inside the Palace, Lady Augustina made a gesture for her guests to follow her.

She already had an idea for the reason for their visit, but it would still be better if she heard it from their lips.

Meanwhile, inside Aur's personal residence...

"You don't have to worry about those Saints anymore, Lux," Aur said with a smile as he personally poured the Half-Elf some tea. "As long as you are within our territory, they will not dare to do anything out of place."

"I know," Lux replied. "But, I didn't expect them to come here personally after everything that happened back then."

Aur made a gesture for his servants to leave the two of them alone because he didn't want others to hear their conversation.

Only when he was sure that they were really alone did the Dragon Prince look at the Half-Elf with a solemn expression on his face.

"Actually, this is the second time that the Divine Army of Light has sent their representatives to meet with my Aunt," Aur explained. "The first time they came here, they didn't make any demands like to hand you over to them. If I remember correctly, their goal was to ask my Aunt if she would be willing to assist them in closing an Abyssal Gate that had suddenly appeared in one of their affiliate kingdoms."

"A Gate from the Abyss opened?" Lux arched an eyebrow. "When did that happen?"

"The same day that the Black Hole that led to the Abyss appeared in the Gate of the Apocalypse," Aur replied.

The frown on Lux's face deepened after hearing the Dragon Prince's answer. He would like to brush this off as a coincidence, but the timing was too perfect for him to ignore.

"What happened? Did your Aunt help them close the Gate?" Lux asked.

Aur nodded. "She was not the only one who went. Even that Fake Dragon King showed up."

The Half-Elf couldn't help but smile because he was fully aware that the Crystal Palace didn't recognize the current Dragon King as their true king.

They would often refer to him as, Usurper, Fake King, Bastard, or Scum.

Clearly, they neither had love nor respect for the one who sat on the golden throne of Karshvar Draconis because they only recognized one king, and that was Keoza.

"So, the Abyssal Gate is closed and everything is over, right?" Lux inquired.

"Yes," Aur answered. "That's why I don't know why they are back."

Truth be told, the Half-Elf was conflicted about whether he should rejoice or not that an Abyssal Gate had appeared within one of the affiliated Kingdoms of the Divine Army of Light.

While it was true that he hated them, he didn't want the ordinary citizens to suffer.

Especially after going to the Abyss and coming to understand the balance of power there.

If a bunch of Demigods were to suddenly cross over from the other side, then another massive war would commence.

What worried Lux was the fact that he was harboring Succubi and Satyrs, who had also come from the Abyss.

If the Divine Army caught word that he had smuggled these creatures over, there was a possibility that they would use this to start a blackening propaganda against him in order to get the people of Elysium to support their cause to exterminate him.

Chapter 914: I Am Not His Babysitter

"So you went to Agartha to help this girl who bears the curse of Misfortune's Beloved?" Aur asked.

"Yes," Lux replied. "Her name is Aurora, and she is a very pitiful girl."

"Aurora?" Aur narrowed his eyes. "Is she beautiful?"

"She is," Lux swiftly replied, although he was a bit taken aback, not expecting the Dragon Prince to ask him such a question.

"I see," Aur's tone suddenly turned cold. "Lucky her."

"No. She's very unlucky. Didn't I just tell you that she is Misfortune's Beloved?"

"What a lucky girl she is."

"...Are you even listening to me?"

Aur ignored Lux's question and simply sipped his tea. When he finished his cup, he glanced at the Half-Elf and asked him another question.

"So you rescued this girl named Aurora from the Pantheon of Exile?"

Lux shook his head. "Something happened before I could do so, so I was forced to abandon my mission."

"Does this something have to do with the Black Hole that appeared in the Gate of the Apocalypse?"

"Yes. You see, my two fiances were victims of that incident, and I decided to return as fast as I can in order to help rescue them from the Abyss."

A resounding crack reverberated inside the room as several cracks appeared in Aur's tea cup.

Fortunately, it didn't break, and the Dragon Prince calmly returned it on top of the table before looking at the Half-Elf in disbelief.

"Fiances?" Aur asked. "You are betrothed to two women?"

Lux nodded. "Didn't you know?"

"I didn't," Aur replied.

A few seconds later, Lux suddenly felt that the temperature of the room was getting lower, which made him wonder if Aur's room had a hidden air conditioner somewhere.

However, since Aur asked him to share his stories, he decided to tell him about his adventures in the Abyss.

The more he told the Dragon Prince what happened, the colder the room got.

"That Queen is so ruthless. She XXX me, intending to absorb my powers and make my rank regress." Lux shook his head helplessly. "She almost got her way. Fortunately, the situation was reversed and I XXX'ed her until she called me Daddy."

"... I see," Aur replied and the table was suddenly covered by a layer of ice. "Then what happened next?"

"Um, in the end, we negotiated with her since we really don't have a way to fight against a Demigod," Lux answered in a serious tone. "If we failed the negotiation, then I might have become one of her playthings, and one of my fiances would have turned into a Succubus. It was really a very dangerous gamble."

"So you managed to win the gamble and struck a deal with her. I don't know if I should praise you or kil— congratulate you for reaching a compromise with a Demigod. What happened next?"

"We XXX some more until I could no longer do it. Aren't I amazing?"

"... Scum."

Aur suddenly stood up and unleashed a Dragon Breath at Lux turning him into a crystal statue.

He then left the room in a bad mood and closed the door with a bang.

A few seconds later, Lux broke free from the Crystal that covered his body and looked at the destroyed door with confusion.

He then picked up his tea cup and drank all of its contents before placing it back on the table.

"Was that too stimulating for him?" Lux scratched his head. "Maybe Dragons don't mature early."

Inside the Throne Room of the Crystal Palace...

"Your request is rejected," Lady Augustina said in a calm tone. "Lux is under my asylum, and as long as he is within my territory, you may touch him, but you must be able to bear the consequences."

"And what if he is outside of your territory, Your Excellency?" the High King of Lunaria asked. "Does your protection extend outside of your borders?"

"No," Lady Augustina replied.

"Does that mean that if we try to capture him outside of your domain, you won't get in our way?" the Oracle inquired.

"That is correct," Lady Augustina answered.

The Oracle nodded. "Then we have an understanding, Your Excellency. As the representative of the Divine Army of Light, we will not attack the Lux Von Kaizer inside your Domain. However, if we spot him outside, we will not hesitate to make our move. I hope that you can abide by this agreement."

"I am not his babysitter," Lady Augustina commented. "As long as you do not make any moves within my territory, you can do anything you want."

The Oracle and the High King of Lunaria exchanged glances and nodded at the same time.

"Thank you for the clarification, Your Excellency," the Oracle said. "We will no longer waste your time. Thank you for gracing us with your presence."

The Oracle and the High King bowed their heads respectfully before leaving the throne room with steady steps.

Piccoro, who was standing beside Lady Augustina, scoffed when the two Saints were finally out of sight.

"These Humans are so annoying. Can't they just take a hint and not bother us again?"

Lady Augustina smiled before glancing at the arrogant Dragon Born beside her.

"Diplomacy and politics are what prevents war from happening, Piccoro," Lady Augustina commented. "But sometimes, those who have the power only wish to expand their Domains or get better treatment from others. As much as I don't want to admit this, the Divine Army of Light also plays a crucial role in the world."

Piccoro snorted. "Are you talking about their Apostle Project? That blasphemous experiment to turn ordinary mortals into High-Rankers and Saints? They are going against the natural order of things, and the only excuse they can give is that it is for the greater good? Such rubbish!"

"Perhaps," Lady Augustina nodded. "But Piccoro, you also felt it, didn't you? You can smell its stench again, right?"

The arrogant Dragon Born quieted down and simply crossed his arms over his chest.

Lady Augustina leaned on her throne and sighed. "Everyday, I can smell the stench of the Abyss, and it is getting stronger. The last time this happened was over a hundred years ago, and you already know what transpired during that time."

"The Abyssal Invasion," Piccoro commented. "Is this why you and that Fake King have turned a blind eye to the Divine Army's blasphemous experiments?"

Lady Augustina closed her eyes. A few minutes of silence passed before she opened them again, and the words she said next made Piccoro shut his mouth.

"We lost many Supremes and Demigods in the previous war," Lady Augustina said softly. "And yet, the power of the Abyss continues to grow. You've already been there and witnessed their power. Even if that Succubus Queen

does not join the next war, she mentioned that the other Abyssal Lords would certainly make their move.

"Piccoro, I'm afraid that if another war breaks out, all the races of this world will be unable to push them back unlike what we had done over a hundred years ago."

Piccoro no longer said anything and simply looked at the ceiling.

After talking to the Succubus Queen during their stay in the Abyss, the Dragon Born discovered that the current number of Layers in the Abyss was 666.

However, Queen Rhiannon insisted that in another hundred years, another layer will appear, for that was the nature of the Abyss.

Always expanding without end.

According to her, there were hundreds of battle-ready Demigods who were only waiting for an opportunity to cross over to their world.

This didn't include the thousands of Calamity-Ranked Monsters that lived within the deepest levels of the Abyss.

This was why Lady Augustina and the current Dragon King didn't hesitate to help close the Abyssal Gate that appeared within the territory of the Divine Army of Light.

Their world wasn't ready yet for another invasion, and those who stood at the Apex of Elysium believed that if another war were to break out...

It would be their end.

Chapter 915: Clingy Much?

Lux sat opposite Lady Augustina as she sipped her tea in silence.

After what happened in Aur's room, and her meeting with the Divine Army of Light, the Steward of the Crystal Palace felt like she needed a break, so she invited Lux to have an afternoon snack with her.

Naturally, the Half-Elf accepted her invitation even though he had just finished having tea with the Dragon Prince.

"Lux, you brought some interesting friends with you from the Abyss," Lady Augustina said after placing her teacup back on the table. "Do you have any idea what you have done?"

"Am I going to be punished?" Lux asked. "Is that why you have called me here, Your Excellency?"

"Punish you? No. But, I'd like to remind you that not everyone likes having Abyssal Creatures near their doorstep. Piccoro has already briefed me about your... unusual relationship with the Succubus Queen. Although I don't approve of it, I am willing to turn a blind eye. At least, for now."

Lux breathed a sigh of relief because he really thought that he had been summoned to the Crystal Palace to receive a punishment.

Seeing the relief on his face, Lady Augustina shook her head helplessly before lightly tapping the table with her finger.

"Listen closely, Lux," Lady Augustina stated. "I may approve of what you did, but others may not. Right now, the Elysians and the Abyssal Creatures are in a delicate balance. So, when you return, make sure to tell your Succubi and Satyrs to take human forms.

"Although High-Rankers, and above, will be able to identify them for what they truly are, the rest of the people don't need to know."

Lux nodded his head in understanding. "I understand, Your Excellency. I will tell them this when I return."

"Good. Now, let's talk about other topics. Do you know why the Divine Army of Light appeared here today?"

"Are they asking for help to close an Abyssal Gate?"

Lady Augustina arched an eyebrow. "Did Aur tell you?"

"Yes, Your Excellency," Lux replied.

Lady Augustina nodded. "Well, there is that too, but the real reason they came here was because of you. They want me to surrender you to them."

The Half-Elf didn't say anything and simply waited for the Steward's next words. He knew that Lady Augustina wouldn't surrender them to the Divine Army of Light because she had already agreed to grant them asylum in her territory.

"Naturally, I rejected their request," Lady Augustina stated. "But, I also promised them that I would not help you once you are outside of my borders. So, be extra careful when you go on your adventures.

"I'm fairly certain that they have already deployed their people outside of my domain. They are lying in wait for you to make a mistake, and fall into their hands."

"Thank you for the reminder, Your Excellency," Lux said gratefully. "I will be extra careful from now on."

"You do that." Lady Augustina smiled. "Now, tell me, did you and Aur get into an argument?"

"I don't think so?" Lux replied with uncertainty. "I was just telling him about what happened in the Abyss. Maybe my storytelling was too stimulating for him."

"Stimulating?" Lady Augustina blinked. "What did you tell him?"

"Well... things." Lux smiled. "But, it's a guy thing. I'm sorry, Your Excellency but I cannot share it with you."

Lady Augustina chuckled because she was amused when Lux said that his conversation with Aur was a "guy thing". But, since she didn't want to ruin the atmosphere, she decided to just set it aside for now, and just ask Aur about it when Lux returned to his Guild Headquarters.

An hour later, Lux left the Capital City of the Crystal Palace and returned to his Guild Headquarters.

The first thing he did was relay Lady Augustina's request to the Succubi and Satyrs, which they accepted.

For the most part, since the Satyrs were already Deimos-Ranked and above Monsters, they were able to take human forms if they wished. The Succubi didn't need to change their appearance because they already looked like humans. All they needed to do was to remove their tails, wings, and horns, making them look like ordinary Human ladies.

But, when the Satyrs transformed themselves to handsome men, the Half-Elf wasn't able to stop himself from face palming because these dashing Casanovas could easily seduce girls with their good looks.

Fortunately, Lux had added a condition that they couldn't pursue any women for a year, with the exception of women belonging to the Divine Army of Light, and members of Twilight Rain.

Suddenly, the teleportation gate shone briefly and two people walked out of it.

One was the Dragon Born, Cethus, and the other was the Half-Elf, Gerhart.

"Lux! You're finally back!" Cethus grinned as soon as he saw the Half-Elf. "You won't believe how strong I've become. I'm already a D-Rank..."

The Dragon Born's eyes widened in shock after he subconsciously assessed Lux's rank.

He was in a hurry to return to their Guild Headquarters in order to boast about his achievements because he managed to become a D-Ranker before Gerhart.

But, after sensing Lux's current rank, the Dragon Born couldn't believe that the latter had increased his Rank again in just a short period of time.

Even Gerhart was surprised due to the Half-Elf's latest advancement, making him wonder what the latter did in Agartha.

"Y-You're now a C-Ranker?" Cethus stuttered. "Since when?"

"Since three days ago," Lux replied with a smug expression on his face. "Haiya~ if you only knew what I've been through. I fought against a Demigod, and almost died. But, the experience I got from fighting her allowed me to increase my Rank once again."

"... Sh*t," Cethus cursed. "I should have come along with you. Every time you go somewhere, you suddenly become strong. Just what kind of juice did you drink? Share them with me!"

Gerhart, who was listening from the side, was also interested in knowing this secret. If possible, he also wanted to drink the same juice that Lux was drinking, so that he could also become a D-Ranker, and leave Cethus in the dust.

Lux blinked a few times before averting his gaze. "Um, it's a bit complicated, so I can't tell you how I increased my rank. All I can say is that surpassing your limit will allow you to break through very fast. I'm telling you this from experience."

"Okay, I understand," Cethus nodded. "This time, you will bring me wherever you go. Be honored, Lowlander, this Cethus is willing to accompany your lowly self."

"What if I say no?" Lux replied.

"I will not take no for an answer," Cethus insisted. "Either you take me with you, or you take me with you."

Lux scratched his head helplessly. "... Wow. Clingy much?"

"I'd like to go with you as well," Gerhart commented. "I am about to make my own breakthrough, and I believe that joining you on your adventure will allow me to grow faster."

Gerhart and Cethus had been the recipients of incredible growth after joining Lux on his adventures. This belief was cemented when they challenged the Sacred Dungeon inside the Domain of the Fallen, as well as their war against the Haca Dynasty in the past.

Lux pondered a bit before reluctantly nodding his head. Since he had the means to smuggle his friends to Agartha, he didn't mind taking them with him to the Pantheon of Exile.

After telling his friends that they would leave in two days, Lux went to a secluded area in the mountains surrounding his Guild Headquarters.

There was something that he had realized during his stay in the Abyss, and that was, having more powerful allies was better than having none.

Because of this, he finally decided to use the Dragon Corpse that he had acquired long ago, and merge it with the Calamity-Rank Beast Core that he was given to use after he became a High-Ranker.

Chapter 916: Child, What Have You Done?

Lux summoned the Dragon Corpse inside his Bounty Ring and used his skill, Animate Undead

< You have chosen to revive an Ancient Dragon. >

< Choose which group you plan to register this Unique Creature >

Choice 1: Necromancer's Covenant

Choice 2: Undead Legion.

Lux chose the first option because he planned to make the Undead Dragon a member of his Covenant.

After making his choice several rows of text appeared in front of him once again.

< Choose between the two options for the Revival of your Undead Creature >

Choice 1: Revive the Creature as Bone Dragon

Choice 2: Revive the Creature using Advance Customization

The Half-Elf didn't hesitate and chose the second option. Just like the other members of his Covenant, he wished to pick the best option for his newest ally.

< Choose one of the options listed here. You may use resources to increase the chances of successfully creating the creature that you desire. >

Ancient Zombie Dragon - 100%

Ancient Bone Dragon - 90%

Ancient Spectre Dragon - 75%

Ancient Frost Wyrm - 60%

Ancient Fae Dragon - 45%

XXX....

XXX....

XXX....

Ancient Dracolich - 1%

Lux's gaze landed on the last option and he knew with every fiber of his being that this was the best option in the list.

He didn't hesitate and used the Calamity Rank Beast Core to raise the chances of a successful summoning.

To his surprise, the percentage of success rose drastically, making the Half-Elf's eyes widen in shock.

Ancient Dracolich - 100%

What Lux didn't know was that the Calamity-Ranked Beast Core that Vera had taken from the Treasury of the Necromancer's Ancestral Lands belonged to a Dracolich.

This was why the percentage instantly rose to a 100% giving him a guaranteed successful summoning.

< Do you wish to summon Ancient Dracolich? >

< Yes / No >

He no longer hesitated and chose yes.

Immediately, the Ancient Dragon Corpse in front of him was bathed in dark light, and a powerful gust of wind erupted from its center, threatening to blow the Half-Elf away.

Lux held his ground and waited patiently for the revival of the Ancient Dragon that would become the newest member of his Covenant.

Suddenly, a loud draconic roar reverberated in the surroundings, catching everyone by surprise.

Lady Augustina, who was currently talking to Aur, glanced to the North where Lux's Guild Headquarters was located.

She had sensed an unbelievable power coming from that direction, which made her wonder what the Half-Elf was up to.

"I need to check on something, Aur," Lady Augustina said. "Stay here in the Palace, and don't come out until I tell you to."

"Yes, Aunt," Aur replied.

Immediately, the Steward of the Crystal Palace disappeared from Aur's room and teleported to the peak of the mountain where Lux's Guild Headquarters was located.

Her gaze landed on the malicious aura that was emanating in the distance and narrowed her eyes.

Standing in front of the Half-Elf was a 15 meter tall Dracolich, whose eyes glowed an eerie blue.

It looked very much like a zombie dragon, but the Half-Elf knew that its power surpassed its Undead Brethren by several folds.

As the Half-Elf and the Dracolich stared at each other, several rows of text appeared in front of him.

< Please give this Creature a name >

"Avernus," Lux said firmly. "Your name will be Avernus."

The Ancient Dracolich lowered its head and looked at Lux with its malicious eyes.

The Half-Elf and the Dragon stared at each other for nearly a minute before the Dracolich snorted and raised its head in an arrogant manner.

"I accept the name you have given me," the Ancient Dracolich stated. "From now on, I am Avernus."

< Avernus >

"From death's embrace, I rise with fire and bone. As Avernus, I claim my rightful throne!"

Ancient Dracolich

Hell Bringer

Rating: SSR+++

Rank: Demigod World Boss (Sealed)

Current Rank: Empyrean World Boss

Health: 1,600,000,000 / 1,600,000,000

Mana: 3,200,000,000 / 3,200,000,000

Strength: 2,500,000

Intelligence: 2,000,000

Vitality: 1,000,000

Agility: 1,000,000

Dexterity: 1,000,000

Active Skills: Dragon Breath [Epic], Undying Breath [Epic], Summon Undead Legion [Epic], Animate Undead [Epic], Draco Meteor [Epic], Death Seeker [Epic]

Passive Skills: Intimidation [Epic], Regeneration [Epic], Magical Resistance [Epic], Physical Resistance [Epic].

Unique Skills: Hell Bringer, Herald of Death.

< Hell Bringer >

Summons the forces of Hell to fight by his side.

Summons 10,000 Hell Hounds.

Summons 10,000 Hell Knights.

Summons 10,000 Hell Revenants.

< Herald of Death >

- Increase the Health of all Allied Creatures by 300%
- Increase the Attack of all Allied Creatures by 100%

Lux hissed after seeing Avernus' information in his Soul Book.

He had expected that it was going to be a very strong monster, but he didn't expect that it would be this strong.

All of its skills were devastating, and the funny thing was that its skill, Summon Undead Legion, was a game changer.

If Lux and his clones were to summon all of their Undead Monsters on the battlefield, Avernus would summon the same number as well.

If Asmodeus' and Eiko's clones were added to the mix, the Ancient Dracolich would be able to summon the same number of Monsters that they did, doubling Lux's forces instantly!

Its Death Seeker Ability, on the other hand, allowed it to target anything on the battlefield, including invisible creatures, as well as those who hid under the ground, and high in the sky.

Simply put, there was no place that any of its opponents could hide once it started its massacre.

Not only that, it also had the Hell Bringer ability, which allowed it to summon the Forces of Hell in the battlefield. While Lux didn't know how strong these creatures were, he was certain that the additional troops would definitely play a vital role in large-scale battles.

Herald of Death gave all of Lux's summons, and his allies, an increase in their Health and Attack. These stat boosts were a great boon in the battlefield, allowing them to survive longer, and hit harder.

Suddenly, Lux felt someone land beside him.

"Child, what have you done?" Lady Augustina said in horror. "Do you have any idea what you have done just now?"

"I revived a very powerful Undead Dragon?" Lux replied in an innocent tone.

Lady Augustina's lips trembled. "Lux, you didn't just revive any ordinary dragon. You revived the long lost brother of the previous Dragon King, who had gone missing over a hundred years ago.

"Although not many know it, he had fought Antero to a draw, while waiting for reinforcements to arrive. The Abyssal War was very chaotic back then, and no

one knew what happened to him. But, before he went missing, he managed to defeat twenty Abyssal Demigods and their Demonic Legions on his own."

Lux's mouth opened wide in disbelief after hearing Lady Augustina's revelation.

He then looked up at the towering Ancient Dracolich in front of him, and saw something similar to mischief in its burning blue eyes.

Never in his wildest dreams did he expect that the random Dragon Corpse that he collected in the past, was the brother of the previous Dragon King who had fought Antero to a draw before he went missing, more than a century ago.