Hero of Darkness #Chapter 831 The Hard Reboot - Read Hero of Darkness Chapter 831 The Hard Reboot Online -

Kahn officially acknowledged Romulus as his master after hearing his plans.

There was no shame in accepting the truth about someone mentoring you becoming your master in all senses.

Because the one who does not respect their teacher can never truly learn from them in the first place.

Now, it was time for Kahn to start his training for real.

First, he tried to understand the basics of Harnessing explained by the peak 7th stage saint.

Like the word implies, one must 'harness' the world energy. But it wasn't just as same as absorbing it. Rather, refining it using your own body as a medium and then elevating it to the next level.

And then use it to incorporate into their attacks.

What Kahn got wrong the first time during his attempt was he only formed a layer and let it touch his body without having formed the ability to refine that world energy acquired from the outside source. Which resulted in two different and incompatible forces of nature, the world energy stored in his body and the one from the environment that he was forcefully controlling, colliding against each other and causing that explosion; resulting in his forearm exploding.

His body needed to go through this procedure and only then he'd be able to use the same amount of world energy like Romulus and stack over a hundred layers of it as the wolfkin did.

"First we need to change how your body processes world energy." said the heavenly king as he folded his arms with a somber expression.

"How?" asked Atreus aka Kahn.

"By draining it down till there's nothing left.

And then I will use a form of technique to restructure how your body circulates it and also make it flow more rapidly inside your body such as through veins and the nervous system.

But do know that it will be extremely painful.

And you will feel like you're being pierced by millions of sharp needles in every inch of your body." he revealed the painful experience that was to come beforehand.

"The only thing that can become a hurdle is your inability to withstand both mental and physical pain.

Well... You can withstand it given your regeneration abilities and bloodlines.

The problem is your mind will give out soon." he spoke with a face full of concern.

"So now... Fight against me first and show me your strongest skills." ordered the new master.

5 Hours Later.

BOOM!!

Inside the pocket dimension they were training, Kahn was going all out.

He used the new Asura Mode which now contained Cthulhu's regeneration abilities and resilience against many elements.

Then, he also simultaneously used the Shura Mode, forming a half-a-kilometer tall phantom this time.

This was his most world energy-consuming skill if Kahn didn't use Rathnaar's core to use as an auxiliary source of world energy.

However, both Kahn and Romulus didn't acknowledge it as his own because the system created both of these modes of battle forms and not Kahn himself.

And exactly when he was on the last straw, Kahn used Berserk God Mode after 2 years again.

During those 20 minutes, he was comparable to an intermediate 5th stage saint.

However, no matter which skill or attack he used, Romulus' defenses were unharmed.

Even the Dimensional Cut skill couldn't cut through a red barrier he summoned as the wolfkin only received the attacks and did not fight back at all.

Kahn didn't know what kind of skill or techniques the peak 7th stage was using... But even his strongest and sure-shot killer move no longer worked.

And if it didn't work against the wolfkin, means many other powerful saints with unique abilities and skills could also remain unscathed against Dimensional Cut.

In a way, Romulus was many times better and more powerful than any of the Mythical Rank monsters Kahn had faced till this point in Vantrea.

But thanks to this experience, he became aware of how powerful this world was, filled with people that could even find ways to nullify the divine abilities of a chosen Hero.

[No wonder Rathnaar was able to kill so many heroes despite having no divine abilities.

They can be countered if you have the correct methods and skills prepared.] thought Kahn as he finally expended all of the world energy in his body as the activation time ended.

His body was now full of sweat and he dropped on the ground, panting heavily.

"I can't move. Hell... I can't even breathe properly." he said with an exhausted countenance.

"Good.

Now let me open your world energy pathways and force out any remaining reserves." said Romulus.

He put a palm over Kahn's head and the very next moment...

Splat!

Thousands of small pores opened on his entire body and Kahn's blood was expelled out.

"You have too many bloodlines. Some of them even counter each other.

You're lucky that you have a Mythical Rank Metamorphosis Bloodline as well.

Otherwise, it wouldn't have balanced out the rest of the powerful bloodline at this stage.

Your blood itself could've been turned into poison and deformed your body and mind, eating it from the inside." he warned Kahn openly.

[It's just like Argos says... His Divine Abilities will kill him soon.

I can only cleanse some of the toxicity for now. I will have to leave the rest to him since my knowledge of bloodlines is just superficial and he's a true expert in them.

This brat... His luck was too good to not have died till this point.

The question is why did the God of Darkness allow him to choose these divine abilities despite knowing the consequences?

Well, that's not my problem.

I can help him to live for a couple more years by doing this. Argos can take care of the rest.] thought the wolfkin.

Kahn's blood churned and as Romulus said, he felt like being pricked by millions of needles in every inch of his body.

Tears dropped from his eyes as Kahn felt like his skull, skin, spine, bones, arteries, veins and entire nervous system was getting demolished, ground, shattered, and torn from the inside.

Every passing second felt like an eternity and in those moments, he felt like dying dozens of times.

This was a pain that would make someone faint on the spot but Kahn's quivering yet unwavering figure revealed his unyielding and indomitable will.

Hours passed and now the floor was covered in liters of black blood.

Finally, all the smudge and blood turned into ash under the fire released by Romulus.

[This kid is good. That type of mental fortitude and perseverance... Even among saints, there are less than 15 people in the world who can withstand such pain without going mad.

I can't say about strength but as far as mental capacity is concerned...] thought the Apostle of Slaughter and gave his verdict.

[Kahn is definitely the strongest one among all the new Heroes.]

Hero of Darkness #Chapter 832 The Biggest Secret -Read Hero of Darkness Chapter 832 The Biggest Secret Online -

The next day, inside the Heavenly King's personal training facility surrounded by hundreds of archaic formations and runes that not only isolated and protected this vast hall, but also held dozens of small pocket dimensions where Romulus himself trained without destroying dozens of kilometers from the real world.

Squirm!

Squirm!

A set of veins, flesh and bones squirmed and regenerated like moving larvae at a rapid pace while flesh and blood were sprayed across the floor.

A deformed jaw bone relocated itself, the teeth started growing again. A new left eye grew itself while an ear grew back. Finally, an entire left side of the skull was regenerated and a new layer of fair white skin formed.

As an aftermath of a failed attempt at learning Harnessing for the 73rd time... Atreus aka Kahn's entire left side of the skull and face blew up, exposing his brain and everything inside.

However, this time, his mind and heart were inside the True Dimension, averting his certain death again.

"Again!" exclaimed Romulus, Kahn's new mentor.

They have been training since early morning and every time Kahn lost control over the external world energy and failed to assimilate inside his body... he kept exploding from the inside, losing an arm, a leg, and even his eyes.

Every single time... the pain was unimaginable and agonizing as Kahn felt the feeling of death.

If someone else was attempting this dangerous technique... They would've died 73 times already.

Only an anomaly like Kahn who was a chosen Hero could stay alive after such selfharming and dreadful technique to gain strength in a short amount of time.

"This isn't going how it was supposed to be." said the peak 7th stage saint with an indignant voice.

However, it still didn't change the fact that even with Combat Technique blessings which allowed him to raise proficiency, Kahn still didn't make too much progress despite getting blown up by just using 0.5% of world energy he controlled using the Harnessing technique.

Even Kahn couldn't guess what was happening as he was doing his best but no matter how careful he was, his control over the world energy kept loosening whenever he tried to refine it using his own body.

[Could it be that his body has already been tempered differently?] wondered Romulus.

"Switch with him." he ordered.

Soon, the Peak Saint took control and Romulus explained his worries, suspecting that Kahn's different bloodlines were the cause of this problem.

"Leave it to me. I can find a way to resolve this situation and he will be able to perform Harnessing by tomorrow." spoke Rathnaar and left the training facility.

Soon, he returned to Atreus' current small villa that was given to him for staying.

Inside the villa, Vildred was resting while being undetected by everyone in the 50 kilometers range.

"Set up an ancient rank Shadow Realm barrier around this villa." he commended the royal dragon who was in meditation pose.

"Why? My current barrier is enough to hide everything from those below the 8th stage saint." said the lighting dragon emperor.

"There's something you need to see. And its aura will be known once we take it out.

But we can't tell Romulus about it." said Rathnaar, trying to maintain complete secrecy.

"Fine. But I'm not at my peak so it will take some time." responded the Sage of Preservation as he sighed.

4 Hours Later.

Vildred set up an ancient rank magic formation with over 3 thousand archaic formations and runes spread in 200 meters radius.

Kahn was astonished after seeing the result because he felt like they were no longer in the same plane of existence like the outside world.

This wasn't the True Dimension but it wasn't the real world either.

[What kind of formation is this?] He asked from the backseat.

"It's one of the most powerful formations in the world's history.

All the other isolation barriers are derived from it. Not even an 8th stage saint can create it easily." replied Vildred in a calm tone.

"It's exactly what I used to hide that thing from the world." said Rathnaar who was still controlling the blue wolfkin's body.

"It's time to use it again." he spoke and the very next moment...

Swoosh!

BANG!

Finally, a massive 3 meter tall golden slab covered with archaic runes of an unknown language appeared in the room.

The Tablet of Arcana.

As soon as Rathnaar summoned the tablet of Arcana, Vildred was flabbergasted and almost trembled in astonishment as he felt a sense of familiarity with it.

"Is this one of the 6 rumored creations of Demi-Gods?" he questioned with eyes wide open.

"Yes.

This is what I used to become a Peak Saint when I was alive." spoke Rathnaar in an indifferent voice while folding his arms behind his back.

"I see, the rumors were indeed true then.

Some of these runic engravings do resemble the Mask of Eternity we have. I guess both of them were created by the same Demi-God." revealed Vildred, breathing heavily.

'Oh, so the Dragon Empire has one as well.

Back in the day, I found that Lightbringers also had one of the six creations." he spoke in a stern voice.

[You mean Empire of Light?] asked Kahn from the inside.

"Yes. If my guess is correct... All the Heroes and Heroines of Light have been trained using whatever they have since the beginning of this whole thing started 3 thousand years ago.

Those guys have always been one of the first ones to become unnaturally strong even among the other Heroes." he iterated, revealing something unknown to most of the empires of Vantrea.

"That leaves the whereabouts of the remaining 3 creations.

Never mind, that's something we should leave for the future." he said and moved to the topic at hand.

"Maybe our approach was correct, just the place was wrong." he spoke.

"Remember how the Chamber of Exaltation changes your body itself in order to make you twice stronger than other Saints of the same rank...

Maybe that's why you can't practice Harnessing." he spoke with a worrisome countenance.

Vildred says...

"Wait! Harnessing?

Are you teaching him to control the outside world energy using his body as a medium to refine and restructure it?" queried the royal dragon with a surprised gaze.

All Rathnaar did was nod.

"Isn't that too dangerous for Kahn? He could easily die if anything went wrong.

He's not strong enough to keep practicing it for long." spoke Vildred, revealing his unhappiness.

Kahn then told the royal dragon about his regeneration and dimensional law abilities.

"This could work. But what if you run out of world energy to use as a source? You will definitely die." he spoke in a gloomy voice.

"We have this." spoke Rathnaar again and soon, activated Kahn's Dimensional Domain to reveal a particular blinding white spherical object that was 3 meters tall.

This was... the Peak Saint's core.

"So much world energy!

This source... I have never seen something like this in my entire life.

Even the remnant core of one of the ancient Elder Dragons didn't have so much world energy condensed inside!" exclaimed Vildred in disbelief, losing his decorum as a dignified 'strongest mage in the world'.

[How strong is it exactly?] queried Kahn again.

"Enough to obliterate everything in 800 kilometers normally.

If you use some external formation to increase the range like a chain reaction... It will go as far as 1200 kilometers." revealed the dragon emperor.

[Holy mother of Oppenheimer!

So I have been sitting on an unstable nuclear bomb all these years, huh?] even Kahn was perplexed after hearing these words from Vildred.

Rathnaar soon told Vildred about the function of the Chamber of Exaltation.

"This thing... It's like giving a Superior Dragon's body to Kahn." iterated Vildred in a dumbfounded tone.

One after another, he was receiving way too many mind-boggling revelations.

Both Rathnaar's core and Tablet of Arcana were probably one the biggest treasures in the entire world of Vantrea.

"If Kahn ever becomes a Peak Saint... He will be able to fight a Demi-God on equal footing for at least 2 hours." hypothesized the royal dragon who was the prime expert on world energy and magic among the three.

"That powerful?

Well... I didn't have a Demi-God to test out my full strength against. I only knew how powerful they were from the ancient records I acquired alongside the Table of Arcana." said Rathnaar, almost shamelessly flexing.

"The other half of my soul must know something about it.

That part also holds most of my powerful techniques and killer moves." he revealed.

[Only if you weren't so upstuck, you would have your entire soul.] said Kahn.

"Boy... like I told you when we made the pact; you're too weak to even enter the place I arranged.

At least become an 8th stage saint first and then we can think about it." he berated the oblivious fool.

"Alright, let me test my theory." spoke Rathnaar and soon, he and Vildred were sucked inside the Tablet of Arcana like entering a wormhole.

Inside this place, Kahn regained control over his body while a 10 meters tall figure of a white bearded old man donning a white and golden ancient rank armor and a greatsword appeared in front of them.

This was Rathnaar's true appearance in soul form.

"Let me show you..."

He looked at Vildred and spoke as a multicolored door appeared in front of them.

"The Chamber of Exaltation."

Hero of Darkness #Chapter 833 Chamber Of Exaltation -Read Hero of Darkness Chapter 833 Chamber Of Exaltation Online -

Rathnaar took both Kahn and Vildred from the temporary blank white passage inside the Tablet of Arcana to the actual Chamber of Exaltation. And the next moment, all 3 of their figures appeared inside a completely different scenario, in a realm that was unfathomable and unknown to the outside world.

And as they opened their eyes again, a vast and unbelievable scenery appeared in their sight.

A new world composed of dozens of color, unforeseeable topography and combinations as if different galaxies were intertwined with each other, filled with tranquility came to be.

There were 5 different layers akin to compartmentalized parameters of the sky and each of them revealed a unique glow and glimmering lights from within.

In these different layers of skies, were dozens of different sections made of meteorites, each being as big as a mountain on its own while floating seamlessly inside the marvel of creation.

Even someone like Vildred couldn't guess and fathom how vast this realm was but based on instincts and his knowledge of the magic itself... he could tell that the world energy here was at least 5 times denser, purer and enriched than the outside world.

And each section spread across this realm differed greatly based on laws of reality, elements and density of world energy. Something even the Royal Dragon hadn't seen existing all together at once.

Also, these floating bodies in this place had thousands of ancient formations and mechanical constructs like ancient castles and fortresses that spanned for a few kilometers where at the center, were different training grounds and halls catering towards a particular field such as skill mastery or magic. Kahn also sensed that one of those places was calling out to him through some indescribable connection but for now, he kept his mouth shut.

"This is a different Chamber of Exaltation than we used previously." he said and looked at the old emperor who now adjusted himself to the same size as theirs.

"Yes. The one which simply converted SS Rank cores after you poured them down in a glowing well was just a low-level section.

This is the real Chamber of Exaltation... a realm created by a Demi-God sealed inside the Tablet of Arcana." spoke Rathnaar as he revealed the truth.

Vildred on the other side was not only astonished but his entire body was trembling.

"So this is a work of a Demi-God, huh?" he questioned as his voice was full of uncertainty.

"Yes. By my guess... It was made millions of years ago and their civilization was probably more advanced than any current empires in Vantrea.

But they too were wiped out with annals of time and now only this relic of the past remains." spoke Rathnaar with a somber expression.

"That's not all of it... This creation of that Demi-God kept evolving on its own, gathering world energy for who knows how long.

And now, this realm upgraded itself. This place is simply... unreal." spoke Vildred, the magic and world energy expert.

"This is too much! No wonder you were so strong to even fight against us Royal Dragons." he spoke with an infuriated voice.

Because this Chamber of Exaltation... No, this Realm of Exaltation was something the world would go crazy for.

What kind of dogshit luck did Rathnaar have to find something so invaluable like this.

No wonder he was the only Peak Saint in the world in the past 2000 years despite being a human at that.

There were only two humans in the history of Vantrea who reached that level in billions of years since their world came to exist.

One being Kravel, the first ever War Deity who became a Demi-God over 10,000 years ago while the second was Rathnaar Whitlock, the founding emperor of the Rakos empire.

This was a feat even Royal Dragons couldn't achieve easily unless they lived for 3 to 5 thousand years while stably progressing their strength and rank.

Out of every new generation of Royal Dragons, not even one could cross that level to become an Elder Dragon.

The current Elder Dragon Baaltaraaz crossed that threshold after living for more than 12 thousand years. And his real age... Even Vildred had no idea.

As for the Chamber of Exaltation which was left behind by one of such Demi-Gods... it was something even Vildred, the former Emperor of the Dragon Empire greatly envied.

"It's completely different than the Mask of Eternity but in a way... It's no less valuable.

This type of thing will get you killed even by your own family." remarked the royal dragon.

"Alright kid… let me test my theory." spoke Rathnaar.

And soon, their figures flashed and appeared at the central circular chamber of one of such ginormous meteor-like constructs emanating a green glow even through the walls and the floor.

"Try using Harnessing here." ordered the peak saint.

Kahn put millions of SS Rank cores from his space ring in sections akin to a cauldronlike objects. In just a few seconds, it started rotating white revealing bright yellow light as it steadily converted those cores into visible world energy that soon spread into the chamber.

Kahn also started coalescing world energy in the environment like Romulus taught him. But this time...

Kahn's body was able to process it properly and regulate faster from the pathways opened by Romulus without hurting him in any way or his body exploding.

"No wonder... The Fenrirborne taught you correctly.

But the key difference was that none of us noticed that your physiology was already changed because you previously used that normal chamber before you became a 1st stage saint.

In the end, you became twice stronger than others just like I was back then." he stated after affirming his theory.

"How was that blocking me from practicing Harnessing then?" asked Kahn in his Atreus persona.

"Since the base of your physiology as a Saint was changed... You're unable to use small bits of natural world energy because your body is too strong in the outside world and the world energy in the environment is too dispersed as well as volatile to resonate with your transformed physique.

Hence, you were unable to control it for longer and ended up in failure no matter how hard you tried." explained the Peak Saint.

Rathnaar was the most knowledgeable person regarding the uses of the Chamber of Exaltation and its impact on the body of those who used it.

There was a time even his descendants used the tablet of arcana under his guidance to become the emperors and empresses of Rakos Empire.

But Kahn was a different case than all of them and Rathnaar never had a chance to train anyone outside of the tablet so he too was unable to discern the difference at the start.

"From now on, you must practice it inside the Chamber of Exaltation. The outside world energy from the real world is simply too weak and volatile for you to use for Harnessing." he stated.

But right at that moment...

"Ha ha ha! Ha ha ha!!"

Vildred suddenly started laughing with an elated expression.

"This place... there's no doubt about it." he said with a greedy expression, almost salivating.

'This is the most perfect place in the entire world to teach you magic."

After he declared his intentions, Vildred explained why this place is better than the outside world to study magic.

"Because of the composition, this place is best for you to quickly stabilize your world energy reserves.

If I keep you teaching inside this place...

We will actually cover everything there is to it by 3 times quicker." he iterated with a joyous smile.

"And once you learn Harnessing, I will be able to speed up your training as well, which will further enhance what you've learned from Romulus." he said frantically.

"Do you mean…" even Kahn had his eyes wide open as he sensed a great possibility.

"Yes, not only will you be able to become 3 times stronger than you already are as a physical class fighter...

But you will also become a mage with more latent talent and potential." proclaimed the royal dragon.

"But things just don't end here.

If you manage to incorporate the advantages of any of these training modes with the other... You will benefit the other field of training as well." he stated as if he was going mad with excitement.

"Can you elaborate?" asked Kahn with a puzzled countenance.

"What I mean is once you excel in complementing both physical fighting skills and magic spells along with the knowledge of each other...

You will become many times stronger than the current you." he said and looked at Kahn with an ominous expression as if he was looking at a test subject.

"For now, you can only fight 2 ranks above you because of your War Deity body and many other abilities you received from monsters and their bloodlines.

But if you succeed in mixing both sides' techniques...

You will not only be able to fight 3 ranks above... you will simply dominate the opponent." he revealed a conjecture.

"Because by then, you will basically lord over the world energy in the outside real world." the dragon emperor gave his analysis.

"Isn't that basically..." asked Kahn with a baffled voice.

"Correct. If you utilize the Chamber of Exaltation in the way I mentioned..." spoke Vildred with a smug grin.

"It's exactly the same effect as my Sage of Preservation class."

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After ascertaining a few hypotheses and possible outcomes, Kahn started his strict and disciplined training to master the Harnessing technique in order to elevate his strength to a different level.

This time, he was able to form the first layer of harnessed world energy and let it touch his body without exploding as an aftermath.

Now, the natural world energy inside this section of the Chamber of Exaltation, which was a different realm on its own and his body were like a single entity; forming a sense of codependency.

This time, his blessing called the Combat Techniques Mastery given by the War Deity also helped him a lot.

"Hey, wouldn't the natural world energy from the outside world oppose me if it tried to control it?" he diverted his gaze towards the royal dragon who was overseeing the practice.

"No. Because that world energy is five times weaker compared to this one.

Once you learn how to properly command it from me, I will teach you how to perfectly integrate it with your skills and spells.

Then, you will be able to absorb it at great speed and condense it to make it similar to the one here.

Eventually, it will become the same as the world energy inside this realm and your skills, spells and attacks will be 5 times stronger than their maximum capacity." iterated the lightning dragon emperor.

"However, it will take a lot of time and practice. So don't think anything will be easy." he said but the very next moment...

BOOM!!

Kahn suddenly exploded as his entire body sprawled on the ground as chunks of flesh and bones spread on the floor after he lost focus while conversing with the royal dragon.

Thankfully, his Dimensional Shift was in active mode so his heart and brain were safe enough for him to regenerate again.

Passive Circulation wasn't still achieved by Kahn. Vildred was going to teach him this ability after Kahn met a few criteria first.

As for this sudden explosion... This wasn't the first time.

Even if the world energy inside the Chamber of Exaltation wasn't hostile, it was still running at supersonic speed and Kahn was absorbing it through his pathways opened by Romulus.

If the speed and mismatched control went out of route, his body would still explode like petrol meeting fire.

His current mastery could hardly be said to be 1% compared to what Romulus could achieve. So this was still expected.

Yet... This was more of a reality check.

1 WEEK LATER.

"He's in that Zone again." explained Rathnaar to Vildred while both gazed at Kahn who was now in a state of trance while subconsciously practicing the Harnessing technique.

Rathnaar was familiar with this scenario as he had seen it before.

"What zone?" queried the Sage.

"The last time he was like this... He was learning Blacksmithing skills in the Vulcan empire from a dwarf." revealed the peak saint.

This current situation was exactly similar to the state of mind when Kahn was focused on becoming a Saint Blacksmith and trained day and night under Throk Oakenshield in the Fire Empire.

"Let's not disturb him. He is very tenacious and a hard worker when he enters that state." commended the first emperor.

1 MONTH LATER.

Romulus revealed an elated expression after one of Atreus aka Kahn's attacks finally managed to crack his protective barrier that even the Dimensional Cut couldn't damage in the slightest.

"Good. I don't know how you did it... But this result is welcomed.

Even I took close to 3 months to get on the same level as you in mastering Harnessing technique." praised the red wolfkin aka the Heavenly King.

Against him, Atreus stood tall while using glowing blue aura enshrouding his fists like boxing gloves on both his arms, shins and feet.

Although he expected Kahn to be faster because of the blessings from Kravel... It was still way quicker than his previous anticipation.

What he didn't know was that the Chamber of Exaltation played a big factor in it as well.

However, Kahn didn't achieve it just because he was using the Chamber of Exaltation.

Like Romulus said, it should have taken him at least 3 months. But to make up for it...

In the past month, Kahn didn't eat anything or even slept for a single night.

He had tried and failed thousands of times while forming each new layer and perfecting his control.

His body had blown up to mangled flesh more than 2 thousand times already.

Each time, he regenerated to his former state and carried on the training to the point that even Vildred felt like Kahn had lost his mind and turned off his brain receptors for fear and pain.

Kahn hadn't spent a single moment outside of the daily training by Romulus and perfecting himself inside the chamber.

And finally, his unwavering resolve yielded this result which would've taken other normal people more than half a year even if someone so talented and skillful as Romulus was teaching them.

Vildred and Rathnaar were also proud of this result.

Because one thing that was common between Rathnaar, Vildred and Romulus were that they didn't become the strongest just by working hard.

If only hard work was the key to success, then millions of people would've become saints and thousands of them would be Peak Saints already.

The other and most important factor in becoming truly strong was the disciplined mindset.

Becoming an Ascetic to achieve your goals... Forgetting hunger and sleep while losing the track of time to achieve your mission was the one trait common among the peerless geniuses.

And Kahn proved himself to be one of such Ascetics and Abstinent people of the world.

Making his mental resolve and endurance reaching even greater levels than before.

His unceasing efforts finally yielded fruit. And now seeing his changes, even Romulus was content.

Because the current Kahn had achieved exceptional results as mastery was at 100% and Kahn could not only form over hundred layers of harnessed world energy without getting blown up to bits...

He could do it on both arms and legs at the same time.

On top of it... He could also apply it to the Grappling Extensions coming out of his body.

They were definitely going to be his aces during a life-and-death battle as a surprise element.

"Good. Now that you have learned the first step, it's time I teach you how to use Harnessing to fight.

Harnessing is just like picking up a sword. In a way, you have a lethal weapon in hand.

Now, I will teach you how to swing that sword. Which leads us to the second stage." proclaimed the Fenrirborne saint as he revealed the next step of Kahn's training.

"The Conceptualization."

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After revealing the name of the second technique that Romulus intended to teach Kahn, both of their figures suddenly appeared inside a new dimension.

Here, there was nothing but a metallic floor with no end and a vast sky with no clouds. There wasn't a single construct, soil, trees or anything but pure and unimpeded plane metal ground. "As the name suggests, it's about conceptualizing and turning your thoughts into reality." spoke the red wolfkin.

"Summon that Dragon Strike skill of yours without using Harnessing." he ordered.

Kahn followed the instructions and summoned the 500 meters long and 100 meters wide greatsword made of 5 different elements in this surrounding with no end.

"Add the Darkness element." said the peak 7th stage saint.

And as soon as Kahn did so, the aura exuded by the ginormous greatsword became 3 times stronger than before.

"Attack in that direction." commanded the wolfkin.

Slash!

BANG!!

This time, visible marks of a massive sword slashing spread and the area of destruction was 3 kilometers in total length.

"Now summon a new one. But using Harnessing techniques." ordered Romulus.

It took Kahn some time but managed to create one without faults.

Moreover, this time... the greatsword was emanating a gravely dangerous aura and suppressive force. Even Kahn could tell that it felt much more powerful.

"Attack on the opposite side."

Slash!

BANG!

This time... Kahn was simply gobsmacked after seeing the output damage as the total length of destruction became 15 kilometers and 3 times wider than before.

"It's at least 5 times stronger and more powerful in attack power and damage output." he spoke with a flabbergasted expression.

"Why?" he asked the heavenly king.

Because although Kahn could achieve such a result based on his rank as a 4th stage saint even before Romulus took him under his tutelage...

He'd have to use multiple of his abilities such as Draconian Bloodline, Drakos Armor, Asura Mode, and Shura Mode; all of them needed to be in effect to achieve such a result.

And if he added the Hero of Darkness title in the mix, the attack could reach up to 24 kilometers at his current strength level.

But this attack... It achieved that degree of strength and range with just a simple attack even without using any single of those.

In simple words... Kahn could now destroy 15 kilometers of the area just with a simple Dragon Strike.

And if he used all those abilities and his title altogether... Maybe decimating 50 kilometers of area won't be a problem if he went all out.

But the biggest and obvious decisive factor here was the effect of the Harnessing Technique taught by Romulus.

"Wait a minute... If someone like me who's only a 4th stage saint can go this far using Harnessing technique... Then how much can you destroy as 7th stage saint?" asked Kahn with an astonished gaze.

"Someone like you?

Brat, stop being ignorant.

If I taught my disciples this ability, even they can't do more than 30 kilometers of damage.

You're a chosen Hero with too many abilities and skills.

As for me... theoretically, it should be close to 80 kilometers if I go all out.

But there are always external factors such as impact absorbing and impeding the damage range and stuff.

So the total damage and range are short-lived considering outside factors." iterated the master with a stern voice.

"Alas, you understand why I taught you Harnessing first, right?" he asked with a smug grin.

Kahn nodded in response.

"Good. Because Harnessing is just the basic foundation for the next step.

Now, make that sword again." he ordered again.

"But this time, Romulus also summoned a sword of his own but with fire element.

"Now summon another weapon made of world energy."

Kahn then summoned a Bow.

"You could summon them because you're experienced with their use, shape and techniques, right?" asked Romulus as if leading to another piece of information he was to reveal.

"So in a way, you conceptualizing them was the driving factor when summoning.

However, my summoning wasn't done on the same method as yours." he explained and gave another command.

"Try switching their shape." he ordered.

Kahn was slightly taken aback.

"That can be done?" he asked with a baffled tone.

He tried but all his attempts failed.

Instead, both of his summoned weapons broke apart and exploded, making Kahn receive a strong backlash.

However, this was how Romulus always trained him.

He let Kahn taste the consequences of failing first so the latter will be vigilant while training.

"Now look here..."

Soon, the 1 kilometer tall sword summoned by Romulus made of fire using Harnessing suddenly weakened and dispersed like a cloud of smoke.

But instead of breaking or exploding and causing a backlash to Romulus... the fire flew like free water and swirled around in the sky.

And soon, under Romulus' command...

The shape changed and it turned into a long halberd with a fiery curved blade.

"How?" asked Kahn, stupefied.

Because first, suddenly transforming your summoned weapon was the first time Kahn had seen anyone do so far.

Second, the sword and halberd were both created using Harnessing technique.

Here, world energy condensation and manipulation were very dangerous and could end up in a devastating explosion if you messed up the technique in the slightest.

Yet Romulus casually achieved both features in just a couple of seconds.

The wolfkin then changed the shapes and turns them into multiple weapons at will.

To flex, he summoned 10 more weapons and changed their shapes at will at random, controlling every single one of them.

"What's the difference?" asked Kahn.

"I'm not actually changing the summoned weapon.

Rather, I command the harnessed world energy before the weapons were even summoned.

On the outside, it looks like a sword or a halberd but actually, it's like floating elemental energy, always moving and unpredictable inside that shape.

The moment I think about reforming its shape, it becomes whatever I want.

In a way, it's similar to water." iterated the wolfkin solemnly.

"How?" queried Kahn again.

"Empty your mind, be formless. Shapeless, like water. If you put water into a cup, it becomes the cup.

You put water into a bottle and it becomes the bottle. You put it in a teapot, it becomes the teapot. Now, water can flow or it can crash." he spoke in a tone filled with wisdom.

"Conceptualization isn't about summoning, controlling or maintaining.

It's about becoming the Water." he spoke and explained the truth behind the technique.

"Have no form, shape or restriction."

Hero of Darkness #Chapter 836 Ways Of Concept - Read Hero of Darkness Chapter 836 Ways Of Concept Online -

Romulus gave his insight into the Conceptualization technique that seemed as the next evolution of Harnessing. And his wisdom of using water as a reference and applying its properties while studying and learning it opened a new path for Kahn.

"How do I change that?" he queried sternly.

"Before that... Know this fact.

Even many 7th stage saints in the world can't use Harnessing and Conceptualization.

Apart from our current Empress, I haven't seen anyone else also do it inside the Nadur Empire. And she is also a True Descendant like me.

But she uses her mastery over her bloodline and a law she has been practicing for decades to use them.

That is not the case for me or you." he iterated.

"Then how can you do that?" asked Kahn curiously.

"Because I'm the Apostle of Slaughter. Which played a vital role in me learning Conceptualization as I can use any weapon in the world and master them if I train enough.

And since you're the Apostle of War Deity who can also wield different weapons and gain perfect mastery in them because of the blessings you received... this technique is the most fitting one for you in the long run compared to the other ones I know." he explained.

"Now that you have mastered Harnessing, this sets up a solid foundation for Conceptualization.

In a way, we have already saved half the time." he spoke and soon, his domineering aura permeated this vast dimension with the metallic floor.

"Follow my instructions. Create a sword.

Purposely weaken it to 30% of its density." he commanded.

Kahn followed the instructions and did exactly as his master ordered.

"Hold right there.

Now think about another weapon." instructed the heavenly king.

Kahn then imagined a dagger and tried to change its shape slowly.

1 Hour Later.

Kahn was sweating heavily and had a headache at this point. Yet in the end, he finally managed to transform the whole sword into a dagger.

"Nicely done. It didn't explode on the first try." spoke the Fenrirborne with a pleased expression.

But the fact remained unchanged that what took Romulus just a couple of seconds took Kahn an entire hour.

"Now condense it slowly and make it 100% denser. Do it steadily otherwise it will blow you up." he gave a command.

Kahn used Harnessing again to solidify the dagger.

But he quickly noticed that while trying to do so, his world energy reserves were consumed and depleting.

"Why is this so harder than Harnessing?

All my world energy is mostly drained." questioned Kahn while panting heavily as his forehead was full of sweat.

"Because to make adjustments, your body is subconsciously using extra world energy reserves." explained Romulus.

"Wouldn't that be a big problem? Because it will deplete twice my reserves during a battle." spoke Kahn.

"Not exactly. It's happening because your current control is negligible. The more proficient you become, the less unnecessary world energy will be consumed." said the red wolfkin, reassuring his mentee.

Another half an hour later...

Finally Kahn was done reaching 100% manifestation and the dagger was completely at its full capacity.

"Now, you can use this method to change the shapes of any element you have, create weapons and then shift their shapes.

But that's not the end. Since you have so many affinities with different elements unlike me who only has Fire affinity..." he spoke with a grin.

"No way! Don't tell me..." spoke Kahn with his eyes full of disbelief.

Romulus then replied with a smile.

"Yes. You can change the shape of the weapon and element at will." he declared merrily.

Kahn on the other end was simply discombobulated.

Why?

Because this meant that he could use Conceptualization to change the shape and element of the weapon at will.

He could turn a water sword into a fire bow. An earth elemental spear into a darkness elemental shield at will during a battle.

Based on the situation during the battle and the elemental affinity of the opponent... Kahn can now turn the whole battle in his favor instantly.

If someone thought he was a Water & Ice elemental warrior and they could attack or kill him because they themselves were lightning or fire elemental fighters...

Kahn could suddenly turn his water attacks and summoned shape of the weapon into a darkness elemental one to completely overpower and decimate them before the enemy could even react.

It was like the most harmless attack coming your way, the one you were fully confident of neutralizing easily; but then it instantly turned into the most lethal strike that you don't have a way to defend against.

This would simply be a nightmare for Kahn's enemies during battle.

If Harnessing was OP, then Conceptualization was like a Super Upgraded version of it which added a tremendous tactical advantage.

"Ha ha ha!!

This is genius!" exclaimed Kahn with an elated expression.

"And yet, I haven't received a 'Thank you, Master' for planning such an amazing training route for you." said Romulus while folding his arms together.

Kahn held both his fists together and bowed in respect. Because Romulus had indeed created a great path for him that no one else would have done for Kahn in this world.

"There are 3 more techniques after this. But I can't teach them until you master Conceptualization.

And not only that... I need you to be able to control it so well that you can even summon dozens of weapons at will and then change their shapes and elements in matter of seconds without the slightest mistake." he commended in a thoughtful voice.

"I will do so... Master." obliged Kahn.

1 Week Later.

Kahn is struggling greatly. His time was reduced to 30 minutes in using Conceptualization for a single weapon. But his master was barely 10% even now.

Still... It was many times better than his first attempt.

Although he carefully followed every step, this technique was more complex because every weapon shape and element he used to create them had different densities, viscosity, permeability, attack power, malleable properties and varying nature when conjuring and transforming them.

Even if Kahn met the condition to use this technique... It was completely different from Harnessing technique because the latter was only the foundation.

"Looks like I have no choice but to keep using it." thought Kahn and spoke with Rathnaar, revealing his worries.

An hour later, Kahn entered the Chamber of Exaltation again.

"There is a particular section that will greatly aid your training to master this technique." spoke Rathnaar, impressed by what Romulus taught Kahn since he himself couldn't practice this technique when he was alive.

After some time they reached a platform in the center of multicolored cloud-like creations that dazzled with ethereal and otherworldly aura as if different aspects of reality were coming together.

The facility in the center itself looked like the linchpin that joined these different aspects.

"This cloud-like section is something you won't find in the outside world. It's called..." spoke the Peak Saint as he revealed the best place for Kahn to master Conceptualization.

"Convergence of Reality."

Hero of Darkness #Chapter 837 The Convergence - Read Hero of Darkness Chapter 837 The Convergence Online -

Kahn gazed at the multicolored cloud-like section that spanned 5 kilometers in radius alone, filled with a variety of elements of reality including Darkness and Chaos in the mix. Unlike how it usually happened, these elements didn't cause some sort of natural disaster or odd occurrence that could be seen as dangerous.

There were other elements of reality but Kahn had no idea what purpose did they have and he couldn't even feel them properly.

"You're too weak to do anything about them as you lack enough enlightenment in the Law of Magic.

Just focus on the normal ones you can sense for now." spoke Rathnaar to the amazed Kahn.

As per his instructions, Kahn flew towards the epicenter where a circular formation of a stone-like ancient mechanism appeared and he sat there in a meditative position.

"I brought you here because this is the only place inside the Chamber of Exaltation that can help you harness and experience all different elements at a rapid pace.

Although you have many elemental affinities and skills... they're just makeshift and temporary. You don't actually have any mastery other than for Darkness and Water element." his majestic voice reverberated in the surroundings.

"You don't even know how to use Chaos element despite having the True Demon bloodline yourself.

Also, your mastery over the Darkness element is barely passable despite having the highest affinity to it." he spoke the harsh truth in front of Kahn from the get-go, reminding the latter how truly weak he was compared to real native powerhouses and experts of Vantrea.

"For this Conceptualization study, this place is the best for understanding and utilizing them since the Convergence of Reality has access to all of the elements in the world.

And using Harnessing, you will have an unlimited supply for practicing as well." revealed Rathnaar about why he brought Kahn here of all the different sections inside the chamber.

"Back then, I also used this place to perfect my skills. But unlike you, I had only one element." he iterated solemnly.

"Which element and law did you use?" queried Kahn.

"I don't remember. That part of memories is sealed with the other half of my soul." he revealed nonchalantly.

"Smart. You sealed all the important and useful information with the other half along with the secret of becoming a Demi-God." said Kahn with an almost complaining voice.

Back to the topic.

Sit there and I will tell you a chant. Use it to activate the whole setup and you will become the one in charge of this section till you're practicing." said the peak saint.

"Anek Jutva Cahfk Olegwakeo Sanvarilaaskin."

Kahn repeated the exact same words and soon, he started feeling changes in his body.

Dozens of runes emerged from the floor he sat on and quickly imprinted themselves on various parts as if becoming one with his physique.

Kahn on the other end suddenly felt like his body was filled with unimaginable energy and his mind became hazy with too much pressure.

Soon, he felt that most of his elemental affinities were barely on the surface level compared to the quality and quantity of the ones spread across this section.

Even his Darkness element was hardly at 50% capacity despite him being the representative of the God of Darkness.

"Man, I really need to perfect myself in so many things. Otherwise, I will forever stay ignorant and get smacked over by everyone." he thought and sighed with a helpless expression.

Ding!

After months of silence, the system suddenly notified him.

[Congratulations to the host for improving body-mind connection with mana, world and elements of reality.

All elemental affinities except Light raised by 10%]

"Heh? What the hell is that?

I got a boost just by staying here for a while?" wondered Kahn with a bewildered countenance.

"This Chamber of Exaltation is indeed one of a kind in the entire world.

My luck was simply truly great to find it in Rakos Empire." he said and started focusing on the connection with various elements he felt through those archaic runes embedded in his physique.

[Author's Note : This is why I didn't go too much into detail about the function of the Chamber of Exaltation when Kahn was in the Rakos, Vulcan and Zivot empire ever since he got it in the 3rd arc. All of this was planned half a year ago just for this arc and Kahn's real training regime.]

He then activated all the abilities he received from Solomon and the Elven bloodline provided him which were greatly beneficial to sense elements in the world.

In the upcoming moments, all the elements except Light and Lightning started surging towards his body and got absorbed at his will.

However... He suddenly opened his eyes as a covetous grin appeared on his face.

Kahn 'Greedy' Salvatore was a smart man and always made the best use of opportunities when he came across them.

And now... He wanted to use this environment to maximize the effect for the Conceptualization technique.

Swoom!

Swoom!

Out of nowhere, 4 black wormholes appeared and started sucking in the abundance of the elements converging in this section as Kahn activated the Energy Plunderer skill.

Even Rathnaar was surprised after seeing this progression.

"This brat! He's hacking the rules again." he rolled his eyes again with an exasperated face.

Kahn then summoned the Dragon Strike and started using Conceptualization to change its shape to turn it into a different weapon.

Yet this time... his control became at least 3 times more stable than all his previous attempts.

"Good, if this carries on... I will be able to reduce the training period by months and yield results without too many failures." he thought and let out a smug smile.

At this exact moment, a brutal scene came to be a few hundred thousand kilometers away in a different empire.

In front of the corpse of a saint, stood a young man around the same age as Kahn.

His eyes were full of ruthlessness and also elation at the same time.

"Good riddance." spoke this person under a golden-yellow hood.

"This bastard was going to become one of those who opposed me in the future.

But his death won't cause the butterfly effect and change the timeline since he didn't play any pivotal role in the important decisions.

I must let events happen the way they did last time so I can properly use the knowledge of the future to benefit me greatly." spoke this person under the hood whose face couldn't be seen.

"With this core and the Dual Core Incorporation technique I learned in the future... I will be able to become a 5th stage saint before the Conclave of Heroes and even make my Domain of Chronokinesis many times more powerful than before." he said in an elated voice.

"Next, I will have to form to trap and kill Kahn Salvatore before 'He' finds the Hero of Darkness during the conclave.

And once I succeed..." he spoke with an ominous aura and revealed true intentions.

"I will become the Overlord of that place with 3 Divine Keys."

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Unbeknownst to him, the Hero of Time was planning to kill Kahn with the knowledge of future events while making enough preparations to trap the latter.

Meanwhile, Kahn kept training in Conceptualization and his grasp over this technique started increasing steadily.

Inside the Chamber of Exaltation, Kahn managed to perform the technique on one weapon within a minute after 2 weeks of hard effort in increasing his proficiency.

"Phew!"

Kahn exhaled in an exhausted voice as he leaned on the floor.

This is still so taxing on my mind.

If the old me from Rakos Empire was doing this, he wouldn't have even managed to reach this stage in half a year." he said and sighed.

Unlike Harnessing, the complexity of Conceptualization, especially when changing different elements into one another while reforming the shape of the weapon was simply too demanding.

Although he shortened the time required by tons, he was still unable to stop the excessive consumption of his world energy reserves.

Kahn met Romulus the next day and showed him the results of his training.

"This is way faster than I imagined. But still, you have a long way to go." spoke the heavenly king while perfectly hiding his surprise from seeing this result.

"How are you doing this?" he suddenly asked with a curious gaze.

[I'm teaching the kid.] suddenly, Rathnaar spoke in the wolfkin's mind steps

The peak saint decided to step in and cover up for Kahn at this moment. Because this was the only safe and believable reason they could come up with.

The Chamber of Exaltation was a secret that not many people in the world knew of. And they couldn't wholeheartedly trust Romulus even if he was an ally.

In the real world, everyone had their own secrets.

Secrets that even blood brothers, husbands and wives as well as most trusted confidants shouldn't know about. Some secrets were meant to be taken with you inside the grave.

Thus, Rathnaar gave an acceptable 'truth' to Romulus.

After hearing the reason, even the wolfkin was convinced. Because Rathnaar was the Peak Saint of Vantrea whose knowledge and prowess exceeded everyone else in the world at one point in history.

And if he was also helping Kahn at the same time, then his drastic and successive progression of the mastery of Harnessing and Conceptualization would be least surprising.

Hell, if Kahn couldn't even do this much, then Rathnaar's name would be tarnished instead.

[Good. At this rate, I can teach him everything before the time to depart comes.] thought Romulus.

Although he was doing it out of obligation and coercion by the Revenant Sovereign... He too had a few expectations of his own and hadn't held back in grooming Kahn to become a Fearless Warrior.

1 MONTH LATER.

Kahn showed up one day and gave a demo of his mastery in the same dimension with the vast metallic floor.

He summoned a sword and turned it into a shield by expanding size while turning this earth elemental sword into a darkness elemental shield in just 5 seconds.

But this wasn't the end of his newly achieved mastery either.

One after another, he summoned up to 5 weapons.

Sword, Dagger, Bow, Spear and Gauntlet.

"I'm only proficient in using these many." he spoke and displayed his proficiency.

"I need to learn other weapons and their combat techniques to Conceptualize them properly." he iterated while swiftly changing their shapes and size within a couple of seconds.

Although he wasn't on Romulus' level... This result was something many couldn't achieve even after practicing for 2 to 3 years.

Kahn had entered the 'zone' again for Conceptualization in the past month. This time, it wasn't his body that did the work but his mind.

Because of this hard training regime, his mind and comprehensive abilities also enhanced greatly.

Romulus nodded in approval as this was more than enough.

"Good. But now... I will halt your training before I teach you the next technique." he declared somberly.

"Why?" asked Kahn with a puzzled expression.

"Because your foundation is extremely solid now.

But the next technique requires you to have at least Saint Rank mastery and skills in all the weapons I can teach you.

Until you become a Saint Rank fighter in all of them... I can't teach you the next steps." he revealed in a stern tone.

Kahn nodded as he understood that some steps couldn't be skipped.

Even now, apart from Swordsmanship, Kahn didn't have a single weapon skill and mastery at Saint Rank. Thus, he was already not utilizing his blessings.

But since he never had a proper teacher to begin with, his training in other weapons halted at Grandmaster level and couldn't progress any further.

"However, you no longer need to train day and night. Only 3 to 5 hours per day as your body gets used to the combat technique and weapons with time." said the red wolfkin with glowing red archaic tattoos all over his torso.

"So now, you can allocate your time to the dragon when you aren't practicing the weapons." he commended.

In a way... He meant that it was time; for Kahn to learn Magic.

Kahn returned to his villa where Vildred was meditating quietly.

"Romulus says it's time for me to start studying the Law of Magic." he informed the royal dragon.

"I see. I thought it would take longer for you to master those techniques. Anyway, before we begin... I need to make the bond." he spoke.

"Bond? What bond? Aren't we already bonded through the Contract of Familiarity?" asked Kahn in a confused voice.

However, Vildred shook his head and spoke.

"We dragons have our own customs. We can't take in a disciple just through mere words.

For us, a mentee is a lifetime commitment." he revealed.

"First, I need you to make the offering.

Only then I will be your 'master' and you will be my 'disciple'." spoke the Sage of Preservation in a solemn tone.

"What is the offering then?" queried Kahn.

Just then, Rathnaar informed in Kahn's mind...

[The offering is the one thing that Dragons see as their sign of pride.

I don't know the details but Dragons don't usually take disciples even in their own species or families.

They don't have some sort of magic academy or a system to train smaller dragons or their descendant species.

Mainly because their species and even those who carry their bloodlines have naturally strong physiques and affinity to mana and world energy.] explained Rathnaar.

[Vildred never had one either.

But there is a ritual called 'Oath of Pride'.

And the offering he speaks of requires you to give something you take the most pride in.

Only that would be seen as the acknowledgment of the bond between a Mentor and a Mentee.] revealed the peak saint.

"How do you know this?" asked Kahn with a suspicious tone.

[When I was a 2nd stage saint before the Rakos Empire was even formed, I came across a Superior Dragon who was a swordsman in his humanoid form.

But back then... I had nothing to offer him because I was just a military officer for a Noble.] explained Rathnaar while revealing some of his past.

"What do I take the most pride in?" Kahn asked himself because he too was lost.

"I don't have anything I'm prideful of. I don't have a clan, family or something I feel connected to the most.

I'm a young man in his prime who got rid of his previous life's traumas and insecurities just a few months ago.

So pride is the last thing I can possess." he said in a reluctant voice.

This was the truth.

No matter how strong Kahn became and how greedy or materialistic he was... He didn't attach enough value to anything or anyone else in his new life so far.

There was no object or even person he took pride in having. Simply, he was never a prideful person to begin with.

Since he always acted based on circumstances to protect himself first.

He thrashed his opponents when he could afford to do so without having dire consequences and bowed to someone many times stronger to avoid getting his identity exposed or his life getting sacrificed because of some foolish ego.

"What do I take pride in?" he asked himself again with conflicted emotions.

Even his Legendary rank weapons and armors didn't fit the bill and nor did something like Rathnaar's core or Tablet of Arcana was close to his heart.

After almost 10 minutes of deep thinking, Kahn's eyes gleamed with confidence as he came to a final conclusion.

In front of Vildred, he knelt on one knee and summoned Lucifer in his right hand.

"My most prized possession..." spoke Kahn in an adamant tone but the very next second...

Swing!

Kacha!

He swung Lucifer over his neck.

Thud!

His headless body dropped on the floor after this greatsword made a clean cut.

In the upcoming moments, Kahn used Psykokinesis and his head floated towards Vildred as drops of blood sprayed over the floor.

Vildred on the other end revealed a pleased countenance and smiled, content with this offering.

"Is my Intelligence."

Hero of Darkness #Chapter 839 Pride And Foundation -Read Hero of Darkness Chapter 839 Pride And Foundation Online -

Vildred revealed a pleased smile as Kahn offered his head.

This was probably the most bizzare thing he had done in this new life and also the most absurd offering one could present to someone who was to become their master.

The royal dragon on the other end seemed ecstatic as if this was something within his expectations.

"What a narcissistic and arrogant bastard." he spoke as he gazed at Kahn's floating head in front of him.

"Worthy to become my pupil! Ha ha ha!!" his loud voice resounded inside this ancient rank formation called the Shadow Realm that isolated their entire existence from the outside.

A yellow rune suddenly appeared on Kahn's forehead and disappeared the next moment.

"The Oath of Pride is established. You're now officially my First Disciple." declared Vildred.

He had no doubt in Kahn's conviction when he said that the most prized possession which he was proud of being none other than his intelligence.

As for why Kahn said so?...

Even though Kahn was extremely lucky as a chosen Hero and had the opportunity to select his own divine abilities...

He didn't just become a 4th stage saint solely because of them.

Whether becoming an entrepreneur, running a business empire, being the sovereign of Verlassen and a mercenary guild... None of it was achieved with solely his Divine abilities.

And even the battles with legendary and mythical rank monsters along with the Hero's Party members as well as Hero of Fire were won only because Kahn formed strategies and used whatever assets, plans and abilities he had to come out as the final victor.

Recently, all the effort he put in Blacksmithing skills and now Harnessing as well as Conceptualization were also achieved by his intelligence which grasped them quickly which practicing them for months without sleep or eating anything.

Others would've gone mad in his place but Kahn kept persevering until he succeeded no matter what he price he had to pay or torture he had to suffer to mastering them in order to become strong.

This was why he claimed his intelligence as the only thing he was proud of.

A sage like Vildred who had fought and seen many powerful people including chosen heroes has his insight about Kahn so he had already figured out this to be the undeniable truth.

Hence, the dragon emperor did not dwell or counteract Kahn's statement and accepted him as his disciple in mere moments.

He sent back Kahn's head back to its place as the latter's body reattached quickly.

"For us Dragons... Pride is one thing that is common among all of us.

And when you try to enter someone's tutelage, it is demanded that you let go of your pride.

It's not disregarding their identity but showing their conviction.

That you can let go of your pride to receive your master's teachings and wisdom." explained Vildred, the Sage of Preservation.

Kahn nodded and bowed in respect.

"Tell me your views on mana and world energy. Be detailed this time." he spoke.

Kahn then revealed his opinion based on his experience on both earth and vantrea.

Just like on Earth, where atoms created matter, magic was the binding force that was present along with these atoms. But given the amount of magic that was present in this world and its density present in nature itself.. It was completely negligible.

Since the external force itself was so dense, many living creatures didn't even feel any magic present inside their own bodies. And because of that, a very small amount of inhabitants in this world could use magic.

Let it be a magician or a swordsman, all of them had to use magic as a form of medium to perform their skills & abilities. But only the ones who had the affinity towards mana, a condensed form of magical energy, could efficiently use them. And by either utilizing mana ores or monster cores, they could raise their levels and then raise their affinity, physical strength and compatibility with the mana itself.

Even if you belonged to a physical class job or had physical traits that made you strong, mana was the main driving force behind it which made your physique far stronger than someone without any access to mana ever could.

And that's why those who could use and manipulate it were like powerhouses more than those who couldn't. Even a beginner fighter class was stronger than 10 beings of their species and race. And the key difference was mana which made it possible.

This law also applied to monsters, other magical creatures and beings in the world. Just that they didn't go through some test but rather lived it as if it didn't matter.

For them, rising in levels and rank meant an increase in physical growth and abilities. And the higher the rank, the more evolved creatures they would be.

In Vantrea, you must have the core knowledge and understanding of the type of element you were using to cast a spell. For example, if you wanted to cast a water-related spell, you must study and understand the mana signature of these elements. Just like how DNA inside every human differentiated them from others of their species.

Then use that knowledge to adjust and manipulate the mana you had access to for matching the properties of these elements. After your mastery over mana manipulation over that element increased, you could ingrain the same composition in a spell.

So that way, as long as you have enough understanding and experience of a particular element, you could cast spells related to it and then increase your mastery.

But since Kahn's foundation itself was non-existent when it came to magic and knowledge of mana manipulation... All the magical skills he had by absorbing others were like a house of cards. Easy to break with a small breeze.

Due to his levels and rank, they were far more deadly to many people he faced till now.

And this was the main reason why Solomon had completely suppressed him during their fight just with 4 different types of elemental attacks. Compared to the elven mage's spells, the ones Kahn could use were like a sheet of paper facing a bullet.

If someone like him was on Kahn's levels... Without the divine abilities and the other life saving skills he had; solely based on their knowledge and mastery as magicians...

Kahn was still a juvenile.

He then shared the list of abilities with Vildred through the system, the ones he got from the elf that he previously used to study magic back in Rathna, the capital of Rakos Empire.

[Elemental Fusion (A Rank) (Passive) :

Allows the host to create elemental mana orbs and use them as a source for Elemental spells and long-range attacks.

Elemental Transformation (S Rank) (Passive) :

Allows the host to transform the form of the elemental spells to another element.

Casting time for magic spells reduced by 35%

Space Haste (A Rank) (Active) :

Allows the host to use space magic to travel to 1 kilometer space in any direction.

The host is required to study and comprehend this ability.] replied the system in Vildred's mind.

"Idiot! That's the biggest and most damaging shortcut I've ever seen." shouted Vildred in exasperation.

"So you just use them without unlocking them by yourself because you absorbed all those skills and abilities using your divine abilities.

You should have at least used that bloodline.

By now, you would at least be at Semi-Saint Magician." berated the royal dragon.

"How?

I have zero control over any of the bloodlines I have since they're not my own.

Even when I use their effects during battle, the system automatically activates them for me.

I never had a chance to learn how to use them in the first place." he explained.

Sigh!

Vildred sighed and spoke in a helpless voice.

"Bloodlines and their effects are something that comes naturally.

You don't have to focus on them.

Well... You're a broken individual already since you are already a saint.

But that's also a good thing for our current situation." he said in a rhroighful tone.

"I won't have to wait for you to become a saint first, so I'll get to the first and most important criteria." he iterated solemnly.

"What is it?" asked Kahn curiously.

"Isn't that obvious?...

It's Enlightenment." he stated calmly.

"What you learned from that Elf's books is indeed correct.

However, that knowledge omitted one crucial factor.

There is a certain degree of knowledge and enlightenment required to increase control over world energy and mana no matter which magical class it is.

Only then you can become a Saint for a magical class job." explained the lightning dragon.

"A Summoner must make a breakthrough in his or her field of summoning magic and the creatures they created or forms of attacks they summoned from the environment.

An Enchanter must receive enlightenment in casting magic formations and rune magic and using them to summon attacks or reinforcement of their own skills and spells.

A Magician or Sorceress must use the world energy to convert them into elements at will from the surrounding world itself and then use them as base to cast their spells and skills.

In all three cases, you need to receive enlightenment first to move forward as you progress in your rank.

Otherwise..." he revealed a crucial factor that Kahn had no idea about.

"Your soul will extinguish."

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Vildred suddenly revealed a terrifying fact that Kahn had no idea about even now. This information wasn't mentioned in any books he read regarding magic either. Not because it was some sort of taboo but because Kahn was probably the first ever person in the world of Vantrea to have accomplished this without the standard approach.

"Many who unlock these magic jobs and classes must cross these thresholds of natural affinity, bloodlines and enlightenment to adapt and overcome their body's restrictions.

This is different from physical classes who need to train in their respective weapons, combat techniques and break past their limits as well as achieve overwhelming talent and skill in their respective profession.

Only then you can become a saint magician or so." he stern voice reverberated in the room.

"Because of your divine abilities, you already unlocked the body strong enough to endure these transformations and ability to withstand world energy.

Which allowed you to directly use these skills and spells, something that shouldn't be happening in the first place." he iterated in a domineering tone.

"Although you have already met the physical conditions, your mind and soul are not tempered enough in the magic field and that is why despite your blessings, you still haven't been able to get past the Intermediate Grandmaster stage in Law of Magic ever after all these years.

But even so, you too need to receive enlightenment for your body and soul to form that synergy and become a saint magician." he spoke.

Explaining how serious this situation was.

Kahn was mortified that all this time, there was a risk of his soul getting destroyed.

The next moment, Rathnaar also spoke in Kahn's mind.

[Even the War Deity Kravel had to follow this rule when he perfected magic and all elemental spells before becoming a Demi-God.

His blessings are useful in achieving that feat as well.

However, your divine abilities are far more powerful and terrifying as well.

It has given you way too many shortcuts till now. Shortcuts that go against the laws of nature itself.] the peak saint offered his insight.

"So in a way... You're lucky that you still haven't directly become a Saint in any magic class.

Otherwise, your soul wouldn't have been able to withstand the imbalance of soul and body as you would have basically skipped too many steps.

And the end result would be... Destruction." declared the royal dragon.

Kahn was petrified once again.

Turns out that him still being only an intermediate grandmaster magician actually kept Kahn alive till this point.

Vildred then asked in a somber tone.

"So which class do you want to pursue?"

To his query, Kahn replied with a determined tone.

"Enchanter and Magician."

Both Vildred and Rathnaar had a skeptical expressions.

"Summoner class is not my forte and I can't create creatures and constructs out of nowhere without practicing for years.

Learning from Romulus has already made it very clear to me." he gage his reasoning.

"However, thanks to him teaching me Harnessing and Conceptualization, my control over various elements and world energy has risen by ten folds.

Those are two classes I can also integrate with my fighting style as you said before." he iterated and then continued with a thoughtful gaze.

"Besides, I'm already a Semi-Saint Artificer as it was one of the conditions to become a Saint Blacksmith.

Also, I have 3 Blessings from the Deities of Blacksmithing. They can greatly help me in learning Magic formations too.

Like you said, I should start utilizing my blessings in the best way possible.

With them, I can learn Enchanter class by mastering Magic and Runic formations quickly.

As for the Magician Class, thanks to the abilities I gained along with natural passive affinity to many elements from various monsters whether legendary or mythical... I'll have fewer disadvantages while learning spells and attack skills." he revealed why he chose these two classes.

"And if I did manage to get them integrated into my skills along with the ones taught by Romulus after gaining enlightenment...

I can become terrifyingly powerful." he revealed a confident smile.

But to his words... Vildred scoffed as if he heard a joke.

"Gaining Enlightenment… It's easier said than done."

"Is that so? How many did you have then?" asked Kahn.

"5 Enlightenments in Law of Magic." revealed the Sage of Preservation.

"First enlightenment is enough to help you become a Grandmaster Mage. I'm sure you already had one yourself.

2nd for essential to become a Semi-Saint.

3rd enlightenment is the minimum threshold to become a Saint Magician, Enchanter or Summoner.

4th is the prerequisite for a person, no matter which element or law they use, to become an Archmage in their respective field.

An Archmage is extremely rare, the kind that is one in a billion people in our world." revealed Vildred.

"And finally... The 5th and the final enlightenment... It helps you become a Sage." he revealed a big ancient secret that was hidden from most of the world.

Only very few people in Vantrea were privy to this information.

[He speaks the truth, boy.

So far there were only 3 Sages I knew in my lifetime.

One was Vildred, 2nd being my friend Lezron Mikealson who was also called the First Sage of Rakos Empire, the one you received my core from.

If I wasn't present, he would definitely be the emperor instead of me.

Back then, he was also titled Elemental Sovereign.

A Sovereign is a title given only to 9th stage saints in the world of Vantrea.] explained the Peak Saint.

[As for the 3rd... It was a True Demon who was also the Apostle of Blood Deity.

He too was a 9th stage saint many believed he was aiding the Demon God over a thousand years ago.] revealed Rathnaar.

[Let me tell you something clear boy... An Archmage is akin to 4 Saint Mages of the same rank because of their control and inherent reserves of mana and world energy.

And a Sage... Is Like 7 to 8 of such Archmages combined.] he revealed an astonishing fact.

[Even at 8th stage saint rank, a Sage can go toe to toe against a 9th stage saint. On top of it, Vildred is a royal dragon at that.

If Vildred reached Peak 9th stage back then, he would be at least able to draw with me when I was Peak Saint, the strongest in the world.] he stated without holding back.

Kahn was already aware of Vildred and Rathnaar's ancient enmity. But even the peak saint himself admitted that a Sage and Royal Dragon like Vildred would have become his match if he was a 9th stage saint magician.

[You're lucky that this old ancient freak of a royal dragon, who once stood at the peak of this field has now accepted you as his disciple.

Even Ancient Rank spells that take weeks and months to cast are not a big problem for him.

So learn from him as much as you can.] he advised.

Kahn nodded in response, fully acknowledging that his new Master was indeed a worldwide terrifying existence.

"So what do I need to learn first?" he asked.

"Well, you have already broken many rules and how one normally studies the Law of Magic.

That's why, I'll teach you differently in both these classes." he spoke.

Next, they entered the Chamber of Exaltation, and stopped at the Convergence of Elements where Kahn mastered Conceptualization before.

"This is the best place for you to learn." spoke the dragon emperor.

"How do we start?"

Vildred smirked and let out an ominous smirk.

'By Overdosing."

Kahn stood stupefied at the Convergence of Elements.

What did Vildred mean by overdosing?

"This is also the best way for me because once you become a 7th stage saint... I will also be able to rise my ranks rapidly and make up for my lost rank of an 8th stage saint.

Once that happens... Our contract will be fulfilled much quicker than spending decades for it." he revealed, without explaining anything to Kahn.

"What do you mean by overdosing?" asked Kahn in a suspicious tone.

"You're a unique case whose existence goes against all the normal people and even all the Heroes who came before you since no one else chose your divine abilities." replied the Sage.

"You are not a legitimate mage like me and you still don't have a defined class because of your divine abilities even now.

But this is a way for you to achieve a similar effect." his voice resounded in the chamber.

Kahn was perplexed because he could feel something dangerous was going to happen.

Vildred spoke again in an insidious tone...

"The basic principle here is that I will forcefully increase all of your body's elemental affinities in one element at a time.

And then, we will balance them out with another element countering them.

This way, your own elemental affinity to these elements will no longer be a problem in your breakthrough and it won't hinder your progress or pose a requirement to master certain spells and magic formations or elemental attacks later." his voice echoed.

"So in a way, we will be using a shortcut instead of me naturally building up my affinity steadily in each element one by one?" he questioned with a baffled expression.

"Correct. Since your body is already that of a saint and you have access to world energy and mana without even meeting the requirements in the first place, it can endure this surge of elements and then gradually raise your affinity." revealed the dragon emperor.

"I sense a 'but' coming." spoke Kahn with an incredulous gaze.

Vildred smirked and responded...

"Naturally... It won't come without consequences." he spoke in a grim voice.

"This surge will feel... Intoxicating."