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Chapter 151 - Utter Destruction

Disciple Darren and Disciple Lana rushed through the deep waters with fear and resentment in their eyes as they left behind their Martial Uncle. The attack of chains of lightning that had caused everything to fall apart appeared in their minds as they moved through the seas even faster.

Their only respite was that the attack did not target them. But their younger disciples were all gone. Tears were falling out of the eyes of Disciple Lana as they moved forward.

"Disciple Lana, don't worry about Martial Uncle. He has mastered the Fifth Form of our Mountain Sea Sect's Secret Technique, and won't be taken down easily by people that haven't even begun studying the laws."

Disciple Darren looked at the jade beauty with fair skin that was crying and felt his heart soften. At least he and this fair disciple had made it out alive. They would reach the base of the other Cultivators and inform them of this injustice, before coming back with multiple people at the Violet Core and Rebirth Realms to take down these enemies.

The fair beauty that was called Disciple Lana nodded at these words and moved with even more conviction. They had outrun the powerful underwater sh.i.p.s long ago, and were now moving up to leave the deep depths and find the islands full of cultivators above the sea.

Disciple Darren's mind wandered as he stared at the face of his female disciple filled with conviction. It made him slightly glad as he survived this ordeal with her, their relationship would undoubtedly deepen in the future, and he might even be able to perform Dual Cultivation with this jade beau-

RAA!

His thoughts were rapidly shifted as a weird scream they had heard before rang out around them, a silvery figure appearing right above their rapidly ascending figures.

The scream shook them out of their stupor as they prepared for battle. Someone had caught up to them!

An [Emperor Penguin] stood tall, his beak raised up too high as its beady eyes struggled to look down at the cultivators beneath it. Its flippers shinned with a silvery light as he raised them up and swung down, a destructive blade of silver light forming and heading towards the two LEGENDARY ranked cultivators.

The blade of silver light didn't move in a straight line, disappearing and reappearing multiple times as it seemed to descend from all directions towards the two disciples.

"Mountain Sea Sect's Fourth Style- Wings of the Sea!"

The figures of the two cultivators shined as grandiose blue wings appeared behind them. Their speeds and power becoming another level higher as they faced this arrogant enemy.

RAA!

Heavy impacts and vibrations could be felt in the sea as one particular Martial Uncle withstood the attacks from multiple forces.

Atlanteans carrying [Plasma Guns] and Merfolk swinging tridents that shot out powerful blasts, as well as a collection of LEGENDARY beasts that made the battle even more chaotic.

OONG

The cultivator at the Rebirth Realm had activated a spectacular ability, a form just below the powerful one that got stopped prematurely, it was [Mountain Sea Sect's Fifth Style- The Descent of the Emperor].

A transparent outline of the most majestic person surrounded the cultivator, a shining blue crown stably sitting atop his head. Two swords letting out powerful vibrations that split apart the surrounding water were present in each hand as Martial Uncle Softsword valiantly faced his enemies.

Noah looked at the powerful cultivator letting out the thrumming power of the MYTHICAL rank as he couldn't keep a smile from forming on his face. This was a being that was called someone at the Rebirth Realm in the World of Cultivation!

He had various treasures and knowledge that would in no doubt elevate the cards Noah could play with in the future. Multiple skills continued to be cast as he worked with the Golden Commander Merman that was fighting in close quarters with the boosted cultivator.

Noah knew this was a secret technique of the Mountain Sea Sect, with those reaching the Rebirth, or really MYTHICAL rank, being able to learn and use the fifth and sixth forms. He had already gotten his hands on the first form of these secret techniques, and once this battle finishes successfully he should have even more.

His adrenaline peaked as he thought about the hazy figure of the Blue Dragon the cultivators had to get in a formation just to have enough energy to activate it. This Martial Uncle in front of him could use the fifth form right below the Blue Dragon with ease as he traversed the waters and clashed against attacks from all sides.

BOOM!

Noah had been spamming his EPIC and LEGENDARY skills every few seconds, continuing to put pressure on the cultivator as he was pushed back more and more. The majesty of the secret technique he cast was slowly reducing as more of his energies were used up.

"I may fall today, but know that all of you will follow after me."

The strong voice came from the Martial Uncle as he realized he was fighting a losing battle. He was fighting a terrifying Merman that relentlessly used the water around them to block all attacks, while fiendish beasts continued to pester and throw out damaging skills that wore him down more and more.

"My heart is strong, and I do not fear death. As for you bumbling fools that don't even have the slightest idea about the Laws of the World, just wait for the other sects to learn of this and avenge me."

The words seemed to be those of a despairing man when something drastic occurred. The transparent form of a majestic emperor he had been donning that was quickly fading away began to shine brightly again.

Noah saw this as his face hardened and he activated the [Corrupted Sigil of Hegemony] skill that he was saving for drastic situations. The Martial Uncle was burning his core to let out resplendent strength before his death.

He couldn't have that happen, as it meant the loot would be reduced if this cultivator continued to burn the origin that contained many treasures and secrets!

"ATTACK!"

He screamed out with vigor as he sent the command to the beasts and the forces from Aquicadis city. The sigil that buffed him and his forces while weakening his enemies spread out, the attacks becoming even deadlier as more and more landed on the resplendently shining figure of the MYTHICAL cultivator.

The transformed Noah rushed in close quarters as his primal spirits also surrounded him, multiple colorful skills shining out and striking down towards the Martial Uncle.

BOOM!

It required the cooperation of multiple LEGENDARY beasts and primal spirits, as well as a Golden Commander that was at the MYTHICAL rank, but the cultivator at the Rebirth Realm had fallen in the Lost World.

Chapter 152 - Something beautiful

What was the most beautiful thing in the world?

Was it wealth? Power? Freedom? Or the company of a beautiful man or woman?

Many people had differing opinions on what they considered beautiful, but Noah felt like the sight in front of him was the most beautiful thing he was seeing since his birth. The resplendently shining skill books, cores, items, and sparkling crystals piled up to a mountain really was too beautiful to look at.

He had pushed himself and spammed as many skills as he could in the last moments when the MYTHICAL cultivator began burning his core for a last-minute gamble. Terrible skills that tore apart the surrounding seas were targetted towards the valiant cultivator. He had fallen completely after his body became shredded by the many attacks that surrounded him, and Noah was near to take his body and loot into his storage pouch.

This wasn't the first body he collected, as any previous cultivators he killed were taken into his storage pouch or Spiritual Land. The [Emperor Penguin] had the job of moving around the battlefield and transporting all defeated enemies into the spiritual land with his unique powers of teleportation.

When the battle here was finished, he was capable enough as he even brought back the bodies of the LEGENDARY Disciples that were running away. Noah found himself thinking how this arrogant penguin wasn't too bad after all. He wouldn't kick it off of the fluffy couches when he saw it lazing around next time.

When the battle was done, his [Fiendish Sword Beast Transformation] was released as he appeared in the golden haired body of the Atlantean next to the Golden Commander that had his powerful trident raised high in the air, shouting for victory.

The inhabitants of Aquicadis city had effectively stopped and taken down the invaders with minimal casualties. The Golden Commander looked over at Noah and expressed his goodwill as soon as he saw the body that was fully Atlantean.

"Brother, you've found yourself some very good allies and a peculiar set of skills"

The Merman said this as he looked towards the long [White Mamba], [Emperor Penguin], and the other beasts congregating together. A skill that allowed you to fully transform into another creature was rare in the sea, especially when that creature was not sea-based, but it wasn't something that never appeared.

"Yes. I was lucky enough to form some close bonds after I explored some islands a while back."

Noah had been feeling really happy, so he replied with a smile as his eyes wandered at the pile of defeated cultivators and loot in his storage pouch that he couldn't wait to get through.

"At least allow me to host you in my City before you head towards Atlantis, you'll need a full belly, as well as some information that should help you avoid the dangerous parts."

The Merman continued to show goodwill after the battle, and Noah was on the tip of his toes with impatience to go through all the loot, but he breathed out to calm himself down while chanting 'Patience' in his mind. It wouldn't be too bad to collect more information about the dangers of crossing to lower zones of the sea, and information from a MYTHICAL Merman was not something to laugh at.

He put the piles of shining loot out of his mind for now as he and the five LEGENDARY beasts went towards the City of Aquicadis with the cheering groups of Atlanteans and Merfolk.

The LEGENDARY beasts had no problems being under the water, and could even create bubbles of air similar to the cultivators if they wished. They looked curiously around them as it was the first time being out of the Spiritual Land in a while.

Merfolk swarmed curiously around the body of a certain sleek penguin as they found its arrogant beak that always seemed to point to the skies to be very interesting.

RAA!

A celebratory night was spent in the underwater City of Aquicadis as Noah and the beasts got a chance to enjoy the delicacies of a new world. It was a very weird sight to see as they watched fish go on to eat other fish, but they didn't complain. The Merfolk ate anything they caught raw, while the Atlanteans preferred to cook their meals in their areas that were surrounded by protective bubbles where they roamed like humans inside.

Reinforcements from a nearby city came later, and only got the chance to enjoy the festivities and not the battle. Hours passed like this as Noah talked to the Golden Commander while enjoying the food, learning about a few more things that weren't in the memories of the weak Atlanteans he had taken down some time back.

After the festivities died down a bit, Noah said his goodbyes to the Golden Commander as he prepared to set off again, this time wanting to take the shortest route to reach Atlantis. The meeting of powerful humans from the World of Cultivators had roused his sense of adventure, and he wanted to start on the plans for those as soon as his current goals were achieved.

Demons, Atlanteans, Cultivators.

There were many groups he had met so far, but the goals remained the same. The one he was going after now lied in the city at the center of the Lost World, Atlantis.

The Golden Commander nodded as he saw he couldn't keep Noah behind any longer, saying his last appreciative words.

"The title of Champion is special, and only those at the Neon Commander stage can fight for it. If you are successful among the many powerful champions, a prize that is the peak combination of sorcery and biomedical engineering awaits for you, so work hard!"

The Merman let out powerful words that caused a shining light to cross Noah's eyes as he nodded, thinking about the many treasures he could obtain from Atlantis. This civilization that combined technology and magic, he really wanted to get his hands on their creations!

His blood pumped as he left behind the City of Aquicadis with the beasts and continued to make his path downwards, finding a time to stop after a few minutes to go into the Spiritual Land to count his rewards first.

The cultivators were not stingy at all, giving him a resplendent pile of rewards that he began going through. First and foremost were the secret techniques that the cultivators of the Mountain Sea Sect were using.

EPIC :: [Mountain Sea Sect's Second Style- Blue Fortress]

LEGENDARY :: [Mountain Sea Sect's Third Style- Healing Water]

LEGENDARY :: [Mountain Sea Sect's Fourth Style- Wings of the Sea]

MYTHICAL :: [Mountain Sea Sect's Fifth Style- Descent of the Emperor]

MYTHICAL :: [Mountain Sea Sect's Sixth Style- Dragon Form]

The cultivators...were truly giving.

Disciple Bob and the other two known to be in Violet Core dropped the LEGENDARY skills that were the third and fourth secret techniques of the Mountain Sea Sect. The Rebirth Realm cultivator gifted the first skills of MYTHICAL rank that Noah got his hands on, and they were spectacular, to say the least. He already received the first form from the EPIC disciple he had covertly taken before he joined the battle, and now he had the second form too, which granted him all the 6 forms he had seen the cultivators use in this battle.

He was itching to try the most powerful style of the secret techniques, but held off and looked at the crystals that thrummed with an enticing power.

[Low-level Water Crystal] :: A crystal containing the accumulations of the Law of Water. An insignificant portion is contained.

[Mid-level Water Crystal] :: A crystal containing the accumulations of the Law of Water. A small portion is contained.

[High-level Water Crystal] :: A crystal containing the accumulations of the Law of Water. A significant portion is contained.

There were multiple of these gorgeously shining crystals that were one of the three most prized loots to be received from the cultivators. The secret techniques that turned into skills was the first, these crystals containing accumulations of a certain law were the second, and the third was of course...the memories.

Noah's eyes shined and his face remained impassive as he looked towards the many defeated enemies he could use {Memory Plunderer} on. Just how big a picture of the World of Cultivation could he build with their memories?

Chapter 153 - Coquilles

The World of Cultivation was something spectacular to see. Wide valleys and mountains with floating lands hidden in the clouds similar to the Beast World. Arrogant cultivators studying the Laws of the World ran rampant as they looked down on anyone beneath them.

Noah smiled at the many memories and secrets he had obtained from the Martial Uncle of the Mountain Sea Sect and the many disciples he brought to the Lost World of Atlantis. He knew more about the Mountain Sea Sect than most other disciples and Martial Uncles at this point.

He wasn't even phased by the memories of powerful cultivators that surpassed the LEGENDARY and MYTHICAL rank, as he himself had traversed and touched upon MYTHICAL in the span just over two or three months? [Thought Acceleration] worked in full force as his mind collected the abundant new information and he looked at ways of using it best, coming up with a few drastic ideas that could only be implemented in the future.

His mind moved busily as he ignored the beasts that looked like victors coming back from hard battles and going to enjoy themselves as their bodies became smaller and they went towards the beautiful buildings Noah had been making from using the [Architecture] function of the {Spiritual Land Management} skill these past few days.

The beasts enjoyed the colorful blue fruits from the [Snow Vines] as they entered the futuristic modern houses that they requested more of to be built. Another great thing happened this night, as the EPIC [Arctic Wolf] also finally joined the ranks of beasts that broke through to the LEGENDARY rank after consuming many of the fruits from the [Snow Vines]

The numbers of beasts continued to change under the panel that Noah looked forward to the possibility of fulfilling the requirements for upgrading the Spiritual Land to the Fourth tier in a few weeks or months.

He looked at the many grandiose buildings that now populated the Spiritual Land as he went towards the first luxurious modern house he had built. He was now making a habit of cooking and roasting things in this house and relaxing in the bubbling hot pool on the third floor while thinking.

He moved across the house while twirling the many [Water Crystals] that dropped from the cultivators. He would absorb them slowly and watch as the percentages for anything water element related rose to crazy levels.

While nearing the blue fireplace to absorb the gains in peace, he saw the miniaturized figure of the [Emperor Penguin] wrapping itself in a white towel as it climbed the steps towards the bubbling jacuzzi upstairs, an expression of arrogance and contentment in its face. Was he giving this penguin too much leeway nowadays?

Its usefulness only seemed to increase, and it was one of the more talented beasts in the Spiritual Land and continued to be the highest in power. The special trait that allowed it to easily send out spatial attacks and teleport around with ease was the envy of many other beasts.

This penguin was the only one brave enough to enter and use this house I normally used, with all the other ones enjoying the many other ones I built around the Spiritual Land. I turned my attention from this peculiar beast and focused on absorbing the [Water Crystals], wanting to see just how big the percentage increase would be for taking down so many cultivators.

Plans and hopes continued to bud and grow all around as Noah continued to move in the Lost World, continuing to increase in power as he met more and more beings from the vast universe.

One particular Demon Lord was visiting another, even more terrifying one. He had an apprehensive face as he looked towards the teenager surrounded by hundreds of thousands of green eyes all around.

"Empress, something unsolvable happened to one of the squadrons working under me."

His voice rang out respectfully as he watched the teenager eating something...unsavory. She was holding on to a large fried piece of meat that she bit into with enthusiasm, her abyssal eyes shifting to the lower-ranked Ruler.

"They should have been at EPIC rank at most? Why worry so much about it?"

She asked nonchalantly as she continued to eat her meal. Beside her in the underwater cave was a brightly glowing fire that she used to continue roasting the meat in her hands.

"They disappeared silently, without even being able to send a word. Our enemies could be grouping up and targeting us in this world. The other Rulers and I will be shifting our forces around and move even faster to locate the Supreme Treasure before the waters become any muddier with more enemies."

"Haha, don't worry about it too much. Even if it's a MYTHICAL rank moving around actively, look at what I did to this one."

Her eyes shifted to the side where an Atlantean lay, barely letting out bated breaths as his right leg was missing in its entirety.

"Haha, isn't it funny? He looked at me in horror when I sawed his thigh and began roasting it, like it was the most unbelievable thing. Doesn't he realize he does the same thing to the poor little fishes? To me, he's just another poor little fish that I caught in my net. Haha!"

The apprehension in the lower-ranked Demon Lord only rose as the conversation continued. The being that was getting roasted was something at the same rank as him, the fear he felt towards this Necromancer of Chaos only increasing.

"...Emperor Baal mentioned you would actively help us when you descended here"

A sharp light passed through Barbatos's eyes as a heavy pressure descended on the Demon Lord of the 29th rank.

"You think you can push me just by uttering his name?"

The voice was cold and emotionless, none of the playfulness and laughter that was there just a moment ago showing itself. The pressure Astaroth felt only increased as he let more words escape his lips.

"I meant no disrespect, Empress. There are just powerful enemies in the zones we're currently searching in, and it would be of huge help if we had your presence in the Abyssal Zone while we move around."

The pressure and cold light did not leave the teenager's face as she looked coldly at the Demon Lord. Her bottomless eyes locked on to the eyes of the kneeling Astaroth. It felt as if the eyes saw through all of his thoughts and secrets, making Astaroth feel extremely vulnerable under the gaze. Barbatos spat out the meat she had been chewing on and tossed aside the large thigh she was holding in her hands.

"What are the coordinates of this Abyssal Zone?"

Her cold voice made the Demon Lord sink even lower as he replied in a small voice. Barbatos looked at this kneeling figure and nodded, the green circles of light around them that spread out for miles began actively moving yet again.

A half-eaten Atlantean lay broken and barely breathing as the Necromancer of Chaos began moving towards the Abyssal Zone. The kneeling Demon Lord looked at this figure of the same rank as him pitifully, a blazing flame leaving his hands to put it out of its misery as he looked fearfully towards the leaving Barbatos. The effect that this small sequence of events would have on many powerful beings was yet to occur.

Chapter 154 - Absurd

After spending the entire night thinking and absorbing the [Water Crystals] that the cultivators ranging from MYTHICAL to rank S, a new percentage had appeared under the section of [Laws] in the stat panel. Everything seemed to go well, yet the problem was the absurdity of numbers that Noah was seeing.

[Law of Water 5%] :: All water-based abilities and skills are boosted by 500%

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It was a ludicrous set of numbers to see how much just five percent of understanding of the Law of Water translated to any water element skills being boosted by more than five times.

Too ridiculous.

Noah's mind was pounding as he imagined reaching just the halfway point of 50% in the Law of Water, which would translate to fifty times the boost to any water element skill. It was crazy to even imagine, but at the same time, how easy would it be to reach there?

He had taken down three cultivators at the LEGENDARY rank, one at the MYTHICAL rank, tens of the EPIC rank, and even more at rank S. The percentage has risen to 5% from all of those cultivators, so he had to work hard to continue bringing it higher.

When he moved out of the Spiritual Land into the water once again, he felt as if he was in a whole different world. The .1% he received the first time didn't give changes that were too noticeable, but the 5% increase in the Law of Water caused a significant change that he noticed right away.

He felt as if the sea around him was cradling and supporting him, and he could easily put the nearby water under his command. The feeling was new and fantastic to feel, making him look forward to obtaining even more [Water Crystals], as well as crystals of other elements in the future.

He didn't know when, but the World of Cultivation would be on his list of goals sometime in the future. This concept of laws was too fantastic to pass up, especially when they augmented his skills and the rest of his strength so well.

A system of power that took the skills of those he defeated from his homeworld, a unique treasure that had boundless potential with crazy features to unlock as he goes forward, and now, easily grasping something as abstruse as laws just by defeating cultivators that worked tens to hundreds of years just to grasp the tiniest bit of them.

There were many worlds in the universe, with many more treasures he had yet to get his hands on. In the Lost World was the Supreme Treasure, Trident of Neptune. If he could also get his hands on something like that, and continue collecting other powers and skills unique to different worlds, he soon realized that the concept of levels would become meaningless to him.

Could he really be considered a being of a specific rank when he so seamlessly held and combined powers and skills from multiple worlds? Only time would tell, which meant he needed to fight opponents without becoming too arrogant and losing his life. There were many options to choose from as he neared Atlantis, and he knew just where to test out these spectacular boosts in water element skills, as well as the actual new skills gifted to him by the cultivators.

There was a deep-sea creature that many reckless Atlanteans and Merlfok lost their lives to over the years. It stayed in a specific region that was always known to be one of the danger zones to steer away from, as passing through it would almost always guarantee your death.

It roamed in a zone that wasn't too far off from the City of Atlantis, it was the terrifying creature of the MYTHICAL rank, the Anglerfish. There were very few of this specie of fish found all over the Lost World, yet any that were found always neared the top in strength.

They lived in murky environments when sunlight could not reach, and enjoyed the bleak darkness around them as they had the one source of light that always lured their prey. It had a long fleshy growth

atop its head that pointed out a distance from it, where at the end of this fleshy growth was a circular portion that could shine brightly in the dark waters.

Any creature that was lured by this beautiful white-blue light would only find death at the next instant as this terrible beast moved fast to swallow them whole.

In the bleak darkness below the sea, a powerfully large body was roaming around. An enticing flash of light would shine every now and then, seemingly pulling at the attention of anything nearby. The large creature roamed its territory as usual, and not a single bit of its aura could be discernable as it moved across the waters.

A few minutes passed, and a change occurred as it senses some movements. Had it finally found a prey? The creature reigned in the deadly bloodlust it was feeling as its body neared the signal it senses, the enticing blue light atop its head shining even more enticingly.

The feeling of shock and horror when it illuminated the target that had swam to it was something it could never get tired of. Enough light was released to show a glowing circle of light, and not much more as the two figures neared one another.

Only a circle of light was visible as they both closed in just a few meters near each other, and the creature shined out its light grandly as the entire surroundings were illuminated. How terrified would the creature it caught about to be? A wide smile revealed jaggedly sharp teeth as a tremendous force erupted from the Anglerfish as the light expanded, and its prey was laid bare.

An Atlantean man with golden hair stood calmly in front of this MYTHICAL creature, a light smile that shocked the Anglerfish appearing on his face.

"Hey big guy, I've spent a few days looking for you in this vast sea."

It was a light tone like that of one friend talking to another as Noah finally find the powerful beast the Golden Commander at the City of Aquicadis warned him to avoid. A puzzling expression came onto the Anglerfish's face before it returned malevolent, its ugly face stretched as it moved at a fast speed to swallow the creature in front of it whole.

"Haha, good! I haven't gotten a chance to practice this on something truly strong, so don't disappoint me!"

A voice filled with enthusiasm erupted as multiple skills were cast. From the first to the fifth form of Mountain Sea Sect's six secret techniques, all were cast as a grandiose power sent out a shockwave that pushed back the rushing Anglerfish.

The first style, Water Sword. The second, Blue Fortress. The third, Healing Water. The fourth, Wings of the Sea. The fifth, Descent of the Emperor.

Skills from the Epic to Mythical rank were all cast at once as they came together to form something spectacular. A resplendent blue light was shining out as an air of majesty spread across the waters, illuminating every single spot for more than a mile. Noah stood firm in front of the Mythical sea creature that was thrumming with power, its body vibrating powerfully as it felt a threat coming from the being it thought to be a prey.

Noah's body was encased in a regal form of a long past emperor that had an impassive face as a blue crown imposingly appeared above his head. His body that was originally 2 meters long became encased as he now appeared twice as large. Brilliantly shining blue wings spread out from behind him as they made the [Descent of the Emperor] feel even more seamless.

Two vibrating blue swords that seemed to be calling for blood were in both of his hands as a walled piece of armor seemed to form around the already powerful body, making [Descent of the Emperor] become even more solid as the resplendent light increased. To top it all off, there was a distinct layer of water constantly moving across the shining body, covering any gaps as it made the Fifth form of Mountain Sea Sect's Six Styles come even more alive.

Apprehension filled the Anglerfish's cold heart at this prey that turned out to be a predator, deciding whether to run or fight. It felt the two vibrating blue blades pointing towards it as a deadly voice entered its ear.

"The water around us is actually leaking a smell of fear. That couldn't be coming from something as powerful as you, right?"

The voice seemed to be taunting it, making the eyes of the Mythical beast turn blood red as its apprehensions were let loose.

OOONG!

Wrathful energies spread out as beside the Anglerfish, multiple creatures just as ferocious as it began being summoned out.

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"Haha, come on!"

A thrilling battle was playing out in some of the deepest waters of the Lost World as Noah's figure enshrouded in the majesty of a powerful emperor seamlessly moved in the water.

He was evading sharp teeth from sinking into his figure as the vibrating blue blades in his hands struck down the summoned creatures just slightly less powerful than the Anglerfish that were swarming around him.

SHLUCK!

Whenever his blade struck, flesh would wildly be ripped open as the vibrating blades split apart muscle and bone like it was nothing. Every single creature that the Anglerfish summoned was being torn apart with ease as Noah moved closer to the powerful beast, his blue blades thrumming excitedly.

The shining wings on his back made his speed swift in the water, and when any attacks landed on him, only a dent could be heard as he was wrapped around in the blue form of Mountain Sea Sect's first five styles. The form of [Healing Water] wasn't even given a chance to shine as not a single attack got through the outline of the blue armor.

OONG

The Mythical Anglerfish let out wild power as it felt the threat of death approaching, the fleshy protrusion shining with a blinding light that began boiling the area around them as the intense battle continued.

The water around them began boiling as the light continued to get brighter and brighter, and yet Noah continued to move as if nothing was wrong, his blades continuing to land on the slippery body of the ugly fish.

It would continue to struggle as it summoned out more and more creatures, but its current opponent was too much of an anomaly as all of its efforts were in vain. It was a powerful beast of Mythical rank that many Atlanteans and Merfolk steered away from, and yet it continued to be pushed back by Noah's relentless attacks until the vibrating blades began causing heavy damage to it.

SHLUCK!

A dense mass of muscle began being cut up as the wings on Noah's back shined, his figure becoming close to a blue streak of light as he seemed to have stopped playing and moved around the large body of the Mythical beast while tearing it apart with the vibrating blades.

It was a desolate sight as the beast struggled, its usual routine of going around its territory looking for prey going sideways this day as for the first time in its life, it experienced the feeling of something that was being preyed upon.

OONG!

A blast of blue light exploded out in the dark sea as the Mythical beast was shredded into a mass of flesh and bones. The power Noah was showing was overwhelming for those on the same level as too many things elevated his power to a whole new stage.

Only a blue light emanating from the majestic form of [Descent of the Emperor] remained in the depths where a powerful creature used to prowl as Noah collected cores, a Mythical skill book, and a blue glowing item.

[Summon Creatures of the Deep] :: You've traversed the deep waters and become familiar with the terrifying creatures in it. Summons a maximum of two creatures.

[Pearl of Sea] :: An expansive space for the storage of all things lies within.

A smile appeared on Noah's calm face as he collected his new gains. His eyes were already looking below the dark waters to a location calling out to him far below.

The city at the center of the Lost World.

It couldn't even be called a city as it stood grandly at some of the deepest depths of the sea, acting like a beacon of light that stretched out for miles.

Noah stood a few miles away from the City of Atlantis as he just observed it first. It felt like he was looking at the most technologically advanced magical city as resplendent blue and white lights could be seen everywhere he turned

Just in the surroundings of the city, there were growths of gorgeous looking plants that pulsed in pink and purple light. There were crowds of Merfolk and Atlanteans going around as he came across a sight he had only seen in other beings' memories.

He saw an expansive set of what looked like illuminated roads that were stacked on multiple levels, all leading towards a large 20-meter triangular gate that was the entrance to Atlantis.

Masses of exquisitely built ships and submarines were effortlessly moving around as even more floating vehicles that put the automotive industry in his homeworld to shame went back and forth on the illuminating roads separated by multiple levels.

This wasn't the most stunning sight though, as groups of deep-sea fish that can be considered behemoths had reins and large saddles fastened on their backs. All sorts of fish could be seen being used as rides, ranging from huge whales to great white sharks, to stingrays that let out arcs of lightning.

Near the blue glowing triangular gate, there were huge golden statues on either side standing grandly. One was a Merfolk hoisting a golden trident, his face powerfully overlooking all those that entered. The other statue was an Atlantean decked in a powerful armor with the largest [Plasma Gun] pointing out to the dark sea. Just the statues themselves let out an oppressive feeling of power for those seeing it for the first time.

Noah calmed his beating heart as he watched this magnificent sight that was the center of a large world. He could only see outlines of shining buildings and skyscrapers spread out for miles behind a thin film of light that covered the entirety of Atlantis.

His figure moved closer towards the throngs of Atlanteans and Merfolk as he felt the Champion's Trident in his storage item begin to vibrate. He looked at the powerful inhabitants of Atlantis that ranged from rank S to Epic, and even the two Legendary guards standing beneath the two statues of their respective races. There were even more Commanders at Epic and S rank patrolling the entire area as the movements in and out of Atlantis looked to be heavily regulated.

He began to take a closer look round the triangular gate as the expansive wall that was behind the statues made itself clear. There were things that seemed to be cannons lining up the wall all around. A blue light continued to circle through their exquisite exterior as they aimed their deadly ends to any intruders that would dare to cause troubles.

Noah felt like he would only continue to be astounded by Atlantis as he neared the triangular gate, the vibrations of the Champion's Trident becoming stronger and stronger. A Neon Commander that was near the large gate seemed to have sensed something as she looked towards Noah's figure, taking the trident in her hands thereafter and smacking it towards the blue illuminated road below them.

A shining blue light erupted out in a cylindrical fashion from her and a thin line stretched out to connect to Noah. Surprised and expectant gazes occurred over the throngs of Atlanteans and Merfolk as the woman causing the scene voiced out in a chirpy voice.

"Another Champion has arrived!"

WOO!

Cheers rang out as the inhabitants of Atlantis in the small area Noah was in congregated and looked around him enthusiastically. The light identifying him died down as the Mermaid that caused it came up to him and said cheerfully.

"Champion! Welcome to the city that never sleeps, the center of technology and magic, the City of Atlantis!"

Chapter 156 - Atlantis II

The triangular gate that was more than 20 meters tall had a thin blue line that everyone had to pass through. If you didn't have something that identified you as an inhabitant of Atlantis, you wouldn't be able to get in.

Noah followed the Mermaid that had caused a commotion outside by grandly pronouncing his arrival as they crossed the thin film of light. It felt as if multiple unknown things were scanning him up and down, the Champion's Trident he had taken out blinking twice in his hands as he passed through with no problems.

The mermaid looked back at him as behind her, the full grandiosity of Atlantis spread out before Noah's eyes. He thought there were a lot of golden ships and submarines outside, but he was hugely mistaken. The inside of the underwater city was even more spectacular as architecture of all sorts of styles and sizes could be seen.

Pulsating lines of light that seemed to connect everything were spread throughout, making Atlantis seem very lively.

"Haha, the city always gives a shock to newcomers. Come this way, I'll show you the exciting place where you'll be spending some time in a few days!"

The mermaid was very bubbly and chirpy, making someone question the aura she held at Legendary rank as she moved around. Her name was Ula, and she was the Neon Commander in charge of bringing in the new Champions and preparing them for the things to come.

They swam around the huge city that could be considered an empire by itself as she pointed out everything around her as if she was seeing it for the first time herself. The city seemed to be mostly underwater, with a few places having barriers that provided pockets of air where Atlanteans gathered.

"This is the Gem of Knowledge."

She pointed to the extravagant building that seemed to be carved out of a large blue gem, where it had the outline of shining pages at its center.

"It holds all the knowledge about our world, the mysteries and unsolved phenomena, as well as...the terrifying creatures prowling in the deepest waters. Give it a visit sometime to expand your knowledge!"

She pulled Noah to the next places she wanted to show as he followed along with an exasperated expression, finding the pace of this mermaid much too fast as he enjoyed the illuminated surroundings of Atlantis.

It was the scene of innovation and life vibrantly budding as he was taken around for a tour that lasted more than an hour, and even then he had barely seen a percentage of Atlantis.

The mermaid, Ula, knew how to read the mood as she smiled and pulled Noah along to one last place. It was a less congregated place where a few guards patrolled, and they were granted access with Ula in the lead.

She brought him next to what seemed to be another blue road that extended for miles, though this one had what seemed to be train tracks running alongside it. They waited just for a moment as something zoomed near them, a beautifully sculpted tube that sprouted mechanical wings on each side opening its doors towards them.

"Haha, I'm sure you haven't used one of these before. Come in, our next place is the one you'll want to know about the most!"

Ula's chirpy voice enthusiastically rang out as she pulled Noah into the tube that blazed down the shining blue road at extreme speeds. Noah looked at the passing blurs of buildings, Atlanteans, and Merfolk as the tube sn.a.k.e.d across the connected roads of Atlantis and brought them further inwards at an alarming pace. He couldn't help but ask.

"These roads run throughout all of Atlantis?"

He asked while he sat down on the seats of the futuristic little train as the mermaid beside him continued talking.

"Everything in this city is connected, and the roads with these mini High-Speed Hydro Trains are just one way of that. As long as you know where to go, it won't take you too long to get there. We're going to the Aqua Tower that lies near the center of Atlantis, that's where new Champions gather every week to see if they have what it takes to become the Seekers of Atlantis."

Her eyes shined powerfully as she mentioned the word seekers. This was the title that those who were considered Champions could achieve in order to gain the knowledge and secrets that those in the upper echelons of Atlantis held on the Supreme Treasure that everyone was searching for.

The treasure that the first ruler of Atlantis held, allowing him tremendous power that allowed him to establish dominion in some of the deepest parts of the sea and establish the city of magic and innovation that's existed until now.

Yet, when the late king went missing some time back, so did the Supreme Treasure. Since then, there had only been a period of incessant searching, but nothing has been found.

The blurs of light around them passed as the Hydro Train with mechanical wings came to a stop in a clear environment with very little noise. There were a few powerful auras congregated around the area as they surrounded a large golden tower that rose above the seas.

The tower was meticulously built with an archaic design that seemed to be modified for the modern Atlantis as it stood grandly in front of them.

Ula raised her trident as she stood proudly in front of Noah.

"This is the Aqua Tower, a treasure built by the first King of Atlantis."

She turned towards Noah and looked him straight in the eyes, her trident pointing towards the Aqua Tower that was drawing in his eyes.

"In a few days, the selection to see just which Champions can become Seekers of Atlantis will take place once again. What you see currently is just the outer look of the tower, and your goal...lies below."

Noah's eyesight moved towards the ground that the mermaid was pointing at, as he could see a thin outline of the same tower that seemed to be much larger going down into the ground.

"Those who wish to become Seekers have to descend at least to the 70th floor in order to obtain a treasure that will initiate them into their new role. Many Neon Commanders have tried, with very few that stood at the peak of that level passing the 70th floor. It's mostly Golden Commanders that usually make it through and obtain the most rewards."

The neon and golden commanders she was mentioning were naturally Legendary and Mythical ranked individuals. Noah's power had already risen to the Mythical level, and he wondered just how far down he could go in this tower where treasures lay waiting for him.

This was one of his goals in coming to Atlantis. Past the 70th floor of the Aqua Tower was a treasure created from technology and magic, something that everybody holding the title of Champion wanted to get their hands on.

"If you are strong enough to reach that level, the expertly synthesized Golden Serum will land in your hand. It was the pride and joy that granted such incredible strength to King Neptune. You must have heard of its effects to be standing where you are now, so the one advice I can give you is, go as deep as you can."

The mermaid that was always speaking a chirpy enthusiastic voice turned serious as she said this.

"The deeper you go, the more concentrated the Serum becomes, and the more power you will gain after taking it."

Noah nodded at these words as many thoughts passed through his mind and she continued, this time getting back to her cheerful self.

"The new selection will start in a few days, so you have some time to enjoy Atlantis as it should be enjoyed. I'll lead you to the lodging where you'll be staying."

Noah followed closely behind the mermaid as he took in the expansive Aqua Tower one last time, his gaze lingering on a shining blue square on the right side of the tower that held multiple numbers with names in front of them. At the number one spot which shone in a golden light stood a name that would bring awe to any that looked.

It was written- King Neptune.

Chapter 157 - World Connection

Noah spent the next hour after that being shown around even more places, even visiting one of her apparently favorite restaurants before the mermaid Ula dropped him off in an exquisite lodging for Atlanteans. The futuristic house was surrounded by a bubble of air, and inside it were multiple Atlanteans dressed in servant clothing that attended around the house.

Noah gave his farewell to the mermaid that was extremely welcoming as he toured the lodging, looking forward to most likely finding all of the blueprints of these buildings and architecture he observed here appearing in his Spiritual Land.

He let the attendants that were moving around the lodging know he wouldn't be needing them, and he finally let out a breath as he found himself alone once more. He looked around the house for a few more minutes before going into one of the rooms that held large soft bedding, where he closed the door and his figure disappeared.

He had received a message some time back that something that needed some time to successfully occur would finally be happening. He had a few days before the next round of selection to see who was capable of becoming a Seeker of Atlantis occurred, so before that he planned to go back to a place he had promised to go back to frequently. It had already been over a week since then, and he wondered how things were going.

He used {Shapeshifter} to change forms once again, and {Spatial Travel} was used as Noah's figure seamlessly traveled far distances yet again.

A dazzling woman dressed in a light blue dress lined with fur was staring out from the terrace of a large manor atop a floating peak in the sky. It was a scene that would be a young man's dream as the fair woman looked with forlorn and a bit of frustration, her mind seemingly thinking of many things.

It was late at night, so she let out a sigh as she turned around to head back into her room when something dazzling occurred. Her eyesight that was only looking at the darkness and a few lights leading further into the manor found the world in front of her turning a bright shade of gold.

Her frustrated expression was instantly wiped away as the figure of the man she was thinking about appeared in front of her. She wanted to say many things, but before she even had the chance she found their two figures shifting locations and appearing in a unique place she hadn't been to in a while.

They appeared inside the Frozen Plateau Spiritual Land as Noah moved in advance to escape prying ears. A light smile was on his face as he adopted an apologetic expression on his face.

"Hey-"

Pah!

A light impact resounded beside the location just outside the futuristic modern house in the Spiritual Land. Adelaide had jumped onto Noah's body, tightly grabbing him and not letting go as her worries eased.

"Haha, sorry I didn't come back even sooner. How's everything?"

Noah pulled her from his chest as he wanted to check how things were developing so far, before preparing her for a big surprise that would be happening sometime soon.

The Queen of the Frozen Kingdom looked up as she observed Noah and the exquisite architectures around them. She didn't reply as she grabbed his hand and led him into the futuristic manor in front of them, her face that of someone on a mission.

The Frozen Kingdom had continued its rapid period of development with the boom in the agricultural sector that allowed them to establish trade with the Mythical Kingdoms of the Beast World.

There were a variety of products they exported, but their most profitable ones were the products made by the [Sacred Rye] that was planted in the Spiritual Land. With no forces placing them at war, it was a period where everyone strengthened themselves while working harder to prepare for any similar scenarios in the future.

The Frozen Kingdom traded for specialty products of other kingdoms as well as gaining an abundant inflow of cores that continued to strengthen their people. Expansion of the kingdom continued as more and more humans and beastmen came to establish themselves in the Frozen Kingdom, the policies of the old king of accepting people of all races still increasing the workforce of the kingdom.

Adelaide was sitting on a fluffy couch with a thick book in her hands as she looked to be in a happier mood with all her frustrations gone. She had on light blue bloomers and a tank top as her abundant blue hair messily rolled down to below her shoulders.

She was talking while looking over the many things written in the thick book, Noah's head resting on her thighs with his eyes peacefully closed as he listened.

It was a calming scene to look at as the pitter-patter of little feet could be heard, and an arrogant miniaturized penguin appeared with a large tray of already matured and cut up [Pigmy Melons] and the ice-blue fruits from the [Snow Vines].

Adelaide's fair hand reached out to grab some fruits as she continued to talk, the sleek penguin retreating to the side as it stared at the figure of Noah blissfully lying on the Queen's lap with contempt.

It seemed like the higher-ups of the Mythical Kingdom had already made contact with Adelaide, especially the powerhouse of the Mythical Phoenix Kingdom that had visited to look for Noah.

The expansion and advancement of the Frozen Kingdom was overall continuing to do well as the days passed, and it would only go faster from here.

Noah's resting eyes snapped open as he received a message and then began feeling the area around him begin trembling.

The project that two worlds were undertaking these past few days was finally coming to fruition. A significant amount of time was put in this time around to reduce risks as much as possible, and the final touches were being put in place now as the process finished.

At that instant, a blinding white light briefly covered the Beast World, as well as Noah's homeworld. When the white light passed, surprising changes began to occur, even more so in the younger world that initiated the connection.

The changes in the Beast World would be just as surprising though, because when things settled down, the inhabitants of the Beast World began seeing new things in their line of sight.

Noah observed the settling of essence around them as he turned to the surprised Adelaide and said,

"Do you see something in the corner of your eyes?"

The Queen thought she couldn't be anymore surprised, but found her mouth opening blankly as she saw a status panel for the first time in her life. Her newly risen strength of Epic rank was clearly shown with all of the skills she had been using, and even more new things as her eyes passed through the spectacular panel and she read things like [Skill Combination].

The connection between the two worlds was successfully established, and the system of power that the inhabitants of Noah's blue planet enjoyed had now appeared in the Beast World as well.

The ways that the inhabitants of the Beast World raised their strengths would also become accessible to the humans in Noah's world, and the spectacular feature of traveling across the two worlds would soon be established to become the norm sometime in the future.

The two worlds were rapidly changing as a new age was being ushered in.

Chapter 158 - Advancing

The inhabitants of the two worlds felt that something had changed on a certain day. The differences were more obvious for the Beast World as something completely different from what they knew was introduced to them.

The strength of the powerhouses at the peak of power could quantify their strength and even do fantastical things like combining the skills that they had been proficiently using over the years. A period of tremendous change would occur over the coming weeks. As for the effect this would cause on a grander scale, many had yet to realize or find out.

Noah's next few days were a period of relaxing by viewing the sights of Atlantis by day and spending the nights in the Beast World and his homeworld while watching how others were adapting to the new changes around them.

Spending the time in the Frozen kingdom with the icy Queen was fun while the time spent on the hidden village in his homeworld was very peaceful. It was a stark contrast for both of them when he got back to Atlantis that was filled with wonder and lights all around.

Noah had many cores, items, and skill books that he didn't have any uses of. In his hands were many skill books of the different styles of Mountain Sea Sect that the disciples he took down gifted. Many were given to Sophia as she handled distributing them to the chosen protectors that continued to rise in strength, their speed becoming even higher as many Epic and Legendary cores would soon start landing in their hands.

A few of the loot he hadn't had any use for were left to Adelaide as her strength now neared the peak of Epic rank, her body becoming used to consuming many of the icy blue fruits from the [Snow Vines] as well as the cores Noah provided.

In the spiritual land, three more beasts had fully advanced to the Legendary rank after consuming many of the same fruits that were specially cultivated for them, and Noah was looking forward to the ripening

of the [Ice-Fire Persimmon] in less than two weeks to see just how much more rapidly the ranks of the beasts could be increased.

His skills were continuing to grow as fast as usual, and he wasn't spending all of his time just slacking off, making sure to continue spamming and training with the beasts to rapidly increase his skills' proficiency. This brought about some new [Skill Combinations]

Hellish Descent + Absolute Zero :: EPIC+ Destructive Domain

Summon Holy Blight + Life Steal :: EPIC+ Summon Saint of Death

The description under the newly synthesized [Summon Saint of Death] was particularly interesting, making one think how much this Virulent Abomination from long ago could continue to grow.

[Summon Saint of Death] :: Having already had the capability of moving the dead to its whims, now it can steal away the lifeforce of those it comes into contact with for its own amusement. Among its tools are Defiler, Devouring Breath, Two-Faced, and Life Drain.

Noah continued to look forward to the development of his first summon while also checking out the Mythical summoning skill he received from the Anglerfish a few days back.

Two Mythical creatures came out with the use of the skill, their shapes similar to the disgusting Anglerfish as they looked around menacingly. Their powers were amplified and stronger in the sea, but they were just as terrifying on land as they used their dense essence to float dangerously in the air, the lack of water not bothering them one bit.

Adding on to Noah's unique skill, {Primal Conjurer}, which allowed him to now summon primal spirits at the Mythical rank, it meant he could now summon four powerful allies on the same level as him. There were new additions to what creatures could be summoned with {Primal Conjurer} after he entered the Mythic rank.

{Primal Conjurer} :: Two primal spirits of the same level are called to your side. Currently available spirits (Troll, Manticore, Dullahan, Basilisk, Red Dragon)

There were two new additions of available spirits, the Red Dragon out of the two of them seeming very enticing. Noah felt that his strength continued to break through more and more boundaries as he finished sorting everything out and neared the time where he would be descending the Aqua Tower for the treasures and information lying beneath it. The Golden Serum was something only the most powerful Atlanteans and Merfolk had the luxury to receive, and he wanted to be among them.

He finished moving rapidly across the three worlds and settled back in Atlantis once again, leaving the inhabitants of both the newly connected worlds to adapt to the new changes. His homeland was undergoing the process where the essence in the surroundings continued to increase every hour as the feedback between the Beast World stabilized more and more.

With the connection of two worlds, it was something spectacular for Noah as he now had the reserves of two planets to use. He didn't feel any sort of boundless strength from it though, similarly to how when he first awakened he felt nothing with his focus remaining blank.

All he did was access the abundant reserves to cast skills as much as he wished. There wasn't any feeling of using too much when he was connected to one world, and now that it was two he didn't think he would ever come across that feeling.

The future looked grand as he made his way from the lodging and into the bright world of Atlantis. Today was particularly bustling as many Atlanteans and Merfolk were headed towards the surroundings of Aqua Tower to watch the possible rise of new Seekers of Atlantis.

Noah found himself a Hydro Train and he soon arrived at the location that used to be quiet and serene, now being fully packed with colorful figures of mermaids and other interesting individuals.

The Aqua Tower stood grandly as it was now surrounded on all sides by figures floating in the sea. The information on how the event would be going down was already given to Noah beforehand as he found other Champions letting out waves of fearsome power standing in front of the doors of the tower.

He swam across the masses and soon joined the group waiting below, drawing in their attention as their eyes briefly turned to look at the new arrival that would be competing with them. There were two Atlanteans boasting the same golden hair as he was, both decked in colorful pulsating suits that made them stand out. There were also two Mermaids and a Merman holding onto piercing tridents as they floated grandly near the entrance.

Today, six champions would be descending the Aqua Tower, and new Seekers would possibly be chosen. Merfolk and Atlanteans gathered as they looked at the six figures letting out waves of power at the center of all the attention.

"I see Juda is trying the challenge once again, but he can never seem to pass the 61st floor in the past year!"

"Haha you think it's that easy? This is a challenge where Golden Commanders shine, and he has yet to promote his strength to that level."

Various discussions were occurring as Ula appeared in front of the six of them, the event about to begin.

"Who's that handsome lad on the side though? I don't think I've ever seen him before."

"Oh, that guy? I saw him arriving in the city a while back. It's fresh fish that might either surprise us or become another repeater for the months to come before he gives up."

"Don't count him out, it could be the dark horse of this race to the depths of the Aqua Tower."

Noah's figure that wasn't seen before was drawing some attention from the floating Merfolk and Atlanteans as the discussions and collections of more and more of them packed the surroundings of the tower.

The challenge to become Seekers of Atlantis, gaining the Golden Serum that gave huge advancements to the strength of the body, as well as the knowledge of the last remaining clues that would locate the treasure of the first king, would soon begin.

Chapter 159 - Overwhelming Pressure

The tower in front of them was massive, but the inside of it was even more spectacular. The six Champions were entered through the wide doors of the tower as soon as the set time reached.

Noah felt the changes around him as he felt slight pressure after he entered the first floor, with no other changes besides that. The first floor was an expansive room of brightly glowing fauna, giving the tower a calming look as the six champions looked among one another and then descended onto the wide black space at the center of the room that transferred them to the next floor.

Outside of the Aqua Tower where Atlanteans and Merfolk were congregated, a bright blue screen had appeared beside the large tower that showed six names.

Three were neon in color and three were golden, signifying three Legendary and three Mythical individuals taking this challenge today.

The inhabitants of Atlantis watched the movement of names on the screen with rapt attention while discussing their movements.

In a few minutes, all six names were on the twentieth floor as they passed through them with ease, their powerful bodies withstanding the pressure as if it was nothing.

Noah continued to feel the increasing pressure around him, but every time he entered another floor and increased pressure descended, his body would adapt and the pressure would be reduced.

He wasn't forced to use any skills to take the pressure head-on so far.

Another tens of minutes passed and the names in a golden shade that signified Mythical individuals on the screen were leading ahead and had reached the fiftieth floor, with the ones at Legendary stage still passing through the floors in the forties.

"Its exciting so far, not a single dud that has suddenly dropped out has appeared below the 50th floor so far."

"Ah, I'm jealous just imagining what the one to reach the furthest floor today will receive. Can you imagine the enhancement that comes with a Golden Serum that is highly concentrated? Someone might even be able to gain the Golden Sea Body that we've only heard about from history."

"Haha that myth? There were very few in history that were able to reach the 100th floor. It's unlikely you'll see history write itself today"

There were many discussions and arguments going around as the inhabitants of Atlantis watched the names continuing to descend down the Aqua Tower.

Ula was closely watching the names, even more at the golden shining name of Noah. He was the Atlantean from the City of Liquinia that just arrived in Atlantis and was trying this for the first time, yet he followed the others with ease as his name remained in the top 3 of those descending down.

The floors of the Aqua Tower were all similar in their designs, having resplendently glowing faunas growing amongst the pristine floors with pulsing blue lines running on the walls.

The arduous journey down the tower continued as the Atlanteans and Merfolk finally noticed a change. One name had pulled away from the others!

"Who is leading?!"

Their sharp eyes saw the glowing name that read Noah, as he stepped on the 65th floor faster than the other 5 Champions. The moment his feet landed onto the floor, he felt a crumbling pressure that he couldn't withstand with his body alone. His face hardened as he quickly activated the fifth style of Mountain Sea Sect, [Descent of the Emperor].

ZOOM!

A shining light resounded out as the regal aura and outline of an emperor wrapped around Noah, a shining blue crown appearing above his head as his shoulders that were slumped raised again. He let out a deep breath as his body was raised, the pressure still palpating but bearable.

He glanced around the floor that didn't seem to have any sophisticated machines or items that continued to cause this increasing pressure, and even going down to a similar sea level on the outside shouldn't change the pressure by this much. Noah knew why he was here though, so he persevered. His advance was unhindered as he continued, his goal being the most concentrated serum at the lowest floor of the Aqua Tower, as well as the information he would gain from reaching the lowest floor.

Surprised gasps and discussions continued outside as an unknown name took the lead for the challenge to select more Seekers of Atlantis. In a location not too far from the Aqua Tower, an Atlantean with the usual golden hair stood atop a ferocious [War Shark] as he observed the happenings of the tower below him.

The rapidly moving name that continued to descend through the floors caught his eyes as his figure came closer to the Aqua Tower. The appearance of the [War Shark] that moved closer to the Aqua Tower caught the attention of the surrounding Atlanteans and Merfolk as the discussion quieted down somewhat, the person appearing was undoubtedly someone of high importance

He stood grandly atop the [War Shark] as the masses parted, coming near the entrance of the tower where Ula, the mermaid that had been taking care of Noah, bowed down towards him.

"Prince."

The man referred to as the prince nodded towards Ula as he asked.

"What do we know about him?"

"He's an Atlantean that appeared in the City of Liquinia a while back. He passed through the trial of becoming a champion with ease, and now seems to be doing the same."

The Prince nodded as he continued.

"That's all we know?"

"Yes, Prince."

A sharp light passed through his eyes as he heard this and looked at the name that continued to rise higher in the ranks as it continued to descend. The 70th floor was soon reached as the watchers outside floated with bated breaths. Would a Seeker be crowned just like this?

They didn't have to wait long as a blue light was released from the tower, expanding outwards as cheers were released from the floating Atlanteans and Merfolk. The release of blue light signified that the 71st floor was reached!

OOOH!

The sharp light in the Prince's eyes increased as a light smile appeared on his face. Finally, yet another Seeker would join them. He was thinking of a way to give them a grand welcome, when his thoughts stopped as the light that was on the 71st floor...quickly entered 72.

Silence came to the surroundings as the people realized what had occurred. The contestant Noah, had not taken the prize at the 71st floor, and continued further down. Excitement began to course through the bodies of those watching as a thought appeared in all of their minds. Were they about to witness something incredible?

A few minutes back before Noah went further down the tower, a mechanical voice had resounded on the 71st floor as soon as he stepped in.

[Successfully cleared 70 floors, Grade 3 Golden Serum is available as a reward. The modification that will be carried out will grant you a body that will be as tough as Neon Battle Suits. Will you claim the reward or continue?]

An elevated clear glass table magically rose from the ground as mechanical attachments with long needles appeared in the room. The tubes had golden liquid flowing through them as they waited for Noah's reply. He looked around at the astounding sight as his face remained firm and he replied.

"I will continue!"

Chapter 160 - A Blue Dragon Adorned with a Crown

"I will continue!"

The tone was steady and carried no doubts, the mechanical voice replying a second after.

[Good Luck.]

The many mechanical arms holding golden liquid inside them and the long vacant table retracted as the expansive black space to the lower floors appeared. Noah did not take any chances for the lower floors as before he descended. He cast the first five forms of Mountain Sea Sect's Six Styles as he felt his body continue to come under increasing pressure. The skills seamlessly mixed together as he felt the strain disappear.

The [Blue Fortress] skill caused the outline of the Emperor to become even more solid as the [Wings of the Sea] and [Healing Water] continued to give support as his steps became easier and any fractures that formed were immediately covered.

The Aqua Tower was a trial only those born in the depth of the seas could complete, with only the most talented of Atlanteans and Merfolk having powerful bodies and abilities to withstand increased pressure to begin with. It weeded out those that were weak and only let the strong pass through to obtain the reward.

Someone at the Neon Commander level, or really legendary rank, would have to be at the top of this rank to withstand and make it to the 71st floor where a Grade 3 Golden Serum would be administered for them to gain a boost that would make their bodies as tough as the Battle Armor they wore. If anybody had the skills to descend down more floors and obtain a serum of an even higher grade though...

Noah disregarded the thoughts of the Grade 3 Serum as his figure quickly went down the wide black space that would transfer him to the next floor, going down further below as he looked forward to discovering just how strong this pressure could become.

The pressure only continued to increase on the next floor, and Noah's figure was transferred to the next floor instantly as he felt the pressure crushing down on him once more. His body encased in the [Descent of the Emperor] and surrounded by the other four styles of techniques remained strong.

A blue light shined out as his body adapted, and he continued to move forward. The heavy pressure seemed to cause cracks to form on the blue form that he was encased in. The style of [Healing Water] continued working at maximum capacity to repair and heal any cracks that formed.

The Atlanteans and Merfolk outside continued to watch with bated breaths as they saw the name shining in gold continue down from the 71st floor to the 75th floor in but an instant, and the name continue to go down unhindered.

The person who Ula referred to as the prince had taken out a mechanical device and pressed a few buttons on it, a message being sent to a few people of high importance. Something spectacular would be happening in Atlantis today.

He played within the mechanical device for only a few seconds, but when he looked back up again the golden name indicating Noah was already on the 79th floor.

The other 5 contestants that were still descending seemed to be all but forgotten as all the attention was turned to one person.

On the 79th floor, Noah really felt the strain on his already cast skill and body, as the pressure seemed to come on all sides. Even though he didn't want to do it yet, he was forced to cast the sixth style of the Mountain Sea Sect's Secret Techniques, the [Dragon Form]

ZOOM!

A tremendous blast of power erupted outwards as Noah was elevated and his body appeared 10 meters higher in the air.

A blue outline of a ferocious regal dragon began to form all around him, his body placed at the forefront and the center of its head

The blue dragon that required a Mythical cultivator, as well as multiple Legendary and Epic cultivators to power up, was cast in the hands of the lone Noah.

OONG

The skill finished being cast as a blue dragon resplendently came to light. The pressure that was weighing down on Noah became completely ignored at the advent of this skill.

This wasn't just the Blue Dragon by itself, it was the blue dragon that was cast while the rest of the five styles of the Mountain Sea Sect were also cast.

The outline of the Blue Dragon had an arrogant expression on its face as a blue crown laid on top of it. Besides the two resplendent blue wings on its back, even shinier white ones had appeared on it, giving the picture of a dragon that had four wings powerfully attached on its back.

Its scales and figure that were somewhat transparent when it was cast by the cultivators was now much more solid, making the figure of the dragon look extremely real and indistinguishable from the real one.

ROAR!

A roar of power escaped the jaws of the resplendent blue dragon as the crown on its head shined.

The pressure was offset by a huge amount as the outline of the dragon went towards the black space that led towards the lower floors, its large claw just swiping downwards before it's body was transported down to the 80th floor, and then quickly to the 81st.

The moment that this was passed, what appeared on the 71st floor occurred once more, a mechanical voice ringing out.

[Successfully descended 80 floors. Grade 2 Golden Serum is available as the reward. Will you take the reward or continue?]

A stentorian voice resounded from the head of the blue dragon as Noah replied.

"I will continue!"

The empty table and mechanical arms that had called the liquids positing through them had briefly appeared and disappeared once again as another black space appeared on the ground of the 81st floor. With no period of waiting, Noah went down once again.

85th. 86th. 87th. 88th. 89th. 90th. 91st. The same scene and the same repetition occurred on the 91st floor.

[Successfully descended 90 floors. Grade 1 Golden Serum available for the reward. Will you take the reward or continue?]

The mechanical voice rang out as Noah stood protected inside the form of the blue dragon. He had already come this far, and if he stopped here and took the reward, he would be disqualified from proceeding forward. He felt confident to continue until he received the ultimate prize.

The pressure that continued to increase had not been able to do a single thing to the powerful [Dragon Form] that required to be powered up by many, many beings.

Noah didn't even know the extent of its power as he continued his descent down the tower which he knew should have increased pressure that would bring the most average Mythical individuals to their knees. He replied with the same determined voice.

[I will continue.]

His actions didn't mean too much to him because he already planned to go all the way down until he got the most concentrated form of the Golden Serum and the most specific information on the whereabouts of the Supreme Treasure, the Trident of Neptune.

But his actions were causing shocking waves on the surrounding waters outside of the Aqua Tower. Be it Merfolk or Atlantean, they were all staring in stupefaction as they watched the name Noah Osmont climb higher and higher on the board observing the six champions.

People soon noticed something on the separate leaderboard that was attached to the Aqua Tower different from the electronic screen that was showing these six contestants today. Another name had appeared as it climbed through the ranks that were established for a long time.

The golden leaderboard that was attached to the Aqua Tower and holding the name King Neptune as the first to have reached the lowest floor of the tower. Everyone below that was either an astounding commander or the most powerful figures in Atlantis who held their positions either on the 90th floor, the 94th, or the 99th. There were only 50 names on this leaderboard, and Noah had gotten on it as his ranking continued to shoot up.

Ula was glancing over in shock at this Atlantean that she brought around, not realizing they would produce this many surprises. A commotion was occurring throughout all of Atlantis as a powerful new Seeker continued to descend down the tower.