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Chapter 241 - Turning back time!

The Dagger of Time!

The Ultimate Treasure that the Devilish Time Unveiler used to be able to traverse the World of Cultivation free and unbound of worries!

Noah grasped it in his hands as the details of the dagger and its abilities came to full view. All of its abilities were greyed out as this was only the major part of the treasure, and it still needed its battery to be operated.

Nobody else knew this, but he actually held the other piece of the treasure, the [Sheath Regalia] that had been fully charged!

The Devilish Time Unveiler felt the change as he looked down with a light smile. He snapped his fingers as the blood and gore around him dissolved into nothing, his gaze turning towards the last two remaining beings in the space he had set up.

"This is the part I actually like the most. When the little pieces on my boardgame start to think they might have victory within their grasp, and I still dash all of their hopes a second later...it is an experience very few get a chance to experience in their lifetimes."

He was arrogantly talking as he descended down. Noah observed this as he finally saw the effects of [Pride Manipulation] come into full effect, the arrogance of this being shooting through the roof as he pridefully looked down at them, knowing full well he could kill them whenever he wanted as they would not be able to use the treasure they got their hands on anyways.

But this would be the cause of his first loss after his resurrection!

"So now that you have your hands on my treasure, how do you think you're getting out of this- Oh?"

Noah only needed a second, and the pride of the Devilish Time Unveiler provided this as he made a move, and it was a move that was not within any of the expectations of the other two beings left in the cavernous space.

Noah turned towards the heavily injured Celestial beside him whose eyes had regained a semblance of hope as they had gotten their hands on the treasure, but he was shocked at the next turn of events as saw a devouring darkness cover his eyesight.

The Ultimate skill, {Sin of Gluttony}, was used as Noah swallowed the Celestial in a single gulp, the action being so unexpected that even the Devilish Time Unveiler stopped in midair in surprise and then broke out laughing.

"Haha! Now, what is that going to accomplish? I've already recovered a major part of my power, preventing me from enjoying the gorgeous flesh of that little Celestial isn't going to change it."

His strong and prideful words came out as Noah did not waste another second, making sure what needed to stay hidden would stay hidden until the last second as he moved the essence to initiate one of the abilities of the [Dagger of Time] as soon as two pieces connected.

"I want to thank you for this very painful lesson."

Only a light smile passed on the Devilish Time Unveiler's face as he saw energy going into the dagger, his eyes turning into smiling crescents as he waited for the being in front of him to despair even more when they found out the treasure they had placed all their hopes on would not work for them, as it wasn't currently complete!

He felt laughter welling up inside him as he watched with his head held high, when his expression adopted a complete change as something ridiculous played out in front of him.

Things seemed to be playing out in slow motion as the Devilish Time Unveiler saw two sets of events happen consecutively, with barely a millisecond delay in between. The being below him placed his energy into the dagger, and in the next instant, a purple glowing sheath he knew all too well appeared out of nowhere and swiftly covered the dagger, the two connecting seamlessly together as a brilliant white light erupted out.

Shock, confusion, and horror finally appeared on the face of the Devilish Time Unveiler for the first time as he collected all his power of Spacetime to finally act towards this now terrible enemy!

"NOO-"

PAH

A sound as if something had closed rang out, the figure of the Devilish Time Unveiler that was erupting with gorgeous light coming to a stop, the light slowly receding into his body as his movements followed the same exact sequence they had taken prior, but in the opposite direction of time.

An ability of the [Dagger of Time], [Reversal], had been successfully initiated for the first time in the hands of Noah Osmont.

[Dagger of Time](Incomplete) :: A treasure unknown in history, with some calling it cursed for its world breaking abilities. It seems complete, but it has yet to reach the pinnacle of its power. The one fated to use it is bound to leave a mark in history. The activation of its wondrous abilities requires the use of the Sheath Regalia. Abilities include [Reversal], [Stop], [Insight].

[Reversal] :: The fabric of time is unwound as the wielder of the Dagger of Time is sent back through time. The amount of time is dependent on how much Time Essence the Sheath Regalia holds. This same ability cannot be used again within the same time period.

On this historic moment that very few will remember, the Dagger of Time had exchanged hands once again, this time being possessed by a budding individual from an unknown planet.

Noah's heart beat wildly as the ride of emotions he had experienced for the first time today calmed down, gradually being replaced by the usual calmness, with the addition of other emotions he had not yet entertained in his life.

A gorgeous array of purple and gold colors wrapped around his body as he was the only observer that was watching and remembering as all the events that had occurred in the cavern they were in were rewound.

His gaze was shaken as he saw Barbatos's head and limbs reattach onto her body, as the Emperor Penguin and Kraken fused back to the way they should be, as everything turned back to how it was.

The Spiritual Land that was split in two quickly reformed back together as the reversal of time seemed to get faster and faster. Noah watched all this as he continued to send the command of the [Reversal] ability to continue, closely watching as the blinding purple light on the sheath that was now covering the Dagger of Time was rapidly reducing at a speed visible to the n.a.k.e.d eye.

The reversal of time became even faster as Noah felt a phantom of his body rapidly travel back, from him entering the Treasure Abode, to him killing the Elder of Time Immemorial Sect, to his Pill Making in the Karmic Sect, to his encounter with the Sheath Regalia, and past his first entrance into the World of Cultivation.

The profoundly glowing purple energy continued to be depleted as Noah observed its final vestiges of energy being dried up, his out of body phantom gradually coming to a stop as it rushed down towards his body that was in a different time.

In the Demon World, not even a few hours after he had received the fealty of all the Demon Rulers, a figure of Noah that was about to begin training shook as a purple and gold light erupted out.

The light caused an eruption of essence around him as he regained his bearings and opened his eyes. He spent a few seconds adjusting as he looked down at his hands to observe the distinctly shining Dagger that was covered with a sheath. His eyes shone with a dangerous light as a turbulence of emotions fought to break out, but a cold light won in the end as his gaze turned cold and emotionless.

He had succeeded.

Chapter 242 - Careful beyond bounds!

Noah's mind recalled the emotion of fear that he had not felt in a long time. This feeling came when he believed he was about to lose everything. It came at his lowest point as he realized that he would be single-handedly responsible for the deaths of three worlds.

He hated this feeling of fear, and he hated even more that he had not fully given his life the utter importance that it really deserved!

It was not an option for him to die, and he had still acted recklessly and entered a place he was not fully knowledgeable of. This place had taught him a painful lesson as he watched a great deal of the things he cared about be literally torn apart in front of him.

It was a painful experience, but one that he thanked the Devilish Time Unveiler for in the end because he needed it!

From this day forth, he had to be careful beyond bounds! He had to plan in advance every move he would do, understand which players he might come in contact with, and whether he will smoothly move and not endanger his life in the process.

He hated the feeling of fear, the feeling of falling to the deepest depths as his life came under the control of his enemy. His calm aura changed as a dangerous glint of light passed through his eyes as he recalled the ruthlessness he had been exposed to in this trip in the World of Cultivation.

The ruthlessness of schemers that were hundreds of years old, ones that should have even been dead! The ruthlessness of Grand Elders as even with the death of all their Sect Disciples, they still kept their eyes on the treasure they wanted to get their hands on.

The ruthlessness of a specific Devilish Time Unveiler had almost allowed him to have complete revival from the dead before his plans were ruined because of too much pride and something he could have never expected!

This was one of the biggest lessons replaying in Noah's mind, the fact that even after all the planning the Devilish Time Unveiler had put even, even with his stupendous power at the Void Fimmerment Realm, all his plans were still ruined in the end.

Anything and everything could happen, so he had to be extremely careful, and in order to increase his chances of success, he also had to be ruthless! He could not only be reacting to what others did to him. He would not wait for someone to attack him for him to justify it to himself and kill them. He would not wait for unknown beings to destroy his people for him to get the drive to stand against them. He would not only be reacting from now on!

Many emotions swirled in his mind as he pushed everything else aside and put calmness, carefulness, and ruthlessness at the forefront.

If it was time, he now held an abundant amount of it. This was not even to mention the Time Space in the Spiritual Land, but the acquiring of the Dagger of Time signified something obscenely huge.

The abilities of [Reversal], [Stop], and especially [Insight] would be something that would be paramount as he moved in the future. The biggest boon besides [Reversal] was [Insight].

He observed its details as he also confirmed that all the skills he obtained during his trip in the World of Cultivation were still on his Stat Panel. This was also adding the Ultimate Skill of {Sin of Gluttony} that held the devoured origin of a Celestial with all of his memories.

[Insight] :: Time can move in a myriad of ways, with no single being able to predict certainties among its chaos. Insight will show the wielder of the Dagger of Time possibilities of what could be. Requires Time Essence from the Regal Sheath in order to be used.

Another ability of the Dagger of Time would allow him to simulate possibilities of what could happen in the future! This was such a stupendous ability that beside [Reversal], Noah knew it would be the one that he would use the most.

He had been thinking for only a brief second, which was multiplied a thousandfold with his active {Parallel Thought} and {Hasten Mind} skills causing his thought process to move rapidly. It was only a few seconds after he had regained consciousness in this time before he even left for the World of Cultivation.

In the Spiritual Land, the beasts had felt the powerful burst of unknown energy they had not felt before as the Emperor Penguin and the Calamities of the Sea rushed to see what had occurred.

Their gazes became confused as they just found Noah on the ground. Barbatos's figure also flashed in as she looked down quizzically .

"What just happened, little fish?"

Noah's calm and steady gaze faltered a bit as he looked around at the beasts and Calamities around him. His eyes landed on the voluptuous Barbatos who was looking down questioningly as his figure disappeared and reappeared right next to her, swooping her in his arms before the silver light of teleportation covered them again.

They reappeared inside one of the luxurious houses of the Spiritual Land as a ravenous light flashed through Noah's eyes.

"What are you- Ah..."

A barrier of silence enveloped the house as the beasts still in the underground layer looked around them awkwardly and scratched their heads before they each moved about to continue their training.

Time was a problem for many beings, but it was gradually being put under control for Noah as he found himself with more and more tools that could grant him an abundant amount of time.

The first thing was that he had returned back to a period of more than a week, and he knew the specific events that would occur during this time. The idea that it had barely been more than a week since he arrived in the World of Cultivation, learned the pill forging technique in the Karmic Sect, and then set off for the Devilish Abode felt weird to imagine as the events themselves seemed so numerous, but he knew how to make the most of these future events.

He began moving rapidly the moment he made his decision, adhering to new rules of extreme caution and carefulness where even if he had to make multiple plans based on the possibilities he foresaw with the use of the [Insight] ability in the Dagger of Time.

Not too long after the subjugation of the Demon World, a command was sent to a few specific Rulers as the magnificent Frozen Plateau Spiritual Land appeared above the Demon Capital.

Noah wore a simple blue robe as he conversed with the will of the Demon World about his first venture after his return through time- the obtainment of the Seven Deadly Sins that he had been making so much use of recently.

He had his hands on the Sin of Gluttony and the Sin of Pride, and he had seen the great uses for both. Now, he set his sight on all of them, and the possibilities that might open because of it. A cold light flashed through his eyes as the will of the Demon World proposed something stupendous.

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In the grandly floating Frozen Plateau Spiritual Land, a dungeon in the form of a large black monolith was forming in front of all the beasts' eyes.

At the center of the black monolith, the hazy figures of multiple Demon Rulers could be seen. These were the holders of the remaining Seven Deadly Sins skill. The {Sin of L.u.s.t} that had fallen in the form of a skill book into the Imperial Phoenix's hands was currently with Noah, with the Phoenix giving it the moment Noah asked without even asking for the reason why.

The other four remaining skills were still being held by four Demon Rulers that were now going into dungeon bosses for the purpose of extracting their Ultimate Skills without killing them entirely.

"There can only be a single holder of the Seven Deadly Sins abilities anyways, but there exists a new uncharted territory once we succeed on this current endeavor."

The voice of the will of the Demon World rang out in Noah's mind as he watched the completion of the large dungeon which held the origins of four Demon Rulers. He observed the still charging [Sheath Regalia] below the Spiritual Land as he asked,

"The end result will allow for all of them to be combined into a single source?"

A silence arrived briefly before a confident voice rang out deep within the Demon World.

"This was the ultimate form of the Seven Deadly Sins abilities I envisioned. With the help of the other three cores, it should not be a problem to achieve something I only thought would be possible after hundreds of years!"

Noah nodded at this as his figure moved forward and disappeared into the newly made dungeon as he pursued his first goal of a rapid rise in strength after his return to the past.

The process was not hard at all as the Rulers were either in the Phantasmal or Mythical Rank, and with the fact that they were not even resisting, Noah was able to destroy their cores very quickly. Not even a few minutes after he entered, his figure appeared back on top of the Spiritual Land as the dungeon that was just erected began to break apart and disappear.

It faded away to reveal the sorry figures of four Demon Rulers who had their origins injured after being defeated in the dungeon, and they also came to the realization that they had lost the Ultimate Skills they knew all too well for the past hundreds of years.

Noah waved his hands as in front of his sight five red and golden-colored books appeared, four from the Demon Rulers and 1 that he took from the hands of the Imperial Phoenix. The Ultimate Skills that signified the Sins of L.u.s.t, Greed, Sloth, Envy, and Wrath floated peacefully around him before they turned into red streams of lights that entered his body.

He watched the addition of five new Ultimate Skills in his stat panel as the moment they settled, they began seething a deep red color. Noah's figure quickly disappeared from the Spiritual Land as he reappeared deep at the center of the Demon World, just a few meters away from its core.

"Let's do it!"

The will of the Demon World was watching with rapt expectations as immense energy that only it could provide poured towards Noah. It would finally have the chance to watch the ultimate ability that it had only dreamed of come to fruition!

The cheat of escaping death could not easily be given to Noah, but the combination of the Seven Deadly Sins abilities she created could definitely be done to singularly become the epitome of what she imagined as the strongest warrior for the world!

Essence from Noah's homeworld came into play as the feature of [Skill Combination] that would normally only work for two compatible skills was shining a deep hue of blue, contributing to the combination of the completed Seven Deadly Sins abilities.

OOONG!

Noah floated near the core of the Demon World as red light ruptured out of his body, the ultimate skills gradually being fused into something else as his skin began to turn a shade of red, and magnificent golden horns began to appear on either side of his head.

The transformation seemed to show the progression of the combination of the Seven Deadly Sins abilities as glorious black wings also erupted from his back, his figure becoming bulkier and larger as it let off a feeling of oppressive strength that Noah had only seen in a few beings.

Runic golden circles began to be etched into the new body as they formed into an exquisite set of lines throughout his body. The moment they all connected, a resplendent golden-red light erupted out as it signified the arrival of something grand.

"Haha, success!"

The resonant voice of the will of the world erupted out as Noah closed his eyes and reveled in the feeling of strength he currently felt. His eyes opened as they let out a deadly red light, his gaze landing on his stat panel as a new set of words appeared below the list of Ultimate Skills.

<<Absolute Skill :: Absolute Sin>> A skill given to the holder of all the "Seven Deadly Sins" skills. The user is considered to be the Absolute Sin, empowering every sin type skill they hold. It gives access to the skills: [Sin Empowerment], [Harbinger of Sin], [Sin Manipulation], [Sin Syphoning], and [Arch Demon Lord Transformation]

A skill of an entirely different level opened itself in front of his eyes as his gaze focused on the singular abilities of the <<Absolute Sin>> skill.

[Sin Empowerment] :: Any Sin type skill will have strength and cost efficiency increase by one order of magnitude. Each ultimate Sin skill will have one power strengthened even more as well.

[Harbinger of Sin] :: As the Original and Absolute Sin, the user can appoint each sin to a person, making that person a harbinger of that sin, giving them access to the standard version of that ultimate skill. If the harbinger is killed, the ultimate skill will return as a charge to this skill, allowing for a new harbinger to be picked. The user can at any time take back a sin given out.

[Sin Manipulation] :: The user can manipulate the urge of any person, depending on their resistance to such effect, to indulge in any sin or a specific sin.

[Sin Syphoning] :: By indulging in any sin or being within 100 meters of sin being committed, the user's power will temporarily increase. The more varied the sins recently committed, the stronger the boost is.

[Arch Demon Lord Transformation] :: The user can turn into the Arch Demon Lord; this will quadruple the strength and cost efficiency of all Sin and Demon skills. It will also double the efficiency and strength of all other skills used by the user during the transformation.

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Power!

He felt a tremendous amount of power roll through his body as he understood what this <<Absolute Sin>> entailed!

All of the Seven Deadly Sins skills could be seen as subsets of skills under the <<Absolute Sin>>, holding a few new sets of descriptions as they were made even better. This wasn't to mention the fact that he could use [Harbinger of Sin] to appoint these same Ultimate Skills to 7 people that he chose!

His gaze shone with a resplendent light as he looked forward to testing the power of this new ability, while his mind continued to rapidly figure out possibilities on how to best use his future knowledge to get the most benefits from the next few days.

<<Descriptions of the new Seven Deadly Sins>>

{Ultimate Skill – Sin of Anger}

The Sin of Anger grants access to the skills: [Rage Empowerment], [Fury Channeling], [Anger Avatar], and [Wrath Absorption]

[Rage Empowerment] - The angrier the user is, the stronger they become. This skill can increase every stat by one stage when fully enraged.

[Fury Channeling] - The user can channel their fury into an attack, and increase it by a maximum of one stage.

[Anger Avatar] - The user can manifest their anger into a full-body or partial avatar, the size and strength of the avatar is decided by the user's anger.

[Wrath Absorption] - The user can absorb the anger of beings around them to further strengthen themselves.

{Ultimate Skill – Sin of Envy}

Sin of Envy grants access to the skills: [Envy the Mighty], [Strength of the Weak], [That's not fair], and [I'm the Absolute best].

[Envy the Mighty] - When fighting someone stronger than themselves, the user can lower the abilities and stats of the enemy by one stage.

[Strength of the Weak] - Throughout a fight against someone stronger, the user is able to temporarily grow stronger.

[That's not fair] - When the user observes someone stronger than them in certain aspects, they easily become envious of those abilities, and will strive to get better than the original person. They'll also have the training speed reduced to a tenth of what they'd otherwise need.

[I'm the Absolute Best] - Opponents are not allowed to use skills known by the user, when fighting the user. Any Unique, Ultimate, or Absolute Skills holding a lower level of power than <<Original Absolute Sin>> are negated and unable to activate.

{Ultimate Skill – Sin of Greed}

Sin of Greed grants access to the skills: [Greedy Ruler], [Loot the Body], and [Not Enough]

[Emperor of Greed] The user can steal the ownership of any item they see or sense.

[Loot the Body] - The user can steal the abilities and stats of dead beings they touch, but can't steal from beings above their rank.

[Not Enough] A voracious greed that can never be fulfilled dwells within. One can never have too much power, wealth, or treasures. The more treasure the user owns, the more their power is boosted.

{Ultimate Skill – Sin of Sloth}

Sin of Sloth grants access to the skills: [Awaken Sleep], [Strengthened Sleep Training], [Rest Master], and [Sleep Evolution]

[Awaken Sleep] - The user is aware of everything going on around them, while they're asleep.

[Strengthened Sleep Training] – If the user is dedicated enough, then they can become stronger by sleeping. By having even the tiniest desire to improve or learn something, the user will rapidly learn and improve in that aspect while sleeping.

[Rest Master] - The user can fall asleep in a single second, and a single hour of rest is everything they need to get back to full power, but more sleep won't hurt anyone.

[Sleep Evolution] - When the user breaks into a new stage, they'll fall asleep, and their body will evolve in a favorable way.

{Ultimate Skill – Sin of L.u.s.t}

Sin of L.u.s.t grants access to the skills: [S.e.x Demon Transformation], [Love Enslavement], [Life Energy Drain], and [L.u.s.t Inducement]

[S.e.x Demon Transformation] - The user's body becomes more attractive in its normal state, but when the skill is activated. The user will turn into a s.e.x demon, and they'll take on a few of their traits. This will increase the strength of all the other sub-skills by a magnitude of one. A s.e.x demon can change between the form of an incubus and a succubus.

[Love Enslavement] - By having s.e.x with another being, the user may be able to take control over the being they had s.e.x with.

[Life Energy Drain] - When the user has s.e.x with another being, they can steal 1% of said being's stats. It also has a 10% chance to steal a skill.

[L.u.s.t Inducement] - The user can increase the l.u.s.t other beings feel. This will make it easier for the user to manipulate said being.

{Seven Deadly Sins- Pride}

One of the seven deadly sins unique to the demon world. Abilities include: [Pride Manipulation], [Pride Embodiment], [White Dwarf Throw], and [Aura of Pride].

[Pride Manipulation]-The user can induce extremely high or low levels of pride in others, causing them to lose contact with reality or overestimate their own abilities. Cannot be applied to oneself.

[Pride Embodiment]- When meeting foes holding a higher level of strength, the user gains the power of hubris itself. This power can be used to strengthen attacks or defenses. The level of enhancement is dependent on the true pride lying deep in the user's heart, which could be nurtured to grow so large that nothing is allowed to overshadow it!

[White Dwarf Throw] – Those who dare to stand against the user will be punished by a white dwarf star, while allies will be healed and energized by it.

[Aura of Pride] This allows the user to exclude an aura of pure pride, it takes any and all pride in the air and puts it under the user's control. Any allies within range of the skill will have their powers increased based on the amount of pride, the same happens for enemies but they'll be weakened instead. The user's own power will also increase.

{Seven Deadly Sins- Gluttony}

One of the seven deadly sins unique to the demon world. Abilities include: [Devouring], [Large Stomach], [Library], and [Gluttony Manifestation].

[Devouring] - Filled with endless hunger and thirst, the user can devour their enemies and other entities fully. The user can absorb the full power, complete memory, all skills and abilities, and the full potential of the devoured. The user can also burn the absorbed for healing or a short burst of power equal to the absorbed's power throughout their past, present, and future. The mana requirement varies depending on what the target is.

[Large Stomach] :: An enormous amount of space is made available through the use of this ability, allowing the user to store anything they can devour.

[Library] :: Devoured entities are analyzed and stored, their life history and skills laid bare for the user to pick and choose. A maximum of two skills can be extracted from devoured entities.

[Gluttony Manifestation]:: The user can apply the effect of [Devouring] anywhere within 5 meters of them, there's no need to actively eat them.

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A level of power that was not accessible to Noah before could be felt coursing throughout his body as he revealed in the form provided by the [Arch Demon Lord Transformation] ability of the <<Absolute Sin>> skill.

He had only ever felt power of this level from the Grand Elder Amos and the Black Serpent that he had yet to meet in this current time! Power above the Transcendent level; he was actually letting out strength at the Saint rank through his own power when his attributes and skills were only at the Transcendent level!

This was the insane boost provided by the complementing skills of the Seven Deadly Sins that made way for the creation of Absolute Sin. It granted him an ability that allowed him to achieve power of the next stage, something marvelous that he never thought to be possible. Noah spent some time familiarizing himself with the many new descriptions that came with the addition of five more seven deadly sins on top of <<Absolute Sin>> as his eyes landed on a particular ability that shone the most.

[Harbinger of Sin] :: As the Original and Absolute Sin, the user can appoint each sin to a person, making that person a harbinger of that sin, giving them access to the standard version of that ultimate skill. If the harbinger is killed, the ultimate skill will return as a charge to this skill, allowing for a new harbinger to be picked. The user can at any time take back a sin given out.

The abilities of the Seven Deadly Sins that he held were the strongest forms possible, and he had the right to assign each of the Ultimate Skills to those he chose through the use of this [Harbinger of Sin]!

His gaze sharpened as he sent out multiple messages to seven specific beings, his mind already wondering who would be most fit to receive which sin. The abilities were extremely powerful, and would give a huge boost to the strength of anyone that held them.

Among the people that passed through his mind, Barbatos, Kazuhiko, and Mikhail were among the top, with his thoughts also wondering about the Ice Queen he had not seen in a while as he decided against it. He did not want others to be fighting fights they did not need to.

Aside from the first three, the remaining Mythical beasts from the Beast World were also excellent candidates to nurture with the gift of a Seven Deadly Sins skill.

Noah's figure disappeared from the center of the Demon World away from the celebrating planetary core as he reappeared in the grandly floating Spiritual Land above the Demon Capital.

He was still in the Arch Demon Lord form, his arrival causing a heavy pressure to descend to the beings around him as those that were already gathered above the Spiritual Land felt their bodies trembling from the immense power Noah portrayed.

Noah realized this as he reigned it in, canceling the Arch Demon Lord form as he looked at the people already here on the Spiritual Land, as well as a few more who were on their way after hearing his message. It didn't take too long for seven beings to be gathered in front of him, all of them still unsure of exactly what was going to happen.

Kazuhiko was the only one comfortable enough aside from Barbatos as he came towards Noah with a refreshing smile.

"How far behind are you planning to leave all of us before you share something eh?"

The confident Kazuhiko was itching with enthusiasm after his contribution to the defeat of the demons, his gaze excitedly watching the Spiritual Land they were on as his mind was already imagining growing his own Spiritual Land to this level.

Noah looked at the dark-haired Kazuhiko who was moving around while still clutching his treasured Katana, his gaze somewhat softening after seeing all these people that he felt like he had not seen in ages, even though it had only been more than a week. Barbatos, the Kraken, the Emperor Penguin, Steel Mikhail, the Imperial Phoenix, and the 2nd ranked Demon Ruler Agares were the other 6 figures looking

towards Noah with a variety of gazes. Some were respectful, others were fearful, and one was mischievously smiling. He looked at their faces closely as he spoke.

"The universe is vast and filled with many dangerous things."

Their gazes hardened as they were addressed, even Kazuhiko's enthusiasm turned serious as they paid attention.

"Don't ever think you are anywhere near the strongest, as there are almost always others much stronger than you. Even now, I can only give the few of you a small boost in strength."

He moved as he spoke, his gaze landing on the Emperor Penguin as he activated [Harbinger of Sin], sending a command for the Sin of Pride to be given to the first Beast of his Spiritual Land.

OONG!

A wild burst of essence erupted as the arrogant penguin felt its body elevated, gradually being filled with strength as a transparent runic marking appeared on top of his head.

"RAA! RAA! RAA!"

The Emperor Penguin let out loud cries as it noticed the appearance of an Ultimate Skill in its stat panel, its gaze towards Noah softening as it thought that its Master wasn't so bad after all.

The others noticed the change as they looked forward with rapt attention, and Noah continued.

"The universe has been here before us for an untold number of years, with so many powerful beings so many levels above us that we cannot even be considered along the same lines."

His gaze landed towards the Kraken as he sent another command, the Sin of Wrath being sent forth and appointed to the Calamity of the Sea!

"There are old monsters and powerful schemers all around us, and we're only just beginning to grow."

From then on, he moved even faster as he sent multiple commands, the Sin of Greed being sent to Kazuhiko, the Sin of Sloth appointed to Steel Mikhail, the Sin of Envy being appointed to Agares, and the Sin of L.u.s.t being appointed to the Imperial Phoenix!

Lastly, his gaze turned towards the mischievously smiling Barbatos as he sent the command for the last Sin of Gluttony to be appointed to her.

Gorgeous red lights continued to shine all around as the figures of the beings around Noah were elevated, runic markings appearing on each of their heads as Seven new holders of the Seven Deadly Sins were decided. Noah nodded as he continued, his body erupting with strength as he activated the Arch Demon Lord Transformation, a fearsome body of a regal demon appearing in the Spiritual Land.

"We are in no hurry, so we will carefully advance forward as we increase our strength. In time, we will build our power and be able to stand with status in this chaotic universe, where we will not be randomly bullied or put under the rule of ruthless beings!"

He was saying these words more as a message to the holders of the Seven Deadly Sins in front of him, but they acted more as reminders for himself as he planned for his next movements. He had time on his side, he had to be careful!

He could not rush forward randomly, and he needed to build his power as much as possible before he moved.

"We can do all of this, together."

An air of mystery spread out from the center of the Spiritual Land as Noah stood at the center, surrounded by seven beings looking up at him. The beasts throughout the Spiritual Land felt this environment of power as they let out powerful howls, instinctively feeling winds of change they had not observed before.

Chapter 245 - Acceleration

After assigning the abilities of the Seven Deadly Sins to the chosen few, Noah moved forward with the next phase of his plans, the upgrade of the Spiritual Land that would have occurred days from now!

He still held with him the wondrous pill making technique, the {Forge of the Silver Flame} that he received from Sect Master Inuit of the Karmic Sect. His thoughts lingered on this figure that continued to be veiled in mysteries as he moved forward, harvesting the many fields that were holding ripe [Ice Phoenix Fruits] as they quickly entered the transparent cauldron with burning silver flames.

It did not take too long before the [Ice Phoenix Pills] he had made for the first time not too long ago were born again, the process being even faster this time as the many abundant fields all over the Spiritual Land were emptied out faster and faster, a nonsensical amount of mana going into the {Forge of Silver Flame} as more and more radiant pills appeared in the surroundings.

The beasts of the Spiritual Land were excitedly looking at this scene, the smell alone that was drifting from the pills already making them send voracious looks. Noah flicked his fingers as the pills flew towards the beasts the moment they finished being made, wanting to get the upgrade of the Spiritual Land as soon as possible for the upgrade of the Time Space from the 1:5 ratio of time and into the 1 to 10 ratio that only appeared after the upgrade into the Fifth Tier.

The process was smooth, exactly the same as what had occurred before as the Emperor Penguin was the first to break through and reach the Phantasmal Rank once more, with its brothers and sisters following soon after.

The pills were extremely effective for the beasts of the Spiritual Land, but they still provided spectacular boosts in strength similar to cores for other beings. The holders of the Seven Deadly Sins that were still on the Spiritual Land shockingly watching Noah perform this brand new technique as the resplendent pills flew towards them as well, with the Calamities of the Sea not being far behind.

The process of breakthroughs into the Phantasmal Rank did not take too long for the beasts of the Spiritual Land, soon meeting the requirement as Noah began putting the required mana into the Spiritual Land that had sensed the requirements for the next stage to be met.

Vibrations and a gorgeous show of lights followed thereafter as soon enough, a gloriously improved Spiritual Land that let out a much grander light than before shining brightly above the Demon Capital.

The achievement of the Rank 5 Spiritual Land was thus achieved just a few hours after his return, with many more days left before the horrendous events took place in the World of Cultivation.

With this goal being met, Noah appeared in the extravagantly large Time Space that he could now spend 10 days in with only a single day passing outside. He would be spending the majority of his time from now on in this space as he trained himself to become even stronger!

He had an abundant amount of skills, with a few new ones to peruse through when he thought about the bloodied Celestial that he devoured. His goal was to max the proficiencies of his current skills, and then combine them until he felt confident enough to move forward.

It might be boring and strenuous, but it did not matter! Carefulness and much planning was exactly what he required from now on, as something like what had occurred in the Devilish Abode could never be allowed to happen again.

His mind focused as he first perused through the memories of the Celestial. His gaze shifted from calm to shock as he went through the memories, getting just a small glimpse of the Power that he knew as the Celestials.

Something even more frightening was that for some of the memories where the Celestial Drax was subserviently talking to other beings, these other beings were vortexes of darkness that Noah could actually not observe from the memories!

He was shocked to find that a sort of power that could even block others from perusing stolen memories existed, as many of the memories of the young Celestial Disciple were actually blank voids of darkness whenever they involved higher-ups, or his Master!

This was yet another wake-up call for the many mysterious powers he was not knowledgeable of, but he was still able to significantly expand his network of information with the memories that entailed the life of this young Celestial.

For example, he now knew the Planet where one of the many powers of the Celestials was stationed! He knew the identities of which beings were connected to the Celestials from the vast worlds across the Universe, and even more importantly, he knew which Cultivators from the World of Cultivation were connected to the Celestials!

This was extremely important information that he could use to his advantage, but there were also many things he could not do. Firstly, unless he wanted to die within a few seconds, he could not even step foot on the planet where he saw the young Celestial Drax talking to the darkness that was his master. The planet was monitored so closely that not even a fly could slip in.

But there were many more things he could do with the memories, especially things that aligned with his goals in the World of Cultivation. He continued to peruse through the memories as he planned, at the same time checking out the skills he could choose from the Devoured celestial.

Two extravagantly shining skills appeared in front of him, one unique and one Ultimate, the Celestial truly living up to their names of being powerful.

UNIQUE {Celestial Aura} An aura only for those blessed with a special fate. The aura can be manipulated to strengthen oneself or weaken one's enemies, as well as provide healing to those it encompasses.

ULTIMATE {Eye of Fate} A skill geared towards helping the user achieve their most favorable fate. Abilities include [Domineering Fate], [Empowering Fate], and [Displacement of Fate]

A spectacular set of skills appeared in front of his eyes as he began the long process of understanding his newly gained skills, the uses of <<Absolute Sin>>, and the practice and constant combinations of the skills that were capable of being combined.

It would be long and arduous, but it was required.

30 days passed like this in the Time Space of the Spiritual Land.

Only 3 days had passed in the outside world!

Chapter 246 - Roles

The passage of time could be very different depending on where one was. In the Demon World, only 3 days had passed since a grandiose new Ruler had risen, yet more than 30 days had passed in the Time Space of the Spiritual Land as Noah finally made huge improvements in his skill combinations and future planning.

In the Time Space of the Spiritual Land, the [Sheath Regalia] that required to be recharged in order for the Dagger of Time to be used had been constantly refilled to full charge and used, the ability of [Insight] being used by Noah multiple times over the span of the last 30 days to think about different possibilities he could pursue.

[Insight] :: Time can move in a myriad of ways, with no single being able to predict certainties among its chaos. Insight will show the wielder of the Dagger of Time possibilities of what could be. Requires Time Essence from the Regal Sheath in order to be used.

The ability was so insanely powerful that it showed possibilities of the future based on what Noah was currently thinking of doing. Following his train of thought while using [Insight], he was able to calculate a few pathways for the future that would be most ideal! This was such a crazy idea to process if he was told he would be doing this just a few weeks ago, but he was already at this stage where something as exemplary as this was becoming the norm.

Of course, [Insight] only showed the possibilities of what could happen, it did not foretell of the full future. Any changes could occur as time continues to move that might have not been foreseen through Insight, and that was why the ability only showed the wielder of the Dagger of Time 'possibilities of what could be', not exactly what would happen.

But for Noah, taking into account this stupendous ability added to his many abundant memories, it was more than enough!

Events should have already been underway in the outside world, so he would begin to move as well. A meeting was called for the upper echelons of beings from the Beast World, Demon World, and Noah's Homeworld just a few days after they were made harbingers of one of the Seven Deadly Sins abilities.

Noah spent a few hours transferring to the Frozen Kingdom of the Beast World as he went to personally bring the Ice Queen who was still ruling the Frozen Kingdom into prosperity. He had chosen not to make her a harbinger of one the Sins because she was not a fighter, but a ruler. As a ruler though, she could attend meetings like the one they were about to have.

Above the generously floating Spiritual Land, a variety of different beings from different worlds were gathered in an exquisitely styled futuristic building that held a conference room that only the richest in the world could be sitting in. An extremely large oval table was at the center of the wide room surrounded by a glass exterior that showed the scene of falling snow outside of the Frozen Plateau Spiritual Land. It was a peaceful scene as these beings looked up towards one man who was sitting in a grandiose ergonomic chair surrounded by voluptuous women sitting on either side of him.

Barbatos had her legs resting sideways as she spun around the seat she was in with a bored expression while the Ice Queen regally sat on Noah's left side with a cold smile.

Kazuhiko was looking at this with an envious gaze as Steel Mikhail kept his stone-faced expression. The Ocean Master of Atlantis still constructing his new land in Noah's Homeworld as well as the miniaturized Calamities of the Sea were also situated in their own seats, a weird scene of a vibrant Goldfish and a vicious Kraken floating above sleek black seats playing itself out.

The 2nd ranked Agares was respectfully standing by the side as he tucked his powerful devilish wings behind him, his gaze towards the central figure at the end of the oval table showing slight fear and reverence. The three remaining Mythical Beasts from the Beast World that were led by the Imperial Phoenix were also sitting in their own seats as they adopted human forms.

Even closer to Noah was an arrogant miniaturized Penguin that held so much confidence that one could feel it, with its attention occupied as it passed its flippers across its sleek runic marking on its head as it nodded at its reflection on the glass windows surrounding the huge room they were in.

A meeting of the highest levels of power across three planets were all collected into a single conference room as a discussion that concerned their future began!

The progress of the World Engine from the inhabitants of Atlantis, the most efficient way to improve the strength of awakened beings and the procurement of skills, as well as the creation of dungeons across the three worlds.

Noah spent a few hours in this conference room as he grasped to understand all the things he was connected to, before a few final messages were laid out at the end of the meeting.

Besides the already ongoing projects, another one was established as Noah put forth the plan for a possible future he had calculated. This was the expansion of their power and influence into more Worlds!

They had to act behind the scenes and be sure that they did not catch the attention of anything too powerful, and Noah found the perfect target from the many memories he had obtained these past days. This place was a Large World similar to the Demon World, with the highest level of power being individuals at the Phantasmal level.

The one upside is that it was a warring world with many factions, thus a diverse number of Phantasmal beings populated the world. It had no ties to higher worlds or organizations, and was only something that Baal had come across sometime in the past.

After cross-referencing with the abundant memories from the Celestial and other beings he had devoured, the Icebound World would serve as their first targetted world that they held no connections to!

There were many factions in the Icebound World, with what could be considered forces of evil and good fighting on opposing sides. There were thousands of what could be considered innocents dying every day while the tyrannical powerful continued to roam free. Noah didn't care too much about this, and was only treating this world as a place that he could send a few of his Harbingers to train and upgrade their power, with the ultimate goal of forming yet another World Connection once his people reigned in supreme power.

The one chosen to lead this expedition to the Icebound World was the first beast of the Frozen Plateau Spiritual Land, the Emperor Penguin! His beak rose into the skies after this was decided as coming along with him were the Imperial Phoenix, Kazuhiko, and the Kraken.

Steel Mikhail wished to stay true to his role as the protector of the Blue Planet, staying behind to clear the dungeons as he continued to oversee the smooth operations of the Blessed Empire and the United Federation.

Agares would occupy his role to keep watch and strengthen the forces of the Demon World while the White Tiger and Black Tortoise would work together with the Ice Queen to strengthen the forces of the Frozen Kingdom and the Mythical Kingdoms of the Beast World.

Everybody had their roles, and now it was just to allow the passage of time as they steadily rose their power.

The rise of something obscure and unknown was slowly occurring in a small corner of the universe. It was an unknown force that would take the center stage amongst the oncoming chaos.

Chapter 247 - A Confused Devilish Unveiler

In a barren mountain filled with heavy snow, a figure silently teleported amidst the freezing winds. His senses spread out as he observed the world around him for miles, nodding his head as he waved his hands and let out multiple figures onto the snowy ground.

The sleek and shining fur of the Emperor Penguin glistened in the light as he appeared, surrounded by multiple other beasts from the Spiritual Land. Kazuhiko appeared next, accompanied by two beast girls; one holding a fiery tail of a phoenix and another innocently looking around with feline features. Kazuhiko had vehemently voiced out that one could not have fun on an adventure without a balanced party like his.

The Imperial Phoenix also appeared next, surrounded by her generals and protectors. The fearsome Kraken and other Calamities of the Sea were already floating in the air, and the only figure that was missing was the voluptuous Barbatos. She didn't want to be bothered with what she termed laborious

tasks, and opted to train in the Time Space of the Spiritual Land whenever she wasn't enjoying the luxuries built by Noah all around.

The ones that had the mission of the Icebound World were observing their surroundings closely as they looked forward to beginning their journey in this world.

"Side with those being unfairly treated, and kill those you see are blatantly causing death and mayhem while you increase your influence. Don't target those blindly following orders, but the generals and upper ranks that push their agenda onto them. But most of all, grow stronger as you increase your skills and raise your powers."

Noah reminded them of things they already discussed as a brilliant light bounced off the sleek fur of the Emperor Penguin, his flippers pounding his chest as he told his Master that he could be counted on!

Noah observed this with a light smile as he grasped the Dagger of Time, confirming his thoughts as he unleashed a force of multiple Phantasmal ranked beings on an unsuspecting world.

His forces had arrived in the warring Icebound World.

Possibilities and plans were reviewed over and over again before Noah nodded his head and disappeared from this new world, moving on to his own plans as he used {Spatial Transfer} with a singular destination in mind, the World of Cultivation.

Confusion was gradually setting into the mind of the Devilish Time Unveiler as he spread out his senses deep within the coffin he was confined in to confirm that the Dagger of Time that was floating above the coffin was inexplicably gone.

He did not feel it disappear, nor watch as someone took it. It just felt...gone, like he never had it!

His confusion grew into anger as the thoughts fell into place, and he realized just what exactly might have happened in order for the Dagger of Time to not be with him currently.

Someone had stolen his partner, and they inexplicably had the sheath that he lost before he went into slumber, and they used it to activate the Dagger of Time with them! His barely waking mind raged as he pieced the things together, his anger rising to levels never before felt as he chose to quickly change his plans.

He was manipulating from the sidelines as he released more and more news about his Devilish Abode, wanting to rope in the maximum number of beings that would serve as fuel for his revival. He planned to do this a few days from now, but he was now forced to do it in advance as he now felt that there was an unknown enemy that had already bested him once and taken his only true treasure!

Essence spread out as he used his last wisps of remaining energy to open the Realm in advance, word quickly spreading to the surrounding Sects as watchers were spread throughout the area and observed the changes.

Information traveled quickly as Cultivators from the Time Immemorial Sect and other surrounding sects quickly gathered and entered the Dangerous Realm, accompanied by otherworlders like the Black

Serpent from the Magus World as they greedily went in to look for the treasures of the Devilish Time Unveiler!

Unknown to them, the skeletal body of the being they thought to be dead was already pulsing with life as some beings from Phantasmal and Transcendent rank began to face their deaths in the specially designed spaces of the Devilish Abode, a dangerous light passing through the blank darkness where the eyes of the Devilish Time Unveiler used to be as he began to laugh and cackle in his black coffin.

'Haha, whoever you are, I'll be sure to pay you back one hundredfold for stealing my treasure!'

He was ecstatic as he began to focus on devouring the oncoming origins, not noticing that in the same cavernous space that he had not allowed any beings to enter yet, a single being had inexplicably appeared far in the distance of the trembling temple that housed his coffin!

The focus of the Devilish Time Unveiler was fully placed into absorbing the oncoming origins as much as possible. He needed to regain much of his power before this unknown enemy that now held in his hands the Dagger of Time could even get the chance to reap his life while he wasn't fully recovered.

'The Dagger of Time required the use of a tremendous amount of Time Essence! Even someone at the Void Fimmerment Realm would not be able to produce enough Time Essence to fill the Sheath Regalia in such a short period of time, so the Dagger will be unusable if the enemy chose to come back now!'

Yes! From his knowledge, he had some time before his unknown enemy would ever get the idea of coming, and thus he needed to move his plans forward differently from what he would have done before, changing any possible future that his enemy would have seen!

"Haha, Haha!"

Crackles of laughter resounded throughout as the Devilish Time Unveiler felt things coming into place, the origins he had absorbed being enough to allow his cultivation stage to start breaking through the Saint Realm once more!

He felt this overpowering feeling of strength as essence converged towards his core, feeling ecstatic as he would be one rank away the moment he stabilized his cultivation in the Saint Realm! This was his power, it laid in his deep planning and schemes that allowed him to revive hundreds of years after he should have been dead. Even if he had lost his treasure to a wicked enemy in a previous time, he would get it back and pay them back a hundredfold. He began stabilizing his cultivation at the Saint Realm as grandiose thoughts floated through his head.

It was at this moment though, that he suddenly felt resounded alarm bells as he spread his senses outwards, feeling speedily approaching attacks that caused cracks to spread throughout the temple and the sky around the cavernous space to tremble!

What!

To his horror, in the middle of his breakthrough to the Saint Realm, at this extremely crucial juncture, someone that had been hiding from his senses attacked him!

"WHO DARES!!!"

Chapter 248 - Too Much!

"WHO DARES!!!"

Rumbling ensued as he felt a strain in his core, stopping his advancement halfway as he directed his half Saint Realm essence to form an extremely minuscule Black Hole!

Different from a timeline that the Devilish Time Unveiler had yet to experience, this Black Hole did not have even half the strength it would have had when he used it against a descending Spiritual Land.

He frantically placed more essence to stabilize the protective Black Hole that flew towards the numerous and heavy attacks that were raining from the skies!

A large amount of extremely condensed white dwarf stars that carried a tremendous amount of weight were crashing down towards his coffin nonsensically. As if this was not enough, accompanying these many stars was a brilliantly shining golden trident that shone with an outline of a menacing red light. Coursing on the empty spaces of these stars and gloriously shining weapons were jagged spikes of bones that painted a picture never before seen.

The sky over the cavernous space shimmered with beautiful white light from the wide expanse on deadly bones, white dwarf stars, and a piercing golden Trident of the Sea that thundered down to meet the center of the coffin!

BOOOM!

A vigorous tremor spread out as the coffin housing a skeletal figure exploded out, the temple it was housed on top of crumbling to the ground!

"HMPH!"

An arrogant snort rang out as the emaciated skeleton was filled with confidence even after this sneak attack at a critical juncture, but it was just him not being aware that he had already fallen under the effects of multiple debuffing and weakening skills, while his pride was already getting boosted rapidly to extremely high degrees. Half of his chest bones were missing as he was dealt a heavy blow as a golden trident was solidly wedged within, but he still stood strong.

The Devilish Time Unveiler looked at the highest point of the cavernous space as he found the outline of a fiendish demon with an aura that screamed regality. His emaciated body moved quickly as he moved to eliminate the deadly intruder, using the half Saint Realm essence that he could not finish consolidating as he started off with the strongest attack he could muster to end this quickly!

"Spatial Rupture!"

Ruptures spread out in space as they sn.a.k.e.d through the skies, trying to lock on to an abstruse target in the skies.

The Devilish Time Unveiler looked on expectantly when a foreboding feeling erupted as he heard a single word!

"Stop."

...

OOOM

A distinct droning sound rang out as the ruptures spreading through space came to a stop. Silence and calmness pervaded the surroundings as in the hands of a fearsome Arch Demon Lord in the skies, a purple and golden dagger had appeared. Its regal sheath showed rapidly reducing purple lines as an ability that used the most Time Essence was activated!

[Stop] :: Time can be brought to a halt in a specified area. This ability goes against natural laws and will require a tremendous amount of Time Essence every time it is active. 24 hours are required before this ability can be used again.

In the cavernous space around them, time had come to a stop. The Devilish Time Unveiler watched with endless horror as an ability he was very much familiar with was used against him. Terror began creeping in as this old schemer saw the fast movements of the only being that could move in this stopped time, the initiator of the ability of the Dagger of Time, the one who had taken it from him!

Noah saw the trembling light in the eyes of this fearsome schemer as he moved rapidly, the Time Essence he had fully recharged in the [Sheath Regalia] reducing at high speeds as he kept the ability to stop time active. He only had a few seconds.

His figure moved in a circular manner around the skeletal figure that was frozen in space, its hands reaching towards the skies as he cast a tremendous amount of skills all around.

The enhanced ability of the {Sin of Pride}, [White Dwarf Throw] was being cast hundreds of times per second as twinkling miniature stars formed a circle around the skeletal figure. The {Eye of Fate} was on full display as it provided tremendous boosts to all of his skills while reducing the defenses of the Devilish Time Unveiler through the uses of [Domineering Fate] and [Empowering Fate]. {Celestial Aura} was already activated as it went to achieve the same effects, just compounding how much damage his skills could do while weakening the enemy in front of him.

[Sin Empowerment], [Rage Empowerment], [Fury Channeling], [Aura of Pride]...there were actually too many skills one could spend hours singularly looking at them and their exuberant effects, but the core of their purpose remained the same.

They heavily boosted his attributes and damage he could deal while heavily weakening his enemies, simple as that!

On top of all these enhancing skills, any attack skill he cast would be crazily boosted in power. The domineering white dwarf stars droned with power as they filled the surroundings of the skeletal figure, just waiting for time to resume before they came thundering down. Around these white dwarf stars appeared endless spiked bones as the Ultimate Skill, {Bone Master}, was also used multiple times.

Skills from the Seven Deadly Sins series and {Bone Master} were the only ones currently being used, with him not dipping into his combined skills that surpassed the Transcendent Rank after more than 30 days of constant maxing of proficiencies and combinations. This was just was one of the pathways that Noah had foreseen through using [Insight], one the best and fastest ways of achieving his goals!

The Time Essence in the [Sheath Regalia] was rapidly being used up as the Devilish Time Unveiler watched on with horror as one layer of domineering white dwarf stars surrounded by bones with

menacing lights that covered his eyesight. He had faced an attack of this level just before, and it had nearly destroyed his upper right chest. Now, another one was coming the moment time began to move again, and he could not defend himself!

He prepared for the worst, but soon came to realize that he did not fully imagine what the 'worst' could be.

One could still see gaps among the numerous stars and bones that surrounded him in a circular manner, but that soon changed as he observed another set of stars and bones form a second layer.

The area where he was surrounded in gradually became dark as all the gaps were filled with even more attacks. Terror was fully unbound within the Devilish schemer's heart as he did not understand how his enemy could produce such a large number of attacks in this instant.

Even him during his prime would have run out of energy by now, so he wondered how his enemy had layered so many attacks in a matter of seconds!

His achievements in the Law of Spacetime allowed him to barely use his senses in this stopped time as he despairingly felt another layer of white dwarf stars and bones appear.

A fourth layer.

A fifth layer.

By the sixth layer, the darkness of his skeletal eyes completely dimmed as only sparse thoughts passed through his mind.

'Wasn't this too much?'

'Wasn't this unfair?'

A single thought, and it was the last thought of a thousand-year-old schemer as the force of hundreds of white dwarf stars surrounded by piercing bones that caused space to tremble came tumbling down the moment time could move forward again.

CRACK!

Chapter 249 - Annoyance with Spatial Locks

A tremor shook the entire Devilish Abode, the beings inside it feeling a destabilizing of space as something akin to the most horrendous bomb had exploded.

In a particular cavernous space, space was trembling as it weaved back together, the power concentrated at one location having been too tremendous for the spatial laws of this world and causing it to fold.

In the space where a large temple and a black coffin used to stand, sandy white particles of bones were all that remained as Noah let out calm breaths. He saw the burst of skill books and cores erupt from the grounded skeleton that was the Devilish Time Unveiler as he confirmed the schemer's death!

Through [Insight], he had seen that one of the fastest ways he could have taken down the thousand-year-old cultivator quickly and without waiting for any unforeseeable events was to attack while he was trying to stabilize his cultivation at the Saint Realm.

Begin with a single attack that would weaken and reduce his defenses without his knowledge, and then use the killer combination of actually stopping time, however briefly, to unleash a concentrated attack from all sides!

The result was the death of an old schemer who still did not fully know what was going on.

In his regal Arch Demon Lord form, Noah went forward and collected the loot as he used [Devouring] on the remaining crushed up bones as he quickly perused the memories of the Devilish Time Unveiler. He made it his goal to take this being down not just as a payback, but also because it was a cultivator that was proficient in the Law of Spacetime.

He wanted to peek at the memories and skills, as well as possibilities to the problem that he always faced when he was in the most danger- not being able to teleport because someone more powerful had locked space!

His mind moved quickly as his body automatically disappeared into the Time Space of the Spiritual Land, knowing that combing through the memories of a thousand-year-old schemer would take some time, and there were still other beings in this Devilish Abode.

The Magus leading the expedition into the Devilish Abode, Black Serpent, was warily sensing the surrounding space that had begun to tremble and destabilize as he chased down a group of cultivators from the Time Immemorial Sect.

His target was actually the group led by Elder Dan, the actual Elder Dan of the Time Immemorial Sect that had not been taken down by Noah this time!

The other Elders and Legacy Disciples with them were frantically throwing out attacks as they defended themselves against the power of the Saint Ranked Black Serpent, the image of a corporeal death serpent becoming rapidly solid as it bore its powerful jaws towards them.

"Otherworlder, the Time Immemorial Sect will hunt you down like the dog that you are!"

Elder Dan spat out as he continued to send messages for help through his medallion, but the saint ranked Grand Elder Amos could not find them!

Would this really be where the great Elder Dan faced his death? A terrifying thought passed through the Elder's mind as he looked at the other Transcendent Realm Elder and the disciples they protected. Their power could not stand against a Saint Realm individual, and thus it was very likely that they would face death in the hands of these unscrupulous otherworlders!

Elder Dan was unreconciled as his body shone brightly, ready to give it his all as he valiantly turned around to face the enemies while he gave the others a chance to escape.

"Elder Dan!"

"Elder!"

Heartfelt shouts rang out as the valiant Elder dashed towards the group of Magi, seeing Black Serpent's huge form chuckling as it opened its jaws wide to swallow him up.

'Sigh, forgive me Grand Elder.'

He let out a valiant shout as he prepared for death, but death would not be coming for him today.

OONG!

Space trembled as a small black dot appeared between the forces of Magi and Elder Dan, and from this small black dot, numerous Dragonoid heads erupted out.

It was a scene of horror as the terrifying heads were mixed with all sorts of colors, the only issue is that there were too many of them! They stretched out from the black dot endlessly in long lines as their poisonous jaws weaved in the space towards the terrified Magi who found out they could not move!

Around them, transparent cages were locking them in space, making them completely unable to move as the numerous Dragonoid heads attached to continuously strengthening necks neared them and snapped their jaws shut, forever swallowing their bodies.

"OOOOH!"

Black Serpent let out a wild shout as he tried to summon the Serpent Ancestor, but found to his horror that he could not activate his abilities. Without his knowledge, something else besides the tens of Dragonoid heads that had stretched out from the small black dot in space, rapidly constricting his large body as he felt himself losing control every second.

"Wai-"

CRUNCH!

Numerous bones cracked in throughout his body as the last thing he saw was enveloping darkness from numerous poisonous jaws.

Elder Dan's heart trembled as he viewed the monstrosity in front of him, not being able to move as he observed the tens of ferocious heads that were attached to powerful and even more numerous tentacles. An absurd monstrosity that only released these features from a single black dot in space had completely devoured the party of multiple Magi who held a Saint Realm Magus in the lead!

Elder Dan did not know what to do as he tried to calm his fear, seeing the many long heads eerily turn their eyes towards him as the tens of tentacles rapidly receded into the small black dot.

"Th-thank you, Esteemed Sir!"

Elder Dan stuttered out a reply as he felt the auras of the other Elders of the Time Immemorial Sect, quickly going to join them as they tried to get out this monstrosity's side as soon as possible.

The monstrosity, or really Noah, looked forth curiously as he wondered why the Magi he had saved before were hunting down cultivators. Seeing their voracious gazes as they hunted down those weaker

than them, he simply moved and wiped them out as he tested one of his first Saint Ranked skills he synthesized during his month-long training.

From the combination of the Transcendent rank [The Calamitous Leviathan] and [Violet Immemorial Second Stage- Sands of Time], and later with the combination of the Transcendent+ [Violet Immemorial Third Stage-Cage of Time], he had been able to produce a skill that was proficient in controlling space while dealing a tremendous amount of damage from an obscene amount of heads and tentacles.

SAINT [Aberrant Saint] :: From a single point in space, the terror of a calamitous monstrosity blooms. Capable of growing up to 100 heads and tentacles that strangle and hold the user's enemies in powerful Spatial Locks the moment they are discovered as targets.

It was a powerful skill, one that he would soon be able to combine into a Saint+ skill the moment he made the time to train in the Time Space some more. His gaze was on the ability of Spatial Locks as he smiled first at the abundant amount of information he had found from the memories of the Devilish Time Unveiler.

Secrets about the powers of the World of Cultivation that very few beings knew, as well as a possible solution that would lead him to obtain the power that would allow him to break free of a space being locked down, something that had occurred twice to him now and nearly cost him his life.

He perused the memories of the beings from the Magus world first as he already looked ahead to future plans. They would involve one of the three Supreme Sects of the World of Cultivation, the sect where the Devilish Time Unveiler originated, and the place which would provide Noah with the power he was looking for!

Chapter 250 - Who are you, really?

Celestial Drax was moving through the trembling Devilish Abode with confusion and doubt. From the fluctuations of space, he could observe that this Devilish Abode did not have too long before it folded in itself and collapsed!

But this did not make sense, as it would make his mission unachievable. His master would never hand him a mission he could not accomplish, so there was a swirl of confusing thoughts as he wagered whether to teleport out of this space and abandon his mission of looking for the Cursed Item.

The Punisher by his side stood strong as his power was ready to burst out at any moment. Drax was about to give the command to continue searching the abode a bit longer, when another command traveled through space and struck his head as fast as lightning.

OONG

"Come back!"

Golden fluctuations erupted as a thin light of light descended down the young Celestial's head and he received his head. He was shocked to hear his master's voice ring out with such sternness, and did not waste a single second a golden light wrapped both him and the punisher, their figures turning into golden particles of light as they disappeared.

They both appeared on a location known by very few not too far from the World of Cultivation where a vibrant blue gateway was standing vibrantly. The young Celestial Drax pulled out a medallion that activated the mechanism, allowing both him and the Punisher to be sent to the location they called home.

In the peacefully rotating star that was one of the core bases of the Celestials, the young Celestial Disciple appeared before his master again as he sank to his kneed right away.

"I have failed my task, Grandmaster!"

He kept his head low as he atoned for not achieving what he was assigned to do, while the Grandmaster in front of him looked forward with a mysterious expression.

"Someone has interfered with the workings of fate."

Shocking words were the only thing the young Celestial heard as what he heard shook him to his core! An interference with the workings of fate? That was something that very few could do!

He held skills like the Eye of Fate that could somewhat influence fate for a brief period of time, but he could never hope to interfere with the workings of fate with his level of power. So what exactly did his master mean?

"The things I foresaw were changed entirely, to the point where even you lost your life."

The Grandmaster continued to speak slowly as his aged body that let out maddening levels of power stood up to water the colorful Medicinal Plants all around the mystical monastery they were on. His aged voice turned serious as he continued.

"The one responsible for the interference is extremely adept, as they are causing the unraveling of Order from very small but important changes. I have only just begun using the Celestial Eye to observe the possible future changes and..."

He stopped watering the Medicinal Plants as his eyes gazed towards an unknown location deep on the planet they stood on.

"...in many of the possible futures, there is a rise of a new **{Infernal Lord}** that will disrupt much of the Order and Balance we have strived to keep."

BOOM!

It felt like an explosion occurred in the mind of the young Celestial as he stood up and looked forward in shock, the words coming out of the Grandmaster being so shocking that even someone of his level was terrified.

An Infernal Lord?!

"This cannot be allowed to happen. I will begin sending messages soon to assemble our forces, with our first action being the recruitment of more powerhouses and moving up the Infernal Hunt a hundred years earlier than planned."

The aged Grandmaster said the words slowly as his attention fully turned towards the shocked disciple.

"This unraveling occurred in the World of Cultivation, and the traces of the one being used to alter fate might still be there. When things are in place, you will be accompanied by your fellow disciples back into this World, where you all will participate in the Infernal Hunt through our proxy there."

The young Celestial Drax felt his heart shake as he faced the gaze of his master, quickly rising up as he placed his right hand above his left chest and affirmed the words he just heard.

"Yes, Grandmaster. For Order and Balance!"

The words of his master continued to pass through his mind as his heart trembled at the thought of their significance. A rise of a new Infernal Lord! This was a terrifying thought, as even the current ones that were active in the Realms of Hell were tyrannical beings that only brought destruction to anything they set their eyes to.

To prevent the rise of any new Infernal Lords, there was a commitment among many of the major powers in the Universe to routinely conduct a dangerous Infernal Hunt in the First Realm of Hell where almost all the current Infernal Lords had their beginnings.

He had never gotten the chance to go to one before, but this chance had been moved up by a whole century because of the alteration of fate. His mind thought back to the World of Cultivation that he had just left, as he looked forward more than ever to get back to it. Chaotic undercurrents were beginning to flow slowly, and he would be one of those at the very center of it!

Celestial Drax's gaze was strong and confident as he took his leave from the monastery to prepare.

The Grandmaster looked at this disciple as his dangerous eyes flashed with golden light, his gaze turning to the skies as he pierced through the layers of space and observed a world quite a distance away.

'Which imbecile would interfere with fate at such a crucial juncture?'

Many thoughts and possibilities passed through the mind of the Grandmaster as he thought of the Cursed Item that would have served to bring even more order in the Universe, and this item being lost in the wind once more.

'Hmph, no matter what schemes are concocted in the dark, what are they but mere distractions when it comes to our power?'

A golden light of confidence shone throughout the monastery as the Grandmaster thought this simple thought, the surroundings releasing a burst of essence and glowing gold as if agreeing to his thoughts!

Confidence!

Utter and absolute confidence!

This was a sort of confidence that only came to those who believe in the surety of their power as the existence of the stars in the stellar space.

'Any who try to destroy Order will fall, this time will not be any different.'

The Grandmaster took his radiant Watering Can that released a rainbow-colored liquid filled with an overabundance of essence as he went back to watering the numerous Medicinal Plants peacefully, a scene of peace playing out on one of the Celestial Stars.