

Mana 551

Chapter 551 - A New Age

In a small region that used to be in the United Federation of Noah's homeworld, a human was sitting outside a small house that showed his status to be one living a simple life in the countryside.

There was a small barn to the side as this man had a few fields around him, the sounds of terrifying animals who were scared at the newly arriving and overflowing abundance of essence still apparent.

This human farmer was sitting outside as he stared at the new world around him in shock, having heard the voices of two beings declaring the name of this new Realm as he prepared to accept this reality!

The atmospheric essence had already made him have a breakthrough to what would be considered a Rank D Hunter, his eyes looking at the abundant essence around him as he grabbed his hoe that he used for farming and went towards the fields he normally tended to.

He could feel the soil of his field brimming with vibrant energies as he prepared to do some work and continue his simple farming life even in the midst of these unbelievable events.

There was no threat of monsters from dungeons, no foreign armies or lands invading, nothing. This small farmer wanted to continue his simple life as he went to tend towards his fields.

But this was when the sight in front of him rapidly changed, his body coming to a stop as he watched with an agape expressions seeds fell from the skies and dug into the ground, a powerful light shining down thereafter as vibrant plants sprouted in front of his eyes!

He watched as all the knowledge he built over the years about farming was violated, seeing flowers forming and then fruits erupting in a matter of seconds as his hoe dropped to the ground.

He reached out towards the now glistening fruits that had appeared in a matter of seconds from plants that did not exist before, bringing a blue-colored fruit in his hands that he bit down into. An explosion of essence erupted from the fruit and went through his body as the simple farmer shook his head, going to sit back down near his small house as a wide smile was apparent across his face as he watched this unfolding ridiculousness.

'What a ridiculous being...'

Such a thought crossed the mind of this farmer and the minds of many beings from many worlds that were currently integrated into the Infinite Realm, billions of beings beginning their new lives in this area as they began changing their common sense into things they never would have believed before.

It was a life-changing day for all of them, and time moved on as they quickly adapted to the wondrous landscapes and vibrant essence as the first day passed since the formation of the Infinite Realm.

Noah got the chance to experiment with many things while spending some time with his people, discussing the ways of governing this expansive realm with his powerful subordinates thereafter as many Officials had to be crowned to oversee the vast lands of the Infinite Realm.

The one at the forefront was Steel Mikhail, the being who had stayed back to look over Noah's homeworld with Sophia, being one of the few beings that could handle administrative tasks very well.

He would be continuing this role as he aided Sophia in delegating duties to many beings across the Infinite Realm, as Sophia now represented one of the few beings that held a connection with the System of this new realm.

The other being was the Blood Guardian of the former Ancient Blood World, this Guardian continuing his job of overseeing that region with the addition of many more.

The successful workings and future of this new realm did not just depend on Noah, but the many beings watching over things around him as he continued to do what he did best- rank up in power while creating the path forward.

His clone continued to play with the features of the Infinite Realm as his main body wrapped up the celebration and administrative tasks, letting the others carry on as he appeared in the skies of the Infinite Realm.

His eyes overlooked the colorful lands in this isolated space as he prepared to leave them, his right hand pointing out as he cast [Pocket Realm]!

RUMBLE!

Essence thundered forth as an illusory form of the large realm seemed to lift off the ground, coming towards him as it became small in size before solidifying on his palm.

He looked at this illusory realm as he could observe the formation of small floating landmasses within, each of them with their own colors as they signified a different Law Space.

This would be the [Pocket Realm] that he could carry with him as he moved around, being able to use features of the Infinite Realm like [Treasure Hunter], [Defensive Maneuvers], [Offensive Maneuvers], and many more!

Noah recalled the last time he used some of these features like the attacking capability of the Infinite Realm was way back when he was fighting against the Devilish Unveiler of the World of Cultivation, with him having not used these features for a long time as they continued to be upgraded with every upgrade until this point.

He looked forward to seeing the upgraded versions of all of these features as he continued forward, waving his hand as the Pocket Realm became minuscule and attached to his body, his figure disappearing from the enormous Infinite Realm!

It was a newly built expansive space that would take many days to fully be used to for many people, but he didn't have the luxury to slowly enjoy it as there was still a war in the outside worlds.

Even his second clone that remained in the Time Space of the Infinite Realm was getting back to training while playing with the features of [Master Farmer] and [Autonomous Planting and Harvesting] in order to create more plants filled with Fate and Chaos essence to further elevate his progression in these two laws, but that was it.

He left the long and arduous task of looking over these expansive lands which represented many worlds to his people, his main body disappearing as it flashed back to the battlefield above the starry void of space of the Verittas Fortress!

Chapter 552 - Formation of a Fearsome Celestial Legion

As his main body returned to resume the role of the 9th Infernal Lord, his first clone that he had switched with was now acting as Commander Crixus.

This Celestial Commander was currently leading his legion from the Witches Layer that had completely fallen under the influence of Celestials, and this was because he had received the command for him to join up with his Senior Sister who would soon be leading a Realm Dreadnaught!

The shocking news of the newly rising Commander Athena being thrust at such a spotlight confused many, but the moment they knew it was the words of the founder, they acquiesced as they welcomed this new change.

To them, it wasn't their job to question- but only to follow!

Thus, in a region in the Dark Expanse that had fallen under the control of Celestials, numerous warsh.i.p.s were congregating around an enormous one that shone with a menacing light.

This was the Realm Dreadnaught which was normally piloted by Star Forging individuals, and one could count Prime Warsh.i.p.s that made up multiple Legions being stationed around this enormous vessel.

This included the Legion of the Three-Eyed Fate Child, Grandmaster Light, Crixus, and even two more Legions under the control of Star Forging Celestial Commanders! These additional Legions made it so that another 2 Star Forging Experts on top of the two that the Founder had assigned to aid Athena would be joining the ranks of this new legion!

At this moment, Athena had stepped into the Realm Dreadnaught as she was surrounded by golden robed Celestials, her gaze going towards the two Star Forging Celestials that the being directly under the Founder, Golden Child, had assigned to help her.

The two powerful figures glanced at the World Rank Athena as they actually smiled towards her and spoke.

"We realize it is a bit of an odd situation, but you can trust in the wisdom of the Founder. If he says you are to lead us- you shall lead us to glory!"

RUMBLE!

Waves of power rolled out at these words as Athena adopted a strong look, stepping towards the two individuals as they pointed towards an exquisite octagonal shaped table built within this command room of the Realm Dreadnaught.

"This is the command center which you can use to relay all commands. Where you want the Prime Warsh.i.p.s, individual forces, the World Cannons attached to the Dreadnaught...everything is here. All that remains is for the two of us to provide energy at the Star Forging Realm to make sure it all runs smoothly."

The War Princess was guided towards the luminous octagonal table that was the command center, her hands playing with the things atop it as she familiarized herself with it.

If one looked deep in her eyes as she played with the commands of a fearsome weapon, they would see a shred of hesitation within them as even Athena did not fully believe in herself at this moment!

This was because she was thrust into the spotlight so quickly, where just after her first battle controlling a single legion, she was now about to control multiple.

"Per the words of the Founder, we are to heed your words and calls without question. We put our trust in you, War Princess!"

RUMBLE!

Behind her, the two Star Forging Celestials spoke as they placed their hands on their chest and bowed, everyone who was lesser than them in rank shooting to their knees as they paid respects to the new Commander of a Realm Dreadnaught!

Athena felt her heart shake at this scene as she hid the hands that were slightly trembling behind her, her eyes landing on the many beings paying respect towards her as she tried to adopt her usual cold expression.

She saw the blank-faced Three-Eyed Fate Child, the disbelieving Grandmaster Light, and then her eyes landed on a single man she knew too well.

She saw the calm and slightly playful gaze of Crixus as the trembling of her hands eased completely, her gaze gaining a confident light as she looked around the expansive room while speaking.

"I will not let you down!"

OOOOH!

Resonant yells greeted her as the Celestials rose, many of them reacquainting themselves as discussions erupted out.

Athena discussed a few more things with the Star Forging Commanders before she excused herself, looking towards Crixus as she sent a telepathic message and stepped out of the command room of the Realm Dreadnaught.

This enormous vessel was as large as a continent, numerous Prime Warsh.i.p.s being stationed on it as one could even get lost if they did not know where they were going.

Athena went towards the quarters meant for the Commander of such a Vessel where very few Celestials were located, the area being devoid of life as she stepped into a grand room that would put the castles of kings to shame.

This room had a one-sided mirror of walls that allowed those inside to see the beautiful starry space outside of the Realm Dreadnaught, which was now occupied by the small figures of moving Celestials and Prime Warsh.i.p.s.

Athena felt the door she entered through close behind her as the being she had been spending the most time with these past few months entered, his playful voice ringing out to reach her.

"I never expected you to advance this fast, Senior Sister."

"Hmph, stop that. Both I and you know this was purely on the whim of the Founder. Even right now I'm not sure I can..."

The gaze of the War Princess was hesitant as she stared out into the starry space visible from this room, the auras of hundreds of thousands of beings around her that she now held the control of fully weighing down on her!

Her hesitant expression eased as she felt the strong hands of Crixus wrap around her, his confident voice ringing out thereafter.

"You'll do just fine. After all...you have me by your side."

A red light that hid the many manipulative effects of the Sin of L.u.s.t was shining in Noah's eyes as he said this, the War Princess in front of him turning around as her gaze was more filled with valiancy and confidence!

Noah had never expected her progression of power to reach this level so quickly, but this being with the title of Noble Fate had gained a multitude of more uses because of it.

He would continue strengthening his control over her in the following days as he planned to make the full use of this War Princess that now controlled a Realm Dreadnaught occupied by two Star Forging Celestials!

Chapter 553 - A Terror Converses with a Founder

In the vastness of space, a myriad of beings lived with their own ideals as they looked for their purpose and meaning.

There was one such being, in particular, that was traversing the Letalis Expanse with a heavy weight on his shoulders, his eyes a mixture of colors as they were searching for a greater meaning!

The being looked aged as his figure rapidly shifted across the space of the Letalis Expanse, the space around him adopting a varying amount of dangerous elements of Aether.

His body was unconsciously pushing away these elements as he looked to be in a daze, his eyes only coming to focus after he reached a region where he found his body could actually not move forward anymore!

RUMBLE!

The body of the aged figure shook as he finally opened his eyes and awareness to his surroundings, noticing the chaotic elements of aether that danced around him as well as the opening of extremely red and enormously large eyes.

He could gradually see the iris and pupil of these eyes which reminded him of a memory of a long time ago, these oppressive eyes that shook one's soul being the size of planets!

OOOM!

The opening of the eyes gradually lit up the massive body which they were connected to, the aged man being able to see the roiling tentacles that crackled with Aether, each one more massive than the other as this terrible being in front of him seemed to be a wriggling moving mass of danger.

"Ahh...very sorry for disturbing you."

The aged man seemed to adopt an apologetic expression as he scratched his head and spoke, the enormous eyes of the Terror in front of him locking onto him as he felt an enormous amount of pressure!

The eyes shimmered with the power of Aether as they displayed utter coldness and brutality, seemingly deciding whether to wipe this being away from existence at this very moment for the disruption of his job.

"You did not come here accidentally, little creature. I remember your ugly face from a thousand years ago."

OOOM!

Sound waves that affected the very space itself rolled out as the aged man felt his skin tremble at it, even his power at the Nebula Realm not being able to grant him protection as all his senses told him- this Terror in front of him could wipe him out in a matter of seconds if he so wished!

Yet he had come here today! He had wandered until his figure reached the area where no beings were, one of the areas which released a fearsome aura that even the Ancients of the Letalis Expanse stayed away from.

"Are you searching for the sweet release of death, little creature?"

The voice of the Terror boomed out as the aged man rose his head up with an unshaven expression, this being- no, the third Founder of the Celestials, speaking out while in front of this terrifying being! Even though his figure seemed like a speck of dust compared to the Terror, he still brought himself to speak towards it without a shred of fear!

"I'm sure you know that my Brother is once more waging war against the Dark Expanse. His goal is very likely to be reached soon and I...I wonder why..."

His thoughts seemed to carry a sense of hesitation as he did not know exactly how to put everything to words, a silence descending briefly before the Terror spoke out again.

"Both you and Aldrich were shown the Truth. You lost all hope because of it, while he ignored it and continued on. That little creature should be more like you, as it would have saved him a whole lot of pain."

Words that seemed to carry profound wisdom and admonished at the same time rang out, the eyes of the Terror that were the size of planets actually beginning to close again after it found out the topic this being had raised forward. Its attitude actually said that it didn't find this topic worthy of its time, getting back to what it was originally doing!

"But...he nears completion of a Supreme Law because of his actions. Why don't you stop him once again like before...why won't you save the lives of billions...why sit here doing nothing?!"

RUMBLE!

BOOM!

The eyes of the Terror opened briefly once more as they released a shockwave which smashed the Third Founder back tens of miles, his body trembling with the residual destructive elements of Aether as he still looked towards the terror with an unwilling face.

"Careful of your words, boy."

OOOM!

A trace of coldness was carried in the words of the Terror as it continued.

"We can not act because of constraints placed on us because of our power. The last time we did, a heavy toll had to be paid! We do not act...because we do not need to."

The coldness faded as the enormous eyes of the Terror began closing once again.

"Whatever Aldrich aims to do, he will not succeed. She will not let him. She has made it so. All that will happen is the loss of billions, and She allows that as well. If She does not care for her own...Hmph, why should I? Just as you were shown it is futile, he will find out the same very soon."

The voice of the Terror shook in the Third Founder's mind as his words carried with them a mysterious meaning, his eyes snapping shut as the destructive Aether elements chaotically danced and permeated throughout.

The Third Founder looked at this as his eyes shook, unwillingness and despair floating within them as he continued to ask himself,

'Why? Why?! Why?!'

The question plagued his mind but held no answer, his body that had taken a single blast from the Terror beginning to move away as one could sense a deep sense of sadness within his figure.

This sadness stemmed from feelings of utter uselessness, of shame from his own actions, and of things he did not understand!

As he moved away from the overpowering area where a Terror resided he continued to ask himself repeatedly...

'Why...?'

Chapter 554 - Reinforcements, A Narrow Focus!

In the Verittas Fortress, a buzz of activity was going on as a large number of reinforcements were continuously arriving.

The Old Man Inuit had foreseen of what was to come as many pieces were moved towards the Verittas Fortress, the auras of multiple Star Forging experts being added as time passed. This arrival of multiple

new Star Forging experts was not the most surprising thing to happen at the Verittas Fortress though, as many beings watched in a stupor when the realm of the 9th Infernal Lord was revealed the moment he returned!

His devilish handsomeness seemed to have increased as he reappeared next to his Infernal Legion, his aura actually standing stably at the Star Forging Realm as the Legion which waited for him at the Verittas Fortress welcomed this new level of strength with even more vigor.

"Ready to serve!"

"Ready to destroy!"

OOOH!

Soon after, the appearance of the powerful beasts that followed the Infernal Lord reappeared, with their realms shockingly being at the World Rank.

Many of the beings at the Verittas Fortress nearly doubted their eyes at this scene as they knew they saw these beasts at the Domain Realm just in the last battle, and yet now just a day later multiple of them returned at the World Realm!

Was it so easy for one to advance realms nowadays?!

Did World Rank experts grow on trees?!

They watched on with disbelieving gazes as an arrogant Emperor Penguin flaunted his aura at the World Rank, its beady eyes watching the newly arriving reinforcements with its beak raised high.

RAA! RAA! RAA!

Cries that seemed to foretell of future victories rang out as more beings packed the defensive stronghold that was the Verittas Fortress. Commanding Mage Turner who had been overseeing this stronghold for the past months was currently relinquishing his control over to the newly arriving Star Forging Grand Mage that Edrusim sent over, this powerful figure learning all about the defenses of the Fortress as they prepared for an attack unlike anything they had faced before in this war.

This was because they had received the crucial information that an enormous Legion was being formed on the Celestial's side made up of multiple Star Forging individuals, terrible beings like the War Princess Athena, Crixus the Destroyer, and even Special Existences joining this Legion!

This wasn't to mention the Star Forging Golden Commanders, two of which would be piloting a Realm Dreadnaught that was known for wiping away planets with ease while using the terribly powerful weapons on this vessel.

Thus, the side of the Dark Expanse was preparing as the defenses were reinforced, a Star Forging Vampyre Lord and the 6th Infernal Lord at the Star Forging Realm both leading their Legions to the Verittas Fortress.

OOOOH!

The fearsome chants of the Infernals could be heard as the mindset of many of the beings in the Verittas Fortress was actually not fearful, many of them feeling confident even with the news that a Realm Dreadnaught would be heading their way sooner or later.

This was because they all knew the single being who held too many surprises protecting them- the 9th Infernal Lord that had actually trashed two Star Forging Celestials when his realm was still at the World Rank!

Now that his strength seemed to have grown a whole other level, the confidence in the hearts of the defenders of the Dark Expanse was actually bolstered even more.

Noah saw the eyes watching him on the battlefield as they all emanated hope while looking towards him, his heart remaining firm as he continued to enhance his strength in order to remain confident himself. This was not turning out to be an issue as his second clone continued to work hard in the Time Space of the Infinite Realm, the first skill tree in his tool kit advancing into the Star Forging Rank.

As he continued to advance forward and saw the scarceness of the Skill Points with their increasing uses in both Skill Points and when unlocking skill trees, he was planning on focusing on a few specific skill trees! He was planning on focusing on the Skill Trees of the Supreme Laws, as well as the Skill Tree dealing with the abilities of a Terror!

Instead of raising multiple skill trees and spreading his scarce Skill Points across multiple trees that would just be at the Star Forging Realm, he planned to focus on two, or at most three- as he planned to raise them to the powerful Nebula Realm.

This led for his clone to fully shift his focus onto a single tree as its proficiencies were wrapped up efficiently, the first Skill Tree to step into the Star Forging Realm being the Lesser Cthulhu tree!

From the small stage of Lesser Cthulhu until reaching the World Rank Juvenile Terror, Noah chose the next upgrade of this skill tree to be...[Terror of Aether- Cthulhu(Young)].

RUMBLE!

As soon as the requirements were met and the sacrificial skills required given, a unique energy signature erupted out even though he had yet to even activate any of the new abilities of this skill tree!

When he went forward to upgrade this skill tree, the Terror that was trying to return to slumber while spreading his expansive senses out in order to return to his job was woken up once more, a grumble of annoyance ringing out from him!

His eyes that were the size of stars opened slowly once more as he was interrupted for the 2nd time today, the annoyance palpable as the destructive Aether rolled around him.

This was not the first time the Terror of Aether had sensed its unique energy signature being displayed elsewhere. Every time this signature appeared, the Terror had paid it very little heed as it was very weak. Yet today, it felt extremely potent- to the point that the Terror could say it felt like the energy he released when he was first born!

The enormous red eyes for stars twinkled in the vastness of space as they seemed to be in thought, closing to return to slumber once more as the Terror ignored all distractions to focus on the job he was assigned. Yet, he could not stop letting a thought pass through.

'Must you always experiment with more? Can you not be happy with all of us right now...?'

A question was asked from the mind of one of the most powerful beings in the Novus Galaxy, but he received no answer as the river of time continued forward!

One could sense loneliness and feelings of neglect in these thoughts, the history they carried being something very few could understand!

Chapter 555 - [The Terror of Aether- Cthulhu(Young)]

In the Celestial Realm, a white robed man was standing in front of a clear illusory gold barrier that stretched for miles.

The area around him was filled to the brim with sparkling vegetation that had drunk in too much essence, the illusory gold barrier actually seeming to blend and match in the surroundings as if by design!

The eyes of the Founder, Aldrich, flashed with an unknown light as his hands reached out to touch this gold barrier as immense vibration rumbled out, his hand being pushed back explosively thereafter.

OOOM!

Ripples spread out from this event before everything quieted down soon after, Aldrich staring at this barrier with cold eyes as the emotions hidden within threatened to spill out. It was at this time that a gold light descended down, his expression changing as he actually saw a change in the river of fate!

This time, it concerned the recent move he made of placing multiple Celestials with unique abilities into a single Legion, the information he received at this moment actually telling him the fates of these beings that were grey before- which meant that their fate could go either way-, had actually turned dark at this moment.

Aldrich did not know, but this was also the exact moment that Noah went forth to upgrade his Lesser Cthulhu skill tree in the Star Forging Realm, gaining the [Terror of Aether- Cthulhu(Young)]!

Aldrich gave a light sigh as he sent out a telepathic message to the Golden Child in response to this change.

"Have another Realm Dreadnaught accompany the one that the young Athena would lead. Double the number of Star Forgers."

RUMBLE!

Waves of golden essence spread out as he received the affirmation from the Golden Child, his golden eyes overlooking the paradisiacal atmosphere past the golden barrier as he saw the fates that had turned dark just a moment ago return to shining grey, and that was all!

'Not even a fate of fortune from the doubling of forces...?'

He shook his head at the unfairness of it all as his ideals were even further reinforced.

Yes, he thought of the unfairness! This was because he knew what he was up against. He was fighting against the Novus Galaxy itself!

Where even to the point that he had some of the most powerful forces in this Galaxy, he still had not been able to get his wishes achieved. Even now when he was waging a war against beings in the Dark Expanse that were much less powerful than his forces, he only recently found success- and that was after multiple plans and sacrifices of powerful pieces.

When he recalled the enemy he was up against, he would occasionally feel a sense of helplessness as he recalled the reason why his third brother had also left him. But Aldrich had squashed this sense of helplessness every time it erupted, his gaze becoming firm again as he knew he still had a card to play that could grant him victory against his enemy!

This was because he was focused on a part that his enemy had slightly less control of...and that was the universal laws!

As long as he could completely comprehend just a single Supreme Law...as long as...

His hands reached out to the golden barrier in the Celestial Realm that prevented anybody from venturing out further, his gaze switching from ruthlessness and longing as his eyes hid an enormous drive for his goals that were bordering on madness!

Across the vast space, Noah himself was looking at the enhanced skill tree that now held the addition of [Terror of Aether- Cthulhu(Young)]

STAR FORGING [Amorphous Space Beast] (15/15) :: Abilities- Spatial Cage(5/5), Destabilize(5/5), Shattered Star(5/5), and Miniature Space(5/5). >> [Lesser Cthulhu] (45/45) :: Additional Abilities- Morph(5/5), Child of Space(5/5), Portals of Terror(5/5), and Sever(5/5). >> [Kin of Terror] (60/60) :: Additional Abilities- Aether Reinforcement (5/5), Multiplicative Ray Support (5/5), Triple on Cast Support (5/5), Lunacy Inducement (5/5) >> [Fledgling Aether Terror] (75/75) :: Additional Abilities- Aether Emission (5/5), Aether Chain Support (5/5), Fatal Ailment Support (5/5), Size Distortion (5/5) >> [Juvenile Terror] (100/100) :: Unique Being (5/5), Compounded Terror Support (5/5), Unnatural Size Support (5/5) Tentacle Manifestation (5/5). >> [Terror of Aether- Cthulhu(Young)] (50/125) :: [Masterful Aether Control](5/5), [Aether Star Form](5/5), [Descension of Madness](5/5), [Anomalous Aether Construct Support](5/5)

[Masterful Aether Control] :: The Aether that surrounds the Young Cthulhu is able to be controlled as the ability to form Aether Weapons is granted.

[Aether Star Form] (5/5) :: The Size Distortion and Unnatural Size Support abilities are further enhanced as the user is now able to take on the Star Form of the Terror of Aether. The size of the form taken is as large as a star.

[Descension of Madness] (5/5) :: The essence of madness unique to the Terror of Aether spreads out as an area of attack ability that plunges enemies into a state of madness.

[Anomalous Aether Construct Support] (5/5) :: The versatility of [Sever] is further enhanced. Every time the released Aether Ray from this ability hits an enemy, a construct of unstable Aether forms as it finds the nearest enemy to attach to as it discharges destructive Aether until it dies.

An additional four abilities were clearly listed in front of his eyes as they shone with a light of confidence. The unlocked skill tree at the Star Forging Realm was as terrifying as he expected from the abilities of a Terror, even if it was a young one!

When one looked at the new abilities, they might say how [Descension of Madness] and [Anomalous Aether Construct Support] seemed spectacular enough as they were, or they might even say [Masterful Aether Control] was slightly subpar.

But no matter the side, when one looked at the ability that was termed [Aether Star Form]...they would be forced to agree that it was utterly ridiculous, as it would actually give Noah a size large enough to be considered a star!

A star!!!

Chapter 556 - Wish for more wishes?

As Noah upgraded the Cthulhu skill tree into the Star Forging Realm and looked over its ridiculously powerful abilities, he became increasingly conscious of the number of skill points that continued to dwindle!

This brought him to look towards the feature of [Skill Creation] once more as he wondered of even more possibilities through this feature that would allow him not to just spend skill points, but possibly gain them.

To understand this process, one must recall that for Noah to gain skill points in the first place, it was only made possible because he was an entirely different existence compared to the Infernals before he went on to become one himself.

The Infernals were not just another Race that lived in the Novus Galaxy, they were unique existences that the vast majority of did not even have their own free will, their hearts only knowing destruction and their purpose of opposing the Celestials! Only the Infernal Lords that stood at the highest peaks of Infernals could be considered different.

Noah was able to gain Skill Points because of this, and he instinctively knew that some time in the future, he would meet other beings that were a separate existence than him- and this would give him the chance to amass more skill points once more.

Yet he now looked at the [Skill Creation] feature that gave out skills in exchange for Skill Points as he wondered if it might be possible to bypass a wait time of who knew how long and begin amassing skill points even sooner. He was thinking of the possibility of whether he could create a skill...which allowed him to get more skill points!

He had not seen the full extent that [Skill Creation] could be used, his mind only focusing on combat or non combat skills so far. What if thought outside the box? It felt like a light bulb had lit up inside his mind as while he remained in the Verittas Fortress awaiting for the next attack the Celestials would

throw this way, he began tinkering with the possibility of a new skill that was unlike any he had made so far.

His thoughts were relayed to the System as he properly classified and added many small details and restrictions to make sure that the idea he was thinking of would not be too expensive. But if this idea was even feasible...then it would open up a brand new world of possibilities.

A few minutes passed and soon enough, a beautiful blue light shone in the stat panel as the System computed the feasibility of the inputted skill, and exactly what it would cost to bring it to life!

[Origin Conversion: Skill Point Absorption] - By using defeated enemies as a base, their very Origin is converted into usable Skill Points for the user. While this skill is active, enemies will not drop any form of loot aside from the skill points. This method produces 50% of the skill points that the user would normally gain from defeating separate existences. Cost of Skill Creation: 10,000

A distinct skill that shone in his eyes but seemed out of reach appeared, the 10,000 skill points price tag for an ability that would allow him to possibly amass skill points again being something he could not pay! Yet, he did not give up as he added even more restrictions to this possible ability, seeing whether he could bring this price tag down to an affordable level!

He started with the percentage he placed compared to when he received skill points from Infernals as he brought it down from 50% and to 25%, the price only dropping by 3000. He gritted his teeth as he changed this to 5%, the price only dropping by another 3000! He continued to experiment as he added more and more conditions until a semi possible skill was displayed in front of his eyes.

[Origin Conversion: Skill Point Absorption] :: By using defeated enemies as a base, their very Origin is converted into usable Skill Points for the user. While this skill is active, enemies will not drop any form of loot aside from the skill points. This method produces *5% of the skill points that the user would normally gain from defeating separate existences. *The user provides all the mana required for the conversion of Origins into skill points. *Only those at the level of Soul Rank or higher are capable of condensing skill points. Cost of Skill Creation: 300

"..."

After numerous restrictions and an extremely small percentage compared to how fast he acquired skill points from Infernals, a usable skill appeared!

'Take it!'

His eyes shone with l.u.s.ter as he even had to reduce some points from the Abyssal Lich and Juvenile Ancient skill trees to be able to pay the price in full, but he did it without question as it gave him a pathway to gaining more skill points when he had no way to at this time!

He also had the perfect opportunity to use it as he knew a great number of enemies would be making their way over to the Verittas Fortress very soon.

His heart was already content when he realized that multiple Star Forging Golden Commanders were making their way over with Athena and even himself in the lead, but even this thought was proved to be wrong as Noah's clone that was acting as Crixus began seeing the arrival or more Legions that began to cl.u.s.ter around the already bustling area.

His clone was enjoying a meal with Athena when he began to see the addition of even more Celestials, his excitement rising as he saw more and more of them, because it meant his newly created [Origin Conversion: Skill Point Absorption] would be able to greatly display its usefulness as he planned to regain the full skill point cost he spent of this skill and then push past it as he collected more skill points for the future!

Chapter 557 - What are you fighting for? I

As Noah's watched the continued formation of a fearsome Legion, the commander that would actually have a large amount of control over it was in the same room as him enjoying his food that now had the added taste of [Five Star Chef].

His eyes moved towards Athena at this time as he decided in his mind that it was time, this War Princess having come extremely far into a place he couldn't have even expected- but it was now time to put his months long efforts into realized results.

"Athena, what exactly are you fighting for?"

He threw out a question as he placed his drink down onto the regal dining table, the War Princess looking towards him with a content smile before she saw his seriousness and stood straight, replying to him with careful eyes.

"Of course, I'm fighting for order and balance. I'm fighting to bring an end to endless chaos that is permeating through the Novus Galaxy."

A simple, sharp, and quick answer came out as Athena regained her valiant look, glancing towards Noah questioningly as she wondered why he would ask this question now.

"For order and balance...huh? So you would point your sword to whoever is sowing chaos?"

Noah's eyes shone with l.u.s.ter as Athena found herself attracted to their light, not being able to pull away as her gaze tightened even further while replying.

"Of course."

"Then..."

Noah heard the strong reply of the War Princess as he waved his hands, an illusory screen appearing in front of the both of them as it depicted a certain star.

This star could have been any random one across the Novus Galaxy, but it was a particularly important one as Athena's eyes widened when she saw it!

This was because she had seen this star a very long time ago when she was being led away from it- when she was saved by a certain Celestial called Grandmaster Luo!

This was the same Grandmaster Luo that had been the first Grandmaster to fall into Noah's hands when he saved the Magus World some time ago.

This was the Grandmaster that Noah had devoured and gained the memories of, learning a great deal of things from this Celestial that had 'saved' Athena from her dying planet. He gained all the memories of

this being as he now showed them in the illusory screen in front of him, showing the exact truth of what happened tens of years ago on a Small World called Esylla!

"What is...?!"

"Watch."

A flicker of light shone from Noah's eyes as Athena watched the scene playing out. It displayed Grandmaster Luo overlooking the Small World called Esylla as he held a contemplative look before waving his hands towards it.

An indiscernible flicker of light spread out from his hands as it descended towards this star, dyeing it a flicker of gold before Grandmaster Luo descended down into the star himself.

"Grandmasters raise their power through a variety of ways. Whether through war to gain more influence or fate lines, or those with more freedom choosing to focus on a singular world as they practice their techniques of fate."

Noah narrated as the illusory scene playing out in front of them rapidly changed to show Grandmaster Luo setting up and beginning to live on this star, his focus on the unknowing inhabitants living within as he actually...began personally acting in the dark to influence the history of this world!

Whether it was by sowing discord among factions or assassinating rulers and placing the blame on other groups...anything that he could do to influence the fates of the beings living on this star- he did!

"The Grandmaster Luo you knew particularly loved experiencing the changes of the fate of billions under his fingertips, choosing worlds such as this to carry out his aims as he only sought a single thing."

Yes! This was also the reason why Luo had descended onto the Magus World with his disciples- it was to alter the fates of the beings living there as they gained a more intricate control of their techniques and fate lines!

The illusory scene in front of them continued playing as it showed the passage of time, showing Grandmaster Luo continuing to affect the state of affairs of this world as it went from a stable one into one filled with wars and conflict.

The inhabitants living within could not even explain how they found themselves on this state, only fighting countless wars as they began destroying the world they lived on in the process.

At this time, the illusory scene changed as it showed a small girl dressed in worn down clothes looking at the lifeless bodies of two humans, her gaze blank and not even being able to shed any more tears as the ones she knew as her parents did not open their eyes anymore.

This was the time that Grandmaster Luo had first observed the young Athena...and it was due to the uniqueness that surrounded her in this world full of chaos and ruin, a world that Luo himself had set on this path!

He noticed this being called Athena during one of the days when he monitored the different regions of the world, noticing this girl that had lost both her parents and yet was somehow still surviving.

Luo watched on for weeks as this girl buried her own parents and began living on her own, fighting against those that wished her harm as she also escaped deadly situations with her life hanging by a thread. Luo watched this repeat multiple times before a few thoughts entered his mind, his lips moving as they could be seen on the illusory scene playing out.

"This world might have even more surprises..."

Athena's body was shaking as she watched this scene and heard Grandmaster Luo's words, her mind being carried back to when she was young and watched as her parents passed away, and as she struggled to live until one day- a single man appeared in front of her that changed her entire life!

"Child, you seem to be in a great deal of pain."

Full of compassion and wisdom, Grandmaster Luo had appeared in front of her not because he had just happened to pass this ruined world and noticed her uniqueness and talent- but because he was the cause of such ruin as he just happened to notice one of the beings on this world that was actually changing her own fate multiple times.

Coming close to death and surviving every time, beating odds that are stacked against you- Luo thought of all this as he associated it with a single thing...and that was the possibility of a being having a Noble Fate!

He had appeared in front of Athena while lending out a helping hand to lift her from this ruined world that he had in fact made so himself, the Light of mercy shining in his eyes as he called out to her.

"There is too much chaos being spread across worlds nowadays. Child, come with me. I will teach you how to bring order and balance in these chaotic times...so that no other worlds can share the same fate as yours."

With a gaze filled with light and mercy, Luo had reached out to the young War Princess that he ruined the home world of, and called to her to join the same ranks as him!

Chapter 558 - What are you fighting for? II

Athena's entire body was shaking as she watched the scenes playing out in front of her, Noah's voice ringing out beside her as he watched the same thing.

"Effectively causing the death of your parents and billions more, and then appearing before you in order to see you from the misfortune that he himself created. This is what you are fighting for?"

RUMBLE!

The question struck Athena like a hammer as she watched the scenes continue. Watching as Grandmaster Luo took her from her world as they appeared in the void of space where he actually turned around and made her watch the destruction of her own world!

"We cannot do much to save them now, the chaos has spread too much."

Luo had said this as the ignorant Athena kept her eyes forward, not noticing as this being at the World Rank flicked his fingers and initiated the destruction of her own homeworld as a final action for his research.

"I will take you back to a Celestial Star where you can be trained with powerful techniques that will allow you to save worlds like yours."

Luo spoke with confidence as invisible Fate Lines descended unto him from destroying the fates of billions.

"If you work hard enough, you will be able to gain the strength required to bring order and balance amidst chaos such as this."

Athena recalled these same words she heard as a child, the same words that she made her conviction for seeking strength and power until now!

THUMP!

She could feel her heart beat as she slumped down with sunken eyes, her eyes not being able to leave the scenes on the screen as the life of Grandmaster Luo continued.

It showed him bringing her to the 7th Celestial Star, it showed her receiving [Fate's Disciple] and other techniques as her identity as a being with Noble Fate was confirmed, and it showed the appearance of Grandmaster Vredral as he talked with Luo on taking Athena as his disciple!

"Luo, I know that bad habit of yours is the reason you were able to find a being like her in an unknown world. You probably destroyed her star just to finish your routine!"

Vredral was looking towards Luo as he asked to be Athena's Master, Luo glancing towards him as he replied.

"Brother Vredral, don't say it like you haven't messed with the fates of a few worlds yourself. You've become much more reserved after returning from the Celestial Realm."

"Hmph."

Athena's eyes became darker as she realized even the living Grandmaster Vredral knew of the hidden secrets of Luo, and even he himself did similar things in the past before he went to and returned from the Celestial Realm!

She watched as Vredral used his status on the 7th Celestial Star to obtain the rights of training the young warrior that would be known as the War Princess, and then watched on as Grandmaster Luo went on to return to his methods of cultivation and raising fate lines by directly influencing the fates of others!

"This is the order and balance you strive for? From the beings that are sowing the most chaos in the Novus Galaxy?"

Noah's words continued to smash towards her like sharp knives as Athena's eyes remained on the scenes in front of her, her mind not knowing how to proceed as Noah's voice became even firmer.

"You also went along and destroyed an entire world yourself. I ask you again, was that balance?!"

RUMBLE!

Her gaze shook as she turned from the screen and looked towards Noah, seeing a cold gaze she had not seen on him before.

"From the same beings that hiddenly go around ruining and destroying worlds for the sake of increasing their Fate Lines, you listened to their words and used a vessel to destroy a world with billions residing within!"

"For what reason!"

RUMBLE!

A red light erupted out as Athena coiled back, her expression filled with uncertainty, shame, anger, fear, and a myriad of more emotions.

Her eyes shook even more as she looked at Noah and felt an inexplicable sense of pain. This was the only being she had opened up to after tens of years, the only one she truly felt happy and safe around as they trained and rose in power together!

Yet this being was looking at her with such coldness that it made the pain she felt on top of everything else even worse!

"That's it? Just blankly stare after knowing and even possibly realizing that you are the one spreading chaos in all of this?"

"This Last War that you are now leading, why should the beings of the Dark Expanse not defend themselves as you all attacked them 1000 years ago and then you repeat the same thing now?"

"The innocents of the world you destroyed, the innocents you are killing now, the chaos and discord you're sowing now- what can you do to atone for it all?!"

RUMBLE!

Question after question seemed to strike towards her as she looked towards Noah with an unfocused gaze.

"I...I can't..."

She had no words to say as her gaze traveled back and forth from Noah and onto the illusory screen he showed that continued to replay scenes of Grandmaster Luo's life over and over again.

Her mind was reeling as the basis of reasoning she had built her strength on was crumbling, the effect of it on her mental state exacerbated even more with the inclusion of Noah!

'Was I really...'

Doubt and pain clouded her as she recalled the images on her parents and the apathetic Luo that caused it all, the images of Vredral and his cold gaze as he bargained for a position as her Master while using his status...numerous images passed through her mind as Noah's voice rang out once more.

"Whether you want to or not, you will atone for all that you have done."

"You said you will point your sword against all those spreading chaos, that your purpose is to maintain order and balance. Now, you will fulfill that in a much truer sense!"

Athena raised her head towards Noah as she looked at this being that looked familiar yet seemed so distant. He looked so warm yet felt so cold! Her voice was hoarse as it left her mouth.

"...impossible. Nothing can be done..."

Her gaze was that of someone that had lost all hope in what she believed in, of someone that had no reason to do anything anymore!

"Nothing is impossible, my dear Senior Sister."

Noah's voice was cold as he placed his hand on her chin and raised her head, moving the dark hair from her face as he stared her dead in the eyes and spoke out as his eyes shone with l.u.s.ter!

"After all, you have me by your side, remember?"

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Chapter 559 - Painful Coldness!

For a particular War Princess, it was an extremely rough day as under the influence of Noah, she experienced a slew of the hidden truth that she may have even already known, but it was now made more apparent with the life history of the Grandmaster that was very much involved in her being where she was now!

More than an hour had passed since Noah had begun playing the life history of Grandmaster Luo on the illusory screen, and Athena stood up at this moment with a blank gaze that just seemed tired.

"...what do you want?"

Her eyes seemed to have no emotions as she stared at Noah, only shaking thereafter as an overwhelming power descended around her.

"It is never about what I want, Senior Sister. It has always been about your goals. Your purpose is to establish order and balance, pointing your sword against all enemies that sow chaos. You will simply do that."

Athena felt the overpowering essence of a Star Forging Realm individual squeezing her defenses as she deprecatingly let out a hollow laugh, realizing her Junior Brother had always been ahead of her as always!

Her tired eyes looked out to the numerous warsh.i.p.s surrounding the Realm Dreadnaught as she spoke.

"You're planning on using my new status to destroy this huge force?"

The War Princess was still actively thinking as always, seeing Noah's overall plan as she felt his power and irresistible red light that seemed to always be erupting from his eyes.

"Naturally, your atonement will begin there. Whatever judgment falls upon you thereafter...well, that will be your fate."

Noah was saying this as his hands reached out towards Athena's head, the red light in his eyes beginning to shine ever brighter as Athena felt her mind and thought becoming cloudy, her mouth moving slowly before Noah could do whatever he intended!

"You do not need to put me in any mental state..."

Noah paused at her words as the War Princess rose up while dusting the thin robe she wore.

"My new state will most likely be found out by the other Star Forgers if you do, and I most likely will not be able to carry out my role as a commander as I normally would."

Her emotionless eyes looked towards him as a tinge of her valiancy returned, her words continuing.

"I...I also wish to look upon Vredral and ask him...If we really are the ones sowing chaos, I will stay true to my heart and seek judgment for us all."

She looked towards him as light was gradually returning to her eyes, her gaze locking towards him with only a slight tremble!

Noah's hands coldly moved as he initiated one of the newly gained abilities from the upgraded Terror of Aether skill tree, it was [Masterful Aether Control]!

A crackling ring of destructive Aether erupted between them, a golden light of fate going on to cover it as it turned into a thin golden line. This line went on to pierce into Athena's chest as she felt a tinge of pain, Noah's voice ringing out thereafter.

"That is a destructive strike of Aether veiled by the light of fate. It is currently going on to wrap around your heart, veiled from being seen by anyone other than you and me. And for even more assurance..."

Noah placed a destructive ring of Aether around Athena's heart as he also went towards her, glistening fangs erupting from his mouth as he turned her face to the side and exposed her slender neck!

Athena's eyes followed his as she didn't even portray the surprise in her eyes, her gaze only watching emotionlessly as Noah's bit into her and she felt the intrusion of a strong authority of blood that was changing her very Origin into something else!

"Ahh..."

She could have normally resisted or even put up a fight, but her mixture of mental state did no such thing as she let everything happen, her body feeling pain and pleasure she had not felt before.

Noah released his fangs as he watched the body of Athena convulsing, her blood gaining the quality of a normal Vampyre as he did not even grant her a bloodline of a Pure or Royal Vampyre, but one of the lowest ranks!

RUMBLE!

Fate Lines and Chaos Particles floated around them crazily as many shot into Noah's body, but the essence of Fate and Chaos also descended onto Athena's body as she gained the right to be called Noah's subordinate, gaining the boosts of his two Guider Type Abilities!

Athena felt the change in her blood as well as the descent of a powerful essence of fate and chaos, her gaze towards Noah constantly changing as she now felt a sense of domination that she could not even say no to.

Noah then waved his hands towards her as her bloodline, any of the chaos and fate essence...everything that he wanted to be hidden and remain beneath was covered through the use of [Unique Origin] while also using <<Herald of Fate>> to cloud the fate of this being in front of him.

With this, he finally came to a stop as he stared at the War Princess who had straightened up and looked towards him emotionlessly.

"Are we done?"

She brought forth a question that seemed to contain many meanings, her eyes hiding the biggest emotion of pain she felt currently as she gazed towards Noah. She felt pain every time she stared at the cold gaze he showed towards her, at none of the warmth or teasing she was used to before! Her question seemed to be filled with double meanings as she asked whether they were done!

Noah's luminous eyes locked toward her unshaking gaze as he only replied passively.

"I will send you telepathic messages on how to move from now on. Just be ready."

His words were devoid of emotion as he looked at her while she nodded and replied.

"If you could please leave, I would like to prepare."

She said these words as she looked around at the areas where they were just spending time on. On the dining table they ate on, on the bed they slept on, on the blank space where he showed an illusory screen not too long ago. She looked at all of this as she then observed the back of a man that seemed like a towering mountain to be leaving the room.

The moment Noah left the room and closed the door behind him, the War Princess within slumped to the ground as tears freely spilled from her shaking eyes!

Her body trembled as the entire belief system she had was brought down on this day, and the only person who could have even been there to comfort her was not there anymore! Her eyes shook as she realized that apart from everything else...she had no one to even hold her at a time like this.

No one!

On the other side of the door, Noah's eyes were cold as he moved away. He felt like he had won, and yet...

Chapter 560 - Nearly There!

The concept of laws was very hard and mysterious to understand, but some beings were extremely talented and used many ways to comprehend these laws and use them to their advantage.

If one found a loophole or a certain System to help them, even crossing the threshold that many could not even near on laws such as those placed on the level of Supreme was not that hard.

For Aldrich, he had found one such loophole- but even with the use of it, it had still taken him hundreds of years just to near completion in this single law!

The current remaining Founder of the Celestials was still meditating in front of a certain gold barrier in the Celestial Realm as line after line of fate descended down onto him, the ongoing war in the Dark Expanse continuing to provide him with Fate Lines.

The War was not just occurring in strongholds like the Verittas Fortress, but also in thousands of other locations as the lives of hundreds of billions were constantly being affected. Some of these locations didn't have flashy Commanders carrying out magnificent battles like the few that were mentioned before, but their battles also held great significance as each of them came together to make for a singular result that was taking place right now.

The result of all of these small battles across the Dark Expanse came together to provide Aldrich more and more Fate Lines, his eyes opening brightly as he reached 9,917,134 Fate Lines at this moment!

99% comprehension of the Supreme Law of Fate!

All he required was less than 100,000 Fate Lines, less than a single percentage and his goals would be achieved.

His eyes shook with a strong light as he felt as if all his goals were right in front of him, as if he could actually reach out and grasp them with just a wave of his hands! He looked at the golden barrier of light that stood between him and something wondrous as he knew the moment he achieved the full comprehension of the Law of Fate, this barrier would not be a problem for him!

This was because he could feel the barrier was created by the essence of fate, but it was so pure that nobody in the Novus Galaxy could have achieved its level of purity. Not unless they had mastered this Supreme Law.

"When I first began my journey, I thought I was a chosen child you know?"

He spoke out with a reminiscent smile while staring at the golden barrier of light, Fate Lines continuing to descend around him every now and then.

"Stronger than all of my peers, venturing into the vastness of space and even coming across this bountiful Central Realm. It felt like I was on a golden path of greatness that only climbed higher...a path meant for things I could not even imagine."

Yes! He felt like a hero writing his own story, his adventures only seeming to propel him higher and higher as time passed!

"Yet you tore all that down in a matter of minutes. Erased years worth of work in but an instant as you sent just a single one of your lackeys you call Terrors. Do you know how mad you can drive someone by dangling something so great in front of them only to take it away thereafter? Without so much as a word?!"

His voice was gradually rising higher and higher, one being able to see the light of madness slowly shining out of the depth of genius of a being that was actually pitting himself against his own home!

"It's enough to make any being take drastic measures."

The light in his eyes shimmered down as he moved his hands forward and twirled the golden essence of fate around him.

"The recent events have made me wonder though- have you found another toy to play with? Another being you're planning on elevating to a high stature?"

His eyes shone with the light and knowledge that felt terrifying for a single being to have, speaking about things he should have no conclusive ideas about, but he knew he was thinking in the right direction!

"I wonder...if you will tear them down from that high place you're elevating them just like you did to me..."

His thoughtful expression remained on his face as he rose up, nobody being able to answer his question as the golden light of fate wrapped around him. He glanced at the golden barrier one last time before he began moving away.

"Well, it doesn't really matter. I'm nearly there. All of this, even you...none of it will matter."

He said these words in a foreboding tone as he seemed to have a grander plan at hand than just the Last War and achieving complete comprehension of a Supreme Law. As for what exactly he had planned? Only he knew at this moment!

In the Infinite Realm, Noah's second clone was transforming the medicinal plants filled with the essence of Chaos and Fate that he just harvested from [Automatic Planting and Harvesting] into pills while using the [Alchemy Hall] feature, the upgrades this time allowing the process of pill formation to be even faster than when he used his {Forge of Silver Flame} skill.

His gaze was playing out the events with Athena as he popped these pills filled with the essence of fate and chaos, the number of Chaos Particles and Fate Lines continuing to increase within him on top of the vibrant show of colors playing out around him as he was also performing dual cultivation for both fate and chaos, and fire and water.

His rapid progression of laws became even faster as his mind was thinking of the coming battle that would be unlike anything else, the involvement of multiple Star Forging Experts as well as the play he would have to enact with Athena.

All of these things swirled around his mind as he continued to move with three bodies, hundreds of Chaos Particles and Fate Lines continuing to rush towards him ceaselessly. While others would take numerous weeks or months to achieve just 100,000 Fate Lines, he was doing it in a matter of days or sometimes just hours!

This created a situation where two beings in the Novus Galaxy were all racing towards the complete comprehension of a Supreme Law, but their speeds were so vastly different that they could not even be compared!