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Chapter 1151

"The Void?! I suppose you know of that place because you are a Daemos. I suggest that you never become interested in that place because even the gods of Pandemonium do not like that place. I have never been there but the gods that tried to traverse there became insane and became Distorted Gods." The Goddess of Protection Bastet stated.

"Distorted Gods?" Adrian exclaimed.

"Distorted Gods are gods that have turned their divinity into something that will corrupt all those that follow them. All their negative emotions will be transferred to their followers and will make them no less than savage beasts. Do you wonder why some of the followers of the dark gods become grotesque monsters while some retain their human form?" The Goddess of Protection Bastet stated.

"You mean to say that the Dark Gods are different from these so-called Distorted Gods?" Adrian asked.

"The term Dark Gods was used back then to describe us gods that came from beyond the darkness of the universe of Pandemonium. Although, it is not wrong to say that a majority of the dark gods are Distorted Gods. Some of the Dark Gods were unlucky enough to traverse the void when they traveled between universes.

The Void is like a nexus of some sort where it is in between. A place between different places which can be a shortcut to other universes but dangerous to traverse. It is not a place where even gods can safely travel beyond. Those that were unlucky enough to survive the journey became Distorted versions of themselves and what they represent." The Goddess of Protection Bastet stated which made Adrian's jaw drop.

He could not believe that the Void is actually that dangerous, but the inhabitants actually welcomed him. If the world were to know that the Daemos are actually welcomed there, then would the view of the gods about their race change. Will the Daemos be treated as the ultimate evil because they are said to have originated from the Void itself.

"Come to think of it? The Asmodian progenitor of the Daemos was rather strange as well. He was rather lonesome and just by himself, but he did his duty perfectly. Strange...why can I not remember what his name is or what he looks like?" The Goddess of Protection Bastet stated which made Adrian tense up a bit, but Sirius suddenly alerted him that there was company.

"Master, we have company." Sirius stated.

Adrian and the Goddess Bastet were not flying or riding Kanlaon. They were actually just walking on the cold sand of the desert night. Adrian wanted to fly but the Goddess Bastet wanted to enjoy the scenery of the western continent as she wanted to personally experience what her followers are experiencing.

"It seems that we are surrounded, Goddess Bastet. Please do not stray too far from me." Adrian stated as he is ready to cast any type of spell should the people be hostile.

Adrian is currently using Polymorph to look like a human that lives in the western continent. He did not want to go with his usual appearance as that would be too eye catching. It was better to blend in the surroundings as even the Goddess Bastet is covered with a veil to hide her immense beauty.

"We know that you are there. Show yourselves!" Adrian stated with a calm and cool demeanor.

When Adrian said that he already knew that they were exposed, a large group of individuals suddenly appeared and surrounded them. They were all wearing cloaks and have their faces covered with scimitars or daggers on their hands. They were definitely not a friendly group which means Adrian already expected a fight.

"Children of the Sands, calm yourselves because this is not a fight that you will win." The Goddess of Protection Bastet stated which made Adrian frantic as that might infuriate the ones surrounding them.

Adrian thought that there would be an aggressive response, but the cloaked people are actually talking to themselves. The cloaked people suddenly felt something inside them spur the moment the veiled woman spoke. It was as if a very special being spoke to them personally which made a few of them started tearing up.

"Why are they crying?" Adrian suddenly stated loudly as he did not expect this reaction.

"This should actually be the normal response from believers, Champion Equinox. In fact, even non-believers but want protection would still feel a bit grateful to me or any other god of protection. You not reacting is the strangest response when you actually met me which is why I became curious of you.

Even some of the residents of your territory cried before me when they saw me. Some started to pray which I am grateful for since it restored some of my powers." The Goddess of Protection Bastet stated as she quelled the hearts of the people crying.

Adrian did not think much of gods at this point because he had already met the current pinnacle gods. His very soul has already been tempered by meeting the Twin Gods and the energies present in his body that is very unique that even gods do not possess them. If strange is the way to describe Adrian, then that is the perfect description for him.

"Why are they crying though? Do thugs worship you?" Adrian asked.

"To call us thugs! You must not be from around here. We are the Sand Guardians. We are people that escort and help people that do not have protection in the deserts." A rough female voice stated.

The one who spoke seems to be the leader of the so-called Sand Guardians. Adrian does not know of them because he is not that familiar with the western continent. What he did find out is that there is actually a player with them that is affiliated with their group.

It seems that the player also noticed that Adrian is a player as well, but he could not see the latter's status. If that player actually saw Adrian's status instead of question marks, then he would surely faint in shock.

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The group before them called themselves the Sand Guardians. It seems that they are somewhat akin to people that offer protection services to people that traverse the harsh desert sands at night. They are also people that help travelers find their way to a nearby town if they are lost.

"Of course, the services are not free though. Even we need to eat which is why we have a fee. Do not worry as we only get as much as you can give. About ten gold maybe?" the leader of the Sand Guardians called Shara stated as she held up her palms towards Adrian.

Adrian then pondered on how much to give them as this might be what they call a Passing Fee. In ancient times, banditry was not uncommon, and people would literally block mountains or roads to collect fees when they could not farm enough food on the table. Merchants would rather give a small fee to these so-called bandits and gain safe access rather than get their wares destroyed or stolen.

"Do not worry about the fee, Champion Equinox. They might look like they want ten gold, but they will gladly receive any amount that they will be given. They are actually some of the people that I gladly gave my blessing to because of their heart to help people and give them protection in the harsh desert nights." The Goddess of Protection Bastet stated via telepathy as these group of people did have a miniscule hint of divinity to them.

The Goddess of Protection Bastet told him that they are actually good people that help earnestly. Sometimes they would not even collect a fee if the one they are helping cannot sustain themselves if they were given something. It seems that the ragtag groups of people are actually orphans that treated each other as family and banded together because they want to be good people.

Most of the members of the Sand Guardians are actually orphans that were left to fend for themselves when their place got raided or destroyed. Unlike the central continent where the kingdoms are established and people need justification to go to war, the western continent does not adhere to the same ideology.

The western continent has only few arable lands because of its unique topography which also results to hostile takeovers for oases. As a result, many children become orphans as they are usually the first people that needed to be sent off. If they get captured by these ruffians, then they could be sold as slaves. The worst part would be is the fact that they would be tortured to death as playthings.

The Western Continent does have kingdoms, but they tend to keep to themselves and their people than give aid. It is also the reason why many of the temples for the gods in the western continent are mostly filled with orphans. The priests here or helpers are usually those that were lucky enough to be picked up by another priest. It is also the reason why there are clear distinct gods that are more powerful since they receive more faith.

"As long as you can safely escort us to the Temple of the Goddess Bastet then I will double this amount." Adrian stated as he gave them fifty gold coins.

When the group received fifty gold coins as payment, Shara could not help but shake her hands. She has never seen this amount of gold in her life as they usually get a silver coin or one gold coin if they are lucky. They would return the money that the person would give if it looked like that is all they had but Adrian and the veiled girl next to him does not look poor at all. In fact, they look like they are just fine and do not need protection.

"May I know why you need to go to the Temple of the Goddess Bastet?" Shara asked as she pocketed the money.

"My Master here wants to visit the temple as she has received a dream of a cat looking at her in the eyes. The cat then transformed into a temple which made her woke up. She wants to ask the Temple of the Goddess Bastet to see what her dream means." Adrian stated as he acted like he is a servant of the Goddess Bastet.

"If that is the case then you have encountered the right people. It might not look like it, but we often pray to that temple when we drop by the area. The people there are also very nice as they will provide temporary shelter to those that need it." Shara stated as she told Adrian and the Goddess Bastet to follow her.

"Well done in giving them a generous amount but I do not know about being your master suddenly." The Goddess of Protection Bastet stated.

"It would be much easier to go with that than to say something else. The only other thing I could think of is that we are fleeing someone that will kill us, but our current get up does not serve that narrative. Also, what do you mean that it is a generous amount? I can actually easily earn that in one dungeon run though." Adrian stated.

"It is quite generous because they may not look like it, but these people are sheltering some orphans as well. They are doing a great job at it as well which is why I like them even though their devotion to me is only surface level.

You see people that have experienced great challenges in their life only have two reactions towards gods. Either they do not want to believe you, or they desperately cling to you. They lean more towards the former but their prayers to me are not for themselves but for the people they are protecting." The Goddess of Protection Bastet stated.

"If you like them that much then why do you not tell your priests to recruit them?" Adrian asked.

"I did but they graciously rejected the offer. They said that it would get in the way of them helping others since they will have other duties." The Goddess of Protection Bastet replied.

"I get them though since they will have to split their time for the temple activities and their passion. It is also one of the reasons that I gave them that much and told to double it. I looked at their souls and it was a pure color without any taint. Quite rare for people that have experienced great hardships." Adrian added which shocked the Goddess Bastet.

The Goddess Bastet is shocked that Adrian could see the color of the souls of people. Even for the gods, only the two remaining Primordial Gods could do such a thing. To give a mortal that great gift means that the Twin Gods actually cherishes Adrian to a great degree.

What even shocked her most is that Adrian could actually bear such a powerful gift. People that are usually born with such eyes usually become blind as a result of the stress. One of the best examples of this is the Great Star Gazer that could peer into the past and future.

The journey towards the Temple of the Goddess Bastet is about a six-hour journey with the current speed they are traveling. Along the way, the Sand Guardians found it rather odd that the pair that

they are escorting seem to be silent. What they did not know is the fact the two are actually talking via telepathy as their talk is mostly about divine beings and such.

"Pardon me for asking but are you two normally this quiet?" Shara asked as she wanted to at least create an atmosphere that is lighter compared to the one they have now.

"I am sorry about that. My master does not speak much since she barely goes out of her place. You could say that it has been years since she came down. Some would even say a millennium which is why people are shocked when she came down." Adrian stated as his words clearly hinted that the Goddess Bastet came from a realm higher than this one, but the Sand Guardians only understood it as a person that rarely goes out.

"I see but you must explore more because the world is vast and is filled with great things. There may be dangers but there will always be people that will help you when one is in trouble." Shara stated as she tends to look in the positive side of things.

"Oh! Please do not give my master any ideas. Once she gets to the Temple of the Goddess Bastet, she will be on her way back to her place." Adrian stated with a smile plastered on his face that is not a smile.

He specifically said this while looking towards the Goddess Bastet so that she will not get any ideas on her head. From Pann's point of view, having gods descend is a great pain the head.

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It might be night in the desert and is extremely cold but that does not mean that the dangers are no longer present. Desert monsters that do not appear in the morning will be more likely to appear during this time. It is said that it is more dangerous at night because you are not able to see the dangers that you are about to face.

As the group is only three hours away from their destination, they ought to encounter beasts by now, but they were not able to. The reason for this is that Sirius, who is hiding in Adrian's shadow, is actually releasing his aura at intervals to scare away other beasts. Adrian's soulbounds leveled up a lot after defeating the horsemen which is why they are very powerful right now.

Beasts that are driven by instinct immediately avoid coming to their direction but that does not mean they are entirely safe. After passing to what seems to be areas with sunken sand, small rumbles started to appear as monsters emerged. Three monsters that look like large scorpions suddenly appeared before them and it looks like they are hungry as well.

Monster Name: Armored Dune Scorpion

Species: Armored Scorpion

Tier: Rare

Level: 190

HP: 100%

MP: 100%

Description: An armored scorpion species that have adapted extremely well in the harsh desert environments. Due to them being in the harsh desert environments, their poison tails can excrete extremely deadly poison that can kill people if injected with large amounts. Their hard exoskeleton

also makes them impervious to stabbing attacks. The spikes covering their exoskeleton are also laced with paralytic poison that can incapacitate anyone that is just grazed by them.

"A monster! Everyone get into your formation!" Shara shouted as the Sand Guardians surrounded Adrian and the Goddess Bastet.

"The battle will be fierce so be sure that you will not leave our encirclement. It will be dangerous if you get stung by those Armored Dune Scorpions. We currently only have one person that can cast Detoxify which is why we must make sure that only one gets poisoned at a time." Shara stated as she honestly gave her evaluation of the scene.

"If that is the case then you make freely attack the monsters because I can heal all of you should you get poisoned." Adrian stated.

"Are you actually a priest, Sir Xon?" Shara asked as Adrian actually introduced himself as Xon and Tet for the Goddess Bastet.

"I am not a priest, but I am a summoner. A servant must always be flexible for her master after all." Adrian stated as he summoned Saena.

Adrian then explained that his soulbound could cleanse status ailments. The player in the Sand Guardians did not find it strange that a white bird could do that as it has surged in popularity when Equinox showed off his soulbounds.

A lot of summoners also have bird familiars that are white and could even cast white magic like Detoxify or Cleanse. Some churches even have birds that symbolize them which is why holy birds are usually white in color. The fight continued on without a fuss as the Sand Guardians could now rest easy that they have great support although they still doubt if a bird could cleanse them.

"Saena is almost ready to evolve. I only need one more item for that to happen. I hope Piggy Bank is working hard for finding that item for me." Adrian thought as Saena already overshoot the level requirement for her to evolve.

There are currently three Armored Dune Scorpions that rose up from the sands. The Sand Guardians consists of twelve people which is why four are facing one at a time. The level range of the Sand Guardians are 170 to 180 which is not bad, and they will definitely be able to fend off the Armored Dune Scorpion with their strength. It is also the reason why Adrian did not bother to show his strength and instead become a support.

Although Adrian is itching to battle, he knows that there are many beings that are gazing at them. He could feel something in the back of his nape which means they are already being observed. He already noticed this when they arrived at the Western Continent but the ones observing them are not making any moves.

"As long as they do not make a move then I will also not make a move. They are practically just waiting for me to reveal my strength." Adrian thought to himself as he observed the battle.

The Sand Guardians seem to be proficient in handling the Armored Dune Scorpions as they moved in a way where you could see that they have battled it countless times. The timing of the dodges and attacks are perfect and well time. The Sand Guardians move like a cohesive unit that understands and trusts each other to a great degree.

The vanguard carries a scimitar and a buckler which is different from typical warriors in the central continent. The warriors in the western continent move fluidly compared to the central continent warriors. A reason of this might be the fact that they are battling in the desert where footing is not always secure which means one must be light on their feet but heavy on their attacks.

When the Armored Dune Scorpion will attack with their pincers, the vanguard would parry it with their scimitar. When the Armored Dune Scorpion will attack with their tails, the vanguard would deflect it with their bucklers. After successfully deflecting the attacks, the group will then pivot to using magic.

The magic that the western continent mages use is different from those of the central continent as they use a different set of runes. Also, most of the magic users in the western continent have wind and earth affinity. If a water elemental mage should appear then those mages will immediately get scouted by large kingdoms as water is a precious resource here.

The Armored Dune Scorpions are not a difficult opponent from Adrian's standards, but it is due to him being immune to poisons to a degree as he can just brush it off. His attacks also have piercing properties because of his sub job class as the Scribe gives magic penetration which is rare.

"Are you sure that you will not help them?" The Goddess Bastet asked Adrian as she could see that he was observing the battle closely.

"They can handle it themselves but why did you not cast protection magic to buff them? I am sure that you said that you actually favor them." Adrian said with a curious tone as he knows how soft hearted the Goddess Bastet is.

"This is their trial, and they accepted a job to protect us. It would be rude of me to question or challenge their resolve by greatly strengthening them. Of course, I know that you will intervene should they fall into great danger." The Goddess Bastet stated as she already knows that Adrian only acts a bit detached, but he actually is observant and caring.

The battle with the Armored Dune Scorpions carried on for at least half an hour as their exoskeleton are extremely durable. The Sand Guardians had to pinpoint a specific area where the exoskeleton is soft in order to greatly injure the Armored Dune Scorpions. The soft part in the exoskeleton does not have a fixed position but it is in the general area of the underbelly.

After a few attempts of continuous attacks, one Armored Dune Scorpion fell, and another followed soon after. There have been people that are stung but Saena immediately absorbed the poison as Adrian commanded. He wanted to have a great number of poisons just in case they get ambushed by other people or monsters.

The battle ended in about thirty-five minutes which is not bad considering that they are weaker than the Armored Dune Scorpions. Another reason for the lengthy battle is the fact that the equipment of the Sand Guardians is not well maintained. Adrian already noticed this which is also a reason why he gave them enough money for their equipment repairs as well.

"We actually defeated them at record time. This might be the best time that we did for defeating the Armored Dune Scorpions. We usually only face one at a time, but we were able to defeat three easily with Sir Xon's support." Shara stated as they rested for a bit to recover from the fatigue.

"It is not that important as you guys were the ones facing the danger. All I did was mitigate it a bit of the danger." Adrian stated as he suddenly felt a presence that is almost equal to him scurrying to their location.

"Sirius, deal with that monster coming to this location." Adrian commanded via their Soul Link.

The Sand Guardians did not even feel or see that a shadow came out from Adrian's shadow. They did not know that a great danger has been averted.

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There were numerous enemies in the desert, but the Sand Guardians handled the weaker ones. Adrian, on the other hand, sent Sirius against the monsters that are slightly more powerful than the Sand Guardians. He is thankful that there are not that many monsters that attack them that are in Adrian's level range. If a level 245 enemy were to appear here, then they will definitely be defeated.

When they were resting, the Goddess Bastet suddenly felt something or rather an energy that is very familiar with her. Adrian also felt something amiss in the desert as it suddenly became completely silent as this is not normal. The silence of the desert will never happen as the wind blowing on these lands are loud in a sense.

"Something or someone is coming." Adrian stated.

"I know who is coming." The Goddess Bastet stated as she suddenly looked to the western side.

The silent desert started to shake as the sand itself started to shift. The moon that shone bright in the desert sky suddenly had a red glow as a Blood Moon Eclipse suddenly appeared. Thunder started to rumble in the sky, and lightning hit the sands. The whole sky became lit by the cracking of lightning in the dark clouds above them.

"Everyone! Huddle up as we are experiencing a desert storm. Sir Xon and Miss Tet should go in the center for your protection." Shara stated as she told the two to go into their encirclement for protection.

"It is not a real storm. It is made using magic." Adrian stated as he could see mana being manipulated and in large amounts.

"It seems that my brother- uncle has come to pay us a visit." The Goddess Bastet stated as she immediately used protection magic on all of them so that the storm will not hurt them.

"Miss Tet, do you mean your brother- uncle is a powerful magus? If that is the case, then he must be looking for you due to you going away from your home." Shara stated as she calmed down as she learned that they know who is creating the powerful desert storm.

"He is not really the friendly type, but I doubt that he would kill all of you. I hope." The Goddess Bastet stated as she reinforced them more with protection magic.

"He did not descend, did he? If he descended, then I would have felt his divine aura by now." Adrian stated via telepathy.

"If he truly did descend then all of us would have been blown away by now as he would create a massive storm that can annihilate an entire kingdom. We will not survive it should he descend as he is part of the ancient gods." The Goddess Bastet stated.

"Then we will face an avatar that he summoned then. The swirling sands over there has a humanoid with a jackal headgear. It seems that he is very compatible with the avatar that he has chosen or is it due to the fact that the world accepts more divine energy?" Adrian pointed as the storm suddenly subsided.

A human wearing a jackal headgear appeared before them and he gave off an aura that is severely oppressive. His aura could be described as powerful as a storm because of how turbulent it was. He is literally like a storm incarnated because just looking at his mana fluctuations can make a mage burst their eyeballs.

"Should we prepare for battle?" Shara asked as she knows that battle against family members in the Western Continent is common.

Fights for inheritance in the western continent are common because there are a lot of illegitimate children. Some illegitimate children are even more talented than the legitimate heirs which is why even heirs cannot slack off. This is also the reason why there are numerous heirs that die due to succession as only the strong can win. Winning means being alive in the language of the western continent.

"Even if all of us take him on, we will not be able to live. We should just pray that we will survive should he become hostile." The Goddess Bastet stated.

"Sister-Niece? It is a surprise that you actually descended to this plane of existence. I did not think of you as someone that wants to conquer the western continent." A deep rumbling voice like thunder came out of the human with the jackal headgear.

"Brother – Uncle, it is nice to talk to you again. I rarely talk to you since you have gone and took the duties of father. But it seems that you did not come for me this time." The Goddess Bastet stated as something clearly happened to their father for the God Seth to take over the duties of the most powerful of their gods.

"I did not come for you because I came for him." The God Seth possessing his avatar stated as he pointed towards Adrian.

"Me? I do not know you though." Adrian replied as he is suddenly put in the spot as he does not know why the God Seth wants with him.

"You, Champion of the Twin Gods, have been in the presence of the light of Atum. Tell me where you got that small spark of radiant light." The God Seth stated as he questioned Adrian.

One thing that the normal people could not understand is the language of gods. All the Sand Guardians can only hear static as the three are talking using divine energy. The Sand Guardians could not hear anything, and they cannot stare directly at the God Seth's avatar as he descended about a quarter of his full power.

"Have you seen our father in the afterlife, Champion Equinox?" The Goddess Bastet asked with great anticipation.

"Not really. Only gods of death are able to be in the death realms as that is their domains. From what I know, Atum is a sun god." Adrian replied as he thought really hard on the beings he encountered.

"My eyes do not lie as I have been in the presence of Atum ever since I have accepted his offer of being in combat with the Distorted God Apophis. I have been by his side for centuries as we battled that blasted serpent." The God Seth stated as he summoned thunder with his words as he does not want to be called a liar.

"The only being that I have encountered that had the power of light would be angels. There is another one but that one is just a kid." Adrian stated as he pondered on people that he has seen with light elemental powers. He only briefly interacted with the kid as he needed to save his sister back then.

"It should be that boy! Bring him to me this instant." The God Seth stated but Adrian suddenly looked at the former with an intense glare.

"I think that you are mistaken. I am not your Champion and not your servant." Adrian stated as his nether energy in his body started to seep out of his body.

If there is one thing that Adrian does not like, then that would be someone demanding him to do something that is not in the right. The God Seth is basically telling Adrian to kidnap the boy from his parents just because of his small statement. The Sand Guardians and even the Goddess Bastet could feel the terrifying energy that is coming out of Adrian as they were closer to him.

"Champion Equinox, stop!" The Goddess Bastet stated as Adrian is becoming wild.

Adrian suddenly snapped out of his rage as he saw that his nether energy made the Sand Guardians pass out. It seems that he has yet to see what his new body is capable of but now he has one. If he does not control himself then the nether energy filling his body would actually explode forward.

"You as well, Brother – Uncle. You know that we cannot mess with the mortals or else the other gods will do so as well. If that happened, then chaos would ensue as even the gods will be lawless and do anything they want." The Goddess Bastet stated.

"Even if that is true, it does not mean that my will is to be ignored." The God Seth stated as his current host suddenly exerted magic power to make the sands shift.

The sands started to shift as the God Seth forced his magic power to materialize. Adrian has no problem with this as he could just float in place, but the Sand Guardians are caught. They are currently passed out because of the pressure that the God Seth is exerting.

This is one of the times that Adrian wants people that cannot know the truth to actually escape but they are passed out. Thankfully, the Goddess Bastet used some of her magic to create a barrier to isolate the Sand Guardians. They are currently safe as long as she is safe.

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"Champion Equinox, I think it is time to actually knock some sense to him. He is currently lost in his rage just like he always has. His personality has never changed as anything related to father can be a trigger to him." The Goddess Bastet stated as she took out her magic artifacts which is a sistrum and an ankh.

"Sirius!" Adrian shouted as he commanded his soulbound to incapacitate the current avatar of Seth.

Sirius rushed out of Adrian's shadow as he aimed for the throat of the avatar. The attack did not connect though as a wall of sand suddenly came out of the ground to block him. Sirius then used his

sharp claws to destroy the sand wall, but it turned into a sand wave that attempted to swallow him instead.

It is not only the sands stirring as the wind and lightning raged upon the desert. The God Seth has lost it as if he is in a trance of rage. The Goddess Bastet could not join the battle as she is busy protecting the Sand Guardians which means it is up to Adrian to stop the enraged God Seth.

"Seriously, why are gods sometimes childish." Adrian stated as he summoned his spear primordial armament.

His clothes changed to that of an eastern warrior looking style as his spear could be controlled via his will. He then ordered Saena to use the collected paralytic poison in her body and use it on the avatar of the God Seth. She immediately released winds that can apply the paralysis status and the poisoned status.

Saena did not skimp on using all the poison and paralytic toxin that she has collected yet the avatar is not stopping. There is a noticeably change in the avatar though as his movement became slower than before albeit he was already not moving much in the first place.

"Perfect Assimilation: Kanlaon." Adrian stated as Kanlaon's soul fused with his body.

Adrian's appearance changed to that of a hybrid dragon and demon. He also has the six dragon balls swirling around him. Adrian could feel that his destructive power would be enough to kill the avatar which is why he decided to change to an Aetheros.

The dark clothes that Adrian wore suddenly changed to that of a white armor laced with golden laces. His aura changed to that of death to something filled with life. His armor is still the same, but it has a different vibe now that aether dust covered him.

He now has a tamed and calm look compared to before as if he has the bearing of a monk. The dragon balls that rotated around him even made him look like he is a monk that has achieved enlightenment. The spear that floated around him also changed in color to a more jade like color compared to the dark metal aesthetic that it has when he is a Netheros.

Adrian summoned Kimat as well in order to make sure that the lightning would be grounded. He does not want stray lightning to hit him or the others. He first tested whether the avatar still has some sense of reason in him as he could be seen to be driven by pure instinct.

Adrian commanded the spear to go straight towards Seth's avatar to see if he would block it. The spear rushed towards the target in a fast pace and Seth's avatar actually sensed it. The spear is then blocked by two scimitars created from sand which is wielded by Seth's avatar.

Adrian's spear got deflected away but he easily controlled it back to his side. Adrian could feel that his control over the spear got lost for a brief moment because the strength of Seth's avatar that deflected the blade is not normal. The heavy blow made the spear tingle and even Adrian felt that sensation as the spear resonates with his mind if he does not wield it himself.

The God Seth's avatar then stomped his foot on the ground and numerous sand copies appeared. The sand copies took the form of the avatar and seemed to have at least half his strength. What irritates Adrian is the fact that the God Seth's avatar created at least twenty clones.

Adrian had no choice but to make Sirius and Kimat deal with the clones while he fought against the avatar himself. Adrian no longer thought that he could deal with the God Seth's avatar using half baked attacks which is why he held onto the spear himself.

"I can probably tank hits right now because I got Kanlaon's Genesis Dragon Scale as a skill. I can also use elemental attacks because of the dragon balls. All I need to do is think of the element that I need to use." Adrian thought as he gripped his spear and charged towards the God Seth's Avatar.

Adrian immediately used wind dragon ball to buff his speed and even applied Chrono Shift towards himself. His speed became fast enough that his body started to leave afterimages with just one simple motion. He made use of his extreme speed to initiate the first attack against the avatar by coating his spear with flames.

Even though Adrian is extremely fast in this state, the God Seth's avatar actually parried his attack. He is not the god of storms for nothing as even his avatar can be fast and unpredictable as the storms. What the God Seth's avatar did not expect is the sudden burst of flame that ensued when the spear and the two scimitars collided.

The explosion is powerful enough to make the God Seth's avatar step back for a few feet. The explosion also created a cloud of smoke in which Adrian is also caught up in and inhibited the vision of the God Seth's avatar. Without any delay, a cold wind suddenly swept across the area as a spear coated in frost pierced through the smoke.

The God Seth's avatar managed to react quickly enough, but Adrian managed to get a clean hit towards the right shoulder. A layer of frost could be seen afflicting the right shoulder of the avatar but the madness that he is experiencing is numbing him from the pain. Without even batting an eye, the God Seth's avatar brandished his two scimitars and cleaved towards Adrian.

Adrian's stance made it hard for him to immediately dodge which is why he opted to use Enhanced Blink. Adrian appeared behind the God Seth's avatar, but the latter swept the sands and created sand blades that blocked the former's attack.

The God Seth's avatar suddenly turned around with an empowered attack. Adrian used Chrono Lag on the avatar, but he did not get slowed for the whole duration of the skill. Adrian could only use the dragon balls to block the attack as the blade will hit his neck if he does not do so.

All six dragon balls reacted to Adrian's wishes and blocked the attack of the God Seth's avatar. What he did not expect is that blocking the attack will create an elemental storm that will even damage him. The elemental storm that was created because of the clash of the scimitar and the dragon balls covered a large area.

The sand copies that are near them all shattered into dust as the intense damage of the elements colliding could even create a whole crater. If one looked at the sand below their feet, then they could see that it has become glass. When the smoke is no longer present in the area, Adrian and the God Seth's avatar could be seen riddled with wounds.

Adrian is a lot better compared to the God Seth's avatar as he is in his Aetheros form that has great defensive and healing qualities. He could also be seen as slowly regenerating because he is affected by the Genesis Dragon Scales which negates a lot of the elemental damage.

The God Seth's avatar could be seen kneeling on the sands as he is heavily wounded. There are also traces of protection magic casted on him which means the Goddess Bastet interfered at the last second as she also deemed the elemental storm too dangerous. Even Adrian lost 30% of his health from that explosion which means it could have killed him if he did not have Kanlaon's dragon scales.

"Are you now able to think calmly, Brother – Uncle?" The Goddess Bastet asked the God Seth.

"I am now. It seems that my fits of rage have grown worse as that blasted Distorted God Apophis has been acting up lately. I no longer know how I can keep that distorted god at bay for too long. We need the incarnation of our father or at least a part of his soul to shower the skies with light.

It would also take that light goddess down a peg as a true sun god will return upon the world." The God Seth stated as he has now returned back to sanity.

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"I apologize and a bit ashamed of my sudden outburst. It has been long since I have felt the healing light of the Sun that Atum has created. I was just a bit too excited when I sensed the presence of the light of Atum. The reach of my divine sight can only reach the western continent where my followers are contained." The God Seth stated.

Adrian could agree about the reasons of the God Seth, but he still wants a tangible prize. He held out his hand towards the God Seth and told him that he expects something that expresses the god's sincerity. He is not going to just say that everything is fine and dandy because he is not some pushover hero.

"As expected of demons, your kind really does not yield unless you are given something tangible. I shall give you this then." The God Seth stated as he suddenly held up his palms.

When the God Seth held up his palms, sand started to swirl, and a trinket started to form. The trinket is in the form of a jackal sitting down. It is also made of a golden metal that shines when light touches it. One may say that it is something that holds authority because Adrian could feel divine energy from it.

Item Name: Trinket of the Desert Jackal

Tier: Mythical

Type: Small Statue

Effect:

-Enables the user to safely traverse the sands of the Western Continent by lowering the odds of getting caught in a sandstorm.

-The Divine Energy of the God Seth, God of Storms, is present in this artifact which gives anyone holding this small statue luck when in the deserts of the Western Continent.

-It can be used as a symbolize for the Authority of the God Seth. You can use it to command the Temple of the Storms in the western continent to do what you want. (Max of 3 Commands)

Description: A vague antique trinket that is said to be linked to the Gods of the Western Continent. It has the image of a jackal standing upright that also gives of the chaotic energy of the storms. If this is presented to the Temple of the Storm in the Western Continent, then they will have some

authority over them. It is said that only those acknowledged by the God of the Storms, Seth, will receive this trinket in their lifetime.

Adrian gazed at the small statue and promptly took it as it is a great item that can be used to mobilize a whole church. Adrian could actually move the Church of the Twin Gods if he wishes but their activity location only has the central continent. Now, he can get assistance in the western continent should he needs it.

"You are not giving this for free though as this item is too important to just be given like this." Adrian stated as he knew that the power to command a whole church is not given just because he was inconvenienced.

"As expected of the Champion of the Twin Gods, you must already be used to these kinds of situations." The God Seth stated as he chuckled a little.

"You are not wrong with that. Something as great as this means you want something in return." Adrian replied as he knows how to deal with gods.

"I am giving you a quest since you have already met the light of Atum. I want you to investigate where it came from. I shall be watching you via my trinket. It will react when the warm light of Atum gets near you." The God Seth stated as Adrian is given a quest.

Quest Notification!

Quest Name: Find the Light of the Sun

Quest Description: The God Seth has felt the light of their missing God Atum touch your body. He wants you to investigate if it really is Atum's Light or just a fragment of his soul.

Quest Difficulty: B

Clear Condition: Find the Source of the Light that the God Seth felt from your body.

Clear Reward: Random Epic Chest

Failure Condition: None

Restriction: Only one person can have this quest.

Duration: None

"I should tell you this just in case, but I cannot take on the Distorted God Apophis by myself for too long. My storms might be chaotic and powerful, but that snake seems to be amassing followers as he is slowly growing stronger. I fear that in two years, that darn snake will be more powerful than me." The God Seth stated.

"It is almost dawn, Brother – Uncle. Your fight against the Distorted God Apophis is almost time. You should prepare for it if that thing really is becoming more powerful. I shall tell the others that you need help as it would od us no good if that snake were to arrive here." The Goddess Bastet stated.

"I shall take your word for it, Sister – Niece. I shall now depart as a fierce battle awaits me. I shall instruct my avatar to also help you cross these deserts towards your temple as we do not know if followers of that snake are to appear before you." The God Seth stated as he vacated the body of his avatar.

The intense divine energy left the body of the avatar and he weakly limped down to the ground. It seems that his body is in a state of exhaustion due to receiving the power of the God Seth for a great duration. He still showed that he can maintain consciousness though as he stood up a few minutes after gathering his breath.

The avatar of the God Seth is named Sadiki and it seems that he is also a high priest in the Temple of the Storm. Adrian wanted to know the difference between him and an avatar of a god which is why the Goddess Bastet explained the to him their duties.

Unlike the Champion of a God, the Avatar of a God is basically a vessel in which the god themselves can manifest through. This custom has already been in the western continent since time immemorial as it is a way for them to be close to the gods and vice versa. The gods would descend to their avatars and perform deeds of service or preach to them when necessary.

They created this practice to make sure that the divine barrier will not get damaged. Being an Avatar of a God also takes work as one needs absolute faith in their respective god to be able to fully accept them in their bodies. One should also be born with a unique constitution that aligns with the divine energy of the god.

In exchange for this, the avatars will get considerable influence and power in their temple as they basically receiving their gods in their bodies. It takes quite a lot of time and effort to be in sync with a god, but the western gods have done it flawlessly over the centuries. This does not mean that they always have an avatar because one cannot become an avatar should they do not want to.

There have been cases of people being compatible with a specific god but choosing to live as their own. Some people just want to live peacefully and die peacefully rather than be an incarnation of a god. One example of a player becoming an avatar is Frey as she accepts the Goddess Freyja in her body to manifest.

There are many ways to become an avatar of a god but that does not mean that everyone can become one just because they have the right conditions. The god themselves must also choose you as their vessel for the time being.

"You must have been quite tired, Sadiki. You can still rest as we shall move once they have woken up." The Goddess Bastet stated as she looked at the Sand Guardians that are currently asleep.

"Thank you for thinking of me, Great Goddess. I would want to rest but this is the time where our prayers are needed. The God of the Storms need our aid now to battle the serpent." Sadiki replied as he knelt down towards the rising sun and prayed to the God Seth.

Adrian asked the Goddess Bastet on what the deal is with this Distorted God Apophis, and he is shocked upon finding out the connection. The Distorted God Apophis was actually one of the first gods in their previous world that traveled to the Void and returned. He did not show any signs of becoming something else until they found Pandemonium.

Due to becoming distorted, the Distorted God Apophis wanted to devour the universe and plunge it into absolute darkness. The Sun God Atum fought against him every day when the sun rises to make sure that the Distorted God Apophis will never crawl up from the dark abyss that he was sealed.

"If the God Seth is having difficulty fighting against a sealed Distorted God, then what is its power when its seal becomes undone?" Adrian thought to himself and shuddered upon realizing the danger.

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The Sand Guardians slowly woke up from their slumber as the presence of the God Seth has diminished. Sadiki now just looks like a great warrior of the western continent and his jackal headgear also vanished. It seems that the avatar will resemble the god that has descended to their bodies.

The Sands Guardians were alarmed of Sadiki's presence, but they accepted the reason that he was a guard sent by the Goddess Bastet's uncle. It seems that their memories have been altered quite a bit to make sure that the story fits which actually shocked Adrian.

Sadiki might look like he should be gruff and very cold in nature with a hint of a wild side, but he was not. He was surprisingly calm and a shy person when it comes to praise. The Goddess Bastet chuckled as that was also the God Seth's personality before, he got his duty of protecting the world from the Distorted God Apophis.

Adrian asked the Goddess Bastet if he is also afflicted by the memory alteration, but he learned that he cannot be affected by that. The Goddess Bastet told him that it will be almost impossible to alter his memory because his soul is so stable, and his very soul could hurt gods if they touch it carelessly.

From the Goddess Bastet's description of memory alteration, it should be more in line with soul alteration as that is what they alter. Adrian did remember that the saying of "The mind might forget but the body remembers". If they do not alter the soul slightly then the people could just remember everything in due time but that is not always applicable to everyone.

"Anyways, we should now go to the temple as the sun is already rising. We do not want to die of heat stroke. By we, I meant them as they do not have water in their bags." Adrian stated as he told the Sand Guardians to continue leading the way.

The group encountered more monsters on the way, but Sadiki is not the Avatar of the God Seth for nothing. Sadiki could easily overpower any monster that came their way and would even help the Sand Guardians that need it. They easily doubled or maybe tripled their travel time because of it.

The Temple of Bastet is not like other temples that are located in a heart of a city or kingdom. Their temple is located near the Ceaseless Desert which is one of the danger zones in the western continent. Thankfully for Adrian's group, the Ceaseless Desert is on the other side of the temple instead of the desert that they are traveling now.

The Temple of Bastet is built on top of a mountain range that separates the Ceaseless Desert from other deserts found in the Western Continent. One would think that the Temple of Bastet would not be filled with much activity or people because the other side is a danger zone but that is not true. In

fact, a small town is actually built below the temple as many adventurers would get to the Ceaseless Desert to get large value of coins.

Unlike other continents that deem danger zones as incredibly dangerous and not to be explored, the western continent people think of these danger zones as money generating zones. Monster parts from the danger zones fetch an incredibly large price and they can even find treasure buried from the sands of the Ceaseless Desert.

The Temple of Bastet acts as the gate keepers of the Ceaseless Desert danger zone as monsters from there would often escape to the other side. The Temple of Bastet maintained the great barrier protecting the western continent from being potentially invaded by monsters from one of the danger zones.

People of the Western Continent might be great warriors but that does not mean that all of them are. The Temple of Bastet also regulates those that could enter the Ceaseless Desert as many casualties occurred back then when it was not. They only let people with appropriate strength to ever enter the danger zone.

The Temple of Bastet could be said as a temple for cats as many of the statues and monoliths erected there are all cat figures. The entrance to the temple is even a cat mouth opening with red ruby eyes. One could say that the theme for this temple is cats and not just normal housecats but cats of all sizes.

Another cool fact about this town is that they all have cat pets. Some have small cats while those that could tame large cats are also present. This very town is littered with cats as the Temple of Bastet is said to bless households that have cats.

As Adrian and the people are heading to the Temple of Bastet, he noticed that the people are actually drawn to their group. They were mainly drawn to the Goddess Bastet despite the veil covering her face. It seems that a piece of cloth could never block the divine presence of the goddess that they all pray to.

Some people even knelt down crying as they prayed. It seems that Adrian did not see this interaction with the Sand Guardians earlier because they were not as devout as the people here are. It made an awkward interaction which is why they needed to hurry up and proceed to the Temple of Bastet as soon as possible.

"This is where we part ways, Champion Equinox and Goddess Bastet." Sadiki told the two which shocked the Sand Guardians as those were not the names that they said earlier.

"Thank you, Sadiki. Escorting us even though you are already extremely exhausted. You may now return to the Temple of the Storm to rest. I grant you my protection until you reach there." The Goddess Bastet stated as she blessed Sadiki.

"Thank you for the blessing, Goddess Bastet. For you Champion Equinox, I await the day that you come to the Temple of the Storm. I shall welcome you with great energy should you visit us. For you noble noble Sand Guardians, keep doing what you are doing because the God Seth is watching over you and is overjoyed with your ideals." Sadiki stated.

Sadiki chanted some words and tore up a scroll that he has. When he did that, the clouds became dark, and lightning suddenly landed on top of him. The lightning that landed on Sadiki's body did not hurt him but rather took him with it. Adrian now knows how Sadiki managed to reach their location immediately even though the Temple of the Storms is in the other side of the Western Continent.

"No wonder his name was familiar. That was Sadiki...The Great Storm of the West. To think that we bonded with the blood crazed warrior, and he was even very respectful." Shara stated in shock while looking at the spot where Sadiki was before.

"I think this is where we part ways on our journey. The Sand Guardians have successfully escorted us to the Temple of Bastet. Here is the other fifty gold coins as promised." Adrian stated as he handed a small bag that had the fifty gold coins.

When Shara received the fifty gold coins, this is when her brain registered that Sadiki referred to Miss Tet as the Goddess Bastet. She did find it weird that some of the people in town gazed at they and some even knelt down crying but now it adds up. They were actually kneeling before the Goddess Bastet as they could recognize the goddess that they pray to even though they cannot see her whole face.

"Praise the Goddess Bastet! Forgive us if we said some things that might be offensive." Shara stated as she began to kneel with the other members of the Sand Guardians.

"Do not worry children. I have enjoyed my time with you, and you also helped me understand the goodness of people. There were many challenges on our way, but you managed to overcome them with your determination. For that, I shall give all of you, my blessing." The Goddess Bastet stated as she casted some sort of spell towards the Sand Guardians that somewhat gave them divine energy.

"We are eternally grateful to the Goddess Bastet!" Shara stated but she then looked towards Adrian. Adrian just responded with a smile and thanked them for their protection. Although deep in the minds of the Sand Guardians, they believed that the two of them never really needed protection in the first place.

"They are an interesting lot." Adrian stated as it took him quite some time before the Sand Guardians could leave them as they clung to his leg begging that they should let all the comments about him be water under the bridge. Shara did try hitting on him earlier which is why she was incredibly shy when she learned that he was a Champion of not just one God but two.

"I shall cherish the time that I spent with them." The Goddess Bastet stated.

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From what Adrian saw, the blessing that the Goddess Bastet has bestowed on the Sand Guardians is not some small blessing. He is sure that they will be able to live through a deadly attack if something hits them. It seems that the Goddess Bastet really likes them for them to be given such a powerful blessing.

"I got to say but your temple really screams feline." Adrian stated as he pointed out the numerous cat statues all over the temple.

"It is necessary as I can give my protection if there is an image of me that is created. Not every god is as powerful as the Twin Gods that can just give their blessings as they please. Most of the gods needs to have their sigils near their followers to aid them. You should also release your feline soulbound here as he will definitely be pleased." The Goddess Bastet stated.

"Greater Summon: Kimat!" Adrian stated as Kimat's magic circle appeared on the ground and the great Thunderlight Tigris appeared.

Kimat did not know why he is suddenly summoned as he was lazing away inside the Soul Chamber. He did not know why he was summoned but he found the atmosphere of this place very alluring for him.

[Your soulbound Kimat is near the Temple of Bastet.]

[Your soulbound Kimat will have increased 10% stats when near the Temple of Bastet.]

[Your soulbound Kimat will receive twice as much experience points when near the Temple of Bastet.]

Adrian found the information about sigils quite new as he thought that the priests are just really devoted which is why they need the sigils of their respective temples. He then realized that only the Church of the Twin Gods members are people that do not carry a sigil when they are fighting. He also liked the buff that the Goddess Bastet's temple has on feline monsters.

"I see. I did not know that. I thought that it was just all part of the devotion." Adrian stated.

"It is not absolute though as the followers could still call for the aid of their respective gods but the time it takes will be delayed. Faith is also like magic as it needs a conduit in order to be cast. The sigil just helps up better to focus on where we should divert that faith." The Goddess Bastet stated as they encountered a person with a flying mount descending towards them.

Adrian could feel that the presence of the person that is sitting on the flying mount is almost parallel to that of the Goddess Bastet. The Goddess Bastet seems to be expecting this person as she could be seen having a motherly smile plastered on her face. If Adrian's guess is correct, then this person should be the Avatar of the Goddess Bastet.

The female priestess descended in front of Adrian and the Goddess Bastet. She went down from her flying lioness mount that has a fierce temper. The fierce lioness is about to growl towards Adrian but Kimat's very presence actually made her clamp up. She could be seen being visibly scared of Kimat as the latter is of a higher species than her.

"What kind of monster is that?" Adrian asked as he wanted to know the flying lioness monster.

"That is a monster that is given to any high-ranking members of the Temple of Bastet. They are called Sphinxlets as they can actually become a Sphinx if the opportunity arises. They have my blessings as they are actually monsters that I have created in order to provide protection to the people that needs my blessings." The Goddess Bastet stated which made Adrian a bit interested of these monsters.

"Goddess! I was so afraid when you no longer answered my call. You managed to answer my prayers but the next thing I learned is that you have descended to the mortal realm. Are you fine, my

goddess?" The female priestess of the Temple of Bastet stated as she went towards the Goddess Bastet and cuddled the latter.

"Calm yourself, Estet. You are no longer a small child but a mother. You should not act like a spoiled child in front of others especially in front of a champion of two gods." The Goddess Bastet stated as she patted Estet's back as she looked pitiful.

"I am sorry, Goddess. I am just overwhelmed as you usually enter my body, but this is the first time that I am actually touching you. Forgive me as I savor this moment as this might not again." Estet stated as she hugged the Goddess Bastet tighter.

"Ok...Should I maybe leave you guys for a few moments?" Adrian reflexively muttered as his brain could not assess what he needs to do in this situation.

"No need for that, Champion Equinox. Estet, greet our guest as he is the Champion of the Twin Gods and an Arch Demon." The Goddess Bastet stated as she softly pinched Estet's side to make sure that she lets go of her.

"Ouch! Ahem! It might be too late for the introduction, but I am Estet. I am the current Avatar of the Goddess Bastet. Pleased to meet you, Champion Equinox." Estet stated as she greeted Adrian with an open palm.

"The pleasure is all mine." Adrian replied as he placed his palm on top of Estet's palm.

The Western continent has a unique style of greeting and that is to extend one's palm towards another person. It is derived from the saying that they do not hide anything and lay everything in front of them as their hands are clear. Adrian learned of this practice when he went to the western continent to fetch Creepysoo.

Estet is extremely delighted upon seeing that Adrian knows the basic courtesy of the western continent, but she is a bit jealous that he was able to travel with her beloved goddess. She is a bit salty about that, but that emotion will not overtake her as she needs to show that she is a great mother figure. Estet also liked Adrian because he has a feline monster and anyone who owns a feline monster in her eyes is a person with taste.

"Please follow me, Goddess. I have already informed the others of your arrival and they have prepared a feast for you. They will definitely cry of joy once they see you in the flesh." Estet stated as she suddenly looked around.

"Is there something else?" Adrian asked.

"Actually, I felt the presence of a priest from the Temple of the Storm just now and wondered if they are still here. It seems that they may have already left. I thought that they are here to cause a ruckus as those people are a bunch of mischievous troublemakers." Estet stated as she gestured the Goddess Bastet to ride on her Sphinxlet.

The Goddess Bastet accepted the offer as she knows that Estet will definitely push her to sit on it if she does not comply. She also told her about the reason why she felt the presence of a priest from the Temple of the Storm. She also chatted about things about the current state of the temple.

While the two are chatting, Adrian expanded his field of sense to make sure that no one followed them. The monsters that Sirius killed earlier in their travel are far too numerous to just be coincidence. They also moved in an organized fashion like someone was commanding them. He can only guess that the culprit is actually a Beast Master.

Beast Masters are different from Summoners because the former does not share their soul with their monsters. It also means that their monsters can die if they are killed in combat. The upside of this profession is that they can control numerous monsters which means they can create a literal monster army. Adrian then remembered what Pann told him when he was told to escort the Goddess Bastet.

"Protect the Goddess Bastet with all you have as her life will definitely be in danger should people know that she fully descended. Her body will be a perfect ingredient in creating a pill that can turn a demigod into a god." Pann told Adrian via telepathy as he knows that some greedy people will definitely want to capture her.

Just like Pann said, there have been attempts but they are merely attempts. Actually, Adrian does not know if the arrival of Sadiki and the God Seth was luck or great coincidence but that also help deter those that wanted to get the Goddess Bastet.

"It seems that they are currently located outside the small town below. The Goddess Bastet might have also noticed which is why she called upon her avatar as extra insurance should a demigod come to us. She might look tender and loving but she is definitely a feline goddess. Her claws are just hidden as she is ready to kill anyone that threatens her." Adrian thought as he told Sirius to hide in the shadows outside the temple.

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Adrian could still feel the eyes gazing upon them just before entering the actual temple. He feels that the person or entity that is gazing towards them has hostile intentions, but it stopped when they reached the inside of the temple. He is still a bit wary as anything could happen as long as the Goddess Bastet is still in the mortal realm.

When they entered the temple, all the priests of the Temple of Bastet bowed in reverence for the coming of their goddess. The High Priests are even bawling their eyes out as they could see their goddess in the flesh. The priests of the Temple of Bastet heavily leaned more towards the feminine side as male followers opt to become what they call as Golden Warriors.

The Golden Warriors are the elite troops of a god or goddess in the western continent. It is just a collective term which is why they often attach the name of the god or goddess they serve to differentiate them from others. In the case of the Temple of Bastet, her great warriors are called the Bastet Golden Warriors.

They earned the moniker of Golden Warriors because they tend to wear armor that is plated in Great Gold. Great Gold is an ore mined only in the western continent that is different from normal gold as it is ten times more conductive towards magic. It is a great material to infuse in armors to add a layer of magic protection and spells.

It is also an ore that can hardly be mined as it is extremely scarce. This is the reason why only the elite warriors of each temple could wear armor plated in Great Gold. For armors that is almost entirely made of Great Gold, only a handful of individuals have them such as God Avatars and emperors of the Western Continent.

For the Temple of Bastet, there are twenty Golden Warriors which is extremely respectable. The reason for this is the fact that the other side of the temple is the Ceaseless Desert where Great Gold could be mined. The Temple of Bastet also controls a small mine in the Ceaseless Desert where Great Gold could be mined which as well is why they could arm twenty warriors with them.

"Rise my children. It greatly pleases me that I can actually see you in my own body rather than possessing my avatar. Although a reunion is greatly appreciated, I need your help my children." The Goddess Bastet stated.

"What ever the Goddess Bastet needs, we your loyal children shall follow. The Great Mother has always been guiding us and helping us all our life. This is the greatest time where we can actually help you instead." Estet stated as she clasped the hands of the Goddess Bastet.

"Thank you, children, but the favor I am asking you will definitely be burdensome. I need your help in ascending to the Divine Realm as I have been trapped here for quite a while since I used all of my energy in creating the World Barrier. I need your help to recover to restore my divinity to its peak." The Goddess Bastet stated.

"Anything for our Goddess! We shall pray until we can even send you to the highest of the Divine Realms." Estet stated as she immediately told every follower of the Temple of Bastet to enter and prepare a great ceremony.

"Thank you, my children. Just do your best and do not exert yourselves too much to the point that all of you become exhausted. I cherish all of you like my children which is why doing your best is enough for me." The Goddess Bastet stated which made all the follower that she has cry.

Adrian looked at each of the followers to see if anyone of them could become a traitor should the need arises but all of them are practically exerting the same divine energy that the Goddess Bastet has. Adrian sighed with relief as he can feel a bit at ease inside the Temple of Bastet as no one would try and kill the Goddess Bastet inside.

"The problem would be if they break in and take her here. The blessings that she can give is limited in the mortal realm as she only has a body of a demigod. She did not tell her followers that their blessings have weakened a bit because of the fact that she is in the mortal plane. She is recovering quite fast though as other people started praying to her after the World Barrier protection." Adrian thought as Sirius suddenly alerted him.

"Master, it seems that there are a few people prowling outside the temple. What should I do?" Sirius stated via their soul link.

"Stay put for now as Kimat is there in the front door guarding the entrance. I also deployed Charon as well to stay hidden from sight." Adrian stated.

"If you are talking about Kimat then he is currently being frisky with one of the sphinxlets." Sirius stated as he used one of his shadow tendrils to slap Kimat's butt cheek to make sure that he is doing his duty.

Adrian could only laugh at that statement as there were a lot of sphinxlets that were practically throwing themselves at Kimat when they entered. It seems that it is the season of mating for them,

and Kimat is a great specimen of the feline genus. He somehow feels proud that Kimat is actually getting a lot of attention.

"Just make sure that your little brother is doing his job and not lazing about." Adrian stated which Sirius seriously adhered to.

"As I have said, this is Champion Equinox. He is the Champion of the Twin Gods and an esteemed guest at our temple. Treat him as you treat me because he made use of his time to escort me here. We should show him the hospitality that one needs." The Goddess Bastet stated as she introduced Adrian.

"As the goddess commands!" All of the followers stated as they gave a bow towards them.

"High Priestess Estet! We have an emergency!" One of the priests stated as she suddenly bolted towards them.

"Although you are disrespectful, I shall pardon you since the Goddess herself is not troubled by your attitude. Speak! Why did you destroy such a blissful atmosphere." Estet stated as her demeanor suddenly changed from what Adrian saw earlier.

"She is just like mother when we are in front of other people. Scary!" Adrian thought to himself as he gulped.

"There is a large horde of monsters trying to climb the great gorge from the Ceaseless Desert. It is ten times bigger than the horde that attacked us before." The priest stated as he asked the Goddess Bastet to forgive her rude behavior.

"No worries, my child. You are only doing what your sacred duty entails. I hope that everyone can follow his example." The Goddess Bastet stated.

"Forgive me, my goddess. It seems that we shall need to postpone the ceremony for later as we have an urgent problem. We shall plan for the defense of the gorge. Please enjoy your stay here in the temple as one of the Golden Warriors shall be your aid for the time being." Estet stated as she gathered all of the High Priests for the defense plan.

"Are you not going to tell them that they will have a much more difficult time now that you are here in the mortal realm? You cannot easily send out blessings like when you are in the divine realm." Adrian stated via telepathy as a lot of her followers might get gravely wounded or even die.

"Which is why I am asking you this, Champion Equinox. Can you help me to make sure that my children are safe?" The Goddess Bastet replied.

"Fighting with a goddess is a once in a lifetime opportunity so I shall accept your offer. I am also curious on the monsters of the Ceaseless Desert." Adrian answered but he is just doing this because he has been itching to fight ever since he saw the Sand Guardians fight.

"Nakia, my child. Show me and our guest to the great gorge." The Goddess Bastet stated which shocked the Golden Warrior as he did not expect that the first request that the goddess wants is go to the danger zone.

"Yes, my goddess. I can do that but please stand behind me as I shall protect you with all my soul." Nakia stated as he could not really say no to the very goddess that he prays to and serves.

"Do not worry, my child. I shall only be standing back and observe as a mother must not let their children go to danger without even arming them with protection. Our guest is also rather aching for a battle and would like to help you as well at my behest." The Goddess Bastet stated with a lovely and warm smile.

"She even has the same persuasion abilities as my mother. Scary indeed." Adrian thought as he followed them.

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Nakia could not say no to the Goddess Bastet which is why he escorted them to the viewing point of the Ceaseless Desert. The High Priests were surprised that their beloved goddess came to such a place, but they were also greatly energized by her presence alone. Estet looked at Nakia with a glare, but she already knew the tendencies of the goddess she serves which is why she did not berate him.

"Goddess, you did not need to come here as you should be resting in your room. The journey to the temple must have been quite far and you must be tired due to your current condition." Estet whispered as she seems to know the state of the Goddess Bastet.

"I want to see the glory of my children and also aid them. Our guest is also very pumped for a fight, and I am only indulging his request." The Goddess Bastet stated as he now pinned the blame on Adrian.

Adrian has this expression of disbelief written on his face as he heard what the goddess said. Then again, he did want to fight as he has been itching for a fight. He might go crazy just watching the warriors on top of the gorge fighting against the approaching horde of monsters.

"Charon, your new task will be to protect the Goddess Bastet. Immediately pull her inside the coffin the moment danger befalls on her." Adrian commanded Charon via their soul link and he could feel that the latter has heard the command completely.

"Champion Equinox, I am not underestimating your power, but you are a guest of the temple. If you can only fight near the temple grounds, then I can easily support both you and the goddess." Nakia stated with eyes begging Adrian to not stray too far from the actual temple and the Goddess Bastet.

"No worries. I shall only be here and shoot at them." Adrian stated as he summoned his Primordial Armament: Bow.

The others also saw Adrian's form changing and his human looking shell disappearing. They already knew from their high priestess that the Champion of the Twin Gods is actually an Arch Demon. They can finally see the real demon form of an actual Daemos but they did not expect that he looked so benevolent.

Adrian is not in his Netheros form as he is still in his Aetheros form. Aether Dust has this special property that makes anyone feel calm and protected. With the actual Goddess of Protection there as well, the effect of this is intensified. One can even say that they will be addicted to these special protections.

The monsters that are trying to climb the Great Gorge look like giant lizards that are covered with spikes. They are the most common monsters in the Ceaseless Desert as they are called the Spike

Armored Lizards. One would even think that they are of a lesser dragon species because they are huge and could eat a grown man in one gulp.

These lizard monsters are actually in the level range of 180 which is the lowest level in the Ceaseless Desert. They might be low in level, but their huge numbers make up for it. The most dangerous thing is that they have the ability to climb walls which is why they are always in the watchlist of the Temple of Bastet.

What Adrian is interested about is the fact that there are numerous other hunters present. Even players that are in the 200-level range are present in the battlefield. It seems that this occurs quite frequently as an emergency quest to the people in this region. It also means that Adrian must remain vigilant as there might be someone mixed in that will endanger the Goddess Bastet.

"This should be a good time to show some force." Adrian thought as he pulled the bowstring and started to release a large barrage of arrows.

Adrian managed to hit all the Spike Armored Lizards that get pass the first line of defense. He also eased up the tension of the vanguard as they are not overrun by the horde. Since Adrian's arrow are not made of physical things, his attacks deal great damage to the Spike Armored Lizards.

Spike Armored Lizards tends to have a hard spike exoskeleton that makes it almost impossible for them to be damaged by normal weapons. Almost all monsters in the western continent have hard exoskeletons which is why magic is incredibly valued in this continent as it could easily pierce the defenses of monsters such as this.

The people battling the horde could feel that they are also getting some kind of buff from the Temple of Bastet. They always get buffs when they are in battle against hordes, but the buff seems quite different today. Not only is the protection buff more powerful, but they also receive this buff that eases their stamina as they feel that they can fight longer than before.

"It seems that the people that are under my observation have yet to move but those outside the temple are actually using the chaotic situation to sneak inside. One even managed to get inside the temple already." Adrian thought as he is also making sure that he is aware of his surroundings.

Adrian then commanded Sirius to take that person to the Shadow Realm and interrogate whoever they are. They are already suspicious that they snuck inside an actual temple of a god. If they are not thieves, then they are here to kill someone.

Sirius understood the assignment and waited patiently in the shadows to catch the culprit that he saw. He waited for the culprit to step in a place filled with shadows like a great predator. The culprit thought that he managed to avoid the gaze of all the temple guards as most of them are focused on the monster horde.

Just as the culprit thought that they will be able to sneak near the Goddess Bastet, he stepped in a dark corner of the temple. Sirius deviously smiled like his master and used the shadows to pull the culprit. The intruder dropped to the shadow realm as if he got sucked in by a sinkhole.

The next thing that the intruder saw is pure darkness and in that darkness is a figure of a great wolf. The intruder tried to escape the shadow realm, but he cannot get out of this realm. The muffled screams of intruder could not be heard because his agony is trapped inside the shadow realm.

Charon is quietly observing the movement of people near the Goddess Bastet as it wants to become a dependable being to its master. Charon like Dodu is starting to feel and awaken even more of its intellect. Charon actually spread-out invisible chains near the Goddess Bastet to immediately trap anyone that may pose a danger to the goddess.

Kimat is still playing with the Sphinxlets but he is still guarding the entrance while posing as playing. He knows his duty but that does not mean that he cannot have fun on the side. Kimat has already been observing some suspicious movement below the temple, but he will not move unless they get to the temple directly.

Adrian felt a bit bored because no one is doing anything suspicious. It might be a bit of the overconfidence on his part, but he knows that the Goddess Bastet can also take care of herself. Even she knows that there are people waiting for her to be vulnerable.

"The people here in the battle against the horde are not showing any signs of suspicious movement but it seems that the people gazing at us at a distance from before have started to move." Adrian thought as Sirius has now caught two people yet none of them speak.

Just as Adrian is thinking of the ways to root out those that want to endanger the goddess, the next horde of monsters started to flow. Unlike the first horde, the monsters that appeared are only a small number. About ten monsters that are actually Desert Sun Beetles came scurrying towards the walls of the gorge.

The Desert Sun Beetles are somewhat rare monsters in the western continent as they are said to have been created by another sun god that is now forgotten. The fact that then of them gathered is already odd which is why the people are a bit put off in fighting them as they are called holy beasts.

"Champion Equinox, please make sure to not harm them. They are not really hostile creatures, but it seems something has agitated them. When one encounters the Desert Sun Beetles, we mostly just drive them away as killing them is considered bad luck." Nakia stated as he saw Adrian pulling his bowstring and about to launch an attack on them.

"I am not aiming at them though." Adrian stated as he released his arrow towards one of the people below the gorge.