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### Chapter 1161

Adrian aimed the arrows at one of the warriors below and it seems to be a player. Although the player is a high level one, he cannot easily dodge arrows that are as fast as light with ease. He also needs to be against the Desert Sun Beetles as their bodies can explode in an exploding inferno when provoked.

The player thought that Adrian is actually going to kill him even though he does not know what grudge a famous player has against him. He just prayed that he would die immediately and not experience a worse death like what normally occurs in the western continent. The arrow did not hit the player though as it hit the sand beneath him.

The moment the arrow hit the sand, a hideous monster suddenly came out and screeched in agony. The monster looks like a faceless humanoid with only an upper half. It only has a mouth that is filled with numerous rows of teeth and used its two appendages as means on moving through the sand.

"Sand Crawlers!" One of the priests of the Temple of Bastet shouted which made all the people fighting below immediately take to the rock formations.

Sand Crawlers are deformed monsters that take on a half body humanoid shape. They have sharp claws and large mouths filled with rows of teeth. They can easily crawl in the sands of the western continent via their unique bodies that can ingest and release sand. Their favorite food is meat, and they even say that Sand Crawlers that have tasted human flesh are the most dangerous as they crave it.

The player that thought Adrian is out to kill him suddenly got filled with cold sweat but he also escaped to a rocky area. Sand Crawlers can travel via sand, but they cannot burrow through solid rock which is why it is safe. If Adrian did not fire that arrow, then the player below would have died immediately as he is pulled down to the sands.

The easiest way to know if you are in a desert infested with Sand Crawlers are the quality of its sand being fine. Also, if they successfully catch a prey then small blood puddles will be created on top of sand. Sand Crawlers will drag their prey down the sand and devour their bodies like a meat grinder. It is listed as the number nine way to painfully die in the western continent.

"How did you know that there was a dangerous creature there, Champion Equinox?" Nakia asked as they often needed to see an actual attack of a Sand Crawler before they could prepare.

"I can see souls. The desert heat might slightly make it difficult to see a great distance, but I can clearly see those just below us." Adrian stated as he also kept quiet that he could see the properties and emotions of said souls.

"We are asking the Champion of the Twin Gods to help us in vanquishing the Sand Crawlers so that we can prepare to chase away the Desert Sun Beetles." Nakia stated as he knows that it is now dangerous to battle in the sand below them, but the threat of rampaging Desert Sun Beetles is still there.

"Sure. I am getting bored anyways." Adrian stated as he unfurled his wings that look like a great cosmos.

Adrian took to the skies and scanned the very sands if there is a living soul in there. He could see about fifty or so numbers of squirming entities below him. What made him curious is that even the Sand Crawlers are not going to the area that the Desert Sun Beetles are traversing.

"Are they afraid of them? Or are they afraid of something else?" Adrian thought as he knows that monsters with practically no eyesight are not picky with what they eat.

Adrian then thought of something why the Sand Crawlers are not attacking the Desert Sun Beetles and that is the body heat. The body heat of the Desert Sand Beetles might actually be as scorching as the desert itself while the bodies of other living beings tend to be colder.

"Should I kill one Desert Sun Beetle to make sure of that theory? Let us just kill all those squirming things." Adrian suddenly thought but put that behind him as he does not want to incur the great displeasure of the people in the western continent.

Adrian released a couple arrows, but his target success rate is not high due to the quick nature of the Sand Crawlers when they are not waiting below their prey. He had no choice but to use his spell, Quantum Cascade and chose all of those squirming souls as targets.

Adrian did not choose a normal epicenter this time in a circular area but a dome. He made the epicenter be the area above him so that all those marked entities will be pulled from the very sands below. With a snap of his fingers, the Quantum Cascade activated and all those in the area felt space tighten for a split second.

When they felt that force, numerous Sand Crawlers suddenly got pulled up into the sky. A large number of the Sand Crawlers could be seen as struggling as they do not know where they are. They are practically blind without tactile contact with sand or anything solid.

As soon as the Sand Crawlers could feel something solid near them, they immediately tried to assess what it is. In the end, numerous struggling Sand Crawlers could be seen all bloody because they have pierced each other with their sharp claws. Some that are so hungry started to devour the Sand Crawler beside them as food.

The look of horror upon all of the people could be seen as they saw a giant pile of Sand Crawlers killing and eating each other. Those with a weak stomach even vomited on the very spot they are observing as they cannot take such a gruesome scene. They chose to look away and instead focus their energy onto the incoming Desert Sun Beetles.

"Shooting Star!" Adrian stated as he released a dazzling arrow filled with intense energy towards the clumped mess of Sand Crawlers.

The clumped mess of Sand Crawlers became dust immediately upon getting hit by the fully buffed attack that Adrian used. He made sure to use all of the Primordial Energy in his body to delete them. Those that did not immediately die became dead when they fell from such a height.

"The Sand Crawlers are dead! Golden Warriors, go and drive the Desert Sun Beetles away!" The High Priestess Estet shouted as she took command of the remaining golden warriors.

The Golden Warriors all jumped from such a great height, yet they landed softly like a cat in the sands below. Those that have yet to see the abilities of the Golden Warriors stood by to observe the so-called greatest warriors of the western continent. Even Adrian just returned back from the viewing deck to observe how the golden warriors will handle the Desert Sand Beetles.

The Golden Warriors of the Goddess Bastet are donned in armor and headgear that is reminiscent of a feline. It seems that each temple's golden warriors will have abilities and skillsets depending on the god or goddess that they pray to. All of the Golden Warriors that are under the Goddess Bastet will have reflexes and abilities similar to a cat hence their ability to easily descend from such a high place.

All the Golden Warriors then stood their ground and suddenly emitted a terrifying roar that is equal to that of a great cat like a lion. The combined might of the roar that the golden warriors did somehow managed to wake the Desert Sun Beetles from their frantic state. The muddled eyes of the Desert Sun Beetles suddenly became clear as they have regained their sentience.

"Use fear to counter fear. Did not think that would be effective." Adrian stated as he never thought to use such a tactic before. If he were to think of something, then he would have hit the Desert Sun Beetles until they become clear headed.

"Desert Sun Beetles are incredibly intelligent despite being bug monsters. They are also very difficult to damage as their exoskeleton is said to be the hardest of all the monsters in the western continent. If they did not stop their charge, then they would easily destroy this very gorge." Nakia stated in order to inform Adrian of the qualities of the Desert Sun Beetles.

"I would have liked one if I like bugs, but they are not my thing." Adrian stated.

"Actually, they cannot be tamed or rather we have no one that has accomplished such a feat. Even the best Beast Master of the western continent could not tame one which is why they are dubbed as impossible to tame." Nakia stated to praise the great Desert Sun Beetle as he is told that Adrian is a summoner.

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"Should I tell him that I have tamed an actual dragon? Well, he is extremely proud of that fact so let us not burst his bubble." Adrian thought to himself but someone that actually knows this suddenly spoke.

"Child Nakia, you are actually talking to the wrong person about that. If anyone were to be able to tame a Desert Sun Beetle, then it would be Champion Equinox here. He has already tamed a dragon so it will not be weird if he can tame a monster such as the Desert Sun Beetles." The Goddess Bastet stated which made Nakia's jaw drop.

"Well, I am not good with bugs so I might not be able to tame one." Adrian stated to make sure that they do not look at him like some genius tamer or something.

"If it is you then you might even tame the Desert Sun Beetle King." The Goddess Bastet stated with a smile.

"It seems that the horde has stopped suddenly." Adrian stated as he wanted to divert the topic because he might actually get commissioned to capture the Desert Sun Beetle King at this rate.

"The Desert Sun Beetles are dispersing the monsters that are supposed to come. They have a special skill called Sun Armor that activates should they collide with something. It is a special armor that explodes with the heat of the sun upon contact.

All monsters in the Ceaseless Desert avoid the Desert Sun Beetles because of this skill. They would have ruled the Ceaseless Desert if they were only numerous, but they only reproduce once every century. They are also isolationist since they are on their own once they hatch." The High Priestess Estet stated as she came close to the Goddess Bastet.

"That is good because we need to deal with the people that are going inside the temple." Adrian stated as he commanded Sirius to reveal the bodies of people that he snatched.

Sirius rose from the shadow realm and took out about five people that tried to go inside the temple. They were not going inside the right way which is why Adrian apprehended them without questioning. The five people that Sirius captured look like they saw something that they should not have as they looked like they are scarred for life.

The five people are mumbling incoherently as they are clutching their legs. They do not seem to be that powerful as they are NPCs that have yet to go above the level 200 mark. What Adrian wants to know is the reason for them to sneak inside a temple that practically welcomes anyone that waltz through the front door.

"Who sent you?!" Nakia asked as he pointed his golden swords at the throat of one of the captives.

When the lives of the captives were threatened, they suddenly begged to spare them. They were mumbling that they were only commanded to sneak inside and kidnap a beautiful woman. They are not there because of their own volition because they have slave marks on their bodies.

When the captives told them of their situation, the captives suddenly convulsed on the floor. They did not seem to be acting as screams of agony could be heard in the halls of the Temple of Bastet. The priests tried to use magic to heal them, but the healing magic is not effective and that is also not their specialty.

"He..lp...me!" All of the captives begged as all of them started to cough up sand.

The five captives started to cough sand at first and then proceeded to puke it as if their blood became sand. The stomachs that they clutched suddenly caved in and their bodies slowly turned into sand. The priests of the Temple of Bastet looked in horror as the captives turned fully into sand.

When the bodies of the five captives became fully sand, all five of them exploded. The sands that were flesh and bones of people riddled the floor of the temple. The shocked expressions of all the priests could be seen in the whole room because they know of only a few that can actually do this.

When the High Priest Estet is about to command the golden warriors to be on high alert, the sands scattered on the floor suddenly clumped up and attempted to swallow the Goddess Bastet. The sand managed to catch someone and immediately went flying out of the temple.

"Follow the Goddess!" The High Priestess Estet shouted in panic as she could not believe that their goddess got captured when they were present.

The high priests and golden warriors immediately mounted their Sphinxlets and chased after the flying sand that they presumed has captured the goddess. The chase is not that long as the culprit for the kidnapping shown herself to them.

"Finally! A divine spark has fallen to my hands! Once I absorb the divine spark of a goddess then I shall become a goddess myself." An ugly looking old lady stated as she laughed maniacally.

"Sand Witch Arahaz! Free the goddess or else you shall face the wrath of the Temple of Bastet." The High Priestess Estet shouted towards the Sand Witch Arahaz.

"Silly hag. Once I absorb your goddess into my body then I shall become the very goddess that you will serve. Do you not know that?! It is better if all of you kneel before me and start venerating me while I am still a demigod." The Sand Witch Arahaz stated.

"All of you attack!" The High Priestess Estet commanded but she rescinded the order when the Sand Witch Arahaz created a spear made of sand.

The Sand Witch Arahaz then pointed the sand spear to the sand sack that she is using to supposedly trap the Goddess Bastet. The high priests and the golden warriors could not endanger the life of their goddess as they have been briefed that she is a bit weak right now due to taking on a mortal body for the time being.

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"Champion Equinox, do you not have a way to take the sand holding the goddess captive with spatial magic?" The High Priestess Estet asked Adrian softly, but it seems that the Sand Witch could still hear them.

"I have seen the abilities of demons! If you dare move just one muscle, then the goddess will be tortured beyond belief by me." The Sand Witch Arahaz stated as she kept a close observation on Adrian.

"Then do it." Adrian stated plainly which made the tense atmosphere so awkward because they did not expect that from him.

One would think that the person that escorted the goddess all the way to the western continent would get some form of attachment, but they did not expect that Adrian did not get any. The look of disbelief could be seen written in the faces of the members of the Temple of Bastet.

The people of the Temple of Bastet thought that he and the Goddess Bastet are somewhat close because he has yet to return despite safely escorting the goddess to her temple. Shock, anger and even frustration could be seen on the faces of everyone that heard Adrian's statement. They then remembered the sayings that the demons do not care about anything as long as the world still functions.

"Champion Equinox! You are not serious, right?" Nakia asked as he thought that Adrian is dependable because he helped them with their issues with the Sand Crawlers.

"I am serious though. I bet it was also her that drove the horde of monsters to the temple. If you really can do that then try doing it, Sand Witch Arahaz." Adrian stated and the people of the temple are enraged because he was even challenging the enemy to hurt their goddess.

"It seems that I am not threatening enough which is why you think I will not do it. I shall show you the face of your goddess as I deliver to her what pain feels." The Sand Witch Arahas stated as she slowly took out part of the swirling sand.

The Sand Witch Arahas and the people of the Temple of Bastet thought that they will see the head of their goddess show but they are shocked when it was not. The head that appeared is not of their goddess but actually of a feline monster. The clueless head of Kimat could be seen poking out of the sands.

Before the presumed kidnapping of the goddess, Adrian immediately noticed that the sand was acting strange because Sirius alerted him. The sand almost covered the body of the Goddess Bastet, but Charon immediately acted and pulled the goddess inside his coffin. Adrian then used Time Stop to make sure that Charon will make it in time to save the goddess.

When time is stopped, Adrian immediately knew that there should at least be someone to be kidnapped. If the sand were to be empty, then the one pulling the strings would not show themselves. Adrian immediately conjured up a summoning magic circle and pulled Kimat to his location.

The unsuspecting Kimat suddenly got told to shrink a bit to at least imitate the height of a human. He did as he complied and is told to not resist too much when he is restrained. The clueless Kimat did as he is told despite his fervent wish that someone else should do it.

Sirius then showed up beside Kimat to discipline him. Sirius told Kimat that this is his punishment for playing around too much when he should have been busy guarding the temple. The poor Kimat can only suck it up as Sirius is considered as their eldest. Even the dragon Kanlaon follows Sirius' commands to the utmost.

"Do not worry. You will be safe as I can always summon you back to me when you are in danger." Adrian told Kimat to make the soulbound believe that he will be safe.

When Adrian placed Kimat in the Goddess Bastet's place, he resumed time once again. Everything happened so fast which is why the others could not see what clearly happened and assumed that it was the Goddess Bastet that is kidnapped. Adrian did not tell them as well because he needed to see the mastermind of this whole debacle. He knows that the monster horde is not a coincidence.

[You soulbound, Kimat, has been captured. You cannot summon him back to you as long as he is trapped in the Sand Sack.]

"Oh! Did not see that coming." Adrian muttered to himself as he also chased after the flying sand cloud.

"If you are looking for the Goddess Bastet then she is right here with me." Adrian stated as the time for Soul Keep has ended.

Charon suddenly appeared behind Adrian and opened his casket. The Goddess Bastet came out of the casket and is unharmed. The smiles of the members of the Temple of Bastet could be seen beaming as their goddess is actually safe. They thought that the guest that their goddess invited actually just left him to be captured.

"You blasted Demon!" The Sand Witch Arahas stated as her rage suddenly overtook her mind.

The very sand in the desert below them suddenly started to swirl and create sand tornadoes. Numerous sand tornadoes started to converge towards their direction as the Sand Witch Arahaz wants to kill them because of her embarrassment. She no longer cares if the Goddess Bastet is barely hanging onto life as long as she could kill Adrian right now.

"Sirius use Samael's Domain." Adrian commanded as Sirius issued a howl.

The world suddenly got dyed in a darker shade despite being the middle of the day. The Sand Witch thought nothing of it and controlled the Sand Tornadoes to kill Adrian but all she hit were illusions. She could not believe that she did not hit anything because she was the Sand Witch. She should not be fooled by illusions in the desert because she controls the very desert themselves.

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Sirius' domain immediately plunged the area into a whole illusion but that does not mean they are safe. Illusions only affect the mind and if the opponent is stronger than the one creating them then they can disable it. This is only possible for normal illusions though and not from a domain.

The sand tornadoes collided with each other and dissipated as they hit nothing. The sand tornadoes did create sharp blades of wind with sand particles, but the protection spells of the Temple of Bastet negated that damage. The Sand Witch Arahaz saw that her attack was ineffective, but she could not locate her enemies.

"Charon!" Adrian commanded.

Charon suddenly let out chains to try and bind the Sand Witch Arahaz. The Sand Witch Arahaz is shocked that such chains could actually bind her as she can easily turn her body into sand. She finally noticed that these chains are magical in nature, and it is also starting to suck her life force.

"Sirius, use Realm Ender." Adrian stated as he is already in his Netheros True Form.

Adrian did not want to give a demigod a break as he knows that it will be them that will suffer should he take it slow. He immediately shifted to his Netheros form the moment the illusion went up. He also summoned his Nether Domain as well and proceeded to transform himself.

All of this occurred in mere seconds and quite hidden because of Sirius' Domain. Sirius' domain is something that only a master of illusions could use as it could even hide the energy of a domain. He then resummoned his three soulbounds and they transformed into their nether forms.

The red dyed world that is summoned by Samael's Domain suddenly became dark and dreary. Sirius' large form could be seen almost encompassing the whole area as he returned to his full size and even grew because of his nether form.

Sirius could be seen as something almost equal to a demigod's power because of all the energies that he accumulated. Adrian even pumped him with all the nether energy that Sirius can handle. Adrian wants to kill the Sand Witch Arahaz as soon as possible.

The Sand Witch Arahaz could feel that her life is in danger because of her greed. She wanted to break free of the chains but her very body cannot escape it. She had no choice but to use her own domain to at least counteract the domain of her enemies.

"Witch of the Desert!" The Sand Witch Arahaz shouted as she squeezed out every energy in her body that she can release.

The three domains filled the Ceaseless Desert as a sandstorm kicked in because it is the effect of the Sand Witch Arahaz's own domain. She did not have a patron god to offer her a domain as she has created it on her own. She is not borrowing from a higher power as she is a demigod that aims to become a goddess.

[The Sand Witch Arahaz has cast her own domain, Witch of the Desert.]

[Spells and attacks that require projectiles will decrease in accuracy by 30%.]

[Accuracy of all attacks will decrease by 20%.]

[You shall receive 0.01% health damage every ten seconds due to the intense sandstorm that the domain has summoned.]

"Poor lost child. You shall not be forgiven for attempting to take my life. The Domain of the Cat!" The Goddess Bastet stated as she threw her ankh to the air.

The ankh shined and a great pyramid is created on the air and crashed to the ground. The great pyramid suddenly manifested and pushed out all the sand that the sandstorm has created. The great pyramid has pushed out an actual domain but retained the domains of both Sirius and Adrian.

[The Goddess Bastet has summoned her domain, Domain of the Cat.]

[The domain of a goddess of protection has been created. One domain could be pushed out or nullified for a certain duration.]

[The Goddess Bastet has chosen the domain of the Sand Witch Arahaz to be nullified for five minutes.]

[Your protections have been increased by 50% as long as you are inside the Domain of the Cat.]

[You have a 20% chance of blocking any type of attack as long as you are inside the Domain of the Cat.]

The great pyramid that is created due to the domain of the Goddess Bastet has a motif of cats. Numerous cat statues could be seen scattered in the walls of the pyramid. All the statues are also looking towards the middle as if they are observing everything.

"Impossible!" The Sand Witch Arahaz shouted in desperation as she could see her very death.

"Sirius, kill her!" Adrian commanded.

"Wait! I surrender! Wai...ah!" The Sand Witch Arahaz shouted as she tried pleading for her life, but it was for naught.

The Sand Witch Arahaz could not even utter a scream as Sirius tore her limb from limb using Realm Ender. She could not even utter a scream as the first thing that Sirius separated was her very head. At the very least, she died immediately without experiencing great pain.

[You have killed the broken demigoddess Sand Witch Arahaz.]

[You have stolen the divine spark that she previously owns.]



[Divinity Stat + 1]

When the Sand Witch Arahaz finally died, all of the domains vanished, and no trace of a battle could be even seen in the area. It seems that the great pyramid that the Goddess Bastet has summoned through her domain can also protect the very area where the battle occurred. When Sirius uses Realm Ender, the very area would usually be full of craters because he has yet to fully master the power of such a skill.

"That was easier than expected." Adrian muttered as he reverted back to his normal form.

"It was only easy because she was a broken demigoddess. I also helped you quite a bit, so you better make sure to not let it get to your head that you defeated a demigod." The Goddess Bastet stated.

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"I know that you also did something to her to make sure that her defenses were lowered to the utmost. It seems that the gods and goddesses of protection can also take protections from others and not just give them." Adrian stated.

Adrian knew that he should still not be able to kill the Sand Witch Arahaz with just Realm Ender. She was still a demigod despite being a broken one. What Adrian did not expect is that he would actually absorb the divinity of the fallen demigoddess.

"Does Sirius eating her body factor that in absorbing her divinity? Adrian thought as he patted the head of a tired Sirius.

"Nevertheless, you are the one who contributed greatly to this battle. You should be proud of that." The Goddess Bastet stated.

"The goddess is correct. We were merely bystanders, and we are actually high officials of the temple." The High Priestess Estet stated as she felt slightly ashamed because Adrian practically did everything.

"No worries. We should also make an example of someone so that the flies that are buzzing around will become scared." Adrian replied as he can now feel that the gazes that he has been feeling has vanished.

The very death of a demigoddess came as a shock to the ones that wanted to attempt to kidnap the Goddess Bastet. They also saw that the Goddess Bastet could strip them of their protections which is why they no longer cared about such ideas. In the end, the quiet desert has really become quiet as there are no longer those that attempt to kidnap the goddess.

"Everyone! Prepare for the ceremony as we shall hasten its deployment!" The High Priestess Estet stated as they returned back to the temple.

The High Priestess Estet knows that they need to send their mother goddess back to the divine realm as they can feel that their blessings are becoming lesser. Even their protection spells are starting to easily falter, and they know the reason. They no longer have the Goddess Bastet in the divine realm to transform the faith that they give her into energy.

Adrian checked the area where the Sand Witch Arahaz died and saw that she did not drop any item. She was not only a broken demigoddess, but it seems that she was a poor one as well. It is either that or she has a secret lair that houses all of the goodies that she had.

"Well, I cannot search the entirety of the western continent anyway. Anyone who can find her lair would be fated with it." Adrian thought to himself as he returned to the Temple of Bastet with the others.

The ceremony preparation is definitely not difficult, but it was not easy as well. All of the priests needed to be clean which means they needed to bathe. The cleaned priests would then wear their ceremonial robes which is just a white overall that covers the body. The only accessory that they could wear are golden bangles on their hands and feet.

All the priests are also wearing a golden cat mask that covers the upper half of their face. The main hall is then prepared as all of them are gathered. Each of them is holding a small cat figurine in their hands that is the symbol of the Goddess Bastet. The priests are also singing a hymn in an unfamiliar language that he cannot understand.

"This is the song of praise that I created for myself. It uses the language that we used when we were in our original universe." The Goddess Bastet stated as she revealed herself to Adrian who was waiting in the corner.

The Goddess Bastet could be seen wearing the very same dress that she wore when she descended. The only difference is that the veil that covered her face is no longer present. One would have thought that they would see the face of the Goddess Bastet when the veil is off, but that is not the case.

The Goddess Bastet had a silhouette of beautiful face hidden under the veil that she wore earlier but she actually hid her feline face. When the veil is off, the head of the Goddess Bastet is shown to the public and that is of a cat. She has the face of an Abyssinian cat when likened to a living being in the real world.

"The song is beautiful. Make sure to traverse back to the divine realm safely so that I will not be berated by the elders." Adrian stated as this is his way of bidding farewell to the Goddess Bastet.

"No worries, Champion Equinox. I shall safely return to the divine realm as I do not want my followers to suffer because of my selfishness of being here in the mortal realm. Farewell to you and I pray that all the gods grant you, their protection." The Goddess Bastet stated as she stood in the middle of the encirclement.

All of the priests are already bowing and praying to the figurines that they held. They dared not to look at the goddess directly or rather they could not look at her with their very eyes. The only person that could look at the Goddess Bastet directly are Adrian and the High Priestess Estet. The veil also protected others from losing their minds trying to look at the Goddess Bastet directly.

The ceremony was rather simple at the very end as all they did was to pray with all their hearts to the Goddess Bastet. She stood inside a special circle that could harness the faith of the people that believed in her and all that faith turned into pure energy. The pure energy that she received is then used to purify her mortal body.

The reason why only demigods can stay in the mortal realm is due to the fact that they have a physical body. All they needed to become gods are to become beings of pure energy just like what is happening to the Goddess Bastet now.

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The Goddess Bastet's mortal body could be seen being purified by the energy that she is receiving. Her whole body could be seen basking in white flames as it turns into pure energy. When the Goddess Bastet finally turned into pure energy, she could be seen donning clothes made of pure energy itself.

Her very gaze could make anyone shudder as she has finally returned to her godly form. When the Goddess Bastet returned to her godly form, a gate suddenly appeared on top of her. The gate then pulled her body, and she did not resist as this is the ascension process.

The Goddess Bastet smiled at all her followers and her body vanished into the gate. After the Goddess Bastet returned to her divine realm, the followers that prayed to her suddenly became more powerful as the strength of their goddess has returned. Adrian could even see that the divine energy that they have has become thicker.

The priests then all stood up and praised the Goddess Bastet once more before they returned to their rooms in order to rest. It might seem like the ceremony only lasted a few minutes, but it actually took a whole three hours. Even Adrian did not kept track of the time as he looked at the process of the Goddess Bastet transforming into a being of pure energy.

"A god or goddess is basically a being of pure energy which means they can easily manipulate energy because of this body characteristic." Adrian thought as he made this conclusion from his observation.

It would make sense for gods or goddesses to be beings of pure energy as only they can manipulate energy freely without restraint. When one has a mortal body, they will need to succumb to the limitations of said body. Even if they are demigods, half of their bodies are still that of flesh and bone which means they also have limitations.

"Thank you, Champion Equinox. Without your help, I believe that the Goddess Bastet will not be able to return. On behalf of her temple, I thank you greatly for your service." The High Priestess Estet stated as she gave a bow to Adrian to express her gratitude.

A bow from a High Priestess of any temple is a big deal because they themselves represent their respective religions. Another high official from a temple is actually bowing to a champion that also represents a temple is something that cannot be easily seen.

"You should not show too much gratitude as I only made sure to fulfill my mission that is given to me." Adrian stated.

"Nevertheless, the Temple of Bastet is greatly indebted to you. As long as you need our help in the western continent then we shall always answer your call." The High Priestess Estet stated.

[You have been recognized by the Temple of Bastet as a great contributor.]

Adrian no longer has anything he needs to do at the western continent at the moment. He needs to return back to Limbo first as he has something important there that he needs to do. Something that he has put off for quite some time as new revelations and duties started coming up.

Adrian created a gate that directly leads him to Limbo and went inside. To those that cannot see the energy of death, it looked like Adrian went through a wall and vanished. Only those that are dead and that have death energy in their body could see the door to the afterlife.

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[You are now in Limbo.]

Adrian arrived in Limbo and appeared before three of the four former horsemen of the apocalypse. Adrian collected their souls when they died in the northern continent as their souls were on the brink of collapse. Adrian wanted to keep the promise that he made with the three tribes related to them as they want their ancestors to pass through and reincarnate.

"Thank you for meeting us once again, Shepherd of Lost Souls and Honorary Judge of Limbo." The Northern Rider stated with a bow.

The other two soon followed and bowed towards Adrian as he is an authority figure in this realm. When Adrian released their dissipating souls in Limbo, they managed to at least become stable enough to retain some consciousness. The only problem is that they can no longer remember who they are as they no longer know their names.

The reason Adrian is getting a headache from these three is due to the fact that they do not want to crossover to the other side. They are adamant in only crossing over when the last of the four has returned. Their souls are also strong enough to even resist the Anubis gatekeepers which mean Adrian has to deal with them.

"Why not just pass through the door and be judged by the Twin Gods already? I said that I will find the missing soul of the Eastern Rider when I go to the eastern continent. His soul should still be located in the area where he died." Adrian stated as he wants the three to pass through the Gate of Judgement already.

"As we have stated before, we shall only pass that gate with all four of us. We might not remember our names, but we do remember the bond that all four of us have. We are determined to reincarnate as siblings in our next lives." The Western Rider stated.

"I told you before that is not how that works. If you are lucky then all of you will become siblings but you will still be judged as well. I do not even know if you guys will be punished before reincarnation because you did both good and bad. Honestly, even I do not know where your souls will end up to." Adrian stated as that is what he knows.

"We are adamant about our decision. We shall only move pass the Gate of Judgement as four instead of one by one. Please respect our last wishes." The Southern Rider stated as she knelt before Adrian.

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Adrian knew that he cannot change the minds of the three riders unless he finds the soul of the last one. It seems that they are very connected with each other as they are literally foregoing the chance of resurrection unless all of them are present. He does not know where the confidence of the three are based on, but he does not want all this expectation presented to him.

Sometimes heavy expectations become immense burdens for people as they cannot fulfill such an easy promise or do what they said they would do. You can also let a lot of people down if you do not exceed it and plunge yourself in agony and despair.

"I shall do my best to find his soul but do not expect too much as a soul that wanders the mortal realm slowly loses their sense of self much faster. It would not be farfetched to say that there is nothing left of his original self when you meet him. You can just be looking at an empty husk when I bring his soul here." Adrian stated as he did not promise them that he will retrieve the soul with memories intact.

"You just listening and doing our request is already a great blessing to us. You are the only being in this world that can easily traverse the land of the living and the dead. No other being can do this unlike you." The Northern Rider stated.

"Technically, the other death gods can pass to the mortal realm but that would mean tainting the very soil with death energy which they do not want. The Aspect of Death can also freely traverse the land of the living and the dead though he just likes to ferry the dead souls to Limbo. He is not much of a talker, but he is incredibly nice." Adrian stated.

"We do not know of this Aspect of Death as you were the ones that sent us to Limbo. From the stories of other diseased, he seems to just stare blankly at you when he comes for your soul." The Eastern Rider stated as she has talked to other souls in Limbo.

"You must have only seen a part of him as gods and goddesses of death tend to do that. They cannot all welcome their followers or get a soul at the same time. If you see Thanatos, then he is definitely the definition of a hot guy. Such a shame that he can only be seen in death though.

A lot of people who managed to see the real face of the Aspect of Death never wanted to leave this place at one point. Anyways, I am off to the eastern continent to search for the soul of the eastern rider. Wish me luck as I will really need it." Adrian stated as he remembered the situation when Thanatos came in his real form. He then proceeded to teleport to the eastern continent.

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"How is the search for the being that we asked for?" A beautiful male voice stated as he could be seen sitting on a golden throne atop the highest tower located in the Silver City.

"Lord Mikhail, I am afraid that we have yet to find the being that you have asked for. Is there a possibility that this being has yet to be born?" One of the angels stated but that was not the answer that Mikhail wanted.

The brightly lit room that they are currently in started to shudder as if light itself trembled before him. The angels in the room suddenly became afraid that their leader might throw a tantrum as he is

known for his uptight behavior. They suddenly started to pity the angel that reported to him as he might end up dead.

"Brother, you are making the area suffocating. Remember that I am also here." Mikayla stated as she pitied the angel that did their best.

The angels that were trapped for countless years in the Silver City would have lost their minds if they did not make themselves fall asleep. All of them made sure that they will fall in an eternal slumber that will only be broken once the gate has been opened. This is the only solution that they could do or else the proud and gracious angels would have become mad.

In fact, some angels became mad due to the extreme isolation, and they had to be erased from existence due to it. Thankfully for them, the gate to the Silver City opened before they all deteriorated from sleep. Even the strongest of them all, the First Seraphim Mikhail, has his powers deteriorate to make sure that he does not fade into existence.

Angels that were not that strong to begin with perished in under a thousand years of sleep and only a few have remained alive. The First Seraphim Mikhail would have started a destruction spree if his sister was no longer alive. His anger also subsided when a newly born angel by the name of White presented him with the Holy Grail.

The angel player White managed to obtain the Holy Grail with the help of her guild which is led by Hou Yiwei. She managed to get great recognition due to this feat as the Holy Grail can birth new angels as they are outside the reincarnation cycle of the Twin Gods. Beings that are outside the reincarnation cycle of the Twin Gods are those that do not acknowledge them as creators.

Angels are beings that avoid procreating using the traditional way because they have been told that it was useless as they could be birth using the Holy Grail. The Goddess of Light Luminaria also made sure to cast out any of her creations that procreate with other beings as she deems other beings as lesser than her perfect creations.

In the end, the angels that stuck to their beliefs slowly withered away as the Holy Grail could no longer give birth to stronger angels.

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Since the Holy Grail could no longer give birth to powerful angels, Mikhail can only make do with the fact that only weak angels can be birthed. Despite this, he is glad that there were numerous angels that is created when he activated the Holy Grail. He hopes that at least one in every thousand show promise.

He also commanded all the angels to look for a special being that has half the soul of an angel and a devil. He must make sure that he possesses this being as it will greatly help them should they possess the Nephilim. A being that is the reincarnation of the son of his half-brother, Samael.

Not a lot of angels know this, but the First Seraphim Mikhail is not the first born as his brother Samael was. Unlike him, Samael is different as he was formed using some Asmodian Blood. His brother was the very first Asmodian Angel hybrid to ever exist and he was twice as powerful as Mikhail.

Samael was also regarded as the most beautiful of the angels and the Goddess of Light Luminaria favored him to be her partner in Realm of Light. Jealous of this, Mikhail made sure that his

brother's heart will not shake for the Goddess of Light but instead to another angel by the name of Lilith.

Jealous of the affection that her own creation has, the Goddess of Light Luminaria casted Lilith out of her Silver City and she was the first to fall. She was the first Devil to ever been created and Samael followed her to the depths of Hell. Other angels that felt restricted of the Goddess of Light also followed them soon and the Devils followed what they desired instead of what was dictated of them.

When Lilith was cast out, she was already pregnant at the time with Samael's child. The two did not mind no longer having the affection of the Goddess of Light as both of them have each other. What they did not expect is that the Goddess of Light will lay claim to their unborn child.

"The child in your womb is mine as I am your creator therefore that child is mine." The Goddess of Light Luminaria stated.

The two are appalled by the statement of the Goddess of Light as she wanted to claim their child as if the unborn child was an object. The Goddess of Light could not harm or claim the child as Samael protected Lilith from her. They thought that they would have their happily ever after, but the Great War of the Gods happened.

Samael perished in that war and Lilith was left to raise and protect her child on her own. Hell was no longer safe for them as even the other devils wanted the child for themselves. Lilith can only go to the human realm and raise her child in secret, but she cannot easily do so as they were found.

Thankfully for Lilith, the Fallen swooped in and protected her child from the angels that wanted to take him. The Nephilim boy showed great mastery over both the light and the darkness element to the point that he would make angels and devils lower their heads in shame.

Seeing the great powers of the boy, the Goddess of Light actually wanted him more as he could be the solution for her to rule both light and darkness. For the Goddess of Light Luminaria, darkness is just the absence of light which means she can control it given the right tools. This is the real reason for the War of the Winged Ones that is the battle between angels, the Nephilim, and devils.

"I must have that being and absorb its soul for I shall become a being that will be able to wield both light and darkness! I should be patient as that Lilith managed to hide her son's soul from the Goddess Luminaria herself. It should not be long till I find the Nephilim's soul and devour it. Once I devour it, the Goddess of Light Luminaria will finally look to me for comfort, and we shall rule this world together as equals." The First Seraphim Mikhail thought to himself as he calmed down.

"Keep looking for that being's soul as the goddess herself has claim over it." The First Seraphim Mikhail stated as he gestured the angels to get out to look.

"You are getting better in handling your rage now brother. Make sure to always do that as even we had a difficult time living in the mortal realm for thousands of years." Mikayla stated as she acted cute.

"Are you not going to disregard that flesh sack that you are inhabiting? Do not tell me that you have grown attached to it?" The First Seraphim Mikhail asked Mikayla as she has yet to disregard the mortal body that she is inhabiting like some of the angels.

"I should inform you that this body is of royalty and is incredibly beautiful. It was so difficult finding a suitable host for me when the Silver City was closed. Also, this body is useful in finding that Nephilim or whatever as I can command humans to do it for me." Mikayla stated but she knows that she has grown attached to her body.

"If that is the case then keep that meat sack. Just make sure that you command the sheep well as it will not take long before we rule over them. We are only waiting for the time that the strength of the Seven Virtues returns." The First Seraphim Mikhail stated.

"I hate to break it to you but there are demigods that survived the Great War of the Gods. I am not looking down your strength but there are still ancient dragons and other beings of the same power level alive." Mikayla reported.

"What of Noblesse? Are there still a couple alive?" The First Seraphim Mikhail asked.

"If you are referring to Noblesse then there is only one currently alive. I think he goes by the name of Pann if I am not mistaken. I do not know why but even the other demigods seems to be making sure that they do not cross paths with him." Mikayla stated.

"That is to be expected because the Noblesse Pann is actually a child of a Half Asmodian. He also has the support of many cosmic monsters at his call which is why he was called the Shepherd of the Cosmos. He is not an easy person to defeat because he also has mastery over origin magic." The First Seraphim Mikhail stated.

"I did not know that but in terms of power level then you would be more powerful than him. If he has beasts, then he might equal you." Mikayla stated.

"Are there other Noblesse than him? How about Arch Demons?" The First Seraphim Mikhail asked.

"There are currently three Arch Demons that have mastery of each major arcana in Origin Magic. They are the elders of the Daemos with names of Ascalor, Koronn, and Bronx. There is also one demon that is a bit odd, but he is still a Greater Demon." Mikayla stated.

"I do not care about greater demons as they can be easily crushed." The First Seraphim Mikhail exclaimed as he does not want to hear details about a measly greater demon.

"Okay, if you say so. Now onto the matter that I want to tell you...what are we going to do about her?" Mikayla asked.

The her that Mikayla is referring to is Pristina as she managed to ascend to the First Hierarchal Sphere with the power level of a Thrones. It would have been fine if she remained as a Dominions, but she ascended to the upper level of the angels. She is at the same power level as the weakest of the Seven Virtues.

"If you are worried about her then erase that thought. I should reward her for her efforts in opening the gates to the Silver City. She also managed to amass enough strength to become as powerful as Zadkiel to her own efforts. I shall think whether she should get an honorary position in the council or become its head instead." The First Seraphim Mikhail stated.

"The head of the council...not a bad position as she would still be lower in rank compared to the Seven Virtues. She would also be good in that position as you can monitor her. She is also the most



well-known of the angels as she took charge of the others when connection with the Silver City is cut. Still, I must warn you brother as that woman is a poisonous snake." Mikayla stated as she knows what Pristina is capable of.

"You worry too much cute little thing. I am always watching her and waiting for the opportunity that she makes a blunder." A beautiful female voice stated as she entered the highest room of the Tower of Babel.

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The beautiful came from one of the Seven Virtues and her name was Camael. She is one of the now four Thrones in the world. Her Thrones is called the Thrones of Seeing. She can peer to any part of the world that the light touches when she was in full power.

"You are saying that you are watching her but the three of the Thrones in the Seven Virtues are now in the same level as her. You should focus on searching for the Nephilim that my brother is in desperate need of." Mikayla stated the truth which made it difficult for Camael to refute her.

"If I was back in my full power then I can see everything that the light touches and nothing will be out of my sight." Camae stated as she is starting to get annoyed at Mikayla.

"Correction...you can only see what the light touches. It also means that you cannot see everything. Do not overestimate yourself as that is the reason some of the angels dropped dead over the years that all of you are sleeping in the Silver City." Mikayla stated as she fiddled with light threads on her palms.

"This annoying brat!" Camael thought and is about to berate her, but she was cut off.

"Do not be offended too much of what a child said Camael. She is still a few thousand years younger than you after all." A rather beautiful but somewhat annoying sounding voice stated.

"Gabriel! As expected of the 'Great Gossip'." Camael stated as a male angel entered the room.

"I am only saying that because you will get hurt if you hurt her. Our leader over there does not like anyone touching or hurting his sister after all. As for you Miss Mikayla, is it not a bit harsh to say that to others that just woke up and recovering. You know that you should always empathize at what the mortals call a sick person." Gabriel stated as he looked at Mikayla.

"You could say that all of you are currently sick right now. I guess I have offended you. Sorry if I actually offended you though." Mikayla stated in a tone that did not sound the least bit apologetic.

"Control yourself, Camael. She has been pampered by her brother so much and you know that. You should be thankful because she at least acknowledges that she was wrong. If it was the previous her then you would have gotten nothing." Gabriel whispered to Camael as she was about to lose her fuse.

Gabriel is the current second in command of the Seven Virtues but in truth he is the real one commanding the lesser angels. Mikhail could not be bothered by those that are not his sister or the Seven Virtues which is why Gabriel had to take the helm and guide the new angels. He is actually thankful that Pristina seems to have experience leading newly born angels which is why he got free time in his hands.

Gabriel is also the strongest Ophanim of the First Hierarchal Sphere of the Heavenly Counselors. He is the Ophanim of Sound as he can hear everything that the light touches. He is also the oldest brother of the Thrones Camael. Even Mikayla knows that Gabriel should be respected because he is the one that commands those below.

"Am I late?" An energetic female voice stated as she suddenly materialized in the room as if she became light itself.

"You are not late, Uriel. You are never late although you did arrive quite early this time. You usually make do with a second before the actual meeting." Gabriel stated.

"I knew that this meeting would be important which is why I am early. It is about exploring the world below and I am so excited about it." Uriel stated.

Uriel is the Ophanim just below Gabriel and is the Ophanim of Light. She can freely become and manipulate light itself even if it is not present. She is the one that is closest to light among all the angels although her attitude could be a bit childish. The childish demeanor cannot hide the strength present in her small frame though.

"Calm yourself, dear sister. You always tend to charge over and would destroy things around you. Please be mindful of your actions." A teenage male voice stated as he came inside the room wearing robes that may make others confuse him for a trainee priest.

"As boring as usual, Raphael." Uriel stated as she called her own twin brother as boring which only made Raphael sigh in defeat.

Raphael is another Ophanim that is the same strength as Uriel but his is not centered to battle. He is the Ophanim of Healing and is the best healer under the heavens or so his title says. He has a calm and calculating personality which makes him a great healer. He is said to be able to revive anyone from the brink of death.

"I did not know that the meeting would be this early! If I knew then I should have been much earlier as I cannot prepare myself to be looked at if all of you are here already. Being late is never the best if you want to dazzle the very people." A flamboyant voice stated which makes one wonder if it came from a woman or a man.

"Behave, Jophiel." A stern female voice stated.

"As well kept as ever, Zadkiel." Jophiel stated with a wink.

Jophiel is the Thrones of Beauty and is the most alluring of the angels. One could be said that no one knows what her real gender is which is why Jophiel is often referred as they. It is said that Jophiel was once two different angels of male and female unparalleled beauty that fused together.

Despite being called the Thrones of Beauty, Jophiel is the most prominent in using weapons after Mikhail. They find the beauty in fighting which is why they are incredibly skilled in it.

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When one looks at Jophiel then they would certainly be enamored. They can easily make any living being infatuated by just the very sight of them. The only thing they might find a bit off is the flamboyant way that they talk as Jophiel finds that way of talking as beautiful.

"Please keep quiet when meetings are in order. It is only good to speak in such things when you are asked." Zadkiel stated as she glared at Jophiel as they started to pose on front of the others.

Zadkiel is the last of the Thrones and she is characterized as an uptight and upright individual. She is called the Thrones of Righteousness as she is also the head of the Angelic Judiciary. She wants everything to be in order and working as intended as that is in her nature.

Each of the Seven Virtues are powerful enough to rival an Arch Demon. If they were not currently gathering their lost strength, then they would have started their plan of making all living beings submit to the Will of the Goddess of Light. They also represent the seven virtues that are special abilities given to them by the Goddess of Light herself.

Unlike what normal people think, Virtues are basically the blessing of the Goddess of Light that she bestowed on what she views as her most perfect creations. It does not mean that they represent the virtue itself but obtains special abilities depending on the virtue that is given to them.

Zadkiel is given the Virtue of Temperance as she has shown that she can be uptight and strict. This virtue makes those that she deems as targets become unable to use some of their skills and abilities. The abilities that get sealed cannot be used when in her presence but there are needed circumstances for skills to sealed.

Camael is given the Virtue of Charity as she can see all with her ability. This virtue makes those that face her and see her transfer some of their mana and health to them. Her opponents cannot stop this course of action unless they have a blessing that is equal to her virtue.

Jophiel is given the Virtue of Chastity as the Goddess of Light Luminaria deems so because she made the former too beautiful. The virtue of Chastity will make those that face Jophiel be unable to attack them if they become enamored. It makes fighting Jophiel difficult as some attacks will become ineffective just because one had the thought of attaining them.

Uriel is given the Virtue of Diligence as she is the most energetic of all the seven. It was given to her as a way to channel her great energy as light cannot be easily contained. The virtue gives her unparalleled stamina that never drains and even her energy levels do not easily vanish even when fighting for a long time. In a battle of attrition, one would lose against her because they would be too tired to keep up.

Raphael is given the Virtue of Kindness as a testament to his kind heart. The virtue gives his spells that heal and rejuvenate allies added effects or multiplies their effectiveness. In return, he gets a bonus shield to him as well for the number of beings he heals.

Gabriel is given the Virtue of Patience as a testament to his ability to stay levelheaded. This virtue makes Gabriel stronger the longer that the fight drags on. He will become as powerful as Mikhail if the fights drag on for a long time. If they do not defeat him fast enough, then they will die in the end when facing Gabriel.

Mikhail is given the Virtue of Humility not because he is humble, but he humbles those that meet him. This virtue gives him great damage reduction to those weaker than him to the point that some attacks are ineffective. Epic Tier and lower spells could not even damage him if they are fired by a

being weaker than him. This also makes him very terrifying to fight because he is the strongest of all the angels.

All Seven Virtues have gathered to discuss on the plan that they have started a few thousand years ago. The plan of letting all mortal life be ruled by them and let those very mortals only pray to the Goddess of Light. They have gathered once more as they need to assess the situation if the same thing could be carried out again.

"If this meeting is about the world domination thing, then I vote no." Gabriel stated as he can already predict that this is the reason that they have been called.

"I also vote 'No' as well. I do not want to see any of you getting hurt again." Raphael followed.

"I vote 'Yes' as fighting is very exciting." Uriel stated as Raphael sighed as the latter already expected it.

"I vote 'Yes' because it is extremely beautiful to see those weak being crawling under my feet as they revere my beauty." Jophiel stated.

"I vote 'Yes' as those worms would at least be pleasing to see if they praise the goddess." Camael stated as she crossed her hands.

"I vote 'No' because conquest breeds discord and I do not like that." Zadkiel stated as the votes came to a tie once more.

"So, what will you vote for Mikhail?" Gabriel asked.

Those that voted for 'Yes' actually are anticipating as they know that Mikhail wants this the most as it will be the best gift to the goddess. Mikhail pondered and looked at his sister before thinking deeply. He is assessing everything as he also needs to recuperate his strength.

"I also vote 'No'." Mikhail stated which shocked everyone.

"I also voted 'No' for now because we must prioritize recuperating. I did not say that we will stop making the world tremble beneath the hands of the goddess, but we must become absolute. Now that a majority of the major players have died, we have a chance of making it come true." Mikhail stated as he stood up and looked at the world below.