

## O Summoner 1301

### Chapter 1301 Side Story: Necronomicon IV

"It is quite a surprise that the Prince of the Undead came to our doors. What can I do for the you?" The God Hades asked Creepysoo.

"I seek for your approval in using the Necronomicon." Creepysoo state with conviction as the God of Death Hades is big on respectable notions.

Out of the three brothers, the God Hades is the one that carries the most responsibility and is the most honorable one. He values family and honor which is why he always treated the souls of those who died honorably and those that protected their family. It is also one of the reasons why the God Abaddon gives him free reign on multiple death realms unlike other gods of death.

"I already know why you want to gain the powers of the Necronomicon, but I need to test your conviction. You cannot just use it because I like your reason. I shall give you a trial. Do you agree, Prince of the Undead?" The God Hades asked Creepysoo.

"I agree. I did not come here without being ready for a trial." Creepysoo stated.

"I would have given you a more known trial like battling with the Furies, but they like you too much. I did not know how you bewitched those female warriors, but I need to give you a more fitting trial. How about this one. I always give this quest to my son as he is very rowdy but I also need a unique view of an outsider." The God Hades stated as a quest appeared before Creepysoo.

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Quest Name: Escape the Castle of Hades

Quest Description: The Castle of Hades is not only a place of opulence where the God of Death Hades hosts his guests, but it is also a prison for souls that are damned. Although it does not happen often, there are some crafty souls that managed to slip past the castle guards. Help the God Hades find weak points in his castle prison.

Difficulty: D to A

Quest Reward: Approval of the God of Death Hades to use the Necronomicon

Clear Condition: Escape to the surface of the prison dungeon located below the castle.

Failure Condition: Unable to escape within the given time limit.

Failure: No Approval will be gained from the God of Death Hades

Time Limit: One week

Restriction: Only the receiver of this quest can do it.

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[Do you wish to accept the quest?]

"I accept." Creepysoo stated and the God Hades smiled as he is proud of the mettle shown by Prince of the Undead.

A hole suddenly appeared below Creepysoo that transported him to the lower reaches of Castle Hades. He was also chained up like the souls around him. The souls in this area could be seen struggling to break free or resigned themselves to their fate.

[You are currently bound by Soul Chains.]

[You cannot move your physical body because of the Soul Chains.]

[You cannot extract any power that uses your soul.]

[You cannot use mana in this state.]

Creepysoo is suddenly hit with a great dilemma as the chains made him unable to gather mana. In order to use mana, one must have access to their soul. With his mana being locked, he could end up passing a week in the dungeons and fail the test.

"If these chains prevent the use of mana, then I can use abilities that are unique to my body." Creepysoo stated as he activated one of the racial skills available to a wight and that is to turn his body into a half soul variant.

The Soul Chains are physical chains that inhibit the body of the being bound to it. If a spirit is bound to it, then it will bound that spirit's body. Since Creepysoo has a physical body, the Soul Chains bound his physical body instead. He figured that turning his body into a half spirit will make the Soul Chain unable to distinguish what needs to be bound.

Just as he predicted, the Soul Chains loosened when it came in contact with his spiritual body. Since the Soul Chain no longer tightly bound him, he took them off and regained movement. The other souls that were bound in these chains looked at him with jealousy because they cannot do what he did. Unlike Creepysoo, the souls there do not have a physical body.

"It seems he easily found a way out of those chains, my love. Our son also slipped passed the chains by forcefully crushing one of his arms with sheer willpower. They have different methods, but both are equally effective." The Goddess Persephone stated.

"You are correct, my sunshine. It seems we need to make the Soul Chains more flexible in attaching itself to a target. I did not account for physical bodies in the death realm but that is a good addition." The God Hades replied as the two of them watched from an adorned mirror in the room where Creepysoo was previously located.

"Oh! He easily passed through one of the Furies that is standing guard. It seems the Prince of the Undead can charm our sadistic torturers." The Goddess Persephone stated.

"I do not know what that boy possesses that makes the Furies go soft on him." The God Hades stated as they surveyed how Creepysoo reached the next room.

Just above the deepest parts of the dungeons of Castle Hades is the room of his favorite pet that is a Cerberus. The three headed dog does not let anyone get past it without the approval of the God Hades himself. Should anyone be foolish enough to try then all three heads will shred their souls to pieces.

For souls in the underworld, they are able to feel pain in a much higher sense since its their very soul that gets damaged. Only ones that are foolish or could bear the pain can escape the Cerberus by sacrificing at least one arm. It also takes great courage to even attempt standing next one.

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Creepysoo could see the three headed dog sleeping in front of the door. He knows that the Cerberus has a certain radius where it could take on the scent of anyone in the room. The moment he steps in just one more meter, the Cerberus would immediately stand up and become alert.

He already knew that one of the steps is bypassing the Cerberus, but he did not think that it would be placed just above him. He often sees Cerberus placed just before the exit above. It seems that the God of Death Hades has rearranged the layout of the castle as a means to increase the security of the realm.

Despite Hades not located at the deepest layer of the underworld, the souls that are locked below the castle of the God Hades are not pushovers. The fact that the God of Death Hades himself is their warden makes them even more menacing because he is one of the strongest death gods.

The sons of the God Abaddon to the Goddess Nox are also staying at Hades as people working under the God Hades. This makes a bold statement that the God Abaddon has full trust on the God Hades. Even the Undead King Arthur told Creepysoo that after the God Abaddon, it is the God Hades that he respects the most.

"Thank goodness my inventory is not locked or else I will not be able to finish this part." Creepysoo stated as he pulled a gigantic chicken leg cut from his inventory. It is meat from a cockatrice which is said to be the juiciest monster available to those at the level 200s.

"Frankie, go and make sure that the Cerberus smells that. I know that you will be the one to make me proud buddy." Creepysoo stated as the patchwork zombie that he accepted has no other skills other than being very tanky with great regeneration.

Frankie nodded in response and immediately ran like crazy the moment he got the cockatrice leg. The moment Frankie entered the detection zone of the Cerberus, the three headed dog immediately stood up and appeared immediately next to Frankie. Just as the Cerberus is about to destroy Frankie, all six of its eyes got enamored towards the cockatrice leg.

"It is enamored. Mummie!" Creepysoo shouted as bandages suddenly bound the three headed dog of the underworld.

The moment Mummie bound the Cerberus, Creepysoo already summoned Don Quixote and rode with him towards the gate. The Cerberus did not let this take it down as it burned the bandages using hellfire which burned them to ashes. The Cerberus then saw Creepysoo reaching for the gate that it is protecting.

It seems that the Cerberus has more responsibility that it would forgo its hunger as it did not look at the cockatrice leg. Frankie threw the cockatrice leg towards the Cerberus, and it hit one of the heads which angered the beast. It did not stop it though as it still went towards Creepysoo. The Patchwork Zombie did not like this as it has pledged its allegiance to Creepysoo and hugged the leg of the three headed dog.

As Frankie held one of the legs of the Cerberus, it slowed down the movement of the Cerberus but only by a small margin. Since Creepysoo did not want to hurt the Cerberus that much since it was only doing its duty, he cast curses that made it sleep but the duty of the Cerberus kept it from being affected. Seeing that even Mummie's bandages are not restraining the guard dog of the underworld, Creepysoo also summoned Voodoo Marie as she would be needed to restrain the Cerberus using her hexes that increases Creepysoo's hexes.

Both Creepysoo and Voodoo Marie's hexes started to take effect on the Cerberus as its movements started to get sluggish. Still, the Cerberus is still powerful enough to kill him with just one attack. Creepysoo knew that he needs to think unconventionally if he should be able to get out of this floor.

"Curse of Hunger!" Creepysoo casted and Voodoo Marie casted Hex to amplify the curse so that it affects the Cerberus.

When the Cerberus was about a meter away from Creepysoo, it suddenly came to a halt as its hunger overtook its sense of duty. The Cerberus turned around and charged towards the cockatrice leg that is lying on the floor. The slobber of the Cerberus started leaking on the floor as all three heads fought over which one gets to eat.

"Does it not have one body? Why are the heads fighting over the food?" Creepysoo thought but he immediately forgot that as he pushed the door open.

"It seems you need to feed Cerby more or else it will be succumbed from hunger." The Goddess Persephone stated.

"You have been feeding him too much as he already has a bulge in his stomach. You need to make him exercise more in order to make him stronger. Do not pamper him too much or else he would become spoiled." The God Hades stated as he knows that the souls of the dead cannot really carry food to the underworld.

Creepysoo passed through the next door and arrived at a room that is like a frozen wasteland. It is filled with snow and even the wind is cold. This place is what they call 'Hell Freezing Over' as everything is frozen even the souls. If one thought that the place is filled with frozen trees, then they are wrong because the trees are souls of sinners that froze over in this area.

[You cannot fight the cold as this place chills the soul.]

[You need to protect your soul or else you will freeze over in just one hour.]

The notifications warned Creepysoo that he will become a frozen corpse if he does not solve this problem. An idea popped inside of Creepysoo's head since there is nothing in this part of the castle that can produce heat. He looked towards Voodoo Marie who is also shivering from the cold.

"Curse us with the Burning Soul curse." Creepysoo stated as Voodoo Marie looked at him with concern but ultimately agreed with his commands.

Voodoo Marie marked all the undead knights as well as Creepysoo and used the Burning Soul Curse that aims at the soul of the targets. When afflicted by this curse, the targets will feel immense heat coursing through their bodies as it turns a part of their mana into flames. Voodoo Marie carefully controlled the output by regulating the heat as all of them safely passed by the frozen wasteland floor.

One after the other, Creepysoo took creative ways to finish the floors and reached the last area which is the ground level of the castle. He would finish the quest as long as he gets out of the castle gate. He expected to be blocked by the guards of the castle, but he did not expect the being that he confronts.

"You have done well in climbing to the ground floor and I commend you for that, but it is not yet over because I am the last one you need to deal with." The God Hades stated as he blocked the door of the castle by himself.

All the souls that are going for judgement stepped aside as they looked at the King of Hades face an undead. Just as Creepysoo is about to prepare for battle, a powerful and fierce aura suddenly blazed behind the God Hades that made him freeze.

"Darling, what is the meaning of this?" The Goddess Persephone stated but the God Hades is afraid to look behind him as he knows that his wife will not let this go.

The God Hades might be cool headed, but he has a personality that does not want to be challenged. He could get very petty especially if the defenses that he thought up were creatively bypassed by Creepysoo. He felt that he needed to blow off some steam by hitting Creepysoo with a few hits, but his wife did not like what he was thinking.

The next thing that all of the ones gathered in the hallway saw is the God Hades being buried halfway into the hallway. It seems that the Goddess Persephone does not want her husband to become childish in front of the souls that he would be assessing which is why she gave Creepysoo a free pass.

[You have completed the quest: Escape the Castle of Hades]

[You have gained the approval of the God of Death Hades to use the Necronomicon.]

[You were given approval of three god of deaths to use the Necronomicon.]

[The God of Death Abaddon summons you.]

Creepysoo did not even manage to react as his body vanished into thin air and appeared in front of the gigantic God of Death Abaddon. The God Abaddon then held out his hand as a small book is handed towards Creepysoo. Creepysoo reached out his hand and a chain bound itself to his arm along with the Necronomicon.

[You have acquired the Lesser Copy of the Necronomicon.]

### Chapter 1303 Upgrading The Territory I

Adrian arrived back at Avalon and immediately used Territory Management. He plans to upgrade Avalon into a city since he got materials that can enable him to do so. If he upgrades Avalon into a city, then he would become a city lord that can get more taxes. He can also give provisional housing to the people that want to live in his territory. Adrian opened the panel to see what the current state of Avalon is.

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Territory: Avalon

Size: Town

Territory Type: Floating Island (Upgrade Requirements +)

Level: 4

Owner: Equinox

Population: (9219 / 10,000)

Security: (89 / 100%)

Food Storage Number: Five

Specialty: None

Attractions: Tree of Life and Death (Details +)

Tax Collected: 100,212 gold

Total Gold Invested: 51000 gold

Description: A owned territory by the individual named Equinox. Not much has been done because he was left with this abandoned territory by the grace of the spirits of the past residence.

Investments have been made but it is not enough for the current level of the territory.

The territory became a floating island which means new things would be needed for it to increase in level. The Tree of Life and Death, Yewdrassil, is currently rooted in this territory which means it is abundant in life and death energy. The soil in the territory is very good for farming and growing plants.

The security of the territory is currently being handled by the joint effort of the elves and the Daemos. Investments have been made in the territory, but more is needed in order for it to flourish. It is now a town but an increase in population is needed to make it be considered as a proper town.

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Adrian then looked at the Territory Level Increase button and it was shining in gold. He can now upgrade his territory to a new level, but his heart dropped when he saw all the materials that will be put into it. All the materials that he got from winning the guild battle was almost used up. Only about 10% is left should he evolve his territory into a city.

"I am going to start the guild recruitment after this. I can let the other guild members to just contribute monthly to it. Investing is like this as my father always said. You cannot grow money if you do not use money wisely and look at the future." Adrian stated as he pushed the Territory Level Increase button with a heavy heart.

The whole territory started to vibrate as every person in Avalon could feel a powerful force around them. The floating islands that were connected via magical bridges started to get filled with immense mana. Just as the people in the territory thought that they are under attack a third floating island could be seen rising to the level of Avalon.

The third island is then connected with a magical chain as well and the core of this third island fused with the others. There are now four floating islands in Avalon where the middle one containing the Tree of Life and Death is the largest. The fourth floating island is quite barren, but it came with something interesting.

The fourth floating island is actually a small mountain that was carved from the earth below them. When the mountain got carved, the minerals below it is also unearthed which is then sent flying towards that flying mountain location. The cores of each island then started to transform into different things compared to just a normal one.

[You have successfully upgraded your territory from a Town to a City.]

[Territory level has increased to Level 5.]

[Population increased to 10,000 to 100,000.]

[Please name all the islands of the territory to create separate areas.]

Adrian is then presented with the option of naming all the other islands. He did not bother thinking of names as he did not want to stress himself out that much. He wanted an easier term for each of the islands which is why he named them based on numbering.

[You have named the Main Island of Avalon into Alpha.]

[Alpha has a core that transformed to the Core of Life and Death.]

[The Tree of Life and Death planted on the island has bonded with this core.]

[Should the Tree of Life and Death fall, all other islands will fall with it.]

[You have named the auxiliary island number one as Beta.]

[Beta has a core that transformed into an Evolution Sustaining Core.]

[All beasts raised in Beta will have a higher chance to breed stronger progeny.]

[You have named the auxiliary island number two as Gamma.]

[Gamma has a core that transformed into an Eternal Garden Core.]

[All herbs and plants raised in Gamma will have a chance to grow into higher tiers.]

[All effects of herbs and plants raised in Gamma will have an increase in effectiveness by 10%.]

[You have named the auxiliary island number three as Delta.]

[Delta has a core that transformed into an Eternal Summit Core.]

[Delta will always produce minerals by absorbing mana from the air. Minerals that are produced will be dependent on the quality of mana present in the air.]

[Quality of Mana Present in the Air is Very Satisfactory.]

[Chances of Minerals: 0.1% Mythical, 9.9% Legendary, 30% Epic, 50% Rare, 10% Common.]

Adrian is shocked to see the changes in his territory but is also shocked to see the changes in his pocket because he also lost half his fortune. It seems money was used in upgrading the territory as well. He wanted to cry by he got a free everlasting mineral vein as his third island which means he could recover all the loses.

The people in the territory then looked at the new floating island and are shocked that it was a mountain. When the mountain appeared, new quests also popped inside the bulletin board about

mining. The players are shocked because they did not think that a floating island could have something like a mineral vein.

## Chapter 1304 Upgrading The Territory II

Adrian did not expect that he will get a special island called the Mineral Island. There were different types of floating island, and he could get a chance to get one per upgrade. It seems that his luck affected this upgrade because he got a free island, and it was the best one.

Avalon might be great with goods that nourish the body, but they do not have much equipment. The Daemos barely need new equipment because they often just use their bodies. If they do need equipment, then they would sneak inside one of the cities to buy a weapon of their choice covertly.

Having a literal mountain as a third island made it possible for Avalon to start producing weapons. The only problem now would be to find a smith that will forge weapons. He will need to entice blacksmiths to come to Avalon so that the minerals they get from Delta will not be sold off.

Adrian also looked at the new territory panel to see the changes in his upgraded Avalon.

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Territory: Avalon

Size: City

Territory Type: Floating Island (Upgrade Requirements +)

Level: 5

Owner: Equinox

Population: (9,219 / 100,000)

Security: (80 / 100%)

Food Storage Number: Five

Specialty: Beta – Monster Husbandry, Gamma – Forestry, Delta – Mineral Extraction

Attractions: Tree of Life and Death (Details +)

Tax Collected: 100,212 gold

Total Gold Invested: 101,000 gold

Description: A owned territory by the individual named Equinox. It has now been expanded to become a city. It is the very first floating city created by a player and also the first one seen in a few thousand years.

The territory became a floating island which means new things would be needed for it to increase in level. The Tree of Life and Death, Yewdrassil, is currently rooted in this territory which means it is abundant in life and death energy. The soil in the territory is very good for farming and growing plants.

The security of the territory is currently being handled by the joint effort of the elves and the Daemos. It now has auxiliary islands that have different cores with different effects. The effectiveness of each core will be increasing every time the territory levels up.

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[You have obtained the Title of City Lord.]

[You have unlocked the feature: Pocket Dimension Homes.]

Adrian obtained a new title and a new feature now that his territory has become a city. He did not know how he got it, but it seems that it caters to his needs and ability. He wanted to know more about floating islands but records of them have vanished as even the records kept on the Daemos archive is limited.

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Territory Skill: Pocket Dimension Homes

Effect:

- Able to create small pocket dimensions to create personalized homes for your citizens.
- Only citizens of Avalon are able to get access to Pocket Dimension Homes.
- If one is revoked citizenship of Avalon, they will get all items ejected out from their Pocket Dimension Homes.

Restriction:

- Only Citizens of Avalon can own one
- Only a Greater Demon with Create Pocket Dimension could create a Pocket Dimension Home.

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Seeing that a new specialize territory could be owned in territory, Adrian already knew what he needs to do. He needs to charge people if they want to have their own special homes in Avalon. He is thinks that a Pocket Dimension Home is like a condominium in the real world.

A very pricey room that is only very expensive because of its area. Unlike a condominium, the Pocket Dimension Home could be expanded upon initial creation. It is basically a private establishment that can be increased to a large degree.

"I could even market it into something like a Secret Base since people could also drop by other's Pocket Dimension Home if they have an invite. The only problem is that these Pocket Dimension Homes are not infinite since I only have access to 10,000 of them. I will have to contact Piggy Bank about this later." Adrian thought as he also assessed the fees in creating one.

Adrian plans to sell a Pocket Dimension Home for at least 10,000 gold but that would not be good for new players. Adrian plans to sell 5,000 of them via auction while the other 5,000 is planned to be rewards for contribution to Avalon. He wanted to give chances to those that do not have enough gold.

He needs something to motivate the player citizens to contribute more to Avalon to get a piece of the Pocket Dimension Home. The other races that immigrated in Avalon already have homes created which is why Adrian reserved this perk for players. What a Pocket Dimension Home offers is also security as it will be tied to the player that lives there.

"It is a great way to entice the players that do not want to join a guild and just want to have a home. They could also have the choice of making their Pocket Dimension Home into a café or some sort of business since it is a blank canvass they are working on. It is not just a Home but basically like a small territory for themselves." Adrian thought as he started to get excited of the ways that he can earn great money.

Adrian then looked at the list of player contributions in his territory and saw that it was not high, but it was not low either. The highest players that have contributions in his territory are actually Ark, Basil and Pana. He already expected that contributions are not that high since his territory is very new.

"The largest contribution is 10,120 points which belongs to Ark. Let us make the price of a Pocket Dimension Home become 50,000 Contribution points. This should make Avalon's progress skyrocket as there are many quests needed to make this city flourish. The old man Ascalor already told me that very few visitors seem to be doing Territory Contribution Quests since the rewards are normal. Let me update that as well." Adrian stated as he changed up all that he can.

## Chapter 1305 City Lord Is Working I

Adrian also has a bunch of quests that tells him to increase the number of his inhabitants that immigrated. If he finishes these quests, then he could unlock them for other players to play. Since Adrian has no time to actually do these quests as he already has a lot on his plate, he decided to give it to the players that are his citizens in his territory.

Adrian posted all the quests that tells him to increase the number of this specific race. Since the rewards are not enticing, he decided to give Contribution Points as a reward. If they complete this quest, then they will be rewarded 50,000 points based on the contribution. He wanted players to help each other to complete the quest since it is an S rank difficulty one.

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**\*Territory Contribution Quest\***

Quest Name: Double Their Number

Quest Description: The Lamias are having a hard time propagating due to them being constantly running away from those that want to bring them harm. Now that you have accepted them in your territory, it is your duty as their lord to ensure that their species continues.

Difficulty: S

Completion Condition: Help the City Lord in doubling the current population of the Lamias

Territory Reward: Unlock the Lamia Race for your Territory for the whole player base.

Player Reward: 50,000 Contribution Points (Points distributed will be dependent on the scale of the contribution if multiple players are involved.)

Failure: None

Time Limit: None

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Adrian put in all of the quests to double the number of dwindling races. The players, who were always looking at the bulletin board, thought that they were seeing something wrong because the Lord of Avalon actually posted something for them to do. When the players saw that the quests were only contribution points, they were reluctant to even do it but then they looked at the exchange list.

The most expensive thing to exchange in the Territory Contribution Exchange List is called a Pocket Dimension Home. They thought that the name sounded cool which is why they looked at the definition of one. The moment the players that frequented Avalon saw what a Pocket Dimension Home is, all of them immediately went on to take on as many quests that give contribution points.

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Name: Pocket Dimension Home

Description: A special space that can be own by people. It is a separate plane of existence from the main world as it can only be accessed by the owner and those, they give permission to. A pocket dimension that you can own can be decorated to however you want.

Restriction: Must be a citizen of Avalon to get one.

Current Number Available: 1,000 Pocket Dimension Homes

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Players that were not yet citizens of Avalon immediately started filing for citizenship when they saw that one needed to be one to get access to a Pocket Dimension Home. The players that saw this immediately knew that they must never show it to other players in fear that they will lose out to others. In a collective forum for players that hang out in Avalon, they all agreed to not spread the news or at least slow the passing of information so that they have a head start.

The players of Avalon already knew of Pocket Dimensions because they are frequently in contact with demons. They would ask demons about time and space magic since they are interested in those elements. They also asked about where do demons come from, and it is no longer a secret that they live in a pocket dimension.

When asked what a pocket dimension is similar to, the demons would usually answer that they likened it to a dungeon. A pocket dimension is like a normal dungeon that is a part of the main world but is also detached. A lot of the players always wanted to own something like their own private dungeon or something like a secret base.

The players did not want to become citizens of Avalon because the Lord of Avalon, Equinox, did not seem to be interested in selling parts of his land. This all changed when they learned of the Pocket Dimension Home as this is a special territory that players could get just like a house. As such, the administrative office was flooded with requests to become a citizen.

The requests were still able to satisfy the maximum capacity of the new city but that will soon be over once the news spreads out. There are a lot of players that will want to be able to get one as the buffs to a citizen of Avalon also increased when the territory is upgraded. The most important buff that they get is actually a 0.01% chance to execute a non-boss monster if they are below 50% health.

Just as Adrian was busy designating funds to create more food storages, he suddenly knew a better way. He decided that the food storages could be a Pocket Dimension Home that he will convert to one. He thought of the idea like the treasury of the Daemos which makes it very secure.

"The Daemos eat for pleasure anyway as we do not need to ingest something to get full. Let us do that. I will save a hundred of the Pocket Dimension Homes for that use." Adrian thought as the Three Daemos Elders, Old Man Pann and the Elders of the Church of the Twin Gods suddenly burst into the area of the Tree of Life and Death.

"You brat! What did you just do?" Ascalor was the first one to ask.

"What did I do? I just upgraded the territory. Is there something wrong with what I did to a territory that I own?" Adrian replied which made them silent as he was right. The elders were not angry but were just shocked to the massive change in the territory because major things changed.

"They are just shocked because this is the first time in history that someone witnessed a floating island evolve." Old Man Pann stated.

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"What do you mean by evolve? I just upgraded the territory, and they naturally became like that because that is what should happen." Adrian stated but the look of disbelief could be seen on the faces of all the elders present there.

"I know that you are supposed to be smart, but it seems that you are really clueless about this. A floating island does not randomly evolve like that just because you upgraded it. The fact that all islands turned into something different is nothing short of a miracle." Koronn stated as he knew that this is something that is extremely unlikely to happen.

The Tree of Life and Death that was chilling and watching the drama finally stopped being silent. The Tree of Life and Death, Yewdrassil, suddenly started to speak to Adrian as the latter nodded in response to their conversation. The elders did not know what they are conversing as only four people could understand the Tree of Life and Death and those are Equinox, Levin Cloud, Vitae and Mortem.

All the elders could see is that the Tree of Life and Death is swaying its branches and leaves. They did not dare to speak up though as these elders fear the Tree of Life and Death unlike the four that could converse with it. Even Pann is wary of the Tree of Life and Death as he could feel powerful divine energy from this plant despite being only fond of beasts.

"Oh! I see." Adrian replied as he finished his conversation with Yewdrassil.

"What did you realize, Champion Equinox?" One of the elders of the Church of the Twin Gods asked as the Daemos Elders seem to be waiting for someone to speak up. In their minds though, they really do not want to ask a question as they do not want to be a target of existence eradication should they get on the bad side of the Tree of Life and Death.

"The Tree of Life and Death told me that it was just a matter of time that the islands evolve into a special floating island because they have been bathed with too much mana that it has released. A part of my luck might have also influenced the evolution since I triggered it when I upgraded the territory." Adrian stated as he did see that a notification telling him that his luck activated or something.

Since the Tree of Life and Death has spoken, they cannot interrogate Adrian any longer and returned back to what they were doing. Ascalor, Koronn and Pann did not leave though as they said they needed to say something to Adrian. Adrian felt a tingling sensation climb his back when he looked at the three as they eyed him like a hawk.

"You do know that you are my favorite among the younger generations." Ascalor stated with a cough.

"You just want something from him. Get away from him. Anyways, you do know that my research is coming to a stand still lately and I felt that I need a breath of fresh air. Do you want to accompany me on a journey?" Koronn stated.

"Seriously...these two need to step back. Do not pressure the kid on going somewhere when he just returned. Did you know that my babies are missing you? Why not visit my ranch that has been transformed which is thanks to you?" Pann stated.

"I am quite busy right now because I have certain matters to attend to as the City Lord. I will get back on you later when I am free." Adrian replied.

"I see. Make sure to come to me first then." Ascalor stated.

"No! You should come with me first! Did you not enjoy our adventure in the River of Time?" Koronn stated.

"Adventure?! More like torture. My babies would like to see you since some of them are giving birth. Make sure to come to my ranch before these two nobodies." Pann stated as the three suddenly started gripping each other as they left the area.

Adrian thought that they were acting weird but the three could actually feel it. They could feel that Adrian is radiating something like a lucky aura around him which is why they wanted him to accompany them. While Adrian was still coated in this, they want to use it to the best of its duration.

"Anyways, thanks for informing me on how my islands evolve. Do you think that the same thing will happen if I get more islands?" Adrian asked Yewdrassil.

"That would be unlikely as the islands only evolved due to perfect circumstances. This event will not likely happen in the future, but it could still happen given the correct situations." Yewdrassil replied.

"If that is the case then let it all be up to fate. I still need to finalize something. Thanks for keeping me company." Adrian stated as he bid farewell to Yewdrassil and looked for Piggy Bank to discuss his next plans.

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"Equinox! You finally decided to visit my Merchant Guild Branch here in Avalon!" Piggy Bank stated as his body jiggled.

"Sorry about that as I was very busy." Adrian replied.

"No need to say that when I was able to see your feats of excellence. Thanks to you guys, the tourism in Avalon skyrocketed. Players of all parts of the world has become your fans when your videos circulated. You even talked smack about the Goddess of Light Luminaria.

You have received both praise and admonition from what you did but any type of publicity is good. The streams of new players choosing this as their starting city also increased. I am also curious of what happened to the territory because it seems to have expanded." Piggy Bank stated as his excitement overtook his mouth that made him overtalk.

Adrian then explained everything that happened and Piggy Bank listened with intent. Piggy Bank's merchant instincts suddenly kicked in full gear as he took in everything that Adrian told him. The most explosive news he heard are the specialties of the islands and the Pocket Dimension Home.

### Chapter 1307 City Lord Is Working III

Adrian and Piggy Bank started talking earnestly about the former's plans. When Piggy Bank heard that Adrian can now create Pocket Dimension Homes as a sort of residence, Piggy Bank's instincts shuddered. He also thought something like a condominium just like Adrian but a more personalized take.

"How do you even decorate a Pocket Dimension Home?" Piggy Bank asked as this would determine the value of the Pocket Dimension Home.

"If you are curious then I can bring you to one." Adrian stated as he opened one of the Pocket Dimension Homes.

A portal suddenly appeared before them which shocked Piggy Bank as he is also excited. He also wanted one of these Pocket Dimension Homes should it be released to the world. Adrian and Piggy Bank entered the portal together as they ended up in a space that is just empty.

"There is nothing here. Is this how pocket dimensions are?" Piggy Bank stated as there is nothing inside.

"Pocket Dimensions are like that. In order to decorate the surroundings, one would need elemental stones that will be pushed into the pocket dimension. The owner would also be able to decorate it using a module that would be provided to them once they get ownership. Here let me give you this one as payment for our partnership." Adrian stated as he gave ownership of the Pocket Dimension Home to Piggy Bank.

Piggy Bank is suddenly teary eyed as a module popped in front of him. He then looked at the ways to decorate his Pocket Dimension Home and is shocked that there are many default options. The default options are a forest view and a cave view. When he clicked on the forest view, the whole room's background changed to become a forest.

The background is changed but the size of the room did not change from 30 square meters. The forest view even emulated the view of the sky outside. It turns into night when sun sets and turns to a day cycle when the sun rises. It also gives a cool breeze into the room despite it not being outside.

There are even some options on what type of forest to decorate while the others are locked in some sort of paywall.

When he changed it to a cave view, the room's background looked like the room is inside one of the natural caves. One can choose what type of cave interior to use as there are also underwater cave or cave with tree roots. There are many style options, but it is behind a paywall as well.

The paywall is not something like paying with gold or real money, but special backgrounds are unlocked via feeding the Pocket Dimension Home with elemental magic shards. The Pocket Dimension Home is a growing home which is why this option is added but there is also an option to increase the size to up to 50 square meters but only the Daemos could do that.

"In the future, the size could be increased when the territory increases in level. I kind of like that as the people's homes in my territory becomes better with more upgrades. They make great contributions which I use to make the territory flourish." Adrian stated as the impact will be visible.

"I can see it. I have found a way to actually advertise the Pocket Dimension Homes. We can do something like a showroom. It would be a good advertisement to keep the people pumping their money for the auction. I shall prepare for the auction and also the showrooms. Can you give me five Pocket Dimension Homes to decorate?" Piggy Bank stated and Adrian agreed.

Adrian gave Piggy Bank five keys to Pocket Dimension Homes which looked like a marble that holds a milky way. The keys can also change in design depending on the owner which will also be a highlight for the advertisement. Adrian also said that he will decorate one room to the fullest as something like a final showroom.

Piggy Bank thanked Adrian and started to work on the upcoming auction. Adrian also told him that he would be holding guild recruitment during this time which made Piggy Bank add increase his business smarts. Piggy Bank told Adrian that they could use the guild recruitment as a way to also increase citizens since a lot of people will definitely come to Avalon during that time.

"Will a lot of people come though? A lot of people are already in guilds or have formed one so I think the recruits that will only be in the thousands. I guess I should inform the others that we shall start with the plans for the recruitment." Adrian thought as he sent messages to all his guild members as he expects them to be present during the recruitment.

Adrian then changes his appearance as he wanted to look around his territory without being disturbed. When he went out looking like his normal self, a lot of players looked at his way while some even had the courage to ask for a picture with him. He did not reject them though, but he found it troublesome since he needs to go around in incognito.

When Adrian stepped outside of the Merchant Guild, he is shocked that the streets are almost empty. He then asked the patrolling guards on why that is the case and they said that the people went crazy to perform meritorious quests. The quests that the guard is mentioning are the ones present in the bulletin board.

"Did it have to do with the fact that I posted S rank quests?" Adrian muttered but he found it good as no one would bother him.

Just as Adrian will go to his inspection, a hand suddenly grabbed his shoulder, but he already knew the owner of that hand. The hand's owner is none other than Ascalor with a tired expression on his face. Ascalor looked so haggard that he might need plastic surgery to look normal again.

"You are coming with me to help with paperwork that you created. You must do your lord duties." Ascalor stated as he dragged Adrian to the office of the elders.

## Chapter 1308 Guild Recruitment Planning I

As Adrian is buried in his paperwork hell, his friends started to arrive one by one, but they were not safe as well. Adrian grabbed each one of them as they arrived to help him sort out the filing for citizenship. It seems that Adrian's missions and contribution rewards sparked something inside the players to choose Avalon.

"Finally finished!" Adrian state as all of them finished the eight hundred thousand Provisional Citizenship of all the applicants.

Players cannot just become immediate citizens of a certain place just by submitting a paper. They would need to file an application and wait for it to be granted by the civil office. The players would need to pay a fine and accomplish at least a hundred contribution points for the territory for them to be considered a citizen.

The slot of becoming a citizen is also limited which is why they need to hurry when met with lots of competitors. A way to not do this process is to have the city lord stamp the application immediately. Another way to do this is to do a meritorious deed that saves the place or area but that rarely comes by.

"We finally finished it. Next time, inform the people handling the paperwork so that they would not be buried. I now feel like I experienced the hell of working at a company." Solstice stated.

"I am not even a citizen of this place, but I got dragged along as well." Creepysoo stated as he is the Prince of the Undead. You could say that he is royalty which means he belongs to the land of the undead and not in Avalon.

"Do not grumble or else I will not upgrade your room in the guild house." Adrian stated as the guild level of their guild also increased when they won the challenge.

When their guild won, a lot of publicities and articles were written about them. A lot of speculation videos even surfaced online that breaks down their skills and abilities. Creepysoo even got interviewed in his country about the guild war. The Prince of the Undead even started to model for some advertisements.

"Yeah! I even see your face in my favorite banana milk carton. You are blowing up in your country and worldwide." Levin Cloud teased as he showed the team the banana milk carton he was speaking about.

"I bet I am not the only one that was given brand deals. You people should also have received tons of offers when we won. Our video is still trending today thanks to our powerful display. One of my most viewed video is me summoning the Undead Bone Dragon." Creepysoo stated as he confidently posed.

"We did receive some offers, but we turned them down for now. I am not ready to have my face shown to the world." Levin Cloud stated as did the others.

Adrian is the one that rejected all of his offers because he is still wearing the exoskeleton. He is not yet ready for all the fame in the real world because he knows how judgmental people could be. He would rather return to his peak condition before showing himself to the world as he does not want any negativity in his life.

"Let us discuss the recruitment then. It seems the fatigue has already vanished from everyone's mind." Adrian stated as he opened the portal to the guild house for them to enter.

All of them started to discuss about the tests that they will give the potential recruits. A lot of ideas are thrown into which a lot agreed and disagreed. The ones that they did agree on the most are the countermeasure against guild spies. They should be the most careful with these ones as they have world quests in their queue. They do not want other guilds to sabotage them while doing these quests or inform them as they can steal the quests.

Some quests can be stolen if they are not inside special dungeons such as world quests. Players can steal the quest item from the quest holder and the quest will transfer to them or they will get included in it. It is not proper gamer etiquette, but it always happens as long as things like territories or guilds are involved.

In a world where might makes right, you can bet that someone stronger will get your opportunity should they know it. The anti-spy rule that they have created is the fact that only those that have not left a guild for the past three months are able to join them. Since duplicate avatars are not possible in Pandemonium, this would be a great rule to be followed.

The rule might not be able to deter those spies that did not join guilds, but they are also planning a screening. The first series of tests will be given by Adrian and Levin Cloud where the other guild members will observe to see who caught their eye.

If they passed the preliminary tests, then they moved to the screening interviews which is held by Solstice with Lycan assisting her. Of course, there is also a special test for those that did not pass the first series given by Adrian and Levin Cloud, but they would only announce it on the day.

"Should we be really worried about spies? We do not really attempt world quests often since all of us have our different quests." Peridot asked as they created ten rules to get rid of spies, but they will only publish one which is the no previous guilds rule.

"It is not like it would be a problem, but we discuss lore in our group chat. Some of the information that we talk about even leads to hidden classes. I can talk about it to other guilds, but they need to pay up for that kind of information. I hear that there is even an Information Guild lurking in the shadows that provide you useful information as long as you pay them." Adrian stated.

## Chapter 1309 Guild Recruitment Planning II

All of them have decided on the plans for the Guild Recruitment. They wanted players to know that they are only giving limited slots since they do not want to grow the guild to a very large degree immediately. They also gave special slots for production type players that will show their talent to them, but their application day will be different compared to the battle type players.

Since everyone is already in agreement to the plans, Adrian released the news in the Avalon Forums first. He was actually the one that created that forum, but it is actually Kabrakan and Vayu managing it. All the players that were busy doing contribution quests for Avalon suddenly got an alert that the Forum Master posted a message.

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"Hi Avalonians!

This is Equinox, your City Lord speaking. I am pleased to inform you that our guild, Pantheon, will be holding a recruitment drive. Feel free to join in on the registration if you are qualified.

Guild Application Requirements:

1. The Player must be a citizen of Avalon or be willing to become a citizen of Avalon.
2. The Player must not have been part of any guild for the past three months.
3. Any level is welcomed to join as long as they show promise.
4. You must not have any violation against Avalon or malice towards any of the current guild members.
5. There will be tests given by Equinox and Levin Cloud.
6. You will be assessed by the guild members on how you perform. So do your best!

Perks of being a Guild Member of Pantheon:

1. You get to be part of our guild.

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The post that Adrian did was not even that great or emotion inducing but the effect was massive. A lot of likes and replies are posted in the thread of the announcement that another thread to continue the discussion had to be created. It also created a storm as a lot of players wanted to become part of his guild.

Adrian and his friends were minding his own business like decorating their rooms in the guild house when the count for registration started to skyrocket. At first, the count was just a steady one thousand but it started soaring until it reached the hundred thousand. There were a lot of players that wanted to become a part of the Pantheon guild as they believe that they would grow stronger just by joining.

The count staggered at the two hundred thousand mark as some players cannot go to Avalon physically. If Adrian did not put the registration booth in Avalon, then the number might double or triple. The guild members already knew that the registration will be a hot topic, but they did not expect this much.

"The broadcast of the battles might be a reason why it rose to that great number. It might be also due to my great charisma and popularity." Creepysoo stated as he is confident that some of his fans wanted to join his guild.

"The banana milk carton boy might be right about the first part. The second one is a bit of a stretch. Anyways, we did prepare for a high number which is why it is doable." Levin Cloud stated as he knew that they would get a large number.

"If that is the case, we could separate them into their roles. Place the warriors, mages, and archers in Equinox' test. Levin Cloud will be in charge with the priests and support type players with Peridot assisting him. Solstice and Lycan will be in charge for the scouts as they said that we do need an intelligence division. The judges will be the ones remaining to ensure that we have eyes on talents." Vayu stated.

"I also agree with that, but I think all players must pass the initial test that my little brother does first. We must have a baseline so that they have at least a certain standard." Solstice stated.

"I also agree." Adrian stated as he knows that they might accept like a hundred guild members that will be on probation.

The team agreed and modified some of the tests needed for the guild recruitment. They decided to also find some extra people that could manage guild stuff but that is on the lower scale of priority. When they finished revisioning the tests, all of them were very tired mentally despite only sitting around.

"Since we are done with the urgent things, let us go and open up your own rooms in the guild house." Adrian stated.

"Do we even have individual rooms?" I thought that was only a joke seeing that it was not available at our guild level before." Peridot stated.

"Our guild level already increased when we won against the Fallen Knights. We got a lot of guild experience points from farming monsters as well, but the amount is not that big compared to winning against a rival guild. This is the reason why we need more people for the advancement of our guild." Adrian stated as the territory that they are on is already a city.

Adrian then opened nine gates in front of them which is their designated rooms in the guild house. Their guild house is also like a floating island in design and their individual rooms are a special pocket dimension. Adrian gave them tips on how to decorate their own rooms as it is a different concept to Pocket Dimension Homes.

Their individual rooms will change depending on the one inserting mana to grow the place. For Adrian, his room looks like he is in outer space in the vast space. For Levin Cloud, he is like in a planet filled with plants. For Kabrakan, he is in a place that is like a plateau. For Peridot, she has a mystical lake like place.

For Creepysoo, he has a bone graveyard aesthetic to his. For Vayu, his room is a wooden house on top of clouds. For Soleil, her room is a wonderland filled with cute flaming stuff toys. For Solstice, her room is a dark interior of a castle. For Lycan, his room is a place that is always lit by a full moon.

All of their individual rooms are tailored to their distinct characteristics. Adrian used the mana that they supplied to the guild core in order to decorate their rooms.

Chapter 1310 Guild Recruitment I

All of the Pantheon Guild members did not do much and just waited for the day of Guild Trials. Adrian was the busiest among them since he had to decorate the Pocket Dimension Home that he will present showcase before the auction. The auction date is a week after the guild trials in order to not become hectic.

A lot of players flooded Avalon as they are curious on how many will actually try to get in the Pantheon guild. If Adrian did not increase the size of the island, then it might have gotten very crowded. A lot of players were hopeful but not all of them has good intentions.

Some wanted to join Pantheon for the fame that they will get as it is currently seen as a prestigious guild only for elites. Some are just hopeful that they make the cut as they prepared for this moment as soon as it was announced. Some are there to just spy on them in order to uncover their secrets for their real guilds.

Nevertheless, Avalon was bustling as many players as possible that have not visited before are amazed by what they offer. They found herbs that cannot be found on other places or items that are extremely rare that is a common item. One of the items that they found out that is easily accessible to Avalon is the Teleportation Scrolls.

Teleportation Scrolls are not an easy item to get as its circulation is very strict. There are even some dangerous Teleportation Scrolls that could fail and send the user to another planet or kill them outright. Unlike those faulty Teleportation Scrolls, Avalon's Teleportation Scrolls are very stable. The players that saw the Teleportation Scrolls cannot believe that it is being sold at a cheap price of 100 gold at Rare tier.

What the players did not know is the fact that Teleportation Scrolls will be ten times cheaper if they are citizens of Avalon, but no one is spreading that information. The players that registered to Avalon early decided to never speak of this secret as they do not want the stock of Teleportation Scrolls to immediately be diminished.

The Teleportation Scrolls in Avalon are also locked for the individual as they cannot resell it. They can trade it for another item, but they cannot sell or trade it for gold. Adrian gives Teleportation Scrolls to his friends like they were paper though since he makes them easily. In fact, the Epic Tier Teleportation Scrolls circulating in the market are all of Adrian's creations.

The next thing that the visitors noticed are the six open portals located at the city square of the Alpha Island. There were personnel from the Merchant Guild standing in front of them with a few Daemos standing guard. When asked what those portals are, the merchant guild clerks will tell them that these are Pocket Dimension Homes.

Piggy Bank decorated five Pocket Dimension Homes showrooms while Adrian decorated one which is currently maxed out in space. The five that Piggy Bank got were only thirty square meters in size compared to Adrian's fifty. The clerk would then explain that Pocket Dimension Homes are like the player owned territories in Avalon.

The players all lit up when they heard player owned housing or territories. One of the reasons why a lot of players never registered in Avalon is the fact that it has no housing compared to other territories. After all, Pandemonium is like a second home to these gamers, and they would like some sort of residence.

Piggy Bank decorated the five rooms differently to reflect types of living styles. The first of the rooms is decorated like a typical cute bedroom of a girl which is filled with cute stuffed toys and such. The piece that sells this room is the actual rainbow that can be viewed to the attached window. The window inside the room can emulate looking outside despite it not being able to open.

The second room is decorated like a gamer room which has multiple monitors. The whole room is decorated using LED lights that runs in different patterns and blinks in different colors. The room was decorated to be more futuristic and the running lights in the room is even made to be interactive.

The third room is decorated like a typical wine bar with a clerk even playing like a bartender. This room is to showcase that it can become like a hidden bar where customers and drink in piece. There is even jazz music playing in the room to complete the aesthetic.

The fourth room is decorated like a room that can be found in a castle which is owned by a prince or royalty. The whole room just screams elegance and classy style. One will definitely feel like they are royalty when they enter this room.

The fifth room is decorated like a room overlooking a cliff with glass walls. The cliff is located in an area with rough waves, so the walls give the illusion that the waves are crashing onto the glass walls. When the clerk touched a magic crystal, the room suddenly changed to that of an underwater feel as if the room sunk into the bottom of the ocean.

The Pocket Dimension Homes shocked the players looking at them that it actually trended in social media. Of course, the price to achieve the aesthetic of this rooms were not cheap as the clerks also told them that they spent at least ten thousand gold to decorate it. They can also touch a magic crystal on the wall to return the Pocket Dimension Home into its default look.

The room Adrian decorated is the most viewed amongst the six showrooms as he showed the limits of what a Pocket Dimension Home could do. He created a prairie background with a large tree as a shade with small monsters running around. He even borrowed some of the small critters that Pann is raising for this which he gladly did as Adrian took care of some of the monsters giving birth.