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Chapter 1381 The Sleeping Serpent Awakens I

The players did not stop raiding the Shadow of Apophis despite the initial defeat of the unified guilds. In fact, there were more and more players raiding the sleeping Shadow of Apophis as the days passed. This is true because more and more players were arriving at the western continent as they wanted to test their luck.

The fight against the Shadow of Apophis might be difficult but the experience points and the drops gained from the monsters outweigh the disadvantages. Adrian paid attention to each of the raid attempts that end in failure and made sure to take note. He could see that more and more followers of Apophis keep sacrificing themselves.

Adrian thought that there should not be many members of the Followers of Apophis. If the Shadow of Apophis sleeps each time it absorbs a fragment then there should be three more times. If they decrease the number of the Followers of Apophis now then they should have a much easier time in the future.

Adrian did not guess wrong as the Followers of Apophis are getting decreased each day but they were also offering up their souls to the Shadow of Apophis. With each soul the Shadow of Apophis gets, the Shadow of Apophis gets stronger but that is still better than getting supported by numerous followers.

It was not only Adrian that thought the same as the other intelligent members of the respective guilds thought like him. They were not trying to win the battle now but win the war later. They knew that they might sacrifice the early rewards, but they also knew that defeating the Shadow of Apophis will yield greater rewards.

"Today is the last day that the Shadow of Apophis will be asleep. Will we not participate?" Cairo asked.

"I want us to participate as well but did you not feel the eyes that are aiming at the Temple of the Sun? They were already here even if the sun was still up in the sky." Adrian stated as he could feel that they were immensely surrounded.

"Thank goodness that you accepted the offer of the Briar Rose Guild and the Evergreen guild. If they were not here today then I might even say that we will lose because we cannot fight a horde of that size." Solstice stated as she also looked in the distance.

When they said that they were immensely surrounded, they were not joking as the horde of monsters were just waiting for the night to bite. The sand dunes were not the thing that surrounded them anymore but it was monsters everywhere. There were even groups of the Followers of Apophis scattered within them.

"This will be a very long night. I should stretch now so that I will not pull a muscle later. I might become Blood Crazy later which is why I will leave the command of the guild to Levin Cloud. He will be better leading them than us as we will be in the front lines later, little brother." Solstice stated as she started to brandish her blood swords.

"Ten minutes before the sun sets." Adrian muttered to himself as he knew that he will need to start preparing as well.

"Primordial Armament: Mirror!" Adrian stated as his form changed.

Adrian has already used his Aether Domain and Aetheros True Form yesterday as the monsters were very aggressive. They were so aggressive that even the heals from their team members were almost rendered ineffective. Since that form is locked, Adrian has to punch harder to make sure that his team members will not be affected.

The three guilds decided to split the area into three even though the Pantheon Guild was lesser in numbers. What the Pantheon guild may lack in numbers is made up with their brute power as they are clearly the MVP for the past days. The two guilds might not like to admit it but the only reason that they can keep up with the Pantheon guild is that they are more in number.

The tension filled the air as the sun slowly sunk into the sands and it vanished in the sky. As soon as the sun descended, the monsters roared like crazed beasts and charged towards the Temple of the Sun. The anxiety of all of the players could be felt in the air as they could see a tidal wave of monsters coming towards them.

"Mirror Art: Refraction â€" Vortex!" Adrian stated as he fed the small star inside the mirror he has and each of them split into ten.

Adrian placed ten mirrors all around them which are the things that split the small volatile star. With a snap of Adrian's fingers, the small volatile star exploded and turned into black holes that sucked every living creature in its vicinity. Ten black holes could be seen appearing in all directions as the charging monster entered it.

The players already knew that Adrian will do something as he said that they should wait for his signal to attack. They did not know what that signal was but they now know as they could clearly see the signal he was trying to say. The monsters that charged forward wanted to stop but they cannot stop the momentum of the monsters behind them.

One by one increased to ten by ten per second as the monsters kept getting absorbed inside the black hole. Adrian smiled as he saw the notifications of some monsters dying while some getting injured inside the black holes. This was a specialty of the Mirror Primordial Armament as it could copy skills to ten at most.

The downside of the copying is that each spell will only be able to deal half the damage of the original spell. This might be a downside, but each spell added will basically be five times more powerful than the original if he hits everything. There were monsters that evaded the suction force of the black hole, but Adrian also has a solution for that.

"Mirror Art: Refraction â€" Quantum Cascade!" Adrian stated as each black hole has a singularity formed above it.

Adrian activated the singularities, and it pulled all monsters that passed through the black holes. The image of ferocious monsters being pulled inside of the black holes made all of the players that witnessed it see the power of a demon. The players from the other guilds know about demons but they never witnessed it this close.

"Damn! He could basically affect time and space. He is a cheat character. Life is so unfair sometimes." One of the players from the Briar Rose guild commented.

They all agree that Adrian is really different compared to normal players as he could command an entire area as big as a desert by himself. He was basically equal to an NPC known as the Archmagus of Dominatro as he is famed for laying waste to an entire area with spells of mass destruction.

"Attack!" Levin Cloud announced as they needed to start killing off monsters as the first line of defense has already been reached.

It was not just the Pantheon guild, the Briar Rose guild and the Evergreen guild fighting in this desert as the sand soldiers that the Sun God Ra created also started to fight. The defenses of the Temple of the Sun is also at full swing as an answer to the monsters that increased.

It was not just Adrian's group that is doing their best because the Followers of Apophis started to move as well. They started to pray once more but they were not sacrificing themselves right away as they strengthened the army. The continuous prayer of the Followers of Apophis made the monsters become more enraged as a disgusting aura loomed over them.

The miasma inside the monsters that surrounded the Temple of the Sun started to exponentially increase. The monsters filled with the miasma from the Distorted God Apophis started showing signs of mutating as they started to grow serpentine traits like scales or venom excretion. Some even fully transformed into serpent monster hybrids.

"Soul Recall!" Adrian stated as a door to the underworld is summoned.

The door is different as it was decorated with golden motifs and glyphs and also a golden scarab. Adrian did not know who he summoned but it seems that his luck has affected the summoning once again. The door to the underworld opened and a gigantic man appeared before him. It was none other than a fragment of the God of the Underworld, Osiris.

"You have called for me, Arbiter of the Damned. To what do I owe the pleasure of your call?" The God or rather an aspect of the God Osiris stated.

"My son, it is good to see you well." The Sun God Ra suddenly stated as he saw the God Osiris being summoned.

"Father! It seems that news of your revival was true! I would want to hug you with my real body if it was possible but that might extinguish the life of our arbiter." The God Osiris stated with a laugh.

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Adrian managed to summon the God of the Underworld Osiris. Osiris wears a golden robes and armor with parts of his body being covered in bandages. It is said that he and the God Seth fought each other due to sibling disagreements. Osiris was heavily damaged by that fight as his body became chopped into pieces.

The God of the Underworld Osiris did not die though as his wife the Goddess Eset used forbidden magic to put him back together. The bandages that are covering his body is said to be made from the magic that the Goddess Eset used and is incredibly durable. It is said that the bandages are the reason why any form of attacks cannot destroy the body of the God Osiris.

The God Osiris uses two types of weapons which are a whip and a shepherd's crook. Those two weapons were made of golden metal and radiated intense energy. Another thing to observe for the God Osiris is that his body is greenish black in tint which is a testament to him being sent to govern the underworld where he is praised as the God of Death.

"My brother did say that the serpent has become more restless ever since it knew that you have revived, father. I guess the calling that the arbiter made was not totally random as it reacted to my wish to really see you." The God Osiris stated.

"Make sure to not fight with your brother again. You know what happened last time when your joke went too far. He hacked you to pieces but made sure that you are alive since he is your brother." The Sun God Ra stated as he reminded himself that this is his foolish son.

"I just wanted to test him a little and have him let out some steam but he took it too far. Anyways, I have monsters to butcher. I will talk to you again when you ascend, father." The God Osiris stated as he suddenly jumped towards the horde of monsters.

"I was not even able to give him a command yet. Then again, commanding aspects of gods are not easy." Adrian muttered as the God Osiris went to the opposite direction where the former wants the latter to be.

"Do forgive my son as he is the impulsive one of all my children. He would have not ended like that if he was good at taking orders or listening to the advice of others. I shall return to my post then as I need to prepare the sun disk in the event that another clone of the Distorted God Apophis is to descend." The Sun God Ra stated as he floated back to the Sun Disk.

All the players surrounding the Temple of the Sun have already accustomed themselves to fighting during the night. In fact, they all thought that they would have to rely on magic spells for illumination but the Temple of the Sun produced its own light during the night. The temple itself glows like a powerful source of light which illuminated areas far away from it.

Adrian is observing the battlefield while commanding Sirius, Kanlaon and Saena. He used his three most powerful soulbounds to make impact on the battlefield. He also used his mirrors to save some people that were in a tight spot.

Adrian made the biggest impact by having ten black holes spawn that absorbed monsters. The damage might not be that big, but he did manage to kill some lower-level monsters. It also made a great set up for spells for the mage players as they already knew where the monsters will be spit out.

As soon as the black holes vanished and the monsters were spit out, the mage players immediately made it rain with spells. Thousands of monsters died from the sudden bombardment of the area they were spit out from. The Sun God Ra also joined in on the bombardment as he used small amounts of sun energy to attack.

Every minute, the Sun God Ra will choose the most crowded area of the monster horde to use his spell called Sun Flare. It is like a vertical laser beam that makes the ground it touches explode. It is perfect for disorienting and dealing damage to large clumps of enemies.

Levin Cloud is skillfully leading the team with Adrian's support as there were mirrors around him that showed the location of the guild members. He would even use some support spells that he channels through the ground via a special way.

Levin Cloud could not issue extremely long-range spells, but he bypassed this when he finally managed to feel the ley line. It is said that the faekin are beings that are in tune with nature hence their mastery over natural power veins of the world. They are able to harness energy from ley lines in order to send support to their comrades.

Levin Cloud would just need to touch the ley line and send his spell to the location of his allies. This might seem easy and very cheat like, but it takes up immense concentration. Levin Cloud would also need to use his mastery of visualizing the area as it takes up a lot of mental capacity.

Levin Cloud managed to ease this restriction by making use of Adrian's mirrors as he could just see the coordinates of the ally in the mirror and send the support spell on their way. He cannot send any powerful spells that are above the epic rank though as he has yet to fully master this technique.

"The monster horde is still only normal monsters. Field Bosses are not even moving as of now as they are just observing. The most frightening one would be that gigantic Sand Swallower. That is not a field boss but a Dungeon Boss. How the hell did that snake managed to make a dungeon boss get out of its dungeon?" Adrian stated.

The Shadow of Apophis managed to control a dungeon boss which are said to only come out when a special even called a Dungeon Break occurs. Dungeon Breaks can only occur when the number of monsters in a dungeon exceed twice capacity. This would make the boss monsters become unable to be bound by the rules of the dungeon.

It is said that there was a forgotten God of Space called the God of Dungeons that created the rule of the dungeons. Back when the Gods were still mingling with the mortals, the main cause of death was monsters. One of the gods took pity on the mortals and sacrificed his body to create a permanent law called the Law of the Dungeon.

The God of Dungeons made sure that powerful monsters will be trapped inside of the dungeons so that mortals may have peace. The Law of the Jungle is still more powerful than the one that the God of Dungeons created though. Monsters become more powerful overtime which is why Dungeons Breaks occurred.

It is said that the monsters that are roaming the world now are the result of Dungeon Breaks happening. Dungeon Breaks do upset the balance of the ecosystem as there will be new monsters that will occupy the area where the dungeon appears.

"Do not tell me that the Distorted God Apophis actually forced a dungeon break which is why there are a lot of monsters here!" Adrian stated as that is the only plausible explanation for the number of enemies here.

When Adrian was thinking of what to do next, the field bosses that were on standby suddenly started to move as they were actually commanded by the Dungeon Break Boss monsters. The Dungeon Break Boss monster not only commanded the field bosses but it also buffed all of them.

The Sand Swallower, the Dungeon Break Boss, is basically a gigantic sand monster with the head of a sarcophagus. It might not have many attacks under its arsenal, but it could literally bury its opponents alive by being eaten by it. It also has a special buff that increases the evasion of all the monsters under it by creating a small veil of sand around them.

The evasion bonus is evident as the long range spells and attacks that usually hit started to miss. Adrian wanted to think of a countermeasure but he suddenly heard the loud cheer of excitement that came from the God Osiris. With a loud cheer and a powerful jump in the air, the God Osiris landed and created a powerful shockwave that affected the souls of the monsters around him.

Adrian looked at the mirrors near the God Osiris and saw that the monsters around the later is actually tethered to him. They were not tethered physically but spiritually as the God Osiris' body is actually slowly turning into a spirit like form. The weapons that the God Osiris also did not deal physical damage as they were actually Soul Weapons that directly damaged the soul of his enemies.

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Adrian could see that the timer for the summoning for the God of the Underworld Osiris is just twenty minutes in total. The God Osiris can only stay in the battlefield for about ten more minutes but he has done great work. The horde of monsters on the side where the God Osiris is could be seen thinned out significantly.

The fact that one aspect of a god could destroy those number of monsters means that he is a great powerhouse. As the leader of the Gods of Death in the western continent, the God Osiris also gives a buff to all the allies in the battlefield.

[You have been given Osiris' Blessing.]

[This blessing is doubled since you are located in the western continent where he is based.]

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Buff: Osiris' Blessing

Effect:

- Heal 10% of the total damage dealt to you. (Doubled when in the western continent.)
- Increase the damage of physical attacks and skills by 10%. (Doubled when in the western continent.)
- Increase the damage of magical attacks and skills by 15%. (Doubled when in the western continent.)
- Have a 1% chance of Reviving upon death with 50% maximum health. (Doubled when in the western continent.)

Restriction: This buff is only active when the God Osiris is present on the battlefield.

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Everyone could feel that their attacks became more powerful. It is even more evident for the magic spells as a normal fireball could nuke another monster with its power. It did not take long for the God Osiris to spot the Sand Swallower.

Adrian wanted to tell the God Osiris that he should not head towards the mouth of the enemy but he remembered that the God Osiris is an impulsive one. He is also a warrior that enjoys battles which is why the Goddess Eset had to master healing spells just to make sure that her husband stays alive.

Seeing that the God Osiris was aiming for the Sand Swallower, the nearby field bosses went to intercept him instead. Adrian knew that the buff that the God Osiris is very beneficial which is why he is also determined to make sure that he lives until his summoning time is up.

"Nether Domain." Adrian stated as his whole body suddenly emitted nether mist and it swallowed up everything in the area.

Seeing that the Nether Mist started to spread, Levin Cloud also initiated the plan. He immediately summoned the Tree of Life and Death. The sky fractured as a seed fell from the sky and directly landed on the Temple of the Sun.

The Tree of Life and Death suddenly sprouted from the middle of the Temple of the Sun like an illusory massive divine plant. The Tree of Life and Death actually covered the entire temple of the sun with its vines and flowers. The Tree of Life and Death is currently adapting to its cactus like form and grabbed the sun disk.

From afar, the sun disk is no longer just a circular golden disk as the thorns of the Tree of Life and Death acted like its sun rays. When the Tree of Life and Death clung to the sun disk, the Sun God Ra did not take offense but actually enjoyed the feeling as an overwhelming power started to fill up his body.

The Sun God Ra is still a life god as the sun provides life and warmth which means that Yewdrasil will give him the life energy that he needs to power up. The Sun God Ra could now join the fight more aggressively because of this and started to spew more Sun Beams.

The monster horde could be seen thinning out by the minute but the strong ones are still alive. A creepy chant started to fill up the night as the Followers of Apophis started to chant a different type of hymn. This chant is different from the ones that they have used before where they sacrifice their body or strengthen monsters.

When the chant started, a star in the sky started to shine brighter than before until a number of them started to get together. The stars in the night started to form the image of a serpent that bears its poisonous fangs at the Temple of the Sun. Some of the monsters suddenly started to stop their movements and shake involuntarily.

Some of the monsters infected by the Distorted God Apophis started to fall down on the sand as if they died. The monsters that fell down started to shake uncontrollably until their bodies burst into flesh and blood. As if the serpent star answered the calls, smaller stars suddenly started to fall down into the areas where the monsters turned into flesh and blood.

When the stars fell down, the flesh and blood that scattered suddenly fused together with the star. Numerous monsters that resembled clones of the Distorted God Apophis started to sprout. The clones that appeared seemed to be vastly inferior to just one clone summoned but hundreds of them are a different thing altogether.

"Netheros True Form! Limit Break: Summoner!" Adrian stated as he immediately used his most powerful skills as an answer to the sudden appearance of numerous clones.

Adrian also made sure to transform all of his soulbounds into their nether forms. Gigantic monsters made of nether mist started to appear all throughout the battlefield as a demonic god looking entity is floating on top of the Temple of the Sun. Adrian used all of his mirrors to make sure that the nether mist is distributed to all parts of the battlefield.

Adrian also continuously buffed his allies by applying nether mist into their attacks which are super effective against the monsters tainted by the Distorted God Apophis. When Adrian revealed the nether mist, the Distorted God Apophis suddenly took control of one of the clones as it detected a familiar energy.

The Distorted God Apophis knew of this energy as this was the poison on its system. The Distorted God Apophis made sure to destroy the one that tainted it with this energy as it could hinder it from devouring the world. The clones all looked towards the gigantic demonic god looking being floating in a cross-legged position on top of the Temple of the Sun.

"All of you! Destroy the Champion of the Twin Gods!" The clone where the Distorted God Apophis descended commanded.

Just as the chosen clone of the Distorted God Apophis is about to move, a fist of a man suddenly hit its head and knocked it back. It is none other than the fist of the God Osiris as he was also affected by the nether mist. The nether mist could be seen oozing out of the God Osiris' body as a result of being a temporary summon of Adrian.

"This power! This is the energy of the forbidden domain that the Overlord Abaddon resides in. I shall make use of it while I am under the kid's command and taste how great this energy is." The God Osiris stated as he is familiar with nether energy since he is one of the gods of death under the God Abaddon.

"Osiris! I did not think that you would actually take part in this when you are a God of the Underworld. The Gods of the Underworld must not interfere with mortal affairs directly!" The Distorted God Apophis stated as it hissed at the God Osiris.

"There is a way to circumvent that rule as the Champion of the Twin Gods has summoned me directly. I shall enjoy this fight!" The God Osiris stated.

The chosen clone and the God Osiris started their fight against each other. Adrian could see this and made sure that the God Osiris does not end up in harms way. He commanded all of his soulbounds to make sure that no other monsters should interfere with that fight.

Adrian is not the only one that activated his Limit Break as all other summoners started to do so as well. The one with the most notable summoner Limit Break is Mariposa as her swarm of bees started to flood the battlefield as well. She even resonated well with the Tree of Life and Death as she was recognized as one of the guards of Anastacia since the latter was the Envoy of Life.

Frey was also doing quite well as monsters that die under her spear becomes her power. A Valkyrie becomes more powerful with more enemy deaths under their belt. A place where many could be killed is a Valkyries' paradise. It came to the point that any monster under level 200 would die to her spear in under five attacks.

Seeing that the personal army that the Distorted God Apophis created has started to be on the losing end despite the addition of clones, it made sure to use everything in its power to at least destroy the temple. It seems that it was not only terrestrial monsters that were put under control. Powerful buzzing noises could suddenly be heard on the horizon.

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The buzzing noises did not come from any monster that is already present in the battlefield but a swarm of them. The buzzing sound came from the west as all the players heard this irritating sound. The ones that are more on guard are the insect monster soulbounds that Mariposa is using.

The stars in the sky could be seen but some parts of it is suddenly covered with a black mass. The buzzing noises came from this black mass which is actually a swarm of Locusts. The locust monsters were not ordinary small locusts, but monsters called Desert Locusts.

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Monster Name: Desert Locust

Level: 170

Tier: Rare

HP: 100%

MP: 100%

Special Characteristics: Insatiable Hunger – able to eat anything in their way to make sure that they can continuously move.

Description: A mutated locust monster that has adapted to the harsh deserts of the western continent. It has a brown upper carapace while the lower carapace is black in color. When the swarm is viewed from below, they look like a black smoke moving like ordinary locust monsters. When the swarm is viewed from above, they look like a sandstorm hitting an area.

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It was not just Desert Locusts that are present in the area as Adrian could see that there are about eleven special monsters in the mix. Those eleven locust monsters have a humanoid form as if they became insectoids. Each of the arm of the insectoids are also equipped with a sharp scythe like claw while the legs look so bulky that they could kick an elephant to death.

There is even one locust monster that is more special compared to the other ten. This locust monster had the aura of royalty as its wings spread like a cape even when it is flying. There is also a small crown looking part on top of its head that is between its antennae.

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Monster Name: Desert Locust Champion

Level: 200

Tier: Epic

HP: 100%

MP: 100%

Special Characteristics:

Insatiable Hunger – able to eat anything in their way to make sure that they can continuously move.

Sickle Arms – Able to apply bleed on its physical attacks.

Leg Champion – Increased strength on its legs and deals 50% more damage for attacks using the legs.

Description: An evolved form of the Desert Locust that has become a being that loves to fight. It fights its opponents to death before devouring them in order to nourish its battle-hardened body. It is said that the Desert Locust must win about a hundred battles by itself in order to evolve into this form.

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Monster Name: Desert Locust Princess

Level: 220

Tier: Epic

HP: 100%

MP: 100%

Special Characteristics:

Insatiable Hunger – able to eat anything in their way to make sure that they can continuously move.

Royal Majesty – increases the stats of all locust monsters under its command by 20%.

Queen Candidate – Increases all stats by 20% and gains great intelligence. Can command the swarm of locusts that are under its control perfectly.

Description: A unique evolution of the Desert Locust that is said to be the start of the disaster-level monster called the Desert Locust Queen. When a Desert Locust Princess is spotted, it is imperative that it should be subjugated immediately before it evolves into a Desert Locust Queen. It has great leadership skills and intelligence that is on par with a human.

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"Kanlaon! Burn them down!" Adrian commanded as Kanlaon nodded and rose to the dark skies.

Kanlaon then summoned flaming balls that crashed on the location of the Desert Locusts. Adrian also supplemented it by using the Elemental Dragon Summon: Red Dragon. The flaming fireballs increased due to this. Adrian did not think that these attacks would destroy the swarm of monsters but he expected to decrease their number.

The normal Desert Locusts did not even evade as some got hit directly and burned to death. The Desert Locust Champions and the Desert Locust Princess are different though as the latter commanded a small swarm to protect her from the bombardment. The locusts protected their princess from any sort of damage like she was their lifeline.

When the attack ended, the Desert Locust Champions all flew towards Kanlaon to defeat him but Sirius would not let them. Shadows suddenly rose from the ground and grabbed all ten Desert Locust Champions. The shadows were not enough to actually constrict them as they used their powerful legs and sickle arms to destroy the shadows.

Sirius did not get downtrodden though as dark clouds suddenly formed above the heads of the Desert Locusts Champions. Lightning suddenly struck the Desert Locust Champions and it seem to have damaged them greatly. Adrian thought that these monsters would be easier but he is shocked upon seeing the next scene.

The Desert Locust Princess commanded some of the Desert Locust to fly towards the Desert Locust Champions. The next thing that they saw is outright cannibalistic as the Desert Locust Champions ate the Desert Locusts that the Desert Locust Princess sent. The Desert Locust Champions restored their health back to full because of this.

Monsters that could restore their health via eating the same of their species are very troublesome to deal with. The reason for their troublesome ability is that they are often in the thousands in number. All of the players there could exhaust their abilities but the Desert Locust Champions would still be alive even after all that.

"The only way to defeat them is to defeat the Desert Locust Princess first." Adrian muttered as he commanded Saena to blast them with sun energy.

Saena fired sun rays from her feathers towards the Desert Locust Princess but the latter just commanded desert locust to protect her. To make matters worse, the locust swarm is still getting bigger as their number increases by the minute.

[Wisteria has used Flower Gift. She has temporarily gained the skill Needle Storm.]

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Skill Name: Needle Storm

Tier: Epic

Type: Temporary Attack Skill

Effect:

- Fire off needles that are produced from the body that deals 10% of the user's magic damage per needle.
- Fire off one hundred needles per second

Duration: 1 minute

Cooldown: 3 minutes

Mana Cost: 10, 000

Cast Time: Instant

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"Wisteria, use Needle Storm!" Adrian commanded.

The giant nether tree located behind Wisteria's back suddenly grew thousands of needles. She then fired off these spikes towards the flying enemies and showered them with pointy needles. One needle might be small in damage but getting hit by thousands at a time is a different feeling.

Numerous Desert Locusts could be seen falling down as their wings were hit which made them unable to maintain balance. The Desert Locust Princess defended herself with her underlings once more but they fell faster than they could protect her. Some needles directly hit the Desert Locust Princess, but she was not that affected by the needles.

The wings behind the Desert Locust Princess could be seen beating at a fast pace which created some sort of sonic barrier around her. Some of the needles hit her but her carapace was stronger. She was still damaged, but it did not stop her overall function in the battle.

The Desert Locust Champions could feel the frustration of their princess which is why they went berserk. The large built body of the Desert Locust Champions suddenly expanded even more and bulged up as if they produced steroids. The brown and black carapace suddenly became tinted with the red color to signify that they have transformed into a berserk state.

The Desert Locusts that were still alive despite falling down struggled as they wanted to follow the command of their princess. They tried to regrow their wings via sacrificing some of their life force to fly once more. These Desert Locusts would have flown again if not for a large nether mass suddenly swallowing them up.

Dodu was not being commanded by Adrian explicitly, but it was told to eat to its hearts content. The Predator Slime became happy upon receiving the orders of its master as it was such a long time since it was given permission to do so. The gigantic nether Dodu started to sweep not only the locusts but also the dead monsters in the area due to the efforts of others.

[The God Osiris has received great damage from the clone of the Distorted God Apophis.]

Adrian is suddenly awoken by the notification as he could see that the health of the God Osiris suddenly plummeted to 35%. The God Osiris still has five more minutes for his summoning but he could become unsummoned if his health vanishes.

"Charon!" Adrian shouted and the Lifeless Lord already knew what its master wanted.

Charon floated near Adrian as it suddenly sent numerous chains out of its coffin. The chains passed through all the mirrors that Adrian uses and were attached to his allies and enemies. Numerous monsters meant numerous health that could be sapped. The players struggling to defend suddenly saw their health bars triple as they received a health shield that is triple their current health.

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"Everyone! Go crazy!" Adrian shouted as his voiced echoed in three different voices.

The sudden addition of barriers to all of their lives made the players scream in excitement. It was not just the players that had layers of barriers affecting them but even the soulbounds and mounts. Seeing that the barriers are fixated at three times their health, some of them bravely took a hit.

Those that took a hit could see the life barriers affecting them regenerate at a slower pace. The barriers regenerated despite it being damaged. The damage for the life barrier is greater than the damage they get since the life barrier has no defenses but flat health. The thing that made the life barrier great is the fact that it can regenerate.

The great thing with the life barrier is that it also protects the user from flinches or knockbacks as long as the barrier still covers their body. The mages and even the archers no longer stood behind their vanguards as they chanted in front of the monsters. The vanguard switched their weapons to their damaging ones and charged towards the monsters.

As long as the chains were attached to them, the players are basically like berserkers that can tank forever as long as the life barrier does not get destroyed. Adrian overseen the situation and started to create his ultimate move.

Large demonic looking mirrors started to cover the area around the Temple of the Sun as Adrian wants to make light rain. The clone of the Distorted God Apophis could see the intense nether energy being scattered by the Champion of the Twin Gods. The clone wanted to stop Adrian, but it was being held back by the God Osiris which has three health shields.

"Haha! This is what it feels like battling with the arbiter! No wonder the gods of death wanted to be summoned by him!" The God Osiris stated as he muttered a secret conversation of the gods of death.

The clone was already having difficulty defeating the God Osiris with the field bosses but the additional layer of protection to the latter made the god unkillable. The God Osiris also knew that he will disappear after a few minutes which is why he intends to defeat the Sand Swallower at the very least.

"Pharaoh of the Dead!" The God Osiris stated as he jumped up in the sky as his bandages glowed in different runes.

The runes of the bandages then expanded in the air as it suddenly turned into a gigantic astral version of the God Osiris. The whip that the God Osiris wielded slammed down on the Sand Swallower as he hacked it with his Shepherd's hook. The Sand Swallower that is not damaged by any physical move is suddenly dead as the God Osiris used his soul weapons.

[The aspect of the God Osiris has returned back to the Underworld.]

The Sand Swallower died and left a huge pile of sand around it. The clone of the Distorted God Apophis attempted to devour the Sand Swallower but a huge pile of nether mist suddenly came crashing down on it. When the mass of nether energy vanished, the body parts of the Sand Swallower vanished as its monster core has disappeared as well.

Dodu devoured all of the Sand Swallower in an instant as it wanted to eat something delicious. If Dodu is in his nether form, then it can smell bodies of pure energy better. Dodu also becomes somewhat invincible against magic damage that deals great damage to it as it is already immune to physical damage.

The clone of the Distorted God Apophis wanted to devour Dodu, but its mouth suddenly started to melt upon trying to even bite. The head of the clone started to melt as it even tried to devour the nether energy that filled up Dodu's body. Dodu seeing has absorbed a passive skill called Toxic Body which means that any being that touches its body will become poisoned.

It is a skill that also makes any being that ingests its body part be poisoned. If Dodu's body is made up of nether energy, then the pitiful being that tries to eat a part of him will have a mouthful of

potent death energy that even some death gods cannot handle. The body of the clone wanted to regenerate its health but the nether energy started breaking down the body of the clone.

Dodu seeing a chance to devour a being that has potent energy made sure to swallow the clone like a nether mist tidal wave. If the clone of the Distorted God Apophis could scream then it would have because Dodu is like an incoming apocalyptic mist that destroys the bodies of the living.

"I did not think that I would be able to destroy a clone of a god just like that. Dodu, make sure to let all the clones have a taste of your body while in that form." Adrian stated as all of his mirrors have finally been placed.

Adrian then called Saena, Kanlaon and Wisteria to his location as he commanded them to charge up all their abilities for him. Saena is called to charge up her Grace of the Sun skill as her nether feathers started to collect sun energy from the sun disk. She asked the Sun God Ra for it to make sure that she does not seem offensive.

The Sun God Ra agreed as Saena is something like a creature born with the power of the sun which is why the former looks at her favorably. Kanlaon, on the other hand, is commanded to charge up his Genesis Dragon Breath to its fullest extent as six massive magic circles appeared above them. The power of each magic circle could be felt by even the weakest of all the monsters.

Wisteria also understood her assignment as she was commanded to do another round of Needle Storm. The thorns that are grown from the horrifying nether willow tree behind Wisteria could be seen oozing with nether energy. Each of the thorn that will come out of that tree will become a needle packed with nether energy.

The monsters could feel the immense fear emanating inside of their bodies as some tried to run away since the control of the Distorted God Apophis faltered a bit when the chosen clone got destroyed. The locusts, on the other hand, tried a different approach as they judged that Adrian needs to be killed and devoured for the good of the swarm.

The Desert Locust Princess commanded all of the locusts to swarm the gigantic demon god looking apparition on top of the Temple of the Sun. The other guild members saw this and knew that they needed to make sure that Adrian does not get distracted. The attacks that he is planning might get destroyed if he loses focus.

The thing that his guild members were afraid about is not a big deal though as Adrian just made sure to sweep the locusts away using Quantum Dispersion. The charging attacks of his three soulbounds came to an end as Saena's tail feathers are filled with sun energy, Kanlaon's six magic circles fused into one golden magic circle, and Wisteria's plant behind her back radiated intense nether energy as it was already filled with needles.

"Release!" Adrian stated but it sounded like a declaration from a god.

Saena fired her sun ray beam that the Grace of the Sun skill releases onto the mirror that Adrian created in front of her. Kanlaon did the same as his Genesis Dragon Breath is fired inside of a mirror. Wisteria is a bit different as Adrian surrounded her with mirrors since the needles will fire in different directions.

The invisible mirrors reinforced by nether energy showed themselves as Adrian did not just cover the sky but he actually also formed a dome. All of the mirrors released the three attacks that Saena, Kanlaon and Wisteria did. A beam of light followed by a golden laser that has nether spikes behind it.

Just these three attacks being distributed in all of the battlefield made it rain chaos in the area. The monsters were dropping like flies as they could not defend against such attacks without proper defensive skills. The locust swarm that was in the hundreds of thousands or maybe even in the millions suddenly vanished.

The buzzing sound that the locust wings produced is replaced by the numerous system notifications that every member of the alliance is receiving. Adrian did not stop there as he knew that there is a small chance that some monsters are still alive.

Adrian commanded Sirius to execute his domain and use the Realm Ender skill. Adrian made sure to hide the effect of the Realm Ender skill as Sirius can perfectly blend it with his nether domain when the Samael Domain is active. There is one person that he cannot hide the effect of the domain with as Ark was able to see Sirius clearly.

Chapter 1386 The Sleeping Serpent Awakens VI

[You have killed the Desert Locust Princess. You have gained lots of experience points.]

[You have killed a Desert Locust Champions. You have gained lots of experience points]

[You have killed a Desert Locusts. You have gained lots of experience points.]

[Your soulbounds gained lots of experience points.]

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[Your soulbound, Charon, has unlocked one of his evolution requirements.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, has unlocked a new path for his evolution.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, has gained the title Barrier Lord.]

[Your soulbound Dodu has eaten a lot of monsters. All skills absorbed will be reconstituted to the Unique Skill: Gluttony.]

[Your soulbound Dodu's Predator and Digest skill has transformed to the Unique Skill: Gluttony.]

[Your soulbound Dodu has gained the skill Alternate Body: Nether Miasma / Aether Arcana.]

[You soulbound Dodu has reached a milestone for its next evolution.]

The battlefield is filled with lots of monsters that turned into particles of light. The other monsters that did not die were all chased down by the other members. The desert region where the Temple of the Sun stands became clean of monsters in just one night.

[The Shadow of Apophis has awakened from its slumber.]

[The Shadow of Apophis has become even more powerful than before.]

[The Shadow of Apophis is heading towards the Temple of Bastet as it is in search for another fragment to absorb.]

[The monsters under the Shadow of Apophis have also become much stronger in response to their master's newly gained strength.]

The sun rose back into the sky as the Shadow of Apophis also woke up from its slumber. It seems that even the combined might of a hundred guilds were not able to kill the Shadow of Apophis. Adrian checked the latest stream about the Shadow of Apophis and saw that the Distorted God Apophis descended in that location as well.

"It seems that the Distorted God Apophis was also held back in that location. It seems that the clone located at the Temple of Horus was more powerful and bigger. There are also reports of other temples getting attacked and being destroyed. It seems that the other western continent gods can no longer sit on the sidelines." Adrian thought as he saw the reports on the forums.

Adrian then called all of the ones that participated in the last battle. He wanted to see what was the damage to their ranks and saw that only a few ones died in battle. Those that died were the ones that were either extremely unlucky or those that did not pay attention to their surroundings.

"I congratulate all of you for surviving the night but I think all of you also received the notification that the Shadow of Apophis has woke up." Adrian stated.

"We cannot stop that as even the combined might of a hundred or so guilds were not able to stop it. Also, not all of the top rankers are present in that battle. There were also some players that are allied with the Shadow of Apophis." Anastacia stated as she also received some news from some of her guild members that joined the battle with the Shadow of Apophis.

"It seems that some of the Followers of the Dark Gods have joined hands with the Shadow of Apophis. There are even reports that Eldritch and his posey being spotted near the Shadow of Apophis. They are also one of the reasons why the battle to kill the Shadow of Apophis failed." Frey stated as she received news from the Briar Rose Guild.

"It seems that the world is becoming embroiled in great chaos. Not only the angels but also a distorted god is making this world chaotic. Hou Yiwei is with the dragons which is why his guild is also absent in killing the Shadow of Apophis. If he was there, then he could have at least dealt with Eldritch." Adrian muttered.

"We cannot worry about that. We should move forward just as we have done so before." Levin Cloud stated.

Just as everyone was discussing about what they should do next, a powerful sunlight suddenly shone towards the Temple of the Sun. All of them looked above to see the Sun God Ra being filled with immense energy. Prince Amon and the Sun God Ra split with each other as they are no longer needed to be bound.

Cairo flew in the air and caught the tired prince as he would need to recuperate. The Sun God Ra did not immediately ascend though as he was still not powerful enough to ascend. The Sun God Ra bonded with his temple instead as he would get more energy upon doing so. The golden throne present on the Temple of the Sun God is now being used by the Sun God Ra himself.

[You have been called by the Sun God Ra as his audience.]

"My patron god is summoning all of you." Cairo reported as Prince Amon was still in his hands.

Sand Soldiers suddenly sprouted from the ground and escorted all of them to the audience room where the Sun God Ra is sitting. Beside the Sun God Ra are tough looking sand soldiers that were wearing golden armors. It was a sight to see as there were more than thirty of them while some are outside the temple.

"May the Great Sun shine upon all of you. I welcome you all to my audience chamber. I have called all of you because I want to thank all of you for protecting me during a crucial time. I have regained enough energy for me to stand on my own, but I cannot leave the Temple of the Sun as of yet.

All of you are the reason why I am now standing tall without the aid of my vessel. For your great help, I shall all reward you with my blessing. Choose what you want to receive as compensation for your great service towards me." The Sun God Ra stated as he presented everyone with a stone tablet made of sand he conjured up.

Chapter 1387 Rewards From The Sun God

Sand swirled all around them and solidified into stone tablets where the rewards that they could choose are presented. All of the people that joined in on the defense were given rewards based on the number of days that they have protected the Sun God Ra. The Pantheon Guild members were given three choices while the other members of the alliance were given two.

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Rewards of the Sun God

Description: The Sun God Ra is pleased with your bravery and skill in protecting him during a crucial time in his newly acquired life. Choose one of the three choices to get as a reward for helping the Sun God Ra.

First Option: Qualification to become the Hidden Job Class called the Golden Warrior of the Sun God Ra

Reward Type: Job Class Change Ticket

Description: Upon choosing this reward, you will obtain a job class ticket to become a Golden Warrior of Ra. Golden Warriors of Ra are not limited to just warriors as they are an elite unit that are dedicated to the protection of not just the Sun God Ra but also the Western Continent.

All Golden Warriors of the Sun God Ra have great authority in the western continent and have a 20% increase in stats when in the western continent. They also gain the special element called the Sun Element for spells and attacks. They can also command the sands to create sand apparitions.

Second Option: Legendary Lucky Box

Reward Type: Treasure Chest

Description: A lucky treasure box that may contain legendary items with the lowest type of item being epic in rank. Increased chances for Epic skill books to appear that will cater to your character.

Items that are obtained from this treasure chest can be traded. (Chances: Legendary - 20% , Epic 80%)

Third Option: Blessing of the Sun (Lesser)

Reward Type: Passive Blessing of a Primordial God

Description: Upon choosing this reward, the user will obtain the Blessing of the Sun (Lesser) that will be given by the Sun God Ra. It does not just increase some stats but gives a special passive skill called Sun Touched.

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Blessing Name: Blessing of the Sun (Lesser)

Tier: Legendary

Type: Growth Type Blessing

Effect:

- Gain 10% more stats when under the sun.
- Gain a 1% chance to naturally recover from status ailments when under the sun.
- Gain the Sun Touched passive skill.

Sun Touched: When under 30% health and under the sun, double the effects of the stat increase and gain a 100% chance to cleanse all status ailments that affect the blessing holder.

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The first two choices were given to the ones that were late to defend the Sun God Ra while all three were available to the Pantheon Guild. Without a doubt, all members of the Pantheon guild chose the third option as this was a blessing of a Primordial Tier God. It was also a blessing that can increase as well which means other Sun Gods can increase it.

Also, the fact that the passive skill called Sun Touched is a great cleansing passive skill. It also always on as long as the player is being touched by the sun. This is a great blessing as most players hunt during the day as monsters are much stronger when at night.

For the ones that were only given two options, the ones that are already satisfied with their job classes chose the treasure chest while the ones that wanted a stronger job class chose the first option. Those that chose the first option knew what they are getting into as that job class is related to a god but not just any god.

They will be under the Sun God Ra who is a Primordial God of the Sun. They will also grow with the Sun God Ra if they successfully finish their job class change. If they become an integral part of the Temple of the Sun then they will have great influence over the western continent which is why they want to sow their seeds right now.

Players that chose the Legendary Lucky Box all opened their chests simultaneously and some were rewarded with great luck as they got legendary items. Those that only got Epic Items did not lament

though as they received skill books that is tailored to their characters. They were given essential skills that are very helpful in strengthening them.

Others that were not that lucky talked to one another so that they could trade the items that they have for more useful ones that they can use. Overall, the rewards were nothing to scoff at as it was already very lucky for some to even get a Legendary grade item as item of this tier are still quite rare. Those that have yet to return back to the game will have their options presented later but they were already given a heads up by their guild members.

"Since all of you have chosen your rewards, I will now tell you that you are all relieved from the duty of protecting me from the outside world. I am now powerful enough to ward any threat that comes my way but that also comes with the cost of me not being able to get faraway from the Temple of the Sun." The Sun God Ra stated.

As explained by the Sun God Ra, he cannot move from his current location as he is still busy absorbing enough energy to ascend. This does not mean that he no longer needs the help of others as he suddenly spoke once more to the group.

"I may not need you to protect me, but I would like your help in hastening my ascension. I shall wait for all the valiant warriors to get their rewards before I speak of a quest that I can give all of you. For now, all of you may rest as you are safe as long as you are within the walls of my temple." The Sun God Ra stated.

Chapter 1388 Collect Sun Stones I

When all of them received their rewards, they once again talked to the Sun God Ra. True to what the Sun God Ra said to them, he protected them from wandering monsters that tried to destroy the Temple of the Sun. They witnessed the power of the Sun God Ra in full action and even Adrian judged that only a being at the level of the Shadow of Apophis can pose a threat to the Sun God Ra at this point.

The Shadow of Apophis is still active as it is now headed to the Temple of Bastet. Players have already started the fortification of the town while the residents were already sent to underground evacuation sites. The Temple of Bastet even sent a note to the Temple of the Sun via a carrier pigeon to inform them of what is happening.

"I, once again, thank all of you for your great sacrifice and service towards me. All of you are the reason why I am now standing here in the lands where my people have lived. In fact, this is not really the first time that I have been reborn to this world.

I have been reborn countless times as different mortals through the years but this is the first time that someone was very compatible to me like Prince Amon. I lived as a mortal for quite some time in these harsh lands. Sometimes I was a king and other times a lowly slave that served their masters." The Sun God Ra stated.

"If you have been revived as a mortal before then you must have done something to make your temple rise again even in the past, my patron." Cairo stated.

"It is not that easy because reincarnation does not work that way if you possess an incomplete soul just like the Sun God Ra. He might have lived all of that time as a mortal but that was basically just parts of him. He was an incomplete being that lived a full mortal life. If I am correct, then all of the

things that you experienced back then are only just flooding your memories now." Adrian stated as he knows the ins and outs of reincarnation.

"The Champion of the Twin Gods speak the truth. The mortal lives that I have lived were times where even I do not know that I was the Sun God Ra. Despite that, I was drawn to the sun even if a mortal which is why I always crafted special stones called Sun Stones. Since I have remembered this and all of you are gathered, I would like to give you a quest that you can accept." The Sun God Ra stated as sand once again swirled to produce stone tablets.

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Quest Name: Collect the Sun Stones

Quest Difficulty: A

Quest Description: The Sun God Ra have lived different lifetimes as a mortal but he was always drawn to the power of the sun during his incarnations. He created special stones that contain and could harvest the power of the sun called Sun Stones. Collect the Sun Stones that he has created through all ten different mortal lifetimes.

Clear Condition: Collect all Sun Stones (0 / 10)

Clear Reward: Legendary Lucky Chest (Chances: Legendary Tier Loot 40%, Epic Tier Loot - 60%) (This chest gives player specific rewards but is still tradeable.)

Failure Condition: Unable to collect all Ten Sun Stones before the Shadow of Apophis gains all of its missing fragments.

Failure: The Sun God Ra will not be able to ascend in time to stop the Distorted God Apophis.

Duration: Dependent on the duration of the Shadow of Apophis in collecting the other fragments of the Distorted God Apophis.

Restriction: Only those that have been acknowledged by the Sun God Ra can receive this mission. This mission cannot be shared to others. This mission is a group mission, and the collective success of the group will contribute to its completion.

Note: This is a chain quest relating to the Sun God Ra.

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"This is the mission!" Adrian thought to himself as he messaged all of his guild members to take the mission as this was the alternate savior quest that the game gives.

Adrian told them that this is a chain quest that leads to even greater rewards. This was just a collection mission as of now, but the tier is already A. The next tier of this mission could possibly be S tier which might yield the Mythical Tier Lucky Chest. This was a very rare opportunity for them as all the missions that will be presented are all group missions.

A lot of the Evergreen and the Briar Rose guild also accepted the quest while some did not accept as they were not good with item searching. Those that did not accept the mission asked Adrian to teleport them to the Temple of Bastet as they will participate in the defense there.

"Is there a way for us to know if these Sun Stones are near? We cannot just search blindly in the western continent for them, right?" Adrian asked.

"I am sorry to say this, but it seems that the Sun Stones are not just located in the western continent. Two of them have been taken out of the western continent. The remaining eight are here in the western continent but they are also safeguarded by powerful city states that are ruled by demigods." The Sun God Ra stated as he dropped the bomb.

They now know why the difficulty is A tier despite it being a simple item locating mission. The fact that each of the Sun Stone in the western continent is being owned by demigods is already a great difficulty. The only ray of sunshine in their problem is that they only need to retrieve the Sun Stone and not fight these demigods.

"I shall give you all these scroll maps that detail the location of the Sun Stones. Please remember that these Sun Stones have been gathering the energy of the sun for thousands of years. This will greatly help in my ascension." The Sun God Ra stated.

Chapter 1389 Collect Sun Stones II

"How should we distribute the teams?" Anastacia asked Frey and Adrian as they were the ones calling the shots.

The total members that accepted the mission is about three hundred. Since three guilds are sharing the mission and Evergreen has the most number, the Evergreen Guild will handle four location. Three locations will be under Briar Rose and Pantheon.

The distribution is not permanent though as each group can assist the other once they get the Sun Stone in their side. The two Sun Stones that are not in the western continent will be handled by a special team that will be determined by the difficulty of each. The Sun Stone distribution is still tentative as the moment as they need to scout it first.

With all of the scouting teams done, all of the guilds started to go to their respective locations. Adrian cannot teleport them to the locations as he does not have access to all parts of the western continent. He could teleport them to three locations though which he did for the teams that are assigned there.

For the scouting of the two Sun Stones that are not in the western continent, one is under the Briar Rose guild while the other is handled by the Pantheon guild. One of the Sun Stones is located at the eastern continent which will be handled by the Pantheon guild.

The other one is located at the unexplored and incredibly volcanic part of the southern continent. This one will be handled by the Briar Rose guild with the help of Frey. All of the respective teams agreed without much debate as they know that it was distributed fairly.

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"We will have great trouble going to that location." Peridot stated as she knew the general area where the Sun Stone was located.

"Why?" Adrian asked as the members for his group are Levin Cloud, Peridot and Kabrakan.

It was quite a long time since the four best of friends were in a party with just themselves. They also sent the others to other parties as the ones in the western continents have demigods. They were not yet sure of the ones outside the western continent.

"The location of the Sun Stone is where the Imperial Family of the Eastern Continent resides. It is not an exaggeration to say that the location is the most heavily guarded area of the eastern continent. The whole Imperial City is under the imperial family. Even stores need to be vetted by the imperial family in order to sell goods there." Peridot stated.

"Are you not also considered royalty in the eastern continent?" Levin Cloud asked.

"I may be considered royalty but the members of the Imperial Family are real royalty. They are also descendant from a Ryujin that broke away from the clan. The imperial family members do not possess the same ability as the Ryujin, but they were gifted with the blessings of the four cardinal divine beasts." Peridot stated.

"Basically, they are a family that has Ryujin blood flowing in their system which makes them different from normal humans. They are also blessed by the Four Cardinal Divine Beasts of the Eastern Continent which means offending them is equivalent to offending the four beasts. They are basically untouchable in the eastern continent then." Kabrakan added in a tone of disbelief.

"There are also some rumors that the current emperor is a reincarnation of a god." Peridot added which made them open their mouths.

"I think we would have a better chance at getting the Sun Stone in the western continent than that solid fortress. Can you not use your connections to get us access in the Imperial City?" Levin Cloud asked.

"I can but the Ryujin are in a peculiar situation right now. There is a shadow organization in the eastern continent that is greatly restricting our influence as if they want to cut us off. It has come to a point that a Ryujin cannot travel by themselves as they will be targeted." Peridot stated as she had to move cautiously whenever she is in the eastern continent.

"Could it be related to those players that attacked Eldritch in the eastern continent? You know, the ones that stole the essence of a Knight of Apocalypse?" Levin Cloud added as that was the most likely conclusion.

"If they are involved then a fight with them will not end easily. The leader of that group is basically like our guild master here." Kabrakan added.

"We do not need to fight them if we encounter those people. We just need to scout for the Sun Stone and return it back to the Sun God Ra. I am quite the expert in sneaking things away as I got some good items from the Tower of Babel when I snuck inside the Silver City." Adrian stated as he was confident of not getting caught.

"It is good to be confident, but the females of Imperial Family have an ability to see through falsehoods. Just like Adrian, the females of the Imperial Family are often born with an evil eye. The only known ability of that evil eye is that of clairvoyance but the Ryujins suspect that there are also other abilities." Peridot stated.

"Can we just give up on this mission then?" Kabrakan stated in a depressed tone as his big body is not necessarily equipped for stealth missions.

Levin Cloud is about to raise his hand to second Kabrakan's motion but Adrian held it down. Adrian then took out the special trinket that was given to him by the Heihudie clan. He also has another trinket he could use but he does not know the influence of this one.

Adrian then looked towards the name of the Imperial city as it was named as Hinomoto. The place was a few kilometers away from Kunlun which means immortals could also be employed in that place. Even Adrian thinks that the Imperial City of Hinomoto is a fortified fortress that contain the powerhouses of the eastern continent.

Chapter 1390 Heart Flame Summoning

"We should head to the southern part of the eastern continent then. We should be relatively safe at that part since the Vermillion Bird is my friend after all. I will also need to go to the intelligence clan that I am affiliated with." Adrian stated as he opened a portal that leads to the southern part of the eastern continent.

All four of them entered the portal as they were teleported near the large bell tower where the Vermillion Bird resides. The moment that they stepped out of the portal, a powerful gaze could be felt looking at them, but it receded when it saw Adrian. The Vermillion Bird no longer gave them the uncomfortable gaze when it saw Adrian coming out of the gate.

A shrine maiden then went towards them as the Vermillion Bird directed her to fetch Adrian. It seems that the Vermillion Bird wants to talk to him after a long time. The Vermillion Bird could also feel the energy of a foreign god that is not the Twin Gods in Adrian and his friend's body.

"Great Benefactor! The Divine Bird would like to talk to you." The Shrine Maiden stated.

"I guess we have not talked in quite a while. Please lead the way but can my friends also come?" Adrian stated.

"Yes. They have been given permission to come with you as well." The Shrine Maiden replied after she paused for a few seconds as if she was waiting a reply via telepathy.

The shrine maiden led them to the top of the tower where one could say to be filled with intense heat. This was the absolute domain of the Vermillion Bird which means only those that it allows or those that could resist its domain can come near it. The whole room is filled with a red hue due to the active domain of the Vermillion Bird.

"It is nice to see you again, Feng Huang." Adrian stated as his other friends bowed as well to give respect to the Vermillion Bird.

"It has been a long time, my friend. Although human years might be a small timeframe to a being such as I, it has been quite long since you visited the eastern continent." The Vermillion Bird stated.

Adrian calls the Vermillion Bird as Feng Huang as it is usually the name it uses when it comes to its close friends and close aides. It decided this moniker ever since its inception as it considers the name Vermillion Bird more like a title. Anybody that uses its name without its permission would go up in flames though as it only gives such benefits to those close to it.

"I would visit you more, but I am quite busy. Being a demon does not have a rest day since problems like to pop out." Adrian stated as he rambled about all the things that he did.

Adrian told the Vermillion Bird about the angels and dragon war, the distorted gods trying to descend and the Shadow of Apophis wreaking havoc in the western continent. The Vermillion Bird listened with such enthusiasm as it likes to hear stories of the world. It might be a divine being, but it is also a bird that wants to freely fly in the sky.

"It seems that the world has become such an interesting place while I am still locked in the eastern continent. I am unable to leave due to my duties as a divine beast that the people serve. Your stories of the world outside are the most intriguing thing that I can only experience." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"It is as you say. If you were able to freely travel the world then we could even go in adventures. I bet we can deal with the Shadow of Apophis with your help." Adrian added which greatly pleased the Vermillion Bird.

"If that is the case then why not summon me?" The Vermillion Bird stated which made Adrian doubt what he heard.

"Did I hear you correctly? Did you just say that I should summon you?" Adrian asked.

"You did not hear wrong, my friend. This request might have been impossible when we first met but you can now summon me as you have a small trace of sun energy in your body. You can now host a part of my flame which can make you summon me in your time of need." The Vermillion Bird stated as it could see that Adrian's body is now compatible in housing one of its heart flames.

"Are you allowed to do that?" Adrian asked as summoning a divine beast is not what he came here for in the eastern continent.

"Do not doubt me as I am saying the truth. You are my dear friend which means that you are eligible to carry a part of my flame with you. Remember that this flame is a part of me and could revive me should this body of mine perish. Giving this flame to you means that I also entrust a part of life with you. Do you wish to accept my offer?" The Vermillion Bird stated as it presented Adrian with an orange flame that burns in the shape of a bird.

Adrian then looked at the flaming bird and could see that it is actually a skill. It is a summoning skill that can call upon the Vermillion Bird to descend on the battlefield for a few minutes. The summoned Vermillion Bird might be restricted by the summoner's level but he is still summoning a divine beast.

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Skill Name: Heart Flame Summoning

Tier: Mythical

Type: Summoning Skill

Effect:

- Summon the Vermillion Bird in the battlefield for 20 minutes.

- The summoned Vermillion Bird will have the same level as the user or his highest leveled soulbound.
- Apply Immolate to the whole area that is affected by the summoning. (Immolate will burn all enemies for 0.1% of their maximum health per ten seconds.)

Cooldown: 1 week

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: 5 seconds

Restrictions: Summoners that have maximum loyalty from the Vermillion Bird.