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Chapter 1411 Welcome To Hinomoto

All of them are before the tall gates as people that crowded it gave way because they saw the palanquin entering. The guards all formed a line and started to bow towards the palanquin as they give respect to Princess Shini.

"All hail the Great Protector of the Imperial City of Hinomoto!" The guards stated as they bowed. Some of the ones that are trying to enter even kowtowed to show ultimate respect to the member of the imperial family.

"Thank you all for your respect. May all of you have a good day." Princess Shini stated in her fairy like voice.

The people are enamored with the way she said thing as if she touched their souls. Adrian though did feel that she did something to the words. She now knows what the special ability of the Soul Princess is. The title of Soul Princess does ring true especially to her as she is born with a rare ability to touch the souls of others.

"She is a what the Gods of Death call a Light." Adrian muttered to Levin Cloud and the latter was surprised.

The Gods of Death have called special people that could touched the soul of others as Light. She could be a guiding light to the living so that they could be able to go to death with a fulfilled purpose. They are often born every thousand years or due to special circumstances.

"If that is true then it is no wonder that the Imperial City of Hinomoto is at their golden age right now. She is basically giving them all the luck they need as long as she resides here." Levin Cloud stated.

Just as Levin Cloud stated, people called Lights are people that can get luck depending on the lives that they touched. Since they were born to give back to people, they are often given special boons like depending on the people they have helped. As the Soul Princess erected the barrier in the Imperial City of Hinomoto, she must have helped at least hundreds of thousands of people.

"I guess, you could say that the fact that we encountered her was not being lucky but her being lucky. What are the chances that we just happened to encounter those masked individuals in the mountain? The fact that a perfectly sealed box that kept the fragment leaked some of its energy is already out of the norm." Adrian added.

"I agree. I thought it was just your luck that made us encounter her, but it seems that the game is helping her. Still, she will not live long if she continues to use a chunk of her soul as the source of the barrier. You can see it as well, right?" Levin Cloud stated as he looked upwards to see the huge barrier covering the Imperial City of Hinomoto.

"I can see it as well. It is a very powerful barrier, but it is also made of her soul. She may be able to extend her life by a small amount if she does not get out of the Imperial City of Hinomoto, but she would live the life of a caged bird." Adrian commented as they were suddenly stopped by the guards as they were following the palanquin containing the Soul Princess.

"Please state what you are going to do and why were you tailing the palanquin of the princess. You cannot get in by going with her escort as it is clear that you are not part of her guards." The head gatekeeper stated.

"They are my guests. Please do not make it difficult for them." Princess Shini stated and the head gatekeeper bowed to her.

"Apologies for my action earlier. I did not know that the four of you were guests of the princess. You may pass the gate once you register your mana signature on the orb beside the gate." The head gatekeeper stated.

"It is not a problem as you were only doing your job. Keep at it." Peridot stated as she suddenly carried herself with an air of grace and elegance.

"What happened to her?" Kabrakan asked.

"She is somewhat of a noble in the eastern continent. She is also the young mistress of the Ryujin. She needs to show some decorum." Levin Cloud whispered.

"I see. It is just odd seeing her act like that. I would not have been surprised if it was Adrian, but Jade is something else." Kabrakan stated.

"I agree but I do find it oddly sexy." Levin Cloud stated as he suddenly felt a presence looking at him.

"You should go to the gate now as they are waiting for us." Peridot stated as she glared at the two cousins.

"I shall head on first as I have some important business. I shall send someone to fetch you later for your reward." Princess Shini stated as all her guards bowed towards Adrian's group and entered the gate.

Adrian, Levin Cloud, Peridot and Kabrakan were escorted to the gate where there is an orb that one must insert their mana. It is a specialized crystal used to detect all people in the imperial city and seems to be connected to the barrier as well. It is also used to track anyone that commits a crime in the imperial city which is why the crime is almost non-existent here.

After all of them put their mana signatures inside the orb, they were free to enter the city. They were immediately greeted with clean streets and the laughter of people. One could truly see that the people inside the imperial city were happy because they were safe as even children roamed around without adult supervision.

The buildings were colorful as well with varying wall designs. The only thing that the buildings had in common were their roofs that formed a uniform line to the huge castle located at the middle of the imperial city. The one thing that did not change are the stares that the group got as they were not really natives of the eastern continent except for Peridot.

"This place is like visiting an eastern village that was well preserved in their old architecture. Most of the world are not like this anymore." Levin Cloud muttered and the rest agreed as the world became modernized after 2050.

Most of the ancient structures were maintained but only those used for tourism. The people that used to have ancient homes transferred or rebuilt theirs to get with the times. Only a few places in the world are like this now. Modernization is good in a sense that it made the lives of people easier but it does come with a cost of forgetting the past.

"Let us explore! It has been a long time since we just explored places." Peridot stated as she suddenly pulled Levin Cloud towards the stalls.

"I guess they are in their own. What are you going to do?" Adrian asked Kabrakan.

"I will go to a skill shop and see if they have defensive skills or self-buffing skills." Kabrakan stated as he went to the market section.

"I guess I am the only one that will go and get information then." Adrian muttered as he looked for an inn that has a small butterfly mark. The hostess did tell them that they have a branch in the imperial city.

The clothes of the people in the imperial city are different depending on the wealth of each person. Normal citizens wore an average yukata as the weather is temperate. Those that are of wealth like nobles or big merchants could be seen wearing kimonos embroidered using high quality silk or golden threads.

He does see that the people here are respectful of each other and do not use their standing in life to bully other people. Nobles and commoners have a base level of respect for one another which might be enforced by the way of living here. The hostess did say that the punishments for crimes in the imperial city is very severe which is why the justice system here is thorough and unforgiving.

"Some things do come at a cost but the people are free to do what they want. It is better than a lawless area where those above do not care about what happens to the common people." Adrian muttered.

Adrian then found the tea house that he is looking for as he was discreet in searching for it. The butterfly detailing was very difficult to distinguish as it was not in his face. The black butterfly could only be seen when one goes in front of the store curtain and see the small butterfly insignia in front.

Adrian entered the store and is immediately greeted by a hostess. Adrian then discreetly flashed the token that he received but it seems that they were already expecting him. Since he did not go inside the imperial city polymorphed, he was immediately known for being that demon benefactor.

"We have been expecting you, benefactor. Please follow me." The hostess stated as she led the way.

Chapter 1412 Sun Stone In Hinomoto

The hostess then led Adrian to a place that is secluded that also has a small garden. He was sent into a space that looks like an open area but it is a special garden that is surrounded by a barrier. Adrian could feel that the space shifted a bit but it was made using arrays instead of space magic.

"Welcome, benefactor." The head hostess stated as she smoked her pipe.

The head hostess looked like a tough lady yet elegant at the same time. She also has an eyepatch on her left eye as a small scar could be seen. She also wore a black kimono with marks of a red butterfly. She laid down on a cushion on top of a mat like the boss that she is.

"Thank you for having me. It seems that you have already been informed of the thing that I need assistance with." Adrian stated.

"The message that we got was only to aid you in finding something that might be hidden in the imperial city. The thing that needs to be found was not said to us in detail." The head hostess stated.

"I guess I did not tell the other hostess of the item that we are looking for. I am looking for something called a Sun Stone." Adrian stated.

"A Sun Stone? I am afraid that even we do not possess an item that is called like that. Even in the imperial city, there is no stone that is called a sun stone." The head hostess stated with confidence.

Adrian did not doubt the head hostess as their information network is more powerful compared to theirs. The only thing that he has leads on is that the Sun God Ra stated that there is a sun stone in the imperial city or at least at the area. Seeing that the head hostess is not familiar with the Sun Sone, he proceeded to describe the features.

"It is a stone that has the power to absorb energy from the sun. It is easy to find as it is mostly composed of sun energy. It is not hot by the touch though as it is made using a special ingredient. As for its look, it might vary since it has been countless years and might have been handled by human hands." Adrian stated.

"I am thinking while you were describing it but there is no stone in the imperial city that contains sun energy." The head hostess stated which made Adrian a bit troubled.

"This is the place that was pointed to us though." Adrian muttered as he looked at the scroll that was presented to them.

"There is no stone like the one that you are describing but there is an item that possesses the power of the sun in the imperial city." The head hostess stated.

"Really! What is it?!" Adrian exclaimed in excitement.

"I would not be too excited, benefactor. The item that contains that sun energy is an item that is under the ownership of the Imperial Family. It is called Yata no Kagami and is actually a mirror that has the energy of the sun. It is a powerful artifact that is under the care of the imperial family as it is said to have been crafted by the ancestors of the current imperial family which is the Goddess Amaterasu." The head hostess stated as all people living in the imperial city know of this.

The Imperial Family of Hinomoto is said to have been descendants of the Sun Goddess Amaterasu. She was also the first empress crowned by the four cardinal beasts until she suddenly vanished. Thankfully, she left a descendant behind which was the first emperor.

There are also two other clans that are part of the imperial family which are the Susano Clan and the Tsukuyomi Clan. The story of the east was engulfed in darkness is also a famous story in the imperial city as the main characters are the ancestors of the three clans.

It is said that the Amaterasu Clan was lamenting the death of their founder's mother which made the Goddess Amaterasu hide in a cave. The clansmen then crafted a mirror using a special material that absorbs sunlight and reflects the true beauty that is found inside and outside of the body.

The clansmen called for the Goddess Amaterasu to come out of the cave but nothing was possible. In the end, the clansmen had to dance and party which made the Goddess Amaterasu take a peek of the happening outside. The clansmen then saw a piercing light come down from the heavens as they saw that their queen has looked at them.

All of them then presented the mirror called the Yata no Kagami which reflected the beauty of their goddess. She took one look at herself in the mirror, and she was smitten by the reflection that she has seen. She did not know what she perfectly looked like before as the mirrors that were present back then were made of brass.

Seeing her reflection in the mirror, the Goddess Amaterasu slowly exited the cave where she locked herself at in. The clansmen then rejoiced and the heavens did as well as the light that was snuffed out in the eastern continent has returned. This was the story told to the people in the imperial city as the head hostess told Adrian.

"She must have liked what she saw if she went out of the cave after being depressed for a long time. She must have been incredibly beautiful to the point that she even praised herself." Adrian muttered which made the head hostess laugh.

"Only someone as confident as the benefactor will dare say something like that in the imperial city. But the item that you are looking for might be the the Yata no Kagami as it was said to have been created using a special material found at a high peak. There were some nobles in the Amaterasu Family that bragged that it was made using a stone that is comprised of crystallized sun energy." The head hostess stated.

"Where is the Yata no Kagami located then?" Adrian asked.

"Even we do not know about that, benefactor. All that we know is that the Yata no Kagami is being kept in the palace." The head hostess stated.

"If I sneak inside the palace, what are the chances of me getting caught?" Adrian asked.

"Even if it is the benefactor, you will have a very difficult time as your mana signature will be detected to be inside the imperial palace. The mana orb at the gate is an indicator of any person in the imperial city and their location. You will be immediately found out and might not even be able to step foot inside the imperial palace." The head hostess stated.

"I see but I already have a way around that. How tough are the guards that are stationed in the imperial palace?" Adrian asked as he did not feed his mana signature in the orb at the entrance but Sirius'.

"Let us say that you manage to get inside the imperial palace. You will need to be completely invisible to the naked eye which would be impossible because both the Soul Princess and the Sound Princess are present in the palace right now. You would have to be better than a ghost to even get passed them.

If you ever get by the two princesses, the treasury itself is guarded by special beasts that is said to have some of the powers of the divine beasts. Getting the Yata no Kagami via stealing is basically a guaranteed failure because of them. We do not know if there are extra measures as we do not even dare try that." The head hostess stated.

"Did you get this information from the inside? It seems that Fei has been invited a couple of times in the palace." Adrian muttered as the head hostess only smiled to make sure that she does not show that she agrees.

"Even if you are a demon, benefactor. You cannot see through walls and pretend to be without sound. The imperial palace is the most heavily guarded fortress in the imperial city. It is already a heavily guarded fortress by itself but the addition of the two princesses makes it impenetrable. I suggest that you think of a different approach." The head hostess stated.

"How much can I trade for saving the lives of not just one princess but two of them?" Adrian asked.

"Being graced by one princess in the imperial city would make anyone rich until their days end. Saving two would make you indebted to the emperor himself. Mistress Fei did say that you have helped them and saved their lives. Seeing that you came with Princess Shini, it means that you must have saved her as well." The head hostess stated as she looked to Adrian for confirmation, but the latter just smiled.

Chapter 1413 Called To The Imperial Palace I

"Let us just say that I get around. Anyways, thank you for the information." Adrian stated as he bowed to the head hostess.

"It is a pleasure to serve the benefactor of our clan. Please feel free to come if you are in need of our services." The head hostess stated.

"A token of my sincerity." Adrian stated as he placed a fifty gold coin pouch and left the tea house.

As soon as Adrian exited the tea house, an imperial guard suddenly appeared before him as if he was waiting for him. The imperial guard did not come with a bad attitude but he did scan Adrian from head to toe. Adrian did not find any offense in this and just waited for the imperial guard to either let him walk away or talk to him.

"Apologies if I stared too much as this is the first time that I have seen someone like you. I have come to deliver an imperial command from the emperor." The imperial guard stated as he unfurled a scroll.

The imperial guard looked at Adrian with shock as the latter did not bow but remembered that he was not of this country. He decided to push through with the message as an outsider will not really know the customs of the eastern continent. He unfurled the scroll and started the speech.

"As commanded by the Celestial Emperor, the individual named as Equinox is hereby invited to the Imperial Palace. This is a way to invite the benefactor by not only one but two of the princesses in this country." The imperial guard proclaimed which other people also heard.

"I see. Please lead the way then." Adrian stated as he also received some messages from his friends that they were also invited to the imperial palace.

"I shall lead the way. Please follow me." The imperial guard stated as he suddenly tapped his spear on the ground and a golden horse carriage suddenly appeared.

Adrian was told to enter the carriage and he is amazed because the horse was not a living being. The carriage was entirely made of aura which means the imperial guard is very powerful to actually

make it a reality. What Adrian did not know is that the one that fetched him is actually the general handling the imperial guards as he was a very important person.

The emperor has already kept tabs on Adrian as soon as he entered the imperial capital. The emperor did receive the message of the Vermillion Bird. The fact that a divine beast called someone a friend is a very big deal to the emperor. If they play their cards right then they might actually have a chance of getting more favor from the Vermillion Bird.

The imperial family might be blessed by all four divine beasts and are bound by a promise to not interfere with them directly but that does not mean they cannot bless them more. The imperial family did weaken back then when the Vermillion Bird suddenly vanished from existence but it regained its power when it came back.

The imperial family investigate this issue but there were no substantial leads on their ends. Even the Heihudie clan do not have an explanation on their end as well or rather they are keeping silent about it. Even if the imperial family wants to ask them, they cannot force the Heihudie clan as they are good friends with them.

The only plausible thing for them to come up with is that the friend of the Vermillion Bird is the one that helped in regaining its power. The demon must have done something for the Vermillion Bird for a powerful being to befriend him as they are recluse beings. The imperial family might not be showing it but their influence and power is shaking due to the next generation not being as blessed or powerful.

The only ones that have great abilities that were born from the direct bloodline is Princess Shini and she sacrificed a lot to erect the barrier covering the imperial capital. Princess Yinyue was picked up by the emperor as she was the daughter of his lost sister that died young. She might have been a descendant from the direct bloodline, but the emperor's sister married a commoner.

The imperial family is making sure that the divine beasts are pleased with them so that they would not lose their blessings. They are also using their resources to keep track of the divine beasts as they now know that they could suddenly vanish like the Vermillion Bird. They are also receiving some reports that a shadow organization is wreaking havoc on the continent.

The imperial family might look like they are still strong but those that live long know that they are becoming weaker. The older immortals that were afraid of the imperial family back then are now showing some slight resistance. The imperial family is losing control of the eastern continent and a devastating thing will happen if that completely happens.

The eastern continent was not always peaceful like this as it was a war torn land in ancient times. There is a reason why the divine beasts arose through the desire of the people for peace and order. The imperial family is also considered as the enforcer of this peace and they would lose their blessing should they fail.

The carriage started to move but it did not move on the road. It actually started to have golden clouds on the bottom and took to the skies. Adrian looked out of the window and saw three other carriages, but they were not gold in color like the one that he is sitting on. It was clear that all of them were escorted separately.

When the carriages landed, all four of them reunited in front of a hall where almost all of the guards were lined up. The guards were standing tall and grand to show that the imperial family is a powerful one since they have a lot of people under them. At the end of the audience hall is a throne that is decorated with the carvings of the four divine beasts that represent the eastern continent.

Next to that decorated throne are smaller thrones that number about seven. Unlike the other continents, the imperial capital does not have a queen as the power of the Celestial Emperor or Celestial Empress must never be handed down to those that come from outside of the family. The smaller thrones were for the children of the emperor and not all of them were of the same mother.

The imperial family in the eastern continent has harems in place to create successors but their mothers are not given power. Fights for the throne sometimes lead to messy outcomes when the mothers of the children are involved as they often held power. The imperial family now needs more talented individuals as they are deteriorating in talent.

The emperor came out from the side as all the guards bowed towards him. He was wearing a red and gold embroidered robe with the designs of the four cardinal beasts imprinted on them. He also looks quite young for his age despite the oldest son being around the age of twenty.

It might actually come out as a surprise, but the imperial family members are forbidden to learn immortal training manuals. Since they were blessed by the Black Tortoise, they must also return to the cycle of life and death. Not dying would mean the loss of that blessing which is also powerful because it gives them great life abundance.

This does not mean that they cannot practice truths that can extend their lifespan to at least two hundred years old. The members of the imperial family practice these things to make sure that they do not lack in any area and it is said that each child of the emperor specializes in something.

The first child is said to specialize in the Art of Leadership as he is well versed in anything that has connection to commanding. The second child is said to be specialized in animal rearing which made her have the nickname of Princess of Beasts. She is the gentlest of all of them yet has the fiercest of guards due to the magical beasts that surround her.

The third child is specialized in Strategy and is said to be a master tactician. The fourth child, Yinyue, is specialized in the art of music and her abilities speak for themselves. The fifth child, Shini, specializes in the art of defenses and the barrier around the capital would not be here without her.

The sixth child is specialized in spells of the elemental variety as she was said to have talent in all of them. In fact, her teacher is a Ryujin that the imperial family took quite convincing to get him to teach her. The seventh child has yet to awaken his talents but is the subject of rumors as he is a late bloomer unlike his other siblings.

Chapter 1414 Called To The Imperial Palace II

All the seven children of the Celestial Emperor exuded a confident aura except for the seventh child. He did not exude an aura of confidence or arrogance like the rest of his siblings. There is also some tension with his other siblings as some of his siblings' vassals think of him as not worthy of being a child of the Celestial Emperor.

The seventh child looks meek and quiet, but Adrian could see that his soul is very pure and kind. It is even more beautiful than the soul of Princess Shini despite the latter being the most well-regarded

of all the children of the Celestial Emperor. Adrian and Levin Cloud looked at the seventh princess with a direct gaze as both of them knew that he was the one that King Yama was talking about.

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Before King Yama left...

"I also have a special request from the both of you. You see this as me reducing some of your slave... I mean workdays in the underworld. My good friend told me that he wanted to give this to a pure hearted lad that accidentally visited the underworld once." King Yama stated as he gave Adrian a bamboo scroll.

"This is!" Adrian exclaimed in great shock which made Levin Cloud look as well and the latter also bulged his eyes.

"This is a gift to the boy from my good friend, Zhong Kui. He said that the pure soul boy visited his part of the underworld and helped him gathering the evils spirits that escaped. He was not able to give the boy a gift in return which is why he wants to have you give this to him.

The pure soul boy is called Reishi and I believe that he is the son of the Celestial Emperor of this country. Please deliver than item to him when you have the chance to do so. My old friend said that you must say that it is a gift from Uncle Kui. That is all on my end as I am quite busy." King Yama stated as he gave all the responsibility to them.

"Sometimes the world really is playing favorites." Levin Cloud stated as he stared intently at the item.

"I agree with you." Adrian nodded as he also looked at the item specification.

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Item Name: Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll

Tier: Transcendent (Sealed) Item Tier can only go up to Legendary as it is sealed.

Item Type: Copy of a Divine Item

Effect:

- Sealed as only Prince Reishi can activate this item.
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Description: A custom divine item that is gifted by the God Zhong Kui to a special pure soul boy that helped him in his adventures in sealing the escaped evil spirits. This item must be delivered to Prince Reishi or else the God Zhong Kui will curse the item handler. The curse that will befall on those that do not give the item will be the haunting of 80, 000 ghosts.

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"It is a sealed Transcendent tier item. Should a mortal even be given such a thing as I know that Transcendent tier items can only be wielded by those with divinity?" Levin Cloud stated.

"There is a reason why it was sealed to Legendary Tier instead. Prince Reishi himself would be the only one that can use it and also unseal it when his powers grow." Adrian stated.

"I am actually amazed that the prince' soul was able to travel to the underworld and even help the God Zhong Kui. If people were to astral project to the underworld, they would either have their souls trapped there or the god of that domain sends them back." Levin Cloud stated.

"His soul was so pure that the God Zhong Kui must have took a liking to the boy and made him help. Although, I am pretty sure that the prince was just accompanying the God Zhong Kui and not literally helping." Adrian stated as he put the item in his inventory and wait for his chance to give it to the prince. It is also one of the reasons why he wanted to sneak inside the palace.

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Back to the present...

Adrian is looking at Prince Reishi and not even paying attention to the Celestial Emperor which the others thought to be rude but they were told not to be rude. Even the Celestial Emperor is a bit confused but the gaze of the friend of the Vermillion Bird does not contain any hostility towards his son.

"Apologies for the sudden staring. I just have never seen such a pure souled individual like your son." Adrian stated as he was staring a bit too long.

"I think my son will take no offense but is this description a good thing?" The Celestial Emperor asked as the others were also a bit curious.

"You can say that it is the best description of a person's soul. I am Equinox, Champion of the Twin Gods and friend of the Vermillion Bird. I greet the Celestial Emperor!" Adrian stated as he introduced himself and his friends followed.

"I also apologize if I stared as well. I am Levin Cloud, the current Envoy of the Twin Gods." Levin Cloud stated.

"I am Kabrakan of the Ox Clan from the Selvaggians and current Representative of the Wilde. It is a pleasure to meet the Celestial Emperor." Kabrakan introduced himself.

"Even though you already know me, I shall also introduce myself as well. I am Peridot of the Ryujin and current Lady of the Elemental Court." Peridot also introduced herself.

The Celestial Emperor is shocked upon learning the titles of each of them as they were considered top tier guests. He knew that one of them was a long time friend of the Vermillion Bird but they did not expect that they were important individuals. Two were leaders in their religion while the others were representatives of their races.

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"I am the Celestial Emperor, Izanagi Amaterasu. I greet the friends of the Vermillion Bird and benefactor to my two children." The Celestial Emperor stated as he also slightly bowed his head which shocked some of the vassals.

The Celestial Emperor is not dumb to the issues of the outside world as he knows of the Church of the Twin Gods. He knew of the church that worshiped the Goddess of Life Gaea and the God of Death Abaddon. Their number might not match the other churches but they were getting power from Primordial Gods that even the four divine beasts must bow down to.

"Thank you for your show of respect, Celestial Emperor. We just happen to encounter people that are in need as we did not even know that they were imperial princesses." Adrian stated as he bowed back.

"It seems the rumors about the Champion of the Twin Gods is exaggerated by the merchants that come here as they told me that you were hardheaded and stone cold." The Celestial Emperor stated with a hearty laugh to lighten the awkward atmosphere.

"It seems that the rumors about the Celestial Emperor were also exaggerated at my end as they said that you were stern and stiff. I guess rumors are really baseless chatter of people that were not even present or know of the person they are talking about." Adrian replied with a laugh as well.

"Well, I guess we should just know each other so that the rumors be proven false. The Imperial Palace will always welcome Champion Equinox and the others as well." The Celestial Emperor stated as he knew he made a connection with Adrian's group by saying that.

"That is such a great favor, your majesty. Thank you very much." Adrian replied and the others also copied his reply.

"Now that the pleasantries are out of the way, I should tell you the reason why I asked for all of you to be called here. I am a generous emperor, and I am even more so when it comes to the life of my beloved children. As each of you have helped my Shini and Champion Equinox also helped my Yinyue, I need to bestow a reward to each of you. Please tell me what you wish and I shall make sure that it will come true." The Celestial Emperor declared.

"Before that, your majesty. We were sent by someone to give a present to the seventh Prince Reishi. Can we give him the item that we were told to deliver him?" Adrian interjected.

"Of course! I have no problem with that but is it truly to my youngest? He rarely goes outside of the palace as he is a bit on the frail side." The Celestial Emperor asked as he knows that Prince Reishi was never outside the balance ever since he was born.

"Yes. It is for the prince as it is actually a gift to him by someone called Uncle Kui." Adrian stated with a smile and the seventh prince suddenly became excited when he heard the one that sent the gift.

"Did uncle truly give me a gift?" Prince Reishi stated as he perked up and started to ran towards Adrian but was stopped by the guards as he needed to be escorted.

"I know that you are excited, little Reishi, but who is this Uncle Kui that you are speaking of again?" The Celestial Emperor asked.

"The one I was telling you about where we explored Diyu and seal thousands of demons!" Prince Reishi stated with great excitement which made the others started to whisper.

In fact, all of the vassals and even his siblings thought that Prince Reishi was just recounting his dream. In the dream, the young prince told them that he was exploring this dangerous looking place called Diyu with a mean looking but kind hearted uncle. In their adventures, they hunted and sealed evil beings that escaped their cages.

The people that heard the absurd tale of the young prince thought that he was just recounting the dream he had when he was under the Slumber. The Slumber is the condition where some people take quite long to wake up as they were trapped in the world of dreams. It is a common dangerous illness to all the nobles of the eastern continent and exorcists were even called to wake up the prince.

"Did Uncle Kui really give me a gift? I always called out to him so that he can show himself but he never came but he did say that he was always busy. See! I told all of you that I was not lying and that everything was real!" Prince Reishi stated with great excitement and confidence as he also thought that he really just had a dream.

"If that god does descend then there would definitely be mass hysteria in the eastern continent. A god of death descending is not a good sign after all." Adrian thought to himself as he just laughed it off.

"Where is my gift?!" Prince Reishi stated as he proceeded to held out his hands but his caretaker told him that the guards must inspect that gift first.

"Please calm down, my prince. The guards must inspect the gift first." Prince Reishi's caretaker stated.

"I think the guards should not hold onto this gift as there might be consequences." Adrian stated which already rung alarms to them.

"May we know why, Champion Equinox?" The general asked.

"This is a gift from a god after all. Only those that were given permission can handle it. The guards might lose energy but if the general handles it then you might handle it for a small amount of time." Adrian stated which made the entire audience hall freeze.

The seventh prince who all thought was useless and have daydreams was given a gift from a god. If any other guest said this then they might not have believed it but it came from the mouth of the Champion of the Twin Gods. All of the people were too stunned to speak.

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Adrian then took out the gift that he is supposed to give the seventh prince. Only a god could truly make a Champion of the Twin Gods become a simple courier. It would have been simple if the item was not a copy of a divine item imbued with a curse if it was not delivered to the correct person.

"This is the gift that the God Zhong Kui has bestowed upon Prince Reishi of the Imperial Family of Hinomoto. I present the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll to you as a gift. I also advice anyone to not touch it as this item was specifically made to be only carried by the seventh prince.

Anyone that even dares to use it or steal it will have the 80, 000 evil spirits curse them for all of their life. That is what was said to me though and I have no idea if it will work. I also have no curiosity to find out if it is real. Do you still want to touch it to inspect it?" Adrian stated as he presented the gift.

When Adrian finished his sentence with a smile, the envious gazes of the people suddenly vanished as they were given a warning. They did not want to test if the Champion of the Twin Gods was just making up lies so that no one takes the gift of the seventh prince. Even though they do not completely believe him, they could feel deep inside their soul that the words of the champion rings through.

"I cannot believe that uncle actually gave it to me." Prince Reishi stated as he was interested in the real Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll that the God Zhong Kui used.

"It is actually a copy of it that can be handled by a chosen mortal but whatever makes you happy." Adrian stated as he is about to hand the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll to the imperial general but he told the former that he will inspect it while Adrian holds it.

The imperial general that escorted Adrian is not someone weak and he could feel the power coursing through the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll. He could also feel that he is not compatible with this item as he could feel it trying to repel his eyes that are inspecting it.

"Reporting to your majesty. The gift which is the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll has no traces of abnormal mana or energy attached to it." The imperial general stated.

"If that is the case then we must inspect it, your majesty." One of the vassals of the first prince stated which made Adrian raise his eyebrow.

Adrian clearly warned them of what might happen to them, but it seems there are still skeptical people. In fact, Adrian thought that they are not skeptical but full of themselves. They thought that the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll does not have harmful energy just because of the report of the imperial general.

The Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll does not have any harmful energy because Adrian is reeling it in and was given the task to deliver it. Should he greed for it then the beings that were sealed inside of it would go berserk and hurt him. Adrian already inspected the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll as it was actually something like a record that keeps evil spirits.

The fact that the seventh prince was given such a powerful and dangerous artifact means that the God Zhong Kui has already saw his true power and might have blessed him as well. The seventh prince did not have talent for any other magic because his real talent is not with elemental magic but sealing magic.

Sealing magic is a very rare type of magic that only very few individuals could have. In some parts of the world, sealing magic is actually considered taboo as the most powerful known user of this magic once sealed the soul of a demigod. The ability to seal the soul of even a demigod is not a feat that anyone can do with just one type of magic.

"If you wish to inspect it then you can handle it because I am not your personal table that opens it for you." Adrian stated as he placed the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll on the ground.

As soon as Adrian placed the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll on the ground, a vague scream suddenly filled the air, but some thought that it was just the wind. Adrian then gestured to them to feel free to inspect it and the greed of some of the vassals could be seen. The vassal of the first prince immediately hurried to the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll to inspect it.

"If I manage to get this item for the first prince then my position is secured in this lifetime. This is an artifact that is from a god." The vassal stated but he could only see the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll as a normal bamboo scroll that was rolled up.

Adrian did unroll it earlier, but they were not able to see the things written inside of it. As soon as the vassal touched the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll to unroll it, he suddenly screamed loudly and passed out. All the people witnessed this and those that wanted to inspect the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll suddenly started backing away and returning to their spots.

"I have told all of you as a warning. It will curse anyone that is not the seventh prince." Adrian stated in a confident manner.

"If that is true then how come you are fine, and my vassal is dead?!" The first prince asked.

"Oh! He is not dead. He just passed out from the shock that he just experienced. I wonder what the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll showed him to make him suddenly scream in intense fear. The reason that I am not affected is due to me being the courier but I would end up as the same boat as him if I was not the one tasked with delivering it." Adrian replied as asked the guards to send the vassal that passed out to the clinic.

"As an emperor, I am delighted with the gift. As a father, I am worried that it might harm the seventh prince." The Celestial Emperor stated, and Adrian knew it was a valid point.

"I, Equinox, swear on the name of the Goddess Gaea and the God Abaddon that I am not lying when I say that this gift is only for the seventh prince. It will not bring him harm and would protect him instead." Adrian stated as he made a pledge to the heavens.

The moment Adrian made a binding vow, the clouds above them suddenly rumbled and darkened for a moment. It was the sign that the binding vow is made and that Adrian will be stroked down by the heavens should his words become empty vows. The Celestial Emperor believed in Adrian's resolve and let the seventh prince receive his gift.

"Finally! I thought I would never get it because of their silly worries. I am already a big boy that can take care of himself." Prince Reishi stated but Adrian just smiled at his statement even though the former looks only ten years old.

Prince Reishi touched the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll and it suddenly reacted to him and turned into light. The Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll that turned into light suddenly shot towards the head of the prince as a small yin and yang symbol suddenly appeared on his forehead. The seventh prince then closed his eyes and started to float.

The guards started to worry and about to attack Adrian, but the aura of the Celestial Emperor made them stand down. The seventh prince was not hurt but is actually undergoing his awakening. The seventh prince is enveloped in a black and white light as the clothes he was wearing that were red in color changed.

The clothes that the seventh prince wore changed from a red color to that of a red, black and white color scheme. The yin and yang symbol that was supposed to be in his forehead vanished as it is now in his eyes instead. The Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll also manifested next to him in a smaller form as it was as tall as him earlier.

"Cool! I can now command evil spirits!" Prince Reishi stated as he suddenly plunged his hand inside the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll.

One would think that the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll would break if he did so, but his hand actually went inside. The seventh prince then took out an evil spirit just like he said but its appearance was neither frightening nor horrible.

"So cute!" Peridot exclaimed as the evil spirit actually looked like an animated pixel ghost.

"It is not actually." Adrian muttered but he did not need to inform others that the appearance of a cute ghost was actually a shell of what its true appearance looks like.

Chapter 1417 I Want My Reward

The people around the seventh prince breathe a sigh of relief when they saw the cute evil spirit that he summoned. They also thought it as cute as they could not see the real appearance of the actual evil spirit that he summoned. The only ones that could see the true appearance of the evil spirit are actually Adrian, Levin Cloud, Princess Shini, and Princess Yinyue.

Adrian looked at the two princesses that could see the real appearance of the evil spirit and held out his finger on his mouth like someone saying to keep silent. The two princesses did not even speak as they knew that they would not be believed easily even if they explain that the image of the evil spirit is actually very sinister.

"Very cool, Prince Reishi. I believe that you know that Uncle Kui does not want you to use the abilities that you awakened for bad, right? Always make sure that you use it for your protection first and helping others as second priority." Adrian stated with a smile.

"Of course! I like you very much! I will call you Big Bro Equinox from now on!" Prince Reishi stated as he wanted to thank Adrian for giving him the gift that the God Zhong Kui entrusted the former with.

Adrian just lightly laughed at the statement as it is a huge deal, and he did not know how to react. The others also just slightly laugh as they were also put in a big awkward position. It did lighten up the mood and the previous fainting of the vassal of the first prince has been slightly forgotten.

"I think that having my son awaken his talent is a good thing. This makes me want to increase your reward even more because this is a great feat. I do want to know who is the god that gifted my son the wonderful item. I want to at least dedicate a festival to this god as a token of my family's appreciation." The Celestial Emperor stated.

All the people that heard the statement of the Celestial Emperor are shocked because he should know that there are implications of doing so. It might not be taboo but the Imperial Family has never given a special day to any gods except for the four divine beasts. They thought that this is the rule and that they should never give worship to any other gods in exchange for the given the protection of the four divine beasts.

"Why are all of you surprised? The Imperial Family is not a family that does not show ingratitude. It is not banned by the four divine beasts to show support or small thanks to other gods. As long as the gods that we give thanks to does not have the same domain as the four divine beasts then we can do as we please." The Celestial Emperor stated.

The people then realized that the Celestial Emperor never banned the citizens to show worship for any other gods. The people of the Imperial City did not show any other form of worship because they assumed that only the four divine beasts can be venerated. This is quite the news to everyone that was there, but this rule has always been there.

"The god that gave Prince Reishi his gift is called Zhong Kui. He does not have the same domains as the four divine beasts as he is called the Vanquisher of Ghosts and Evil Spirits. He is considered as a god that protects people from any bad spiritual influence.

If I am not mistaken, then the Taoist sects of the eastern continent should know about him more. If you want more information about the God Zhong Kui then you can ask them about him." Adrian stated as that is all he knows of the God Zhong Kui as he does not have in depth knowledge of all the gods of death.

"Thank you. I will make sure that my ministers get more information. We must celebrate this day as a day to give thanks to the God Zhong Kui. Anyways, we have taken quite the segue way as I have called all of you here for your rewards. Please state what you want to be rewarded for saving the lives of my daughters." The Celestial Emperor stated.

"Actually, can all our rewards be pooled into just one big reward?" Levin Cloud asked first.

"We can definitely do that Envoy Levin Cloud but do you not want individual rewards?" The Celestial Emperor asked.

"We actually only came here for one thing your majesty. We came here in search for an item called a Sun Stone. It is a special stone that accumulates the energy of the sun." Peridot added.

"A Sun Stone? I believe that I am not familiar with such an item. Do we have such an item in our treasury?" The Celestial Emperor asked the treasury minister.

"I believe that we have no item called the Sun Stone in our treasury, your majesty. We do not have a stone that accumulates the energy of the sun that they are describing." The treasury minister replied.

"You have heard him. Unfortunately, we do not have the Sun Stone that you describe. We can give you a different reward if you want." The Celestial Emperor stated.

"Actually, you do have an item that can accumulate the energy of the sun, right?" Adrian suddenly interjected.

"Unfortunately, we do not have such an item." The treasury minister insisted before the Celestial Emperor could say anything.

"I believe you do. You have an item called the Yata no Kagami which is a mirror that was carved from a special stone." Adrian muttered which made all the ministers and the imperial family raise their brows.

"May I know where the esteemed Champion Equinox heard such a thing?" The treasury minister asked.

"Where I heard it is not important but if the Yata no Kagami does accumulate the energy of the sun, then that is what we are looking for." Adrian stated.

"We cannot give you such a precious item that is a symbol of our family." The first prince stated as he knows the importance of that mirror.

"Can we have a look at the Yata no Kagami to see if that is what we are searching for? I am not mincing my words when I say that the fate of the world is at stake. I believe that all of you are informed at what is happening in the western continent." Adrian stated.

"What does the problem of the western continent have to do with us?" The first prince interjected which he was later scolded by the Celestial Emperor for his tone.

"I apologize for the behavior of my son, but he only became like that due to his passionate spirit of keeping the items of our family in our possession. The Yata no Kagami is indeed something that was passed down by our ancestors." The Celestial Emperor stated.

"I think all of you do not know the severity of the situation because you are not yet affected. The thing that is rampaging in the western continent is a god and let me tell you that it is not contented with just that continent. Also, is a piece of old relic more important than the lives of your two children?

From what I have gathered, the Yata no Kagami is just being used as a ceremonial item. You are not even using it to its fullest potential because no one even knows how to. It is better to give us the item as it is needed to save the world." Adrian stated in a firm tone.

"Why do we the people of the eastern continent need to sacrifice something for the people of the west? They have created that problem then they should be able to solve it on their own. We are protected by the four divine beasts. We do not fear other gods." The first prince stated, and the other ministers nodded in response.

"You act as if the four divine beasts even cooperate with each other when they also operate in their own interests. Unlike what your close-minded brain tells you, the threat is real, and it is world ending. Do you think that I, a Daemos, will move if the threat to this world is not real?

Our race does not care if the human species goes extinct as long as the world and other races still live. We, Daemos, have been fixing the world ever since the world has been reborn to what it is now. If you do not want to give it then..." Adrian stated as he was suddenly interrupted by a powerful sound of something crashing.

"The front gate! It is being attacked." Princess Shini stated as she suddenly clutched her chest and spat out blood.

"Check on what is happening at the front gate immediately!" The Celestial Emperor commanded but the roar of a dreadful monster filled the air.

Chapter 1418 Hinomoto Under Siege I

A shriek that is familiar rung through all of Hinomoto but it was only familiar to those who were in Scarlet Mountains. Princess Shini suddenly fell but she was caught by her head guard. The barrier protecting Hinomoto suddenly shuddered as it was attacked.

"Champion Equinox and Envoy Levin Cloud, please help the princess." General Xiang pleaded as Princess Shini is still hurting.

"I thought that problems in the eastern continent should be faced by people of the east?" Adrian answered coldly which shocked the general as they were not this like this.

The general wanted to say something more but they were suddenly countered by the words that were given by their side. Why would the other side agree to help them when they did not want to part with a ceremonial item that is just for decoration. The barrier started to shake even more as Princess Shini started becoming weaker.

"You must help her or else you will not be able to leave this place." Princess Yinyue stated as she cares more for her own sister than her savior.

"Dear princess, let me remind you something. I am a demon not a prisoner!" Adrian stated as he released the aura of an Arch Demon that he was hiding.

The moment Adrian released his aura, the guards that were clutching their weapons and pointed at them suddenly fell down. Adrian did not just use the aura of an Arch Demon but also mixed in the aura of an Asmodian along with it. The aura is so powerful that even the Celestial Emperor that is blessed by the four divine beasts flinched.

"You should not be rude to the guests, my children. Have my teachings not been clear to you to always treat your benefactor with kindness until you have repaid your debt?!" The Celestial Emperor stated with great dignity which made the soldiers calm down a bit.

Adrian noticed that the speech that the Celestial Emperor did managed to cleanse whatever influence he exerted. He knows that the Celestial Emperor is a powerful NPC just from that act alone but he is not powerful enough to trap him in the eastern continent.

"If you want the Yata no Kagami then I shall give it to you. In exchange, please help my daughter recover. Minister of Treasury, go and fetch the item and give it to our guests." The Celestial Emperor decreed.

The ministers and even some of the royal children wanted to make the Celestial Emperor rescind that order but the latter looked at them with great anger. The minister of treasury ran towards the vault where the Yata no Kagami is sealed and returned back with haste. Adrian took the mirror that now looks like a normal bronze mirror.

"Is it filled with sun energy?" Adrian muttered as he raised the Yata no Kagami. The moment he raised the Yata no Kagami, Adrian felt a sliver of energy enter the artifact and some of its effects were shown to him.

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Item Name: Yata no Kagami

Item Tier: Epic (Sealed: Mythical) (Degraded)

Item Type: Sealed Artifact of a Sun God

Effect:

- Grants the area it is located an ample amount of sunlight.
- Sealed

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- Sealed

Description: It was once another holy artifact, but it was crafted or repurposed to another one. The people that repurposed the holy artifact carved it into a mirror that perfectly reflects the light but it also meant that it lost some of its original power in the process. It has continuously been degrading due to the imperfect way of handling it.

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"You now have the Yata no Kagami. Please help the princess." General Xiang stated and Levin Cloud nodded.

"All of those that are not needed must go and stop whatever is messing with the barrier!" The Celestial Emperor decreed as only his immediate family and some ministers were left.

"She is now a bit stable, but the large problem is still present." Levin Cloud stated as he managed to alleviate the pain that the princess is experiencing.

"What must we do in order to save my child?!" The Celestial Emperor asked.

"You must make her rescind the barrier covering the capital. You know that she is fueling this barrier with a part of her very soul. If the barrier gets damaged then her soul will also be part of that destruction. Best case would be she would live without needing that part of her soul. Worst case would be a sleep like death where the chance of waking up is almost non-existent." Levin Cloud stated.

The Celestial Emperor is shocked to learn that the Envoy of the Twin Gods knew of the case that is affecting his child but it would be strange if they did not. They are representatives of the Twin Gods that rules over life and death which means they also have some authority over souls.

"If big sis is using her soul as a catalyst for the barrier then I can sacrifice some of the evil spirits that Uncle Kui sent me. They should be able to replace her soul in the barrier instead of my big sis' soul." Prince Reishi stated.

"That would not be advisable, seventh prince." Adrian interjected.

"Why not!? Evil spirits are also souls and my sister's barrier are made with a part of her soul." Prince Reishi stated.

"If you did that then you also run the risk of having the evil spirits assimilate with the barrier where they can induce their influence in the people of the capital. You cannot stay forever in the capital all the time and supervise the evil spirits every waking minute.

You are controlling evil spirits not being served by them. There is a difference between control and subordination. It also runs the risk of having evil spirits be attracted to the barrier of the imperial capital. The whole imperial capital will become a Kodoku of evil spirits if that happens." Adrian explained which made everyone pale and be horrified.

The whole imperial capital will be infested with evil spirits that devour each other until only one remains. If that evil spirit devours other evil spirits, then they might grow powerful enough to even challenge the divine beasts. In fact, there was an instance like that in the early days of the eastern continent.

"There is no other way to really save her life but making her take down the barrier." Adrian stated.

"If she does that then the people will get hurt instead!" Princess Yinyue stated.

"If you care for the people more then be my guests and let her sacrifice her life. If you love her more then you will do what you can to make sure that she lives." Adrian stated.

"We have what we came here for. Let us go now." Adrian declared but his friends made a face.

"The last time that we gave empathy to others made us land in a difficult position. We should just get out now as we have what we came here for." Adrian muttered to his friends.

"I know that, but it seems very bad to take it and run off. Should we not help them in defending the imperial city at least?" Levin Cloud asked.

"We are also at a time limit. The western continent is barely holding on as well as the players are the only ones slowing the march of the Shadow of Apophis." Adrian stated.

"If that is the case then I shall stay here and help." Peridot stated.

"If she is staying then I will also stay." Levin Cloud stated.

"I will go, and peace out like him." Kabrakan stated but Peridot pinched him on the side.

"Fine! I will stay as well but you have lost all the IOUs that you have on me." Kabrakan stated.

"Ok then. Have fun defending the imperial city. Peace out!" Adrian stated as he suddenly vanished with teleportation.

"He actually did that!" Peridot is in disbelief.

"He did. I already expected it but I thought that he would stay behind." Levin Cloud stated.

"I should have clung to him when I had the chance. You guys could sense that, right? There are twenty enemies with the same aura as that Undead Legion (Jiangshi) that we faced earlier." Kabrakan stated.

"Maybe we should have left as well." Levin Cloud exclaimed but he was also pinched by Peridot.

"Really?!" Peridot asked with a smile that is not a smile.

"I was just kidding but are you sure we will be able to handle this?" Levin Cloud asked.

"Not really." Peridot replied as they headed to the front gate.

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Adrian appeared back at the Temple of the Sun and handed the Yata no Kagami to the Sun God Ra. The Sun God Ra is pleased with the relic that was made from the Sun Stone. He started to imbue it once more with his powers and the bronze looking mirror suddenly cracked. A small sun then appeared on the hands of the Sun God Ra which he just ate.

Chapter 1419 Hinomoto Under Siege II

The Sun God Ra devoured the small sun that came out of the broken Yata no Kagami. Upon devouring the small sun, the Sun God Ra could be seen becoming stronger and a tiny sun that is the size of a marble started orbiting around him.

"You have my greatest gratitude, Champion Equinox. You are actually the first to give me a real sun stone but some of your allies have confirmed that they found the sun stones as well. All that is left is for them to get it like you. May the light of the sun guide you in your endeavors." The Sun God Ra stated as he healed Adrian from his ailments.

"Dimensional Teleportation!" Adrian stated as he opened a gate to another continent.

"Where are you going, guild master? You just got back with a sun stone. Will you not take a rest before heading out again?" Cairo asked after suddenly seeing Adrian finish his conversation with the Sun God Ra.

"I need to help my friends that I suddenly left. I just needed to hand that thing immediately as it drops upon death. I did not want all our hard work to just vanish into the air when I die there." Adrian stated.

"I see. Please be careful and do your best. Send the others my regards as well." Cairo stated as he is still in guard duty as some monsters suddenly attacked the Temple of the Sun.

"Thanks! I am off." Adrian stated as he vanished from the Temple of the Sun.

"I forgot to tell him about the thing that keeps popping up in the guild chat notifications. I am pretty sure that he has seen it though." Cairo stated as he went back to his duties.

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While Adrian vanished for a moment, all the imperial guards have gathered in the directions of the monsters attacking the barrier. It seems that the people attacking the imperial city are all powerful masters accompanied by twenty Corpse Legion (Jiangshi). The one that is controlling the Corpse Legion (Jiangshi) is not showing itself which means they would have to take them down.

"This is bad." Levin Cloud stated as they do not know who is the one that is maintaining the twenty Corpse Legion (Jiangshi).

"I have returned." Adrian stated as a portal appeared next to his friends.

"I thought that you really abandoned us." Peridot stated but she still held on to the belief that Adrian will return.

"I just needed to deliver the sun stone to the Sun God Ra. It drops upon death and us dying here is pretty likely. We should play smart sometimes and not get carried away with the moment." Adrian stated.

"What the battle junkie says? Anyways, do you think we will win? The ones attacking are not only twenty Corpse Legion (Jiangshi) but there are also three hundred or so powerful NPCs." Levin Cloud stated.

"I doubt it but that is due to me not knowing the power of the imperial city." Adrian stated as the sound of a zither suddenly echoed in the surrounding.

The sound of the zither calmed the people that were panicking. The soldiers then told to the people to go to the shelter as the barrier might be brought down. All the soldiers were actively leading all the people in the imperial city to the shelter as the Celestial Emperor ordered Princess Shini to bring the barrier down to make sure that she does not get heavily injured.

The sound not only calmed down the citizens but also created another barrier around the whole imperial capital. The barrier reinforced the barrier that Princess Shini created as well as strengthened in quite a bit. It did make Princess Yinyue become slightly pale as she also sacrificed some of her life force to create such a big barrier.

The Celestial Emperor then told the ministers to prepare the ritual. The Celestial Emperor suddenly started to pray and his aura intensified. Behind the Celestial Emperor are the silhouettes of the four divine beasts. Each of the silhouette contained the powerful insight of the four divine beasts.

The four silhouettes then suddenly split up from the aura that the Celestial Emperor released. Each of the silhouettes then went to their respective gates. The four gates of the imperial city has a gold statue of their respective divine beasts. The Azure Dragon of the East, the Vermillion Bird of the South, the White Tiger of the West and the Black Tortoise of the North are the four divine beasts with golden statues in their respective gates.

What looked like a normal golden statue turned out to be a powerful guardian artifact. Each of the golden statues suddenly came to life and started to defend the barrier covering the imperial capital. The Celestial Emperor, on the other hand, became weaker as the blessings that were given to him were used to empower the golden statues.

The four golden statues did not disappoint though as each of them were powerful in their own right as they could battle three Corpse Legion (Jiangshi) at the same time. Twelve Corpse Legion (Jiangshi) are now being handled but there were still eight more left. Eight of them are still a threat to the barrier as they can corrode it with their miasma.

"I guess we should move now. We did get a lot of experience points when we killed one." Adrian stated.

"Why not say that we are doing it because we do not want our hard work of helping the imperial family go to waste." Peridot stated.

"Are you going to battle?" a voice suddenly came from behind them and it was none other than the seventh prince.

"How did you get here, your highness?! You should go and evacuate and let the guards handle it." Peridot stated.

"No! I will fight! I can hear the pained screams of the souls that are in those beings." The seventh prince stated as he pointed towards the Corpse Legion (Jiangshi).

Chapter 1420 Hinomoto Under Siege III

"It seems you have awakened a talent regarding souls. You really are very compatible with the gods of death. Since you are basically like a Herald of the God Zhong Kui, I guess we must aid you in times of need as well." Adrian stated.

"Are you seriously letting a ten-year-old kid fight? How did you even get here, your highness?" Peridot stated in a tone of disbelief.

"He probably used that evil spirit hiding behind him. It seems to have the ability to turn its master incorporeal and invisible." Levin Cloud pointed at the small pale cartoon like ghost behind the seventh prince.

"Remember that the seventh prince has already awakened. He is already considered a grown up by the standards of the eastern continent. It is much better that he fights while under our supervision as that will make him be guarded." Adrian stated.

Peridot then realized that this is not the real world, and the customs of the eastern continent are vastly different. Even the Ryujin also make the young ones fight at an early age to train them. She might have forgotten it for a brief moment as she saw the seventh prince like his brother in the real world as they have the same age.

"Fine! But you will be in charge of keeping an eye on him. You are the one that can keep an eye on everything while battling." Peridot stated as she pointed towards Adrian.

"I have no objections then. More rewards from the God of Death Zhong Kui for me!" Adrian stated.

"It is settled then. We should choose where we will go then. What gate do you guys want to cover?" Levin Cloud asked.

"I pick the Eastern Gate where the Azure Dragon statue is located. It is the gate with the most powerful attack, but they lack in defense." Kabrakan stated.

"Off you go then!" Adrian stated as he casted Teleportation on Kabrakan to send him to the eastern gate.

"Cool! He just vanished!" The seventh prince stated in awe.

"I pick the Southern Gate as I will be a great help to the Vermillion Bird Statue with my area of effect spells. I can also provide great support there as I can buff all the people fighting there." Peridot stated as Adrian nodded and sent her there.

"I shall go with the western gate then. The White Tiger statue might give great defenses and decent attack damage but it lacks healing. I can take care of that side on my own at the very least." Levin Cloud stated as he turned into a plant and seeped into the ground.

"Awesome!" The seventh prince stated as he tried touching the ground where Levin Cloud vanished.

"I guess that puts us on the Northern Gate where the Black Tortoise statue is located. Follow me, your highness and make sure that you explain that I did not kidnap you when the guards see you." Adrian stated as he carried the seventh prince and vanished from their location.

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Adrian and Prince Reishi arrived at the Northern Gate and saw that the guards are heavily injured. There were no deaths yet as the guards would retreat inside the barrier when they get heavily injured. The Corpse Legion (Jiangshi) did not chase after the guards to kill them as well as they were only focused on the barrier.

"I guess this place really needs my help. The Black Tortoise statue uses water, but it mostly uses curses and hexes of the water element. This side lacks the firepower necessary to kill the enemies but it is doing a good job repelling three Corpse Legion (Jiangshi)." Adrian muttered.

"Your highness! Why are you here!?" One of the guards stated as they recognized Prince Reishi.

"Do not be rude because I told him to send me here. He is also my guardian right now and disrespecting him means that you are also disrespecting me." Prince Reishi which shocked the guards as the meek prince is now very outspoken.

Adrian did not even rebuke and just gave the seventh prince a thumbs up. He is a bit glad that the seventh prince is starting to have the confidence to stand tall. Adrian feels some affinity towards Prince Reishi because they belong to the same faction where the Gods of Death stand.

"Their souls are wailing. We must make sure that they rest in peace after this battle." Prince Reishi commented.

"If you want them to rest in peace then we must defeat them until their bodies cannot recover. Only by liberating them from the flesh will the trapped souls be able to enter the cycle of death." Adrian stated.

"In that case then I should summon the big guy!" Prince Reishi stated as he started to chant and the Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll started to swirl around him.

The Evil Sealing Bamboo Scroll then started to enlarge and it started to morph into a Torii (wooden gate in shrines). The sound of a bell ringing and a heavy pounding drum started to be heard in the surroundings.

"Why do I suddenly hear boss music?" One of the players in the Imperial Capital stated. There are players in the imperial capital, but they are not that many in number due to the restrictions of entering the city.

"Gwahh!" A low deafening growl came out of the Torii as the stomps of a gigantic being could be heard.

"What the hail!" Adrian muttered as his voice even broke upon seeing the being that the seventh prince summoned.

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Name: Xing Tian (Demigod Form)

Tier: Legendary (Sealed: Mythical)

Title: Relentless Decapitated Sealed God

Level: 280

HP: 100%

MP: 100%

Description: The God Xing Tian is said to have been going against the higher divinity and have been punished with decapitation but that did not stop him from fighting. He is currently waiting for

his powers to become stronger than the higher divinity and accompanies the God Zhong Kui to fight against evil spirits to become more powerful.

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"He managed to summon a demigod strength level of the God Xing Tian." Adrian stated as he almost choked.