

## **O Summoner 1481**

### Chapter 1481 Charon's Evolution IV

"No need to wait as the preparations are done." Du'an stated as he appeared before them.

Seeing that everything was ready, all of them head towards the place where the evolution will take place. Adrian thought that it would be a secret underground chamber, but it was actually the audience hall of the undead citadel. The entire audience hall was redecorated with magic circles and barriers to make sure that Charon is controlled should it break free from Adrian's control.

All of the Undead Knights under the Undead King Arthur were also present in the audience hall. The Doom Knight Cruz, the twins Noire and Blanche, the Ghoul Asura Valar, the Astral Wraith Du'an and the newly added Undead Angel Babel are all present along with the Undead King Arthur. The strongest of all of the undead were present to see the evolution of Charon.

"I am suddenly getting nervous because all of the undead knights under the undead king are present. Why are they present?" Adrian stated.

"We just wanted to make sure that nothing goes past us. This is not just for you but for us as well." The Undead King Arthur stated.

"Please summon Charon in the magic circle in the middle. I have prepared it to make sure that it can hold him in place. I also enchanted it so that all the energy that Charon will be used for evolution will not leak so the chances of success are higher." Du'an stated.

"I shall trust you then. Please let everything be fine." Adrian stated as he summoned Charon at the middle of the magic circle.

Adrian then took out the Dreadful Heart and gave it to Charon to hold. Charon took the item that his master entrusted him and started to assimilate it under Adrian's command. Charon needed to place the Dreadful Heart inside of his body which means it will become the heart in its body.

Charon's robe in the chest area started to vanish and the rib cages of the undead is exposed. One could see that Charon does not have a heart in the rib cage which means it had no heart all this time. The reason for the heart item requirement is actually to fill the undead with a heart.

Charon's rib cage opened up as the Dreadful Heart is placed in the void inside it. The Dreadful Heart that was no longer beating started to beat as if it became alive once more. The moment that the Dreadful Heart started to beat; the dread energy started to flood Charon's body.

[Your soulbound, Charon, has started to assimilate the Dreadful Heart.]

Adrian saw the notification and waited for the assimilation to be completed. He could see the powerful energy spreading to all parts of Charon at a fast rate. It seems that the absorption of fear and dread with the blessing of the God Charon made Charon easily integrate the Dreadful Heart.

[You soulbound, Charon, has fully assimilated the Dreadful Heart.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, has completed all requirement for an evolution. Do you wish to have your soulbound evolve?]

"Yes. Start the evolution process." Adrian stated as all of the undead knights went into position.

As soon as Adrian accepted the evolution process, a powerful energy suddenly exploded in the undead citadel. Charon released a fearsome energy wave that alerted a lot of beings in the central continent. The shockwave even alerted some of the angels that are in search of powerful undead.

"It seems that the thing that we predicted has come true. Even the magic circles could barely stop the energy leak. If it was not stopped then it might have reached the other continents." Du'an stated.

"Cruz, Valar, and Babel, prepare for the defense." The Undead King Arthur stated.

"As you will, my liege!" The three replied as they left the audience hall.

A large black cloud gathered on top of the undead citadel, but it was not an ordinary cloud. It was a cloud that had the energy of fear and dread gathered from the central continent. It was energy materialized which means Charon's evolution is not something to take lightly.

The fear and dread energy that materialized suddenly came down on the undead citadel as Charon absorbed it all into its body as a powerful swirl of energy gathered in the audience hall. All the remaining people in the audience hall could feel the powerful energy suppressing them. Even the Undead King Arthur is amazed as he could only block the suppression because he was a higher entity.

[The wish of the soulbound, Charon, has reached the will of the world.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, has been granted the boon of growing to a higher entity as it has exceeded the requirements.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, is evolving to the Supreme Dread Overlord.]

"The restraints of the magic circle cannot hold on! Champion Equinox, what shall we do?" Du'an asked as he looked at Adrian, but the latter has already entered a trance like state.

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"The answer you need is already within you."

The words of the God Charon echoed in Adrian's head as he went inside his subconscious as he could feel the link between him, and Charon started to weaken. Adrian wanted to go to Charon's soul chamber, but he was actually sent to his inner most world instead. The inner world where the strange tree is present.

"To think that I would see you here. I thought you have already forgotten this place, but it seems our soul is pleading for you to descend here." A voice that sounded like Adrian stated.

Adrian turned to the source of the voice only to find a being that looked like him. Adrian knew exactly what it was, and it was his last inner demon. The Noblesse inner demon that carries the last fragment of ultimate power hidden inside of him.

"So, the God Charon was actually hinting at the tree inside my inner world that even I do not know of. Just like how this tree held Sirius down, I must do the same for Charon." Adrian stated as his Noblesse inner demon smiled.

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"You are correct in assuming that." The Noblesse Inner Demon stated.

"And why are you here then?" Adrian asked as the last inner demon that was here was the Arch Demon inner demon.

"The last gatekeeper has already been integrated into you which means another gatekeeper must stand guard. You are much more special than you think you are but that is not what you came for. You will also need my help since even you do not know how to work this tree much less connect it to the other side." The Noblesse Inner demon stated.

What the Noblesse Inner Demon means is that Adrian has barely touched the side where the tree radiates immense death energy, and he still has the other side that radiates immense life energy. Adrian did not want to admit it, but his inner demons are like guides to his inner self as they are the ones that live inside him. His only problem with them is that they have this mocking attitude when speaking to him as if they know it all.

"Tell me about what I need to do then. I need to forge a stronger bond with Charon's soul as I can already feel it slipping away from my control." Adrian stated.

"The ones outside could stall for some time because you need to listen to what I say in detail. You need to learn more about yourself in order to have control of everything in your inner world." The Noblesse Inner Demon stated as he explained the two trees present in Adrian's inner world.

The two trees are like mirror images of one another and is separated by a waterlike barrier. Adrian tried to enter the other side, but he was repelled. The Noblesse Inner Demon laughed at Adrian's attempt to go to the other side because it knows that he cannot.

"You cannot pass through that because as I have said. I am the gatekeeper to the other side. Unless you defeat me, you will not be able to enter the other side but that does not mean that you cannot utilize the power of that side. Still, I deem that you are not ready for that yet as you need to get accustomed to this side first. The side of the Qliphoth where it represents the impure of the world and is the opposite of the holy Sefirot." The Noblesse Inner Demon stated.

"I already managed to attach Sirius' soul inside the Samael one. Charon's soul seems to have some connection to the Tagimron sphere when I last visited. Should I just attach it permanently?" Adrian asked but the Noblesse Inner Demon shrugged as it looked at the former as a lost cause.

"Just because it has some connection does not mean that it is perfect for Charon. Just like you, Charon has changed which means something should be much better for it than this one. Choose wisely because this is permanent and can affect how your soulbounds proceed into the future." The Noblesse Inner Demon stated.

Adrian heeded the advice of his inner demon and started to look at the empty spheres to see all their effects. Each of the spheres listed different abilities that will shape his soulbounds. He chose Samael for Sirius when he was evolving which is why it got skills related to that. Adrian must now choose what abilities Charon will inherit from his evolution.

"Something that can resonate with fear and dread should be perfect. This one is the perfect pair when it comes to Charon. I am certain of it." Adrian stated.

"If you have chosen then you must do what you got to do. I cannot stop you in your own inner world as you know that you are the owner." The Noblesse Inner Demon stated.

Just like what Adrian did to Sirius, he envisioned Charon's avatar being inside of the sphere. The sphere with the words 'Ghogiel' written on them. It was the perfect sphere in his view as it represents the antagonism to the well of creative potential and eternal motion. If there is something that can stop beings from their potential, then that is fear and dread.

The sphere started to glow as Charon's insignia has been permanently added in it. Adrian could feel that Charon's raging soul started to calm down as the roots of the Ghogiel sphere grasped it firmly. Adrian could feel that Charon's evolution is now proceeding at a good pace and the latter will not have any more problems going forward.

"Since I am already here, why don't I add Kanlaon and Saena to the spheres that I think fits them best. Will that be a problem?" Adrian stated.

"It will not be a problem but that also means that their talent will only bloom late as you did not do it when they evolved." The Noblesse Inner Demon replied.

"If that is the case then I shall choose Tagimron for Kanlaon and Thaumiel for Saena." Adrian stated as he burned the insignias of the two in the respective spheres.

Adrian suddenly felt that his connection with Kanlaon and Saena become even more powerful. Adrian's soulbounds always felt like they were part of him but him doing this makes him feel that they are truly a part of him. This also means that their connection is so solid that no one could tear him away from his soulbounds.

Adrian chose Thaumiel for Saena in hopes of her successfully mastering her abilities since even she is struggling between taking life and giving life. Thaumiel represents the eternally aggressive tension or duality between two opposing polarities. Adrian hopes that Saena can use this as a way perfectly use her duality.

Adrian chose Tagimron for Kanlaon because of his abilities that deal with union. Tagimron are the forces that hinder man from experiencing this state of union, communion and beauty. They can take shape in any force that creates confusion rather than fusion of heart and mind. Kanlaon has always been at conflict with balancing all the elements even if he was a being that has perfect control of each one.

Adrian hopes that both of them unlock a skill that can aid both of them in their predicament. He only did this to help them, but he did not expect that what he did changed the course on how his two soulbounds did combat. This was the start of Adrian's soulbounds fighting style that is unique only to them. The Noblesse Inner Demon could be seen smiling as it did not expect that Adrian to have very accurate pairing.

"I have told you. The master is better when under pressure." The voice of Paradox stated as it took the form of a small wisp beside the ear of the Noblesse Inner Demon.

#### Chapter 1483 Charon's Second Evolution

Du'an noticed that the energy inside the magic circle that held Charon started to become chaotic. They could see the obvious transformation of Charon inside the magic circle as it absorbed all of the energy that swirled on top of the clouds. All this powerful energy filled up Charon and it also awakened a part of the Dreadful Heart as it seems that it still has some consciousness.

Charon knew that it must devour the last remaining intent inside the Dreadful Heart in order to become the owner of it. There were still traces of the Dread Village inside its heart and Charon fought a battle of will against it. Charon might be strong but even it has a weakness when it comes to evolution.

A monster is at its most vulnerable when it is undergoing evolution or rather any being for that matter. Even the slightest stimuli could affect the result of the evolution which may curse or bless the one evolving. Charon is currently inside its own inner world confronting the last remaining will of the Dread Village.

The inner fight of Charon and the last remaining will of the Dread Village is a match between chains and dread aura hands. Charon seemed to be losing when a sudden burst of power awakened inside of it as roots of an unknown tree started to protect it from the dread aura hands. The unknown roots are not just helping him to defend but it actually absorbed the remaining will of the Dread Village.

Charon knew that its master has helped it in overcoming its own hurdle. It promised to serve Adrian on the very day that it was picked up. Charon was an undead hated by other undead back then as it was eating the corpse of others. It was only when Adrian picked him that Charon grew to have emotions when undead do not have it.

[The birth of a living disaster has started.]

[May the world know dread that is coming to it.]

Two world notifications appeared in all of the players while the voice of the world stated it in a female but mechanical voice. All the beings in the world are shocked to hear this as this was the first time or rather the time when the voice of the world is heard once more. The world is changing, and it seems that it is also evolving with the limit increasing as well.

Du'an thought that Charon would actually lose control as a red and sinister aura started to surround the latter, but he noticed that it suddenly vanished. The red and sinister aura was replaced by an even darker energy, but Charon could not feel malice to destroy everything in the world from it.

"Sorry about suddenly going to a catatonic state. I am back and it seems that Charon has also stabilized." Adrian stated as everyone around them relaxed.

"Whatever you did, it helped as we do not feel the whole room is about to be destroyed. The energy that rampaged and was released by Charon earlier was reminiscent of the Dread Village. I thought we had to put Charon down because of it." Creepysoo stated.

Charon started to change fully as a cocoon made of darkness covered it. The cocoon was quite unique as chains would actually surround it as if it is being kept in absolute protection. The cocoon started to pulse as energy from inside of it started to leak out.

Each energy pulse that the cocoon radiated would make the whole room feel cold. The fear and dread that was hidden inside of their hearts started to surface as it was amplified by the being inside the cocoon. The chains that bound the cocoon started to loosen as the sounds of it rattling could be heard.

With each minute of the rattling of the chains, a part of the body of Charon started to emerge from the cocoon. The first thing that came out of the cocoon was a hand made of dread energy. Soon a garment could be seen as the whole arm of Charon came out and it was covered in a lush black cloak.

The lush black cloak also has some ornaments that are attached to it as if the one wearing it is royalty. Charon's whole body emerged, and it was now a huge specter like undead. Charon is covered by a lush black cloak that gleams in the darkness while its lower half is connected to the ground below as if its body is gas being expelled from the core of the earth.

Charon opened its eyes as four glowing slanted eyes are present inside its face that is like the abyss. As soon as Charon opened its eyes, a crown suddenly adorned its head as it symbolizes the appearance of an Overlord. Charon is not a normal Overlord though as it is now a more powerful version of it which is a Supreme Overlord.

The crown adorning Charon is also burning in a pale blue flame while a sea of chains could be seen swirling on the ground beneath it. The sound of rattling chains is present whenever Charon moves as if it was meant to intensify the feeling of dread when it arrives. Charon's very presence could be seen as a being that could even stop the world from spinning.

[Your soulbound, Charon, has successfully evolved into a Dread Supreme Overlord.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, has all of its skills transformed into new skills that is perfect for its race.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, has achieved the title 'Unnatural Calamity'.]

[The world may halt as a being that could impede its eternal motion has descended.]

[The Dread Supreme Overlord is born with the blessing of the universe.]

Adrian could not believe that Charon has evolved, and it almost put a tear on his face as he read the notifications. There is something bothering him though as two of his soulbounds now have the title with the modifier of calamity. He put it at the back of his mind as it is only a title that means Charon is strong anyway.

#### Chapter 1484 Dread Supreme Overlord

Charon floated towards Adrian as it came for a hug. Adrian is a bit surprised by the sudden show of emotion, but he accepted it, nonetheless. Charon looked at Adrian with love and adoration as the former knew that it will always rely on his master when difficult times come.

"Thank you, master." Charon stated as it returned back to its own soul chamber to consolidate all the power that it has obtained.

Adrian smiled happily with a sigh of relief as he really did thought that it would go the other way. He now knows what he needs to do every time one of his soulbounds reaches a higher evolution. The Qliphoth inside of him will be the great anchor that binds both his soul and the souls of his soulbounds.

"Charon looks super cool! Charon looked like a death god that pulls people's soul using the chains that it controls!" Creepysoo stated as his eyes twinkled.

"What are its skills?" Levin Cloud asked as he is also curious since Charon really did look terrifying and cool at the same time.

"Why are you guys mor excited than me. I will share it with you guys so just chill." Adrian stated as he looked at the new skills that Charon has obtained.

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Skill: Dreadful Chains

Skill Tier: Mythical

Skill Type: Active Damaging, Siphoning, Defensive

Effect:

- Obtain the Essence Siphoning Chains sub skill.
- Obtain the Essence Transferring Chains sub skill.
- The more targets there are, the lower the health and mana absorbed from the targets.

Duration: None or when the targets exceed the range of the user

Cooldown: None

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: Instant

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Sub Skill: Essence Siphoning Chains

Effect: Absorb 1% health and mana per second from targets (PVP) or 100% of the summoner and Charon's magic damage (PVE) and store it inside the Dreadful Heart. All excess health and mana are converted into excess health bar and mana bar.

Sub Skill: Essence Transferring Chains

Effect: Target allies and transfer the excess health and mana that is stored inside the Dreadful heart to them. All allies that are transferred excess health and mana have 10% chance of applying Dread on their attacks.

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One might think that the mythical tier skill is too weak for its tier but that is actually a misconception. Charon can basically absorb 1% health and mana from a target per second which means any target will die in one hundred seconds if they are not careful. The effect might be smaller when it comes to monsters, but this is a busted skill in PVP.

"You birthed a monster." Peridot stated as she knew how powerful Charon has become.

"We might not even die as long as Charon is alive." Levin Cloud added.

"The next skills complement its abilities too perfectly." Creepysoo stated as they looked at the next skills.

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Skill: Ghogiel's Domain

Skill Tier: Legendary (Can be upgraded.)

Skill Type: Domain

Effect:

- Select an area to mark it as your domain for a certain duration.
- Stuns all beings that have lower persona than the user for five seconds.
- Slows all of the beings inside the domain by 90% for ten minutes. (Halved when the target inside the domain cannot be affected by status reductions.)
- Stats will be doubled for the duration.

Duration: 20 minutes

Cooldown: 24 hours

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: Instant

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The Domain skill related to the part of the Qliphoth where Charon is bonded also appeared. Unlike Sirius' domain that can be used every two hours, Charon's domain skill has longer cooldown, but its effects are incredible. Every being is affected by a large percentage slow which means he can easily kill someone if they are caught inside of it.

"I hate to be the one caught in that." Levin Cloud commented as it would be akin to someone moving at a snail's pace.

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Skill: The Hindering One

Skill Tier: Legendary

Skill Type: Passive

Effect:

- All targets that the user damaged will be applied with a stack of Dread. (Damage over time will apply one stack every five seconds)
- All targets afflicted with Dread have their stats reduced by 2%. (Maximum Number of Stacks: 10)
- When a target gets afflicted with the max number of stacks for the first time, all Dread Stacks will explode and apply the Hindered status ailment to the target. (Hindered – Root the target for two seconds and stun them for one second consecutively. Cooldown: 10 minutes)

Cooldown: None

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: None



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Not much can be said about the passive skill, but it is definitely something that no one wants to experience. It is basically a passive skill that says that you will die if you get hit ten times. Even Adrian actually felt pity for the poor being that will be afflicted with these status conditions.

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Skill: Dread World

Skill Tier: Semi - Transcendent

Skill Type: Active Area of Effect

Effect:

- Create a powerful shockwave that deals 1000% of the soulbound's and 200% of the summoner's total magic and physical damage.
- All enemies that are hit by the shockwave will immediately have ten stacks of Dread applied to them and doubles the duration for the effects of status ailments.
- When used during the skill Ghogiel's Domain is active, this skill transforms into the Hindering World.

Cooldown: 24 hours

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: 1 minute

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Skill: Hindering World

Skill Tier: Semi - Transcendent

Skill Type: Enhanced Domain

Effect:

- Resets the effects and duration of Ghogiel's Domain so that it can affect the enemies that were already afflicted by it. (Effects can stack)
- Deals 100% of the soulbound and the summoner's combined magic and physical damage every minute.
- All enemies inside the domain will receive one stack of Dread every ten seconds and the cooldown for the Hindered status ailment will lower to three minutes.
- Doubles the area affected by Ghogiel's Domain.

Cooldown: 24 hours

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: 1 minute

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"I think you might traumatize players if you use this skill on them. They might even outright quit the game." Creepysoo stated as he knows how serious the last skill could be.

#### Chapter 1485 Opportunistic Hidden Powers

All the skills that Charon got was perfectly made to aid any ally in battle. Charon has basically turned into a crowd control monster of epic proportions. With just the passive alone, Charon could stun hordes of enemies as long as they are affected by the chains for a period of time.

"Should we try it?" Adrian asked.

"Where will we try it?" Creepysoo asked.

"I thought Charon is still consolidating all that energy?" Levin Cloud asked.

"Charon needs to let loose as well since too much energy needs to be released sometimes. The fact that there are some people wanting to get to Charon earlier worries me. They can be the perfect guinea pigs and they will not die easily." Adrian stated as his eyes glinted with a devious idea.

"Can we even go?" Peridot asked as she could feel that the undead knights were keeping those beings that came near the undead citadel at bay.

"There should not be a problem, right?" Adrian asked the Undead King Arthur.

"Of course. As long as I am here, you can go wild as much as you want but do not kill them. I only sent my undead knights there to teach them a lesson that they cannot enter our territory without our permission." The Undead King Arthur stated.

The powerful pulse of energy that Charon released attracted the attention of all the hidden powers in the central continent. Some immediately gave up when they learned that the source of the energy came from the undead citadel while some tested their luck. The ones that tested their luck are those that have just gotten to the bottleneck before becoming a demigod.

Du'an is currently making sure that no one can escape the area once they enter, and he would only let those beings escape when they are thought their lesson. If someone can break through Du'an's spatial manipulation, then it would either be a Daemos or a being so powerful that they can use brute force to break space itself.

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There are currently three beings that wanted to try their luck to get the source of the powerful energy. All of them had humanoid forms but they are clearly not human in any sense when one looks at them. They are monsters that have attained great intelligence and is able to turn into human form due to their strength.

One might think that monsters turning into human form might be too much of a weakness since they will be limited to that form but that is not true all the time. If a weak monster were to have a skill that can make them shapeshift into human form, then they will turn into a human but that is not the case for enlightened monsters.

Enlightened monsters are monsters that have gained intelligence and strength to the point that they could transcend their own bodies. They usually take on human form in order to hide in plain sight or to get resources needed for their next evolutions. Unlike shapeshifting, the enlightened consider this human form another form which means they still have their strength that they have in their real form.

The three monsters that dared to trespass inside the undead citadel were newly mythical evolved monsters that live near it. These monsters are called titles as they have actually created an army of monsters under them. In fact, the area outside the undead citadel is sprawling with monsters as they thrive there.

The undead do not need to eat which is why they do not hunt too many monsters for consumption. This made the ecosystem near the undead citadel be great for monsters unlike areas near large cities where there is culling of monsters. The monsters also stay away from the undead because they cannot gain anything from defeating them as they will just revive again.

The three monsters that came to the Undead Citadel are the leaders of different factions that control rats, bats, and hyenas. They look human on the outside, but they have the ferocity and the power of a monster. Adrian and the others showed up to see the ones brave enough to go to the undead citadel.

Adrian looked at them and noticed that the souls of the three did not look human at all. The small man that looked like a child or a teen had the soul of a rat with a large crown on top of its head. The woman that wore a black and red dress had the soul of a bat. The last one, which is a man, had the soul of a hyena.

The Undead Knights Cruz, Valar and Babel were fighting them, but it was clear that they were not even having a difficult time. If undead under the Undead King Arthur fight in the Undead Citadel, then they are basically guaranteed bonus stats. Even if they destroy the undead in the undead citadel, the undead will just respawn right away because of the covenant with the God of Death Abaddon.

"They are either dumb or new to this. I vote the latter." Creepysoo stated as he knew why no one gets near the undead citadel unless they have powerful holy magic.

"Based on their smell, they are just newly evolved mythical monsters. Perhaps a year at most." Peridot stated which made all of them look at her.

"You can discern that?" Levin Cloud asked.

"I cannot see souls like you or Equinox. I have to have other means of classification as you guys thought me that lots of things can be hidden in plain sight." Peridot stated.

"Anyways! Will you need our aid in this fight?" Creepysoo asked.

"Let Charon handle them. I want to see how powerful my newly evolved soulbound could be." Adrian replied as all of them nodded and decided to enjoy the show.

"Greetings, trespassers. By order of me, I shall teach you a lesson on why you must never trespass on undead grounds." Adrian stated which made the fight of the three monsters with the undead knights stop.

## Chapter 1486 Opportunistic Hidden Powers II

Adrian announced a bold statement not for the three to only hear but also the ones looking from afar. There are a lot of beings hiding around them and are just observing what is happening. Adrian thought that he might as well get on the good side of the Undead King Arthur and get him allies.

"Who are you, weakling?!" The man with the soul of a hyena stated as he could not rest a bit since Cruz was no longer attacking him.

Adrian's brow suddenly twitched as he almost unconsciously summoned his armament to attack the hyena. He just smiled as he remembered that they would be Charon's test subjects. They might be mythical tier monsters, but they are not at the level 300 state which means it is doable.

The woman with the bat soul also sneered at Adrian's remark but the one with the rat soul knew something was off. The one with the soul of the rat could feel that something is definitely wrong with the hyena man's statement. He could see the silhouettes of powerful monsters behind the Adrian as if his instincts are screaming to run away.

"Oh! I always forget that I turn off my aura every time. I guess I should re-introduce myself once more. HELLO!" Adrian stated as he released his aura that he always kept at the bare minimum.

As soon as Adrian said 'hello', he released his aura at full force which means it is the aura of an Asmodian that has the rank of an Arch Demon. It is not an exaggeration to say that the whole area froze upon feeling the power behind Adrian's aura. Adrian might not have directed his aura towards the undead, but they could still feel the oppressive force behind it.

The three monsters are suddenly frozen in fear as their instincts told them to escape but they could not. The three of them tried to escape but they were always thrown back to this area every time they think that they can leave. All of the mythical tier monsters were only of the level 280 which means Adrian and his soulbounds are more powerful than them.

Adrian looked at the panicked faces of the three monsters and activated his evil eye to check what they really are. He knows of their souls, but he must at least know what kind of monster they are. He is actually amazed at the monsters as they are definitely not ordinary.

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Monster Name: Wild Silverback Hyena

Monster Tier: Mythical

Level: 280

HP: 87%

MP: 81%

Description: A powerful monster hyena that has devoured a special silver ore that transformed its skeletal system and its back into an extremely hard metal. It has great physical attack power and is said to laugh as its tears out the flesh of its prey. It enjoys the sight of carnage just like its joy when it eats the meat of its prey.

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Monster Name: Dreamland Razor Bat

Monster Tier: Mythical

Level: 280

HP: 91%

MP: 72%

Description: A powerful bat monster that is said to lull its prey to sleep and then slice of its body for it to eat easily. It has incredible speed and sharp claws and wings that can easily slice off iron. It is said to release special fumes that can knock down large monsters.

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Monster Name: White Rat King

Monster Tier: Mythical

Level: 280

HP: 95%

MP: 51%

Description: An elusive monster that is said to have been blessed by a God of Rats. It wields powerful divine magic and healing magic that it can use to harm its enemies. It can control an army of thousands of rats to obey everything it wants. It is said that one is lucky should they survive being seen by one as people often become food for its underlings.

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"Ready to listen now? If you listen well then, I might help you guys escape from here." Adrian stated as he no longer had a smile on his face but the look of someone looking down on beings lower than him.

"Yes?!" All three of the monsters replied with nervous breaths.

The three knew that they cannot leave here unless they die or by some miracle. The miracle might be looking at them now, but Adrian is not giving them a miracle. One might even say that Adrian is cursing them as test subjects that will forever fear the undead.

"It is simple. The only way for all of you to escape here is to survive for half an hour." Adrian stated.

"Survive for half an hour?! We can do that as long as we work together." The White Rat King stated as he knew that the being in front of them is not normal.

"Are you the one that will be battling us?" The Dreamland Razor Bat asked as she fears that even the undead knights will participate.

"Nope. In fact, only one of us will fight with all three of you. You will fight the being that all of you came to absorb energy from after all. Summon: Charon!" Adrian stated as he summoned Charon.

Charon's magic circle did not appear behind Adrian like one would expect as that his how it often appears. Charon's magic circle is now etched into the ground and the insignia that is on the middle of it changed. It now shows a cloaked undead covered with chains.

As soon as the magic circle appeared, a crown slowly arose from it as the rest of Charon's body followed. The sounds of chain and the scream of dread could be heard as Charon's whole body could be seen out of the magic circle. Charon is now ten meters tall in its real height and the whole area around it could be seen being tainted by a dark red energy.

"Good luck." Adrian stated as Charon's four eyes lit up and the whole area suddenly exploded with Dread Aura since no time should be wasted.

### Chapter 1487 Opportunistic Hidden Powers III

A scene of the three mythical tier monsters laying on the ground and groaning could be seen. Adrian did not look impressed that the three mythical tier monsters were defeated easily. He needed more data to see what Charon's capabilities are.

"They only lasted ten minutes against the effects of the Domain skill and immediately become catatonic when Charon used the Enhanced Domain skill." Adrian stated as he looked at the pitiful state of the three mythical monsters.

Adrian then ran back the events from his memory. He immediately commanded Charon to use Ghogiel's Domain. A bunch of notifications immediately appeared upon using the skill since it is a domain skill that affects all enemies inside of it.

[You soulbound, Charon has used Ghogiel's Domain.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, has stunned the Wild Silverback Hyena for five seconds.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, has stunned the Dreamland Razor Bat for five seconds.]

[Your soulbound, Charon, has stunned the White Rat King for five seconds.]

[All enemies inside the domain have been applied a 90% movement speed slow for the first ten minutes that the domain is active.]

[All of Charon's stats will be doubled for the duration of the domain.]

The area is suddenly flooded with a dark red fog that feels alive. It spread with Charon as the center, and it reached the max length in just an instant. It also means that all of its effects will apply immediately to all enemies caught inside the domain.

The three mythical monsters wanted to attack Charon with all their might, but they were immediately stunned before they could do anything. They suddenly witnessed Charon becoming twice as powerful as before due to the stats increasing. The three mythical monsters suddenly had something popped inside their heads and that was absolute fear.

The fear that they got was not due to the fact that Charon became twice as powerful compared to before. They were feeling absolute fear because they cannot move and is now at the mercy of the being that is in front of them. Charon did not miss the chance as it immediately deployed the Dreadful Chains skill and attached them to the three mythical tier monsters.

The three mythical monsters wondered why there was an illusionary chain that was attached to them, but they soon found out that they were like batteries for Charon. The health and mana of the three mythical tier monsters started to get siphoned towards Charon and they could see the latter's health and mana bar exceeding the limit.

It was not just the health and mana being siphoned as the three immediately got a stack of Dread affecting them. All three of the mythical monsters cannot easily cleanse the Dread stack as it is one of the superior status ailments. When one is applied with a Dread stack, they usually have different reactions and all three had different side effects.

The Wild Silverback Hyena suddenly screamed out loud and shouted at something with fear in its tone. The Dreamland Razor Bat suddenly crawled up into a ball and shivered. The White Rat King did not have much reaction to it, but he did become wary. All of them had a same reaction though and that is reverting back to their original forms.

Adrian and the others did not have the same reactions when they were applied with a stack of Dread, but he already knew the reason. Adrian and the others have their souls tempered by different things. Adrian is an Arch Demon with almost complete Asmodian blood, and he has a strong soul which is why he could resist the effects.

Levin Cloud is the Envoy of the Twin Gods which makes his soul also stronger than normal with being close to life and death itself. Peridot is a Ryujin and is a Fairy Dragon which are said to be close to spiritual beings that have strong souls. Creepysoo is an undead and they know no fear even if it is a higher type of fear as long as it does not turn off their immunity.

"Is this actually the normal reaction when having Dread stack?" Adrian thought to himself.

It is in fact the normal reaction when a being is afflicted by Dread for the first time. Even the Dread Village was annoyed and shocked when Adrian and his friends were standing perfectly fine with max Dread stacks. It is not that the three mythical monsters were overacting but it was just Adrian and the others having abnormal souls for beings below demigod level.

"Charon, use Hindering World." Adrian commanded.

"As you wish, master." Charon replied as the sounds of chains suddenly reverberated the area.

The chains that were constantly swirling below Charon suddenly broke free as it spread across the domain. The domain itself suddenly changed as the ground beneath Charon's feet expanded and became chains instead of actual soil. Illusionary chains suddenly started covering the whole domain as everything could be seen chained up.

The Hindering World is basically a world held down with powerful illusionary chains that even sealed the sky. The power of this skill even made the undead knights of the Undead King Arthur shudder as this power is akin to the domain of their king. Adrian is also amazed by the enhanced domain skill because even space itself has been sealed.

If Adrian did not have special permission to modify space in the area as he was connected to Charon, then he would have a difficult time using it. This domain is basically like a prison that holds everything in place. Adrian wanted to see more of the effects of the domain, but the three mythical monsters are almost dead, and it was the Undead King Arthur that told the former about it.

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"Still not enough. Maybe if I pull in one of the observing powers to test it." Adrian thought as he was about to bend space to his will, but the sudden appearance of the Undead King Arthur made him stop.

"I think that should be enough for now, Champion Equinox. Please release them." The Undead King Arthur stated, and Adrian agreed as he almost went too far to what was promised.

#### Chapter 1488 Rest In The Real World

The Undead King Arthur had to stop Adrian because he was going to get another being that was just observing. It might be rude to stare but any sign of aggression from them might mean that they want a fight. Adrian is currently fighting the three mythical monsters at the behest of the Undead King. Any act that he does will reflect on the undead king himself.

"I got to carried away. My apologies." Adrian stated as he told Charon to stop everything.

Charon agreed to the commands of his master and only stopped when Adrian told it to. Even the presence of the undead king did not make Charon stop. This means that Charon would have continued and killed the three mythical monsters if Adrian was not satisfied.

"Even though you three did not last for three minutes. You are free to go because I managed to test my soulbound's skills against all of you. You three have been very helpful in my research." Adrian stated with a smile, but it was all insult to the three mythical tier monsters.

"Do not think that we let you live because we are afraid of you. I am only letting the three of you leave because your only offense was breaking into our territory. Remember that I stopped the Champion of the Twin Gods from killing all of you. If you know to be grateful, then leave." The Undead King Arthur stated as the three mythical monsters scurried away as fast as they can.

Even the ones that were observing the fight have retreated because they did not want to get the attention of the undead king. Some of them were actually scared when the demon locked eyes on them as they felt that space itself was bending to his will. They definitely sensed that they would have been fighting with the strange undead if the undead king did not stop them.

"Too bad! I wanted to see more. Charon looked really cool!" Creepysoo stated.

"I also wanted to do more but I was stopped. Anyways, thanks to all of you for accompanying me." Adrian stated.

"We did not have anything better to do which is why we came with you. Still, any fight that you participate in is very exhilarating, tiring but rewarding at the same time." Peridot stated as some of her masteries improved.

"What she said." Levin Cloud stated.

As all three of them no longer needed to get the other undead, they needed to part ways for now. Adrian had something to do in the real world while the others are also going to do something. All of them logged out as they need to meet each other tomorrow.

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Adrian came out of the gamepod and knocked on his sister's door. Mina opened the door to her room and told Adrian to quickly come inside. Tomorrow would be the day for their mother's birthday, and it also doubled as a late Mother's Day celebration.

Adrian already greeted his mother in the morning and was forced to give hugs and kisses as his mother likes that. Even though he does not like it that much, it was his mother's way of showing affection. He actually avoided it one time and he was scolded big time by his father.

"Mom and Dad are going on their date night which means we have all the afternoon and night to ourselves. It is now time for us to prepare a feast!" Mina stated.

"By we you actually mean me. You are a disaster in the kitchen." Adrian stated with a sigh.

"Hey! I help you with cooking. Like that one time where..." Mina stated but then she could not finish her sentence.

"The only thing that you cooked perfectly are instant noodles and you sometimes mess that up by making the noodles soggy. Just help me with the ingredients for the cake that we are going to bake." Adrian stated as he already had someone fetch some of the ingredients that they needed.

A few minutes later, a knock on their door could be heard as Marlon and Jade came to their house with ingredients for the cake. Adrian's mom's birthday is not lavish as one might expect as she just wants a day to herself and family. They would often go on trips on that day, but Adrian is not yet fully recovered which is why they decided to celebrate at their home instead.

"I was getting bored of going out anyway as we have already gone through the places in our city. I am actually quite happy that we do not need to go hiking that early in the morning. I will get the door while you handle all the things we need in the kitchen." Mina stated as she went to go get Marlon and Jade.

"We are here!" Marlon stated as he brought the mangoes that are going to be the inside the cake.

"I also came." Jade stated as she brought some snacks for them which are rice cakes that she made with her mother earlier in the day.

All of them went to the kitchen and started to prepare the cake. Adrian was the one in charge of the actual cooking while the others gave a hand in pouring or mixing. In the end, they managed to create a three-layered cake with cream and mangoes in the middle of each layer. Adrian topped it off with mango jam puree to create a glossy top finish.

Just as they were cleaning the pots and pans, a knock on the door is suddenly heard. Adrian looked at Mina to see if she was the one that had guests because Marlon and Jade were already here. She also shrugged it off as she did not have a guest and her boyfriend is on the other side of the world.

"Coming!" Mina stated as she heard the knocking several times more. There are guards at the bottom of the hill they live in which means it must be at least one of them.

#### Chapter 1489 Your Other Grandpa

Mina opened to the door and saw an unfamiliar old man. He was old but he still has this rugged appearance as if he was always training. He had a warm smile on his face, but his aura is firm but not hostile.

"I am sorry, but may I ask who you are and who let you in here?" Mina asked as she was ready to reach for the hidden weapon near the wall.

"Do you not know who I am? Did your mother not talk about me? I am your grandfather!" The old man stated but Mina could not see any resemblance.

Mina could not even see the resemblance to either her or Adrian. The old man was not ugly, but he was not that handsome as well. Adrian also took most of his features from his father which is why his grandfather from the father side dotes on him.

"I am sorry, but I am going to ask you to leave or else I am going to call security." Mina stated but she already knew that this old man was not ordinary.

She already has a grasp on the weapon, and she will turn hostile if she senses any sort of bloodlust. The old man frowned upon hearing what Mina said as he knew that he was not welcomed. He wanted to at least be invited in, but he saw that Mina was already in her battle stance.

A smile suddenly formed on the old man's face as he actually wanted to be humored by his granddaughter. He showed a small movement of trying to enter the house and Mina went in for the attack. She picked up the baton that is disguised as an art decoration and aimed for the old man's stomach.

The old man immediately moved back as soon as he saw the movement. He was impressed by the sudden movement and no hesitation on that attack. He was extremely glad that it seems that she was trained to an extent.

"Adrian, Code Brown!" Mina shouted as she went after the old man without mercy.

Adrian heard the words Code Brown and immediately went and dialed their parents. He wanted to try but there is some sort of signal that is jamming calls. Fortunately, they have a special pager just for this occasion and Adrian immediately pressed it. The light on the pager activated which means the signal has been sent.

"What is happening?" Marlon asked as Mina suddenly shouted something.

"She sounded worried. What do you think happened?" Jade asked.

Code Brown meant that there is one hostile and that Mina judged that she could take care of it. Adrian told the two what is happening, and they suddenly panicked a little. They calmed down after a bit when they saw the most vulnerable one among them, Adrian, was not even panicking at all.

"I already called the guards, and they will be on their way. They will catch the guy which is why we must lock the house." Adrian stated as he immediately told them to use the manual locks on all doors.

In the current year, most of the locks on doors are now digital but manual locks are still popular due to reasons. Electricity does not shut off anymore as all machines have become energy efficient to the point that they only use a small amount of power. Any failures in house locks also immediately gets reported to the police which is why crimes related to house robbery have become lower.

Adrian connected his holoswatch to the door camera to see what was happening outside. He could see Mina fighting against the old man, but the latter was only dodging. The old man was not even attacking her and looks as if he was assessing her.

"Is that the intruder?" Marlon asked as he also looked at the screen.

"Big Sis Mina is so cool!" Jade stated as she could see Mina facing off against the old man.

A few minutes later, a car suddenly arrived near the house and Adrian's parents came out. The car was followed by the mobiles of the guards as they now surrounded the old man. The old man did not panic though as if he was already used to this situation.

"Dad! What are you doing here?!" Adrian's mother, Maria, suddenly stated with confusion and anger.

"Iha! You are still as beautiful as ever! Come and give father a hug." The old man stated which made Mina and the others opened their eyes wide in shock.

"Everyone! Go and check if there are others lurking about. I shall deal with my father." Maria stated as she told everyone to stand down and search the premises.

"No need to search, Iha. I came alone this time as I was missing you since you have not visited me for quite some time." The old man stated but Maria only glared at him.

"You can come inside but do not think that you are always welcome in our house." Maria stated as she told everyone to get inside.

"Good evening, Sir! It is nice to finally meet you." Richard, Adrian's father, stated as he held out his hand.

"I know who you are. You are the lucky bastard that took my daughter away from me." The old man stated as he glared at Richard.

Richard can now understand why his wife never wanted to return to her town home. The old man was not very welcoming of him because he definitely treasures her little girl. He quietly nodded and told the old man to come inside.

Marlon and Jade knew when it was time to leave which is why Adrian told the driver to send them home since it was already quite dark out. They were supposed to have a sleepover, but the sudden appearance of their maternal grandfather made the plans change. They wanted to leave because they can feel the tension in the living room.

"See you tomorrow!" Marlon and Jade stated as they were sent home.

## Chapter 1490 Your Other Grandpa II

It was about three hours before midnight and all of Adrian's family is now in the living room. The tension in the air could be felt in real time as it was very quiet. Maria, Adrian's mother, looked at her father with a glare as she did not expect that he would come to their home unannounced.

Maria told everyone about their grandfather and what his current status in life is. He is named Jose and is currently an owner of a huge mountain located at the southwest corner of the island. It seems that he came here because he wanted to reunite with Maria and her children.

"Why did you come here, dad? I already told you that I am not going back with you. You have my brother as a successor to that household and I said that I no longer want to be part of it." Maria stated as she broke the quiet atmosphere.

"I have already told you that you are still family even if you no longer want to come back. I am also a grandfather that wants to see his grandchildren. I like that you trained them just like how I trained you. Mina is great with her instincts, and I bet Adrian is like that as well, but I cannot try that because of his current condition." Jose stated with a smile as he could clearly see that his grandchildren's body are trained.

Adrian and Mina suddenly felt a shiver on their spine when their grandfather said that statement. They could feel that he is actually worse compared to their current trainer which is their mother. The both of them were sitting side by side to their grandfather and they moved one space away from him as a reaction.

"You are not that sentimental, Dad. What happened? You will not come visit here because you suddenly wanted to see me." Maria stated.

"I did come to see you because I did want to reconcile with you. I do not want you to stay permanently at the ancestral home, but I do want you to visit. I want my grandchildren to visit me at least once a year or do you want me to suddenly show up like I did just now." Jose stated as he picked up the tea that was served to him and sipped.

"You are always welcome in our home, Sir." Richard stated but Jose only looked at him with one eye before savoring the taste of tea again.

"If you want your grandchildren to visit you, then you must first respect my husband." Maria stated.

"Do not get me wrong, Iha. I do respect your husband, but I still do not like him from taking you from me. Coming to this place already took quite some time and that is via plane. Why not move closer to us then I might soften a bit?" Jose stated.

"You are welcome to visit this house as my husband stated but we are not moving. The children will visit you on your birthday and we will go to the ancestral home during New Year." Maria stated.

"Spend the Christmas and New Year there and I shall agree." Jose stated.

"I will not back off with my demand." Maria stated.

"Fine but can you add one more day. At least the day of your mother's remembrance." Jose stated which made Maria soften her facial expression.

"That is fine as well." Maria stated with a face full of melancholy.

"Well, since that is done. Richard! Prepare the alcohol! We shall drink tonight!" Jose stated with a smile.

Richard smiled as Maria smiled a little as well as she realized that her father has softened up a bit. She was the youngest daughter of the family which is why she was doted upon. One could say that her father is extremely overprotective of her which is why he did not like Richard when they started dating.

It was not like they did not interact for Adrian's whole life. Her father visited her multiple times before at special points in time like when she gave birth to Adrian. His last visit was five years ago but Maria and him fought which resulted in them not speaking ever since.

"I want to talk to my grandchildren while your father prepares the food and drinks. Tell me, what are both of you up to?" Jose asked.

Mina was the first one to open up as she lost to a game of rock-paper-scissors. She told him all about what she did and what she is currently doing. Adrian observed how their grandfather nodded in approval to all the things that she has done as if he already knew everything but wants to hear it in his grandchildren's mouth.

"Why do you not tell grandpa about your overseas boyfriend?" Adrian stated a very inflaming statement.

"Boyfriend?!" Jose exclaimed in a rather interested manner, but something could be said about his tone.

"You do not need to know much but we are serious. You really should shut your mouth when it is not your turn." Mina stated as she glared at Adrian, but the latter just enjoyed the embarrassed face of his sister.

"If you are serious then I would like to meet him. You should invite him once when you visit me." Jose stated in a calm tone but there is a passive aggressive feeling as well.

"Anyways, that is all for me. You should ask him now." Mina stated as she passed the baton to Adrian.

Adrian then told everything that he was doing as well. Their grandfather also had the same warm reaction to Adrian telling his side of the story. It was an atmosphere that made one feel the warmth of a family and they would even laugh even if the jokes were not that funny.

"I see. You also play that game called Pandemonium. Some of your cousins are also playing that as well which messed up their training schedule at times. They did show some improvement which is why I do not scold them severely. Is that game really fun?" Jose stated.

"Your grandpa is here, and I brought presents!" Richard's father, Gerard stated as he just burst from the door as if he owns the place.

Gerard suddenly saw another old man getting chummy with his favorite grandchildren. The two old men stared down at each other as if they were having a fight with their eyes. Their stare down lasted about two minutes as both of them suddenly stood face to face.

The tension in the room suddenly filled up once again as Adrian and the others do not know what is going to happen. Gerard and Jose then looked at each other from head to toe as they suddenly liked arms for a handshake. The two old men suddenly reached an understanding that those watching cannot understand.

"Jose, Maria's father." Jose stated as he gripped Gerard's hand.

"Gerard, Richard's father." Gerard stated as he gripped Jose's hand as well.

"What is happening?" Adrian asked Mina.

"Do not ask me because I am not a man. Dad?" Mina stated as she passed the question to their father.

"It is the friendship of two men starting." Richard stated as he nodded.

"Those two should not be friends if all the things you talked about your father is true." Maria stated as she prepared one more plate.

"They seem to have reached an agreement." Adrian stated as both Gerard and Jose are now laughing heartily as they talked to each other.

"As long as we are not bothered. I am fine with that. I will help with the table setting." Mina stated as she avoided being the one to humor the two grandpas.

"Apologies for the sudden intrusion, young master." Bernard, Gerard's butler, stated as he has finished putting all the gifts inside the house.

"No worries, Bernard. I know about my father and his tendencies. At least, he came here with a clear head and sober." Richard stated.

"You should thank, Young Master Adrian for that. He told Master Gerard that he stinks of alcohol which is why he keeps his distance when he last visited. It was very effective as the master only drinks on special occasions or events." Bernard stated as he suddenly grabbed Adrian by the shoulders.

"Yes? Do you need something from me, Bernard?" Adrian asked.

"You are my only hope, young master. Listen to this old man's requests." Bernard stated as he started to talk about his misgivings.

Needless to say, the birthday the next day was loud but fun. The two grandpas were basically flexing their generosity by giving monetary gifts to those that showed their talents and won in games. Adrian and his friends enjoyed themselves and refreshed their mental capacities.

Thankfully, the small get together ended without any mishaps and full of smiles. Adrian and the other hopped back into the game with this cheerful and great energy. They went back in because there has been news of movement from the faction of the Shadow of Apophis.