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Chapter 1921 Battle Against the Daemos Elders I

"Great! Not only do I need to fight all of the Daemos Elders, but the gods are literally being such stalkers and peeping at me from the sky. It is not like I want to kill all of them. The ones that can be killed are those that do something wrong with the world." Adrian grumbled as he went towards Ascalor once again.

Since both Elder Koronn and Elder Bronx are not in Avalon currently, Adrian decided to push through with Elder Ascalor's test. Since the said elder is recuperating, Adrian thought that he would not be in combat with Elder Ascalor. He believes that he would be given a test or something as fighting is off the table.

"Elder Ascalor, I have come for a formal test in my proficiency with Spatial Magic of the Origin Magic." Adrian stated as this was the formal way of asking the elders to evaluate them.

"Oh?! I did not think that the day would come." Elder Ascalor stated as he suddenly smirked and created a portal that swallowed both him and Adrian.

Adrian was not even able to react as he was swallowed by the portal. He expected that they might go away, but he did not think that they would immediately do the test. He thought that he could be given instructions first and then be told to prepare. He did not know that Elder Ascalor was waiting for this time to happen.

"The Paradox Planes again?" Adrian stated as he is once again brought to the Paradox Planes.

"This is the test site as we would not be able to tamper with the space around the mortal realm. We do not want to suddenly create a rift or a tear in space while we are having our battle." Elder Ascalor stated.

"Wait... fight? You did not even tell me what the test is and now you are already asking for a fight?" Adrian stated in shock.

"Why not? Combat is the best way to evaluate what one can do." Elder Ascalor stated.

"But I thought that you are recuperating. We should maybe schedule this the day after or something." Adrian stated as an excuse to move the match.

"Do not worry as I am mobile and healthy enough to floor you. Oh... how I have been waiting for this day to come. I just cannot hit the Champion of the Twin Gods without an excuse, but this is now the time for me to vent." Elder Ascalor stated as he immediately transformed into his battle form.

"Your internal thoughts are suddenly getting said. You know what... maybe I am not ready yet. We can maybe schedule this in a month so that I am ready, and you are healed." Adrian stated as he started to open a portal back, but Elder Ascalor sealed the portal immediately.

"The rules of the evaluation are simple. The only spells and skills that you can use must be related to Spatial Magic. Other types of magic are not to be used as this would not be accurate should you use other magics. Begin!" Elder Ascalor stated as he immediately opened five wormholes that released shards of spatial energy that headed towards Adrian.

[All of your other skills will be sealed. Only spells and skills of the Spatial Element can be used.]

[Passive skills will not be locked.]

[Do your best against Elder Ascalor.]

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Name: Ascalor

Level: Cannot be seen

HP: Cannot be seen

MP: 98%

Race: Daemos

Species: Spatios (Arch Demon)

Title: Spatial Demon Master, Elder of the Daemos, Master of Dimensions (expand for more)

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Adrian immediately used Enhanced Blink to move further away and hide behind a floating rock debris. The spatial shards destroyed the floating rock as if it was tofu which made Adrian gulp. Elder Ascalor immediately started the next spell but creating ten more spatial vortexes.

"This cannot go on. I need to be able to defend myself." Adrian thought as he suddenly used Paradox and poured a lot of mana into it.

"Take this!" Adrian shouted as he shot Paradox towards Elder Ascalor.

"Not bad!" Elder Ascalor stated as he controlled the spatial shards to hit Paradox.

All of the spatial shards crashed against Paradox, but it was not deterred. Elder Ascalor made sure to observe it and is amazed that the pure energy of space present in the weapon. The fact that even his attacks cannot break the weapon meant that is of a high caliber. He did not restrict Equinox in using weapons as that would weaken him too much.

"Black Space!" Elder Ascalor stated as the space in front of him suddenly folded.

"Did you think that is all I have? Vortex!" Adrian shouted as Paradox suddenly exploded into numerous pieces and created a powerful black hole.

Adrian appeared behind Elder Ascalor and grappled the old man. He made sure to have physical contact as this would make it unable for the elder to teleport away. With his powerful wings, Adrian pushed Elder Ascalor towards the black hole that he created using Paradox as a medium.

"Space Portal!" Elder Ascalor shouted as there was some panic in his voice.

A portal suddenly appeared in front of Elder Ascalor but the black hole that Adrian created is not weak. The black hole is powered by Paradox' intelligence as well and started to swallow the portal that Elder Ascalor created. There was a hint of shock but also awe on the face of Elder Ascalor as he smiled.

"I guess I did underestimate you, brat. You are better than I initially thought since I always see you using summoning magic instead of Origin Magic. You have my respect which is why I should also be serious! Spatial Quake!" Elder Ascalor shouted as all of his portal wings suddenly fused together.

A powerful force suddenly ripped apart Adrian and Elder Ascalor which made Adrian's eyes become white. He did not expect to be hit by such a powerful spell that felt like his entire body was being ripped apart. He did not even see how the attack happened, but he felt the space around him and the elder suddenly break.

"What just happened!" Adrian stated as he suddenly turned into particles of light.

[You have died.]

[There is no penalty upon dying in an evaluation match with an elder of the Daemos.]

[You will be revived in one minute.]

Adrian died from the powerful attack that hit both him and Elder Ascalor. The attack hit both of them completely, but it was only him that died immediately. He caught a glimpse of Elder Ascalor protecting himself, but he died before he could figure out what he did.

Adrian appeared in the Paradox Planes after a minute with an expression that could not be painted. He looked at Ascalor with great disappointment because that spell basically killed him in one shot. Even his defenses were ignored by that spell, but he had to accept that he lost.

"Was that spell even legal?" Adrian asked to make sure.

"Of course." Ascalor stated as he looked away.

"It felt like you did not control the output because I can see that there is blood dripping out of your nose, Elder Ascalor." Adrian stated as he pointed out the dripping blood from Elder Ascalor's nose.

"It only means that you have pushed me to my best. I am now ready to give the rating for your mastery." Elder Ascalor stated.

"Ok then. Please tell me." Adrian stated as he thought that he would get a high rating since he made Elder Ascalor go serious.

"Your rating would be 50% mastery." Elder Ascalor stated.

"50%? Are you sure it is not higher?" Adrian asked.

"Nope. Your rating is 50% and that is me being generous. It would have been more if you were able to escape and survive the Spatial Quake. I can see that you also have a powerful skill pertaining the space element since you can easily create and control black holes to a certain degree.

You would have been given more if you made the suction power of the black hole more powerful. Or you could have tagged your own body as the mass that needed to be inside the black hole. You failing to even make me get damaged by spatial magic is also a great minus to your rating.

You need more spells in the spatial department as I could easily destroy and detect your spatial mines. If you think that they did not detonate because of the space around here, then you are wrong. I have disabled them the moment I was able to detect them. It was a good try though as you were able to keep casting even if you were doing other things. Hence, the 50% rating that you received." Elder Ascalor stated.

"In short, I am still inadequate when it comes to using spatial magic. What do I need to do to increase it and when is my next evaluation test?" Adrian asked.

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"What you need is a better teacher." The voice that is familiar to Adrian stated as the latter turned back to see Elder Koronn.

"Are you telling me that I am not a great teacher to our most promising young Arch Demon!?" Elder Ascalor stated.

"You are the one that said it not me. I guess you can see where you are lacking." Elder Koronn stated.

"You are besmirching my name! You did not even teach the kid anything! He is lacking in Temporal Magic more than Spatial Magic!" Elder Ascalor stated.

"I might not be the one to teach him of ways that he can apply Temporal Magic but remember that he has survived the River of Time. This makes him more capable of handling Temporal Magic. Demons that bathe in the River of Time shall have more mastery over the fluidity of time itself." Elder Koronn stated.

"You are really mad and psychotic. No demon would even attempt that unless they are incredibly desperate. The Time Reapers would kill or rather erase any demon that does so. The reason why you are safe is because that is your second time, and the brat is safe because of my intervention along with Elder Bronx." Elder Ascalor stated.

"I do not know about you but let me prove that he has mastery over time more. Get ready, Equinox." Elder Koronn stated.

"Uhhh... do I not get a say on this? Like I just died earlier and now I have to fight another one of you." Adrian stated.

"It is cute that you think that you have a say. The tests of proficiency are sacred to the Daemos. We will not die as long it is implemented as if the very fragment of reality is protecting us. Of course, that only applies when there are tests like this. Other times we will die if we are really killed." Elder Koronn stated.

"I see. I thought I did not die because I was special in a sense." Adrian thought as he now knows that all Daemos have this privilege.

"Just make sure that you are not making the test soft on the kid just because you treat him like a grandson." Elder Ascalor stated.

"The rules of the evaluation are simple as well. The only spells and skills that you can use must be related to Temporal Magic. Other types of magic are not to be used as this would not be accurate should you use other magics. Begin!" Elder Koronn stated as he also transformed into his true battle form.

[All of your other skills will be sealed. Only spells and skills of the Temporal Element can be used.]

[Passive skills will not be locked.]

[Do your best against Elder Koronn.]

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Name: Koronn

Level: Cannot be seen

HP: Cannot be seen

MP: 100%

Race: Daemos

Species: Temporos (Arch Demon)

Title: Temporal Demon Master, Elder of the Daemos, Master of Time (expand for more)

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Adrian did not have a say on what or when the test will commence as Elder Koronn just started it immediately. Elder Ascalor vanished from his current location and appeared around a hundred meters away from them in order to observe. Adrian suddenly felt that time itself slowed around him which was an odd feeling because it was usually him that is doing that.

"As expected of Elder Koronn, he can even slow down demons using temporal magic that we are said to be immune to." Adrian thought as he cast Chrono Shift on himself to become faster.

Adrian managed to evade the next spells that are supposed to hit him such as a powerful blast of temporal energy that froze anyone in time once hit. Elder Koronn smiled as he saw what Adrian did which made Elder Ascalor raise his eyebrows. Adrian tried to use the tactic that he used on Elder Ascalor before and infused Paradox with temporal energy.

[You have created a new skill called Temporal Bomb.]

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Skill Name: Temporal Bomb

Skill Tier: Epic

Skill Type: Projectile with Area of Effect

Skill Effects:

Infuse your weapon or any throwable object with Temporal Energy that explodes upon contact and deals 100% of your magic damage and another 100% (dependent on the mana infused and can scale up to 300%) of your magic damage. Targets that are hit will have a 10% movement and reaction speed slow for 5 minutes. Targets hit can also be frozen in time with a small chance of 1%. Increases the chance to 5% if the enemy is already slowed.

Cast Time: 0 to 5 seconds.

Mana Cost: 1000 Mana Points to 5000 Mana Points

Cooldown: 1 minute

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"Nice!" Adrian stated as he fired Paradox towards Elder Koronn.

"Interesting." Elder Koronn stated as he immediately manipulated the time around him to slow down which also made Paradox slow down.

"Chrono Shift!" Adrian stated but he did not cast it onto Paradox.

Adrian casted the Chrono Shift unto himself and bolted towards Paradox. With a powerful kick propelled by accelerating time, Adrian managed to create a powerful burst of explosion that shattered Elder Koronn's time manipulation. Paradox shot towards Elder Koronn at such speed that he was directly hit by it.

An explosion that had the effects of gears and clocks flying about got in contact with Elder Koronn. Adrian smiled as he was able to damage the elder with his impromptu attack. Just as he was about to somewhat celebrate and follow up with an attack, time started to go crazy in the area where Elder Koronn was in. The explosion that happened started to reverse as time itself went backwards.

Elder Koronn was still hurt but the explosion that could have given Adrian some breathing room and affect the elder with partial blindness vanished or rather reverted back. Adrian recalled Paradox and the weapon immediately vanished and appeared next to him. He feared that Elder Koronn might freeze his weapon in time.

Thankfully, Paradox has the ability to return back to Adrian in a moment's notice. Elder Koronn clapped his hands as he was clearly impressed by Adrian's usage of Temporal Magic. He is proud that Adrian knows how to weave time and motion together by using cause and effect. Only a being with clear eyes could see that Adrian used both Chrono Shift and Chrono Lag when he kicked Paradox.

Adrian used Chrono Shift on himself in order to boost his motion. He then casted Chrono Lag on Paradox to slow it down while he kicked it with a layered Chrono Shift. This resulted in Paradox storing all the inertial energy onto it which is a stacked Chrono Shift. This made it possible to momentarily skip a moment in time which actually shocked Elder Koronn as it landed a hit on him.

Adrian knows of this due to his experimentation with Temporal Magic, but it is incredibly difficult to pull off in a battle with many variables. Since Elder Koronn can only use Temporal Magic like him, the elder cannot escape via space magic which means that he can only dodge using temporal magic. It is difficult in actual use, but Adrian can still apply it when given the opportunity as he does understand time more compared to space.

"The only downside is that temporal magic uses more mana compared to spatial magic." Adrian thought as he already lost half his mana with just that attack.

Adrian did not just apply only Chrono Lag and Chrono Shift, but he also actively manipulated time around Elder Koronn. He tried freezing the known Master of Time in time but the only thing he managed to accomplish is a diversion. It was a good diversion, but it cost him 40% of his total mana in return.

"Very good. Now this is your final test from me. If you managed to survive this spell, then I will gladly give you an 80% mastery over Temporal Magic." Elder Koronn stated as he suddenly burst out with energy.

"Better get some distance." Elder Ascalor whispered as he vanished further in about a kilometer or so from his original location.

"Bring it on!" Adrian shouted as he charged towards Elder Koronn knowing that the spell might have a longer cast time.

"Let Time be the ultimate ender!" Elder Koronn stated as a large hourglass suddenly appeared and started to crack.

Adrian rushed towards Elder Koronn as he knew that the spell might backfire on him if he hits him with an attack that is strong enough. What Adrian did not know is that he was too late as Elder Koronn already froze time. Adrian himself was frozen in time as well and looked like he was a statue standing still.

"Temporal Crash!" Elder Koronn stated as time itself exploded in the area.

A powerful explosion that shattered reality itself happened and deleted Adrian from the area. The only thing that Adrian managed to see is an explosion of temporal energy before turning into particles of light.

[You have died.]

[There is no penalty upon dying in an evaluation match with an elder of the Daemos.]

[You will be revived in one minute.]

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"What the heck was that?!" Adrian muttered upon reviving as he vanished without a trace when the powerful temporal spell hit him.

"You did better than I thought as you at least reacted to the spell, but you were far too late. I managed to freeze you in time when your concentration is at the very bottom. Remember that freezing time against the Daemos is possible if one does not have a clear grip or focus on reality." Elder Koronn stated.

"I thought something was strange earlier. You froze time to shorten the cast time of the spell. I also do that, but it takes incredible concentration to even pull off." Adrian stated.

"Still, you did better than I anticipated as I did not hold back at all. I fought you like I would any enemy attempting to take my life. For that, I shall give you an evaluation of 60% because of your use of temporal magic. Even if your control is not as good as mine, you were able to somewhat slow me in time." Elder Koronn stated.

"I guess so. You did tell me that I would pass if I managed to dodge that spell, but I did not." Adrian stated as he is a bit frustrated because he thought he might pass this time.

"This is where you two were." Elder Bronx suddenly stated as he also returned back to Avalon then went to Paradox Planes to look for the other elders.

"Oh! You are here, Bronx. Quickly and do a test on the brat as he asked the both of us to evaluate him on his control over the sub elements of Origin Magic." Elder Ascalor stated.

"It seems that the boy's mental state is already tired. He would need to rest in order to have a far better evaluation against me. We have to talk about something as I have received word from the others." Elder Bronx stated.

"It seems that you managed to delay this one, brat. Better get going before Bronx changes his mind." Elder Ascalor stated.

"Thanks, Elder Bronx. I shall be on my way for now." Adrian stated.

"Be sure to return here tomorrow at the same time for your evaluation." Elder Bronx stated before Adrian vanished.

"So, what is the important thing that you need to tell us." Elder Bronx stated.

"The world has expanded far too fast, and it is bigger than we can see. We would need to concede the rights of observation to the other races or get a representative from them. Unless the kid can find the Eye of Chaos which can bring back the souls of our fallen comrades into the reincarnation cycle, we will not be able to monitor the world as it is now." Elder Bronx stated.

"Even the kid cannot find such a valuable thing that we cannot find. Remember that we even contacted a Seer, and she said that a Demon chosen by the Twin Gods and has the blood of the ancestors will be the one to find the Eye of Chaos." Elder Koronn stated.

"Does that mean we need the power of all the other descendants? The overgrown lizards should also be able to help but they like sleeping more than monitoring the world. They always say that they are monitoring the world, but they usually just sleep for a hundred or so years which turns the world into pure mayhem." Elder Ascalor stated as there was a time where the Daemos stepped back due to the pressure of the dragons.

"I remember that time. The world was riddled with travelers and part of the world was destroyed completely. If I did not break the taboo and reversed time back, then part of the world would have been erased." Elder Koronn stated.

"That was the first time we lost you to the River of Time, but you managed to return on your own eventually." Elder Bronx stated.

"Your eventually is 123 years to be exact and I do not want to use that spell again. The Time Reapers will not take so kindly to me the next time." Elder Koronn stated.

"Elder Pann did tell me something as the boy was looking for the World Fusion Spell. He said that he will give it to him should he pass our evaluations. The Twin Gods said that they need to fuse the worlds of the other descendants into the main world to prepare for something." Elder Koronn added.

"What if we form the Council of Five once again?" Elder Ascalor stated.

"The Council of Five disbanded because the other descendants are no longer connected to the main world. Even the Jotunns do not have a clear portal to arrive here. They should be connected to the world first in order to create the council." Elder Bronx stated.

The discussion of the Daemos Elders continued as they assessed the options that they can do. Meanwhile, Adrian went to visit Saena as she is currently perched on the Tree of Life and Death. He messaged Levin Cloud on what he is doing but there was no reply. It seems that his best friend is also busy on the other end.

[A territory has been established where the Nephilim can propagate.]

"Oh! It seems that Ark and the others are successful in getting land, but the Nephilim Race has yet to be a playable race." Adrian muttered as he closed the notification window.

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The next day came, and Adrian returned to the Paradox Planes with the three Daemos Elders are waiting for him. He thought that it would only be Elder Bronx that would be here, but it seems the other two will observe. Adrian took a deep breath and prepared himself mentally as he spent the rest of the time yesterday healing his mind by playing with his soulbounds.

"The rules of the evaluation are simple as well. The only spells and skills that you can use must be related to Force Magic. Other types of magic are not to be used as this would not be accurate should you use other magics. Begin!" Elder Bronx stated as he also transformed into his true battle form.

[All of your other skills will be sealed. Only spells and skills of the Force Element can be used.]

[Passive skills will not be locked.]

[Do your best against Elder Bronx.]

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Name: Bronx

Level: Cannot be seen

HP: Cannot be seen

MP: 100%

Race: Daemos

Species: Forceos (Arch Demon)

Title: Demon Master of Destruction, Elder of the Daemos, Master of Force (expand for more)

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As soon as Elder Bronx said that the evaluation has begun, he immediately went hurtling towards Adrian with such powerful force. Even the wind itself was being cut just by hitting his large body. Adrian expanded his Potential Barrier in order to stop the kinetic energy of Elder Bronx, but it only slowed him down by 10%.

"Not bad!" Elder Bronx stated as he saw Adrian get some distance.

Adrian could only gulp as the hulking figure of Elder Bronx is indeed something to be scared of. He always thought that Elder Bronx' enemies would lose heart if they saw him charging towards him. He is now experiencing the dreadful feeling of Elder Bronx' enemies when they are against Force incarnated on a physical body.

"Seismic Clap!" Elder Bronx stated as he suddenly performed a powerful clap that expelled a burst of energy in a cone.

"Potential Barrier!" Adrian casted as he wants to dissipate the force as this absorbs some energy, but he was blown away. The power of the Seismic Clap was indeed great, but Adrian managed to recover by using his wings. He did not get knocked back as much but he can now see Elder Bronx rushing towards him like a raging bull.

"If you cannot beat them then you should use what they are also doing." Adrian stated as he infused his body with the same force that Elder Bronx was using and charged forward as well.

Elder Bronx charged towards Adrian in a veil of red force while Adrian is in veil of purple energy. Adrian made sure to also coat his wings in order to increase his flight speed even more. The two clashed and created a powerful shockwave that even destroyed some floating stone debris. Elder Bronx was pushed back by ten meters, but Adrian was sent flying towards a large asteroid.

Adrian crashed directly on the asteroid and lost a lot of health. He was losing focus as his vision is suddenly blurry. He clashed with Elder Bronx head on and is miraculously still alive. Even if that live is actually just barely alive.

"Wahaha!" Elder Bronx started to laugh.

"What is funny?" Adrian asked.

"You are actually the first demon to ever clash with me when using Force Magic. The others would avoid head on collision, but you did. You even survived direct contact by utilizing the barrier skills that I taught you. Indeed, I am now even more pumped up for this. Get ready, Equinox." Elder Bronx stated as he suddenly looked incredibly fascinated which made Adrian gulp.

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Adrian destroyed the asteroid using a powerful kinetic pulse as he was firmly imprinted on it. He already predicted that he would be at the losing end of the clash but did so anyways. This was an evaluation on how far his understanding of Force Magic is. He is not here to be victorious but to show everything that he has understood about Force Magic.

In fact, if there was an element that he has yet to fully understand in the magic system of Origin Magic then that would be force magic. He is not using this magic system much as he does not have the perfect body for it, but it does not mean he cannot use it. The perfect body for Force Magic is a body that can exert maximum force through muscles like the Diabolon.

"I think I broke every bone in my body." Adrian commented.

"I do not doubt that. Hitting that force of destruction is the same as running into a mountain." Elder Ascalor stated as he heard what Adrian said.

"Well, if he dies then all of it will be repaired anyway." Elder Koronn stated as he gave Adrian a thumbs up as if telling him that he is doing great.

"I have to be honest; I am surprised of your usage of the two barriers that I imparted to you. You might only know those two spells, but you have fully grasped their usage like a master. I am already seeing the things we can do to improve your mastery of Force Magic." Elder Bronx stated as he started to talk like the leader of the Daemos Corps and is training a young demon.

Adrian managed to soften the blow to his body because he applied Potential Barrier just before he hit Elder Bronx. Most of the kinetic energy was absorbed which led to him surviving the frontal hit from the famed Destroyer. If Adrian did not do so then his body might have become meat paste at this point in time. In fact, he is only a handful of beings that survived from a full power charge from Elder Bronx.

"This is an evaluation! The teaching can be done later." Elder Ascalor stated as he pulled something from a portal, and it seems to be a variation of a popcorn.

"Sorry about that. I guess I should also focus. Defend against this skill with all you have, and you will have a 70% mastery rating. I would give you a passing rating of what you need but you need more work." Elder Bronx stated.

"Megaton Slam!" Elder Bronx shouted as his entire body suddenly turned black as it was coated by a pure energy that is without an element.

Adrian knew this as the entire body of Elder Bronx is now coated with pure force. Getting hit by that is something that would not only hurt but it is just like being slammed by two buildings flying towards each other. His entire body would turn to dust and not just meat paste. Still, Adrian has no way left to run because he cannot use spatial magic to escape and evading without that is like a miracle.

In just a span of one second, Elder Bronx already charged to a distance of fifty meters. He was now halfway to Adrian and will reach in the next second. Adrian's body turned into fight or flight mode and also did the same as Elder Bronx. Adrian's body is also coated with pure force but his is not as concentrated as Elder Bronx. The energy that coated Adrian's body is gray in color as it is not as compact as what Elder Bronx is doing.

"There is no time to think! Just charge!" Adrian thought as he charged towards Elder Bronx.

Elder Bronx could be seen smiling as he was proud that Adrian wanted to clash once again. He is unlike the others that immediately only thought of running away when they saw this form of him. He expected Adrian to think of an ingenious way of fighting against him as he thought that he was the type to analyze his opponents. What Elder Bronx did not know is that Adrian is a crazed battle junkie if he gets in the zone.

Adrian might not want to admit it, but he actually enjoyed the clash with Elder Bronx as it made him get excited. His inner battle junkie kicked in, but he still controlled himself to not summon his armaments. He must respect the rules of the evaluation and just made the most straightforward decision to clash again. Even if he knows that he might lose, the exhilarating feeling of clashing with all their might is something that he wants to experience.

Adrian wants to see what the gap between him, and the elders is. This evaluation has proven to Adrian that the elders are not using all of their strength when battling on the outside. Just from the excessive power shockwaves from his battles, Adrian could already see dimensions ripping apart if the elders are not mindful. If they just want pure destruction, then the elders might erase an entire kingdom within a day.

Elder Bronx and Adrian were now at a hair's breadth with each other when the latter felt something wash over his body. The pure force that Adrian collected to coat his body suddenly vanished without a trace. He did not know what happened, but he knows who did it and he was now about to hit Adrian like a truck.

"Elder Bronx is such a dirty fighter." Elder Ascalor stated as he munched on his popcorn.

"He is basically planting fear on the boy. He might not trust him after that." Elder Koronn stated as he resumed time back again to see what the end result of the clash will be.

Adrian finally saw Elder Bronx in his pure force form and him in just his normal body without protective energy. Adrian muttered a curse word, but it was in gibberish since his brain basically malfunctioned due to what happened. Adrian tried to protect himself with whatever force he can muster but it was useless.

A powerful explosion happened when Elder Bronx and Adrian collided against one another. The only problem is that only one side was unscathed. The other side turned to literal dust as Adrian has become particles of light.

[You have died.]

[There is no penalty upon dying in an evaluation match with an elder of the Daemos.]

[You will be revived in one minute.]

"You really did not show mercy on the kid. You even used your ace in the hole." Elder Ascalor stated as he appeared next to Elder Bronx.

"Indeed, you even used Force Sapper which destroyed any force that coated the kid's body. Even if his own coating is not as refined as yours, it might have been enough to barely survive if he is lucky." Elder Koronn stated.

"I might have been a bit excessive, but I only did what is needed to make sure that the kid will be able to know the potential of the magic system that I am using. He needs to know how powerful and how decisive Force Magic can be. Not everything is about destruction as you could also destroy all of the momentum that your opponent has." Elder Bronx stated.

"I felt like an entire planet suddenly rammed into me." Adrian stated as he revived after one minute.

Adrian was not faking it when he felt a planet rammed into him. He did feel such a heavy force in the initial impact and all of his nerves exploded from the explosive impact. He shuddered that he was even able to recall that feeling as that is not something he wants to experience once again as he remembered that the pain is dulled by a large degree in the game.

"You did better than those that have trained with me for at least a decade." Elder Bronx stated as he praised Adrian even though he destroyed his ego completely with the earlier battle.

"I suddenly felt even more pitiful for some reason after hearing you say that." Adrian stated.

"You actually did better brat. Most Daemos would escape and get hit in the back before experiencing great pain for at least a month." Elder Ascalor stated.

"Why do I feel that you are speaking from experience? Anyways, what is my rating? I hope it is at least not a low margin. Also, what was that feeling earlier that washed away every force in my body. It felt like I suddenly passed through a rushing wave which dispelled all my energy." Adrian stated which made Elder Bronx raise his eyebrow.

"To think that you felt that. I think it is not a coincidence that you can utilize your two barriers to their full potential. With you saying that made me revise the rating that I decided earlier. Your new rating would be 55% as you only lack higher tier application but that will be easy for you since you are very perceptive." Elder Bronx stated.

Chapter 1925 How to Increase Mastery

"Thank you. Can you please tell me on how I can increase that?" Adrian asked as he knows that Force Magic is something he needs to practice more.

"If you can defend against my attack earlier then you will pass. In order to increase your mastery, you would need more training in using force in your attacks and even your defenses. You are

perceptive so that would be easier for you. I think you can master it if you focus for at least six months." Elder Bronx stated as he did not sugar coat anything.

Elder Bronx noticed that Adrian was incredibly sensitive to the movement of energy. If he can actually feel the force moving and even manipulate it, then he believes that Adrian can become the most powerful user of Origin Magic. The three Daemos elders chose the path that they will be masters of, but Adrian is talented in all three applications of the subset magic in Origin Magic.

"Thank you once again. I guess it is now time for me to challenge Old Man Pann in the realm of Origin Magic." Adrian stated.

"Maybe you should internalize our teachings for at least a week before you go against him. Elder Pann is not someone that holds back really well and he is also not that combat ready for now. He is still recovering from his injuries that occurred in the War of the Gods. Also, a Noblesse is a different realm compared to us Arch Demons." Elder Ascalor stated.

"Ascalor is right. Elder Pann is someone that even the three of us will not be able to defeat if he is serious. You will need to prepare if you want a higher evaluation from him. He does not show mercy in grading as he is hailed as the Demon that 'Makes Even Other Demons Cry'. He not only hurts you physically but also verbally that you would want to hole up in a pocket dimension for a few days." Elder Koronn stated as he looked dead inside when he was saying it.

"I am still traumatized about that incident. The only one that did not cry is Bronx, but he was out of it for a week and was incredibly clumsy." Elder Ascalor stated as he also joined Elder Koronn in remembering harsh memories.

"I have already erased that memory in my head using a potion that Jianna concocted. So, if you want to forget your bad experience, Jianna's potions work like a charm." Elder Bronx stated as he gave a reassuring thumbs up to Adrian but all it did was make him even more nervous.

"If Old Man Pann can terrorize the three elders, then he is much more spartan than Elder Bronx. No wonder only the cute younger generation of demons talk to him with a smile. The others would often avoid even getting near his farm. Maybe... they were all traumatized when they fought him." Adrian stated as he went to the guild house to train.

Unlike the evaluation from the other elders, Old Man Pann's evaluation is for Origin Magic. Adrian can now use all three magics in battle without being restricted. He cannot use summoning magic but now he can combine spells from the spatial, temporal, and the force category. He believed that his evaluation might be high as he can seamlessly use all of them when it comes to combat.

Adrian made sure to internalize everything that the three elders taught him during their first exchange. He made sure to emphasize the training that Elder Bronx has told him. He was told that his weapon is his incredible perception ability which could detect magics that are unusual to him.

Adrian does not have a skill to increase his perception, but it is actually tied to his bloodline. The Asmodian are incredibly perceptive to any forms of energy because they were born from energy itself. Energy can recognize energy due to their origin all being the same. He needed to be more in control of his perception if he is to battle Old Man Pann.

Adrian believed that he would fare well as Old Man Pann will not use his monsters against him. The reason why demigods would never dare to infiltrate Avalon is due to Old Man Pann. The old

man might be cranky at times, but he was the greatest deterrent to any force that would like to conquer Avalon.

Old Man Pann is a powerful being that commands beasts that can rival demigods. He is incredible when it comes to taking care of beasts that they would even bow down to him when they see him. He was incredibly in tune with nature as well which makes him formidable in using Origin Magic.

Unlike the three Daemos Elders, Old Man Pann has such refined use of Origin Magic that Adrian cannot easily decipher it. Adrian believed that his perception is the thing that might give him an edge against Old Man Pann. He believed that he would make sure that he is always alert when it came to his evaluation.

"I can do this." Adrian told himself as he had a deep breath and trained his perception for five days.

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The day of the evaluation has finally arrived for Old Man Pann. He was still the usual and making sure that his farm is in good condition. He even made sure that there is another Daemos that will look after the players working. The lucky Daemos for that situation was none other than Elder Ascalor as he was still in his 'recuperating' phase.

"It seems that you have really become very courageous and even trained judging from the air that I can feel from you. But I believe that practice is not yet enough as only real battle can temper that power." Old Man Pann stated.

"I know but I will still try my best in order not to disappoint you." Adrian stated.

"The rules of the evaluation are simple as well. The only spells and skills that you can use must be related to Origin Magic. Other types of magic are not to be used as this would not be accurate should you use other magics. Begin!" Old Man Pann stated but he did not transform into his true form.

[All of your other skills will be sealed. Only spells and skills of Origin Magic can be used.]

[Passive skills will not be locked.]

[Do your best against Elder Bronx.]

"Are you not going to be my opponent?" Adrian asked as Old Man Pann was not even transforming.

"I will not be your opponent for this test. It will be none other than Bessie." Old Man Pann stated as a large Cosmic Cetacea suddenly manifested behind him.

"What?!" Adrian shouted as he was like an ant when it came to size differences.

"This is actually a great chance for you to fight against a beast that uses Origin Magic on instinct. The Cosmic Cetacea would swim through galaxies until they die. They are the only magic beast capable of easily transcending universes. They also have incredibly tough hides that are almost impervious to all magics.

I am not that cruel though as the test will be much different than those barbaric young lots. Your test would be to survive for five minutes while Bessie here chases you. Remember that Bessie's favorite snack is Origin Energy which usually come from dead planets, but he would not think twice of chomping on you." Old Man Pann stated.

[A new way of evaluation has been introduced.]

[Survive for Five Minutes against Bessie, the Cosmic Cetacea.]

[The timer starts now.]

Just like the previous evaluations, Adrian and Bessie are now playing tag in the Paradox Planes. Before Adrian could mentally prepare himself, Bessie immediately swam towards Adrian with its large mouth open as if he was the tastiest morsel ever. Adrian felt danger as soon as he saw that large gapping mouth and teleported away as he only needs to survive for five minutes.

"I can just avoid fighting Bessie who is built like a tank and the evaluation will be finished." Adrian thought but he saw what Bessie was capable of.

The Cosmic Cetacea suddenly made a diving motion and vanished from the area. Adrian is shocked as Bessie did look like a whale but what whale that swims in the air just vanishes into thin air. Just as he was wondering what to do, Adrian's perception suddenly kicked in as he felt space itself contorting.

"Enhanced Blink!" Adrian thought and vanished from his location.

Adrian appeared twenty meters away and then saw a large whale's mouth manifesting from nothing. Bessie would then bite out loudly in the area Adrian was before which made the latter gulp. Adrian could not believe that a powerful beast could have chewed him up without him realizing if he did not train his perception. Adrian suddenly felt why it was Bessie hunting him because the Cosmic Cetacea are beasts that transcend both time and space.

Chapter 1926 Am I Jonah Again?

Old Man Pann is impressed that Adrian's dimensional sense seem to be more perceptive than others. Even other Arch Demons will have difficulty in sensing the movement of Cosmic Cetacea in different dimensions. The movement of Bessie, the Cosmic Cetacea, is not just vanishing and appearing in different places.

One would think that the Cosmic Cetacea perceive space like the Daemos but that is not true. The bodies of the Cosmic Cetacea would dive into other dimensions that are in a different layer than the real one. This gives the illusion that they vanish to those that only use their sight. For a perceptive Daemos, they can feel that something is moving within the dimensions.

Just now, Bessie moved through five different dimensions and appeared in the area where Adrian is. This is how the Cosmic Cetacea hunts for their prey as even they have monsters that are for their diet. They would often feed on the energy of dead planets if they cannot find their prey after all. They are born hunters in the wide universe and different dimensions.

If the Cosmic Cetacea was a monster that eats humans, then their species might have dominated the universe already. Another point is that the Cosmic Cetacea are incredibly durable, but they are incredibly sensitive to pain. If they feel even just a slight prick in their bodies, then they would flee immediately to other dimensions.

"That was close." Adrian thought to himself as he does not know much about the Cosmic Cetacea.

Not only does he have no idea what Bessie can do but he also does not know any weaknesses. Adrian rarely sees Bessie as it would often float around in space according to Old Man Pann. Bessie

only comes down when Old Man Pann calls upon it which is why he barely knows anything about it. All he knows is that Bessie can transport them via eating them, but this time is different.

"If I get eaten then I will die." Adrian thought as he once again used enhanced blink to escape.

Bessie would dive into nothingness and appear just below Adrian. He almost got eaten on the next instance of Bessie resurfacing as he barely sensed her. Adrian no longer has any blinks to use which means he would need to use other ways. By the fourth time, Adrian had to use time magic in order to make himself faster.

"How long did I last already?" Adrian thought as he quickly looked at the timer.

[Remaining Time: 4 minutes 10 seconds.]

"What?!" I barely lasted a minute!" Adrian muttered but he had no time to literally stay still.

With his wings and body coated in increased time magic, Adrian flew far enough in just a few seconds. He managed to evade once more but Bessie seems to have given up on chasing him. Bessie emitted a powerful cry that reverberated in the entire Paradox Planes.

[All of the surrounding space has suddenly been seized by the Cosmic Cetacea as it has used its Spatial Disruption Call.]

"I can just rip the dimension if anything. I have the Rift Manipulator passive." Adrian thought as he knows that he will be able to somewhat bypass the locked dimension.

[Bessi is now using Black Hole Feeding.]

Adrian saw the notification and thought what it is, but he easily found out. Bessie started to create a literal black hole on its opened mouth and started to suck on all the living beings in the area. It seems that Bessie has perfect control over the black hole since she does not attract the large asteroids in the Paradox Planes. All she sucks in together with air are small pebbles and Adrian.

Adrian used his wings to the utmost, but he could feel the power of the suction. He now knows what it feels like to be on the other end of a black hole. It is usually him that is sending other people inside a black hole that he has created. His wings are starting to ache just because he was flying away for dear life.

"This cannot be. I must attack her. I need to at least stop her from continuing her skill." Adrian thought as he created space mines around Bessie.

All of the space mines were shattered without even activating as the black hole inside of Bessie's mouth would devour them. Space itself was getting shredded by Bessie which now made Adrian fear for his life. Adrian applied both force and time magic on his body just to make sure that he will not get caught but it is draining his mana quickly. In just a span of five seconds, Adrian's mana dropped to 20% just from protecting himself.

"Paradox! Counter a black hole with another black hole!" Adrian stated as he infused his Vortex Spell unto Paradox and sent it straight towards Bessie's mouth.

Paradox sped through the air as it is also being sucked by the black hole created by Bessie. Just as Paradox was about to be sucked inside the black hole, the ego weapon exploded into a black hole that is the same size that Bessie has created. The two black holes started interfering with each other

as Adrian is relieved since the stress on his wings lessened. The suction power of Bessie's black hole was decreased.

"Now I need to fly away! Adrian thought as he suddenly turned around only to be surprised by a large gaping mouth of a Cosmic Cetacea.

[You cannot use Enhanced Blink at the moment due to the spatial instability.]

"Crap! I am going to be Jonah again." Adrian uttered as his last sight was pure black.

[You have been eaten by Bessie, the Cosmic Cetacea.]

[Your Origin Magic Evaluation has ended in failure.]

[Time remaining: 3 minutes and 30 seconds]

"Owooooh!" Bessie cried as she was victorious.

"Good girl. It seems that the young brat still needs more work to be done. You can now release him from your mouth." Old Man Pann's voice could be heard from the outside.

"Owwuuhh!" Bessie cried as she slowly opened her mouth.

"So, how is it experiencing your inadequacies in Origin Magic?" Old Man Pann stated.

"It smells like old fish with a hint of basil apparently." Adrian commented as he was now filled with Cosmic Cetacea slobber.

"You are lucky that Bessie did not swallow you as she said that you are not to her taste." Old Man Pann stated.

"Thanks... I guess." Adrian replied as he felt a bit downtrodden due to his string of failures.

"I thought that I would fare better since I can use all three magic systems of Origin Magic, but it was not that close. I only lasted a minute and thirty seconds." Adrian muttered.

"Thank you, Bessie. You may return now." Old Man Pann stated.

"Wooh!" Bessie cried before dipping into nothingness again and vanishing.

"No need to be so gloom, brat. You did far better than I imagined as you have yet to even master Origin Magic. Your evaluation is about 30% mastery over Origin Magic. You can use it, but you use it by parts and not combined which is why it is low. It might have been lower if your dimensional perception was not sharp enough. I have observed that you can sense Bessie as even the other elders will have difficulty on that except for Ascalor since that brat is a master of space." Old Man Pann stated.

"Still, I expected a mastery of at least 40% since I somewhat did well on the other magic systems. You said that I scored low because I only used them separately but there are reasons why we have separate magic systems in Origin Magic. Temporal Magic is already volatile on its own and the same is true for both Spatial Magic and Force Magic." Adrian replied.

"Volatile if handled incorrectly. Remember that we are Daemos, brat. Our very existence itself is volatile due to being crafted from a remnant of the Void dimension itself. If one can fuse time, space, and force magic then that would be us." Old Man Pann stated.

"It is quite difficult to believe you when I have yet to see a spell that uses all three of them." Adrian commented.

"It seems that you do not believe me. Look closely then." Old Man Pann stated as he suddenly changed into his combat form.

Old Man Pann suddenly made time shudder as he condensed temporal magic onto his left hand while he also condensed spatial magic on his right hand. Temporal Magic looked like a light pink color while Spatial Magic looked like a deep purple. As soon as he fused the two energies together, a powerful wave of energy was released but the two energies were not perfectly fusing.

"Watch closely now." Old Man Pann stated as he now uses force magic to pressure the two energies into fusing and they did. A powerful orb of condensed Origin Magic energy is now in front of Adrian's very eyes.

Chapter 1927 Origin Pulse

Adrian thought that the volatile magic that Old Man Pann handled would explode due to the incredible energy that it held but it managed to stay in shape. The combined energy took the form of a sphere, and the energy color was a mixture of red, purple, and light cream on the outside. All magic elements of Origin Magic fused together to make the spell.

"This is true Origin Magic." Old Man Pann stated as he released the energy in a straight line which created a powerful pulse of energy that destroyed even time and space on its path.

The path where the pulse of energy was released looked like it was erased from existence. Even the flying debris that were there are turned to fine dust that no one can see. The aftermath of the skill was so powerful that the dimension had to fix itself in order to not get destroyed. This was the true power of Origin Magic as it is a magic that transcends time, space, and force.

"When you can recreate that attack, I will give you a passing grade along with dodging Bessie for five minutes." Old Man Pann stated while Adrian was still caught up on the process that the Noblesse did.

Adrian was able to see it clearly as the old man just made sure to have the energies get combined to a point where they are stable. The temporal energy should not be stronger than the spatial energy as they will not combine if one overpowers the other. Force magic is also needed to fuse the two energies together which results in three magical energies combining.

"It might be possible for me in theory, but I might die if I even attempt it right now. The logical way of attempting it is to get the other requirement that you have given me which is getting the Spell Harmony Passive skill. That skill would be the first step in me attempting to fuse volatile energies together." Adrian stated.

"Correct. You will need such passive skill if you ever want to fuse volatile energies together. I managed to get mine with a skill book that I have encountered by luck in a dungeon. But some say that you can acquire it normally by doing some sort of training. You can ask your Scribe Master Aernas for that one as he is the most knowledgeable one in the Daemos." Old Man Pann stated.

"I see. Thank you for your patience even though I am lacking. What was the name of the spell that you used?" Adrian stated as he made sure to convey his gratitude to Old Man Pann since he took the time to show him what true Origin Magic is.

"The name of the skill is Origin Pulse which was created by our Asmodian Ancestor. They were really the ones that can easily use Origin Magic like they are just simple spells. Always, make sure to train and get ready to be evaluated again in three months. You need to come to me by that time or else I will let Bessie fetch you from whatever world you are." Old Man Pann stated.

Adrian thanked Old Man Pann before immediately visiting the Merchant Guild to visit Piggy Bank. His merchant friend could be seen becoming bulkier than before which meant that his bank account is incredibly large. Merchants are not a combat-based profession, but they have bulky defenses depending on the amount of wealth that they have.

"It seems that business must be booming on your side, Piggy Bank." Adrian stated with a smile as this merchant is one of his friends in the game.

He is also one of the merchants that Adrian trusts as he is trustworthy in his eyes. In fact, the entire Pantheon Guild would interact with Piggy Bank to sell their items. The rare and exotic items that the Pantheon Guild gets are sold through him and he always gives them the correct amount of profit. This is a rare thing in the game as merchant players are known to be very scummy.

"To think that you would visit me directly, I am flattered. I am actually thankful to you that I became the leader of this branch in Avalon which expands my horizons. I even have other merchant players under me now and it is all thanks to you." Piggy Bank stated.

"You should not discredit your own self worth as you would not have reached your current state if not for your own dedication and hard work. Your work ethic is also the reason why players in this territory always sell items to you. The trust that you have built, and good work ethic is what made you the merchant you are today." Adrian replied as he knows how hard-working Piggy Bank really is.

"Still, if you did not encounter me then I might have just been a merchant player selling miscellaneous drops to other NPCs. Anyways, I know that you are here on business. Please tell me what you need, and I will make sure to get it." Piggy Bank stated with a gleeful short laugh.

"I need any data on the Spell Harmony Passive skill scroll or even just a book that details on how to get it. I will make sure to pay you for the trouble." Adrian stated.

"Oh! You are not the only one that is looking for such skill book since your other guild member called Peridot also asked me for it. I was able to give her one, but the rarity is high." Piggy Bank stated.

"Really! Then can you look on for one more?" Adrian asked in a shocked tone since he never thought that it actually exists in skill book form.

"I was able to get one for her as it was only a Rare Tier skill book, but it is not a consumable item. It is an actual item that gives detailed instructions just like you said. It is a literal book that teaches you on how to obtain the spell. I think we might have one here. Let me check for a bit." Piggy Bank stated as he left to check their inventory.

Adrian waited anxiously and was immediately happy when he saw Piggy Bank return with a small scroll. The scroll was old in texture, but it seems to be stable enough to not rot that quick. All the writings in the scroll were still visible and Adrian could read it legibly.

"Luckily, there is still one more left as we actually planned to auction it off. You can have this one as it would not be much of a loss on our end even if you get it." Piggy Bank stated.

"Thanks. How much is it?" Adrian asked as he was ready to pay for it.

"Actually, you can have it without paying for it. There is actually something more that I need than money right now." Piggy Bank stated.

"Oh?! Something that a merchant needs other than money. That is something that I thought would never hear." Adrian stated.

"Actually, I was hoping that you will accompany me on a quest. I was actually given a quest by a god, and I need someone's help. I can only bring one person to accompany me, and I thought that it could be you. I have been waiting for a chance to talk to you about it, but I was too shy to say something." Piggy Bank stated.

"A quest given by a god seems troublesome." Adrian commented which made Piggy Bank suddenly deflate as if his body was becoming thinner.

"Still, you have helped countless times regarding item selling and you are also a great merchant that handles much of my territory's trades. I will help you in that quest of yours as it seems to be a great opportunity for you. It is not often that players can get quests from gods after all. How did you get it if I may ask?" Adrian stated as he looked at Piggy Bank with anticipation since he wants to know how he triggered it.

"I do not know how I managed to unlock it, but I just suddenly heard the voice of a god when I prayed in the Church of the Twin Gods located here. I usually pray everyday and give donations of 10 gold every day after my praying session. The buffs that you get from praying and donating are incredibly good since it minimizes fatigue to a great degree that even stamina potions cannot compete." Piggy Bank stated.

He always donates and prays at the church and if he does not or cannot go then he sends it via a messenger. Even if the donation is sent via a messenger, the blessing will still be given as long as he prays, and the donation is given. Still, Adrian does not believe that this is something that one gets simply by doing what Piggy Bank did. Adrian believes that there must have been a more plausible explanation.

Chapter 1928 Unknown God of Merchants

"I do not know more about it, but I did get something called a Stigma, but it does not have any effect other than increasing my luck and giving me a 5% increase in money when I make a sale." Piggy Bank stated as he showed the Stigma on his palm which is like a golden tattoo with intricate lines and a money chest as the main symbol.

"This is!" Adrian is shocked upon seeing the Stigma since this is something similar to what he got.

"Do you know what it is?" Piggy Bank asked.

"It is a Helper. They are basically something akin to gods that lost their divinity and are in need of help from mortals. You are already getting a buff, but it seems that your own helper has yet to awaken. Does the mission say something about awakening your helper?" Adrian asked.

"The mission is not really clear, but it does say awaken something. I can share it to you but that would mean that you will be my partner in this mission. The rewards for clearing for you would be an additional level. Will you help me?" Piggy Bank stated.

"Sure. I guess I can help you since you have done much for me and my guild." Adrian replied.

"Thanks a lot! No taking back." Piggy Bank stated as he designated Adrian as his partner for the mission.

[You and Piggy Bank have been added to a party called Money Lovers.]

[Piggy Bank has shared his quest with you.]

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Quest Name: Find the Clues on the Unknown God of Merchants

Quest Difficulty: C

Quest Description: You have been given the great quest in unlocking the mystery of the forgotten and banished God of Merchants. Find a way to awaken the Stigma that has been given to you by an unknown goddess that wishes for the God of Merchant's return.

Clear Condition: Awaken the Stigma by looking for the rarest Ore of Merchantry hidden in the depths of the Dungeon of Storm Chasm

Clear Reward: Awaken your Stigma

Failure Condition: Unable to awaken the stigma due to dying once in the dungeon of Storm Chasm

Failure: Displeasure of the Unknown Goddess

Duration: None or until the Unknown Goddess finds another worthy being to hold the Stigma

Restriction: Only the Merchant that has the Stigma can get this quest and can only be shared to one person.

Note: The partner of the Merchant for this quest will be awarded with One Level per quest clear and an additional Luck point in their stat. This is a chain quest.

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"I see. Storm Chasm is located west of the Central Continent which should be easy to go but the world has expanded so much. My previous coordinates will not match which is why I would need to check first. Also, I need to visit my Scribe Master to ask him about the Spell Harmony scroll details as I am not completely sure of what it says." Adrian stated.

"That is fine for me as well. I will need to prepare for the trip as well. We shall meet after three hours. Will that suffice?" Piggy Bank stated.

"That is enough. See you here in three hours." Adrian stated as he vanished from his location.

Just as Adrian told Piggy Bank, he went to the Daemos Observation deck to see the new coordinates of the Storm Chasm. He managed to see tired looking demons with large eyebags which he did not know could happen to demons. Some are even drinking either coffee or hot chocolate just to make sure that their energy is up.

"Do not mind me as I am just here to look up coordinates." Adrian stated as he immediately looked for Storm Chasm and memorized the new coordinates.

Adrian could see that the demons have already made a detailed map of the world despite it becoming bigger. Still, the only continent that is fully mapped would be the Central Continent. The Western Continent is only half done which is the same as the Eastern Continent. The Northern Continent only has a small portion that is near the Central Continent as mapped. The Southern part of the world is blank due to being difficult to map.

"Master Aernas! It seems that you are here as well. I need to ask you about something." Adrian stated as he saw Aernas drinking tea with a calm expression as if it was his break time.

"It is so embarrassing that an Arch Demon like you is calling me master despite just being a Greater Demon." Aernas stated.

"It is respect for you since you are a great teacher to me. Also, I believe that you can conquer your inner demon as well since you are also very skilled." Adrian stated as he knew that the Daemos that are Greater Demons for a long time could become Arch Demons if they have enough time and effort.

The reason why some powerful greater demons have yet to become Arch Demons is due to the fact that they are a bit lazy. They do not want an increase in responsibility which is why they stay as Greater Demons. This also made their inner demons stronger which now made some almost unable to get past that hurdle.

"Thank you, Equinox. So, what are you going to ask me about?" Aernas stated as Adrian handed the scroll and pointed out the words that he found difficult to translate.

Luckily for Adrian, Aernas is easily the best scribe in the world that is not a god. He was able to give Adrian the needed information that he desires. Adrian also discussed the things written in the scroll as some are a bit difficult to implement for the Daemos compared to other beings. Adrian used up two hours just talking about the skill book.

"I guess I should prepare as well. Thank you for your time." Adrian stated as he bowed to Aernas before setting off in the guild house to prepare for the dungeon dive with Piggy Bank.

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"You returned! I thought you left me already." Piggy Bank stated as he was already fidgeting from nervousness.

"Of course! I made a promise, and I will keep it. Also, the dungeon that we are going to is not even that high level for me. It is only at the level 250 range which will make this a walk in the park. I also think that you should take this chance to level up as well since merchant level is different from player level, right?" Adrian stated.

"Yeah. My Merchant Level is currently at ninety-nine while my player level is 249. I am only able to get to merchant level 100 if I level up. It is very difficult getting players to help me level up due to merchants not having many skills and spell." Piggy Bank stated.

"Well, I will make sure to protect you. This is your time to shine in a dungeon and wreak havoc as much as you can. I will not be participating in the fight much other than defending you. There might

come a time in the quest that you would need to fight by yourself which is why you must train." Adrian stated as he looked at Piggy Bank with a smile of trainer.

"Thanks!" Piggy Bank stated as he thought that this would be ideal but did not know the torture that would happen to him in the following days.

"Let us go to the dungeon then." Adrian stated as he utilized his Rift Manipulator skill and created a direct route towards the dungeon of Storm Chasm.

The two of them stepped inside the rift and vanished from Avalon. They arrived at a place where there is a valley and numerous cliffs. The sky above is dark and the frequent lightning strikes could be seen hitting the ground in an unpredictable manner. The dark skies are covering the sun which makes the lightning the only thing illuminating the valley.

"As expected of the Demon! We arrived so easily. I guess this is the reason why all of the players are going crazy for the Teleportation Scrolls. The world has become so big that simple travel by foot cannot make you reach the destination." Piggy Bank stated as he did tell the truth of teleportation scrolls selling like hotcakes.

"I guess Elder Ascalor's good mood is due to the fact that he is now swimming in money." Adrian muttered as he did see that the cranky elder is happier now.

"Let us get inside before my adrenaline dissipates." Piggy Bank stated as he put on a brave front which is not as believable due to his large body unique to merchants.

"Let us go then. This should be easier and a test to you as this trial is specifically for you after all." Adrian stated as he and Piggy Bank entered the dungeon while a female goddess clothed in clothes made of golden wheat could be seen looking at them or rather at the merchant intently.

Chapter 1929 How Merchants Fight

"Money Punch!" Piggy Bank shouted as he shattered a Storm Guard.

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Monster Name: Storm Guard

Monster Tier: Rare

Monster Type: Golem

Monster Level: 250

HP: 100%

MP: None

Description: A golem that has been naturally created by the dungeon by harnessing the power of lightning from the outside. It was not created with an intended purpose hence it is just wandering aimlessly inside the Storm Chasm. It cannot use any spells but getting touched by the Storm Guard will send an electric shock coursing through one's body.

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Piggy Bank was able to easily defeat the monster thanks to his powerful skill called Money Punch. It is one of the select few skills that a merchant can use when in battle. Just because they are players that focuses more on money does not mean that they cannot defend themselves.

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Skill Name: Money Punch

Skill Tier: Rare

Skill Type: Punch

Effects:

Deals 100% of the user's physical damage and additional 100% damage per 10, 000 gold on the user's bank account. This can be charged up for an additional 2000% damage for ten seconds. This can be cast at full power by sacrificing 1000 gold coins.

Cast Time: Instant to 10 seconds

Mana Cost: 100 Mana Points

Cooldown: 1 minute

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This skill is a powerful hit skill that can actually knock down any other low health target. If charged to full or if they pay the compensation, the merchant players can dish out powerful attacks that can kill. Piggy Bank is enjoying defeating the monsters as he could see his experience rising while being protected by Adrian's soulbounds.

Adrian made sure to summon Wisteria to aid Piggy Bank as his other soulbounds would utterly destroy low level opponents. Even if the experience points that he gains is not large, he makes do by practicing his origin magic. Adrian is using space, time, and even force magic to buff and protect Piggy Bank as well.

Adrian just summoned Wisteria for assurance should anything unexpected happens. He also has Sirius lurking beneath Piggy Bank's shadow to save him just in case something happens that he does not see. The Storm Chasm is popular for mages as it has the rare Storm Guard monster that is a natural created golem.

The created golem is a subject for research for all magic related players as they also want to know how they came to be. This is popular research due to the fact that creation of golems like them without much preparation is a skill that all wants to have. In fact, there is a popular player that has the hidden job class of Golem Mage which lets a mage summon any golem from the area they are in.

"Just make sure to pace yourself as we move deeper in the dungeon. I will protect you along with my soulbounds but that does not mean that you should let your guard down. We do not know what will happen at the end of this dungeon since they are unpredictable after all." Adrian stated as he is worried that something unexpected might happen.

"Yes. I was just enjoying myself since there are not a lot of times where I can freely defeat monsters like this. The previous players that I would hire would usually just let me be in the party while they

slay the monsters. I usually just supply them with potions in order to make sure that they do not die while leveling me up." Piggy Bank stated.

"If that was the case then you should have told them that you wanted to fight to. I am sure that you also have your warrior class skills before your job class was converted to merchant. You are using those golden knuckles like a real warrior." Adrian stated as he could clearly see that Piggy Bank knows how to pull his weight in terms of a fight.

"Well, I have already gotten a lot of wealth and pulled my family up from poverty thanks to the opportunity that came. I just thought that I should not be too greedy or else it might be taken away just as fast as I got them." Piggy Bank stated as he felt that luck poured onto him greatly, but he is also just as afraid of it running out.

"Luck may have been a part of your success, but you must never discount the fact that you achieved it with your determination as well. You might have entered this game to become rich, but I think deep down you also want to go on adventures just like any ordinary player." Adrian stated which made Piggy Bank teary eyed, but the latter held it in.

"Thanks a lot, Guild Master Equinox. You really are built to be a leader with the way you can handle speeches." Piggy Bank stated as he smiled.

"Okay then. Enough praises and worries as there are now ten Storm Guards here with us in this floor." Adrian stated as he pointed out that a lot of enemies spawned.

The continuous fight of Piggy Bank with Adrian's continued as they defeated the Storm Guards with ease. Well, only Adrian had it with ease because Piggy Bank was almost dead tired after defeating them. Adrian would only use space magic to teleport Piggy Bank out of the way or time magic to slow the enemies down. If a hit would occur, Adrian would cover Piggy Bank with a shell of force to negate the impact.

Adrian was fighting while making sure that he is reading the Spell Harmony skill book. He is obeying the instructions of the skill book or scroll. He needs to have the finesse in manipulating the elements to the point that he would get the intended effect just by imagining it. This created the situation where he is now the one actively supporting Piggy Bank in the dungeon instead of Wisteria.

"It also says here that I should be able to summon the element of my choosing while casting other elements. Basically, dual casting them, which is incredibly difficult since time, space, or even force is volatile." Adrian thought as he continued to practice.

Adrian would create a sphere of temporal magic on his left hand while he uses his right hand to direct spatial magic that protects Piggy Bank. If he uses temporal magic to help Piggy Bank, then he would use spatial magic to create a sphere. This is the training that he thought of when presented with a way to unlock the skill. Even though, the sphere of temporal or spatial magic is not stable and would pop which created a ripple in time or a small crack in space.

"I need to be able to use both without one getting destroyed. It is the key in using Origin Magic after all." Adrian thought as he practiced well while protecting Piggy Bank.

The two of them were in the dungeon for two hours now but the end was still not in sight. Adrian had read about the Storm Chasm as an easy dungeon, but he could tell that it has changed. If this

was an easy dungeon then he would not have saved Piggy Bank ten times from attacks. The Storm Guards that are hunks of rocks connected together by lightning should not be that coordinated.

"They are moving as if something is controlling them. Do not tell me that the dungeon changed because of the quest. Maybe I am just overthinking it, but I have felt a very uncomfortable stare the moment we entered this dungeon." Adrian thought.

"Can we rest for a bit before moving to a lower level? I am already too tired to move my body as my stamina is almost depleted." Piggy Bank stated as he defeated fifteen Storm Guards with Adrian's support.

"Wisteria, carry him while we descend to the next level. I am having this feeling that we should conquer this dungeon as fast as we can. Here chew on this energy bar that Levin Cloud created from his apothecary training." Adrian stated as he gave Piggy Bank a snack to recover his stamina.

"I think I now know why all of the Pantheon Guild members looked at me with worry when I said that their guild leader will help me. He has such spartan training methods." Piggy Bank thought as he chewed on the energy bar even if he did not have much energy to chew.

Meanwhile, outside the dungeon of Storm Chasm...

"Huh?! Why is it locked down? I traveled all the way here to see and observe those golems, but the dungeon is not allowing anyone to enter. Also, why is there a dense shrubbery closing the door?" A mage player grumbled as he was studying the art of golem creation.

"Maybe, the dungeon is bugged which is why it is closed, and we cannot enter. Let us just hunt on the other dungeons here." The party member of the mage player stated.

"I guess so as the dungeon would open but I will still send a support ticket." The mage player stated as they left for another dungeon.

Chapter 1930 Storm Chasm

Adrian and Piggy Bank were moving at a great speed down the Storm Chasm. This was a dungeon with ten floors which meant that a lot of fighting was involved. It is not filled with monsters but is incredibly spacious. There are no monsters that are alive in this dungeon as all of the enemies here are golems.

"Money Punch!" Piggy Bank shouted as he now moved in a more refined manner.

The technique that Piggy Bank uses is now something that he can use against more powerful enemies as long as he can charge it up. He can now use his own skill while moving which is a great increase in combat prowess. Before, he just stood still to charge the skill, but he now moves like a boxer. He can feel the great happiness of taking down his enemies by himself which prompted Adrian to support him less.

"He is getting much better now. This is good as I do not know when an unexpected enemy will suddenly surface. I need to train him well should that day come." Adrian thought as Piggy Bank felt the powerful gaze directed at him but did not mind it.

In fact, Piggy Bank was feeling elated and happy now that he was actively doing a dungeon. He did dungeons before when he was lower level but being a merchant meant that he can only do low difficulty ones. This time, he might enter medium difficulty dungeons as he now found the thrill of

defeating enemies. He felt that he could defeat a mid boss by himself as long as he was well protected.

"We are now going to lower floor five where the mid boss is. Be ready as it will be an Elite Storm Guard." Adrian stated as he descended to the next floor along with Piggy Bank.

Adrian felt a strange feeling when he descended as if the entire area was suddenly tampered with using spatial magic, but he was not sure if that is the case. The only ones that could modify dungeons are gods but instantly modifying one is not possible unless they are a God of Space. The Gods of Space are all entirely sealed or dead which meant that modifying the dungeon now should be impossible.

"Wait? I must trust my instincts more as there are other ways in making a change in the dungeon using spatial magic. If a powerful relic from a dead Spatial God is used, then it might be possible." Adrian thought as he was about to pull out Piggy Bank from descending, but the way back was suddenly sealed.

"Huh? What happened? I heard a loud thud." Piggy Bank stated as he looked back only to see the entrance they came inside with closing.

"It seems that the dungeon has become much more difficult than I thought. You will need to prepare yourself fully because I have been told not to interfere as much." Adrian stated as numerous system notifications are suddenly presented to him and Piggy Bank.

[You have entered the Mid Boss Room of the Grand Storm Guard.]

[The Player Piggy Bank is the only one that can deal damage directly to the Mid Boss.]

[The Player Equinox can only support and protect the Player Piggy Bank. This is also extended to the soulbounds of the Player Equinox.]

[Defeat the Mid Boss Grand Storm Guard in order to proceed to the next floor.]

[You cannot escape from this room unless Piggy Bank dies or you clear the mid boss room.]

The series of notifications made Piggy Bank tremble as his ace card was suddenly unable to deal damage to the mid boss. He thought that he was hallucinating as this was the first for him as he never encountered a scenario like this before. Piggy Bank almost fainted but Adrian looked calm and collected which made him gain courage.

"It seems that my hunch was correct." Adrian stated as he managed to get the feedback from the spatial energy that he suddenly released in the area.

[A great entity has distorted the area of this dungeon and forcibly changed it.]

[The dungeon rules have been heavily tampered with to restrict beings that are ten levels above the level range of the dungeon.]

[The rules forbid you to deal damage to the mid boss of this dungeon. This also extends to any being that you summoned.]

"Whoever did this might be the one that is observing us, but I can feel numerous presences observing which meant that even I am not sure." Adrian thought.

"Seriously, what kind of an idiotic god would do such a trivial thing." Adrian stated and the entire dungeon rumbled with the sound of lightning and thunder.

Adrian smiled as he sort of figured out the answer to his questions or a vague answer. He needed to make sure that his hunch is true. He can give a good guess based on the runes on Piggy Bank's Stigma, but he does not want to conclude unless there are solid evidence. He is talking about gods this time which meant that angering one can mean an enemy for life.

"Anyways, you will be fighting on your own for now against the mid boss. Do you best as I will make sure to support you very well. I can also heal you so fight to the point that you might die." Adrian stated as he summoned Saena since she can just heal Piggy Bank.

"You are telling me to fight those?" Piggy Bank stated as he pointed out numerous golem monsters.

Piggy Bank pointed out ten Elite Storm Guards and the Mid Boss Grand Storm Guard. The Elite Storm Guards are still golems, but they look like actual golems that have refined features. They are still made of rocks but the rocks that they have are polished.

The Mid Boss Grand Storm Guard is more humanoid in appearance, but they do not have facial features. They just have a more humanoid shape which now granted them the ability to release powerful electric shocks that can paralyze their enemies. Piggy Bank gulp as his way of attacking is also via melee battle.

"More than that! Why is the previous boss of the dungeon, the Grand Storm Guard, suddenly the mid boss? Is this some kind of bug?" Piggy Bank stated.

"I do not know if it is related but the best guess is that the dungeon changed because of the Stigma. Things that are related to divinity are a great pain to deal with after all." Adrian stated as he is also pausing some divinity related missions that he got. He remembered the God of the Deep Ones that asked him for help, but he has yet to do due to the no time limit function.

"Can I return my Stigma then? I do not want to be in greater hardships. I just want to be a normal merchant and make sure to eat well along with my family." Piggy Bank stated.

"Your success as a merchant might have been slightly influenced by that Stigma and removing it might curse you. Accepting it would be the best option for you. Anyways, get ready as they are starting to move." Adrian stated as he saw all the enemies along with the mid boss moving towards Piggy Bank.

"Protect me well... thank you!" Piggy Bank shouted as he charged his fist at full power.

"Well, it only says that I cannot damage the mid boss. The mobs around it does not count which is why I said that the god that modified this dungeon was an idiot." Adrian stated with his signature demonic smile but returned back to his nonchalant face.

Paradox flew above the mid boss room and went directly on top of all the Elite Storm Guards. With a snap of Adrian's finger, Paradox exploded and created a powerful black hole that swallowed all of the Elite Storm Guards. All the mobs that might have made it difficult for Piggy Bank to deal with the mid boss has vanished. The only monster remaining was the Grand Storm Guard when the black hole vanished as all of the Elite Storm Guards were disintegrated to nothing.

"Also, the rules only said that I cannot damage the mid boss. It does not mean that I cannot restrain it." Adrian stated with a smile before commanding Wisteria to bound the mid boss.

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On top of a mountain that is up and above the clouds, a god with luscious cloud like beard could be seen looking down on Storm Chasm. The arm rest on his throne shattered upon his anger when he heard what Adrian was saying. He can only control his own anger because he was not the only god watching over them right now. If the angered god moves, then its existence would be known, and it would be called an idiot by other gods. Since the Champion of the Twin Gods called the god that modified the dungeon an idiot, any movement to punish him would reveal the identity of the god he called an idiot.