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Chapter 1931 Storm Chasm II

The mid boss being bound became quite easy to defeat for Piggy Bank. It was easy in the sense that all he needed to do was fight it using numerous Money Punch skills. All he had to do is continuously punch at the Grand Storm Guard as it crumbled into dust.

[Your party member, Piggy Bank, has successfully defeated the Grand Storm Guard.]

[You did not get experience due to the fact that you are extremely high leveled compared to this dungeon.]

Adrian did not think too much about the experience as he has already gotten what he needed from Piggy Bank. He was more worried that he will not get the Spell Harmony Passive skill as it was very difficult for him to cast powerful magical energies at the same time. It might have been easy to get he passive skill if he can cast basic magic elements, but he cannot do so.

"I managed to defeat the mid boss! Although, I must admit that it is a bit too underhanded and low effort." Piggy Bank stated as he felt that he did not do much in the fight earlier.

"We can expand your fighting sense later as the most important thing now is to clear this dungeon and get the item that you need. A god or goddess has tampered with this dungeon, and I do not want to know what could happen if time accumulates. A powerful monster might be born if we wait to long which is why we need to clear it. Sirius! We are going to blitz it." Adrian stated as he called upon Sirius.

"Yes, master." Sirius answered as he appeared from Piggy Bank's shadow.

Sirius caught Adrian and Piggy Bank using shadows and placed them on top of his back. He then moved towards the newly created entrance that led to the lower floors. Sirius charged forward with no problem and slaughtered any monster that come his way. This was the Sirius Bus that Adrian created, and Piggy Bank is experiencing.

Piggy Bank could hear numerous notifications as the monsters that infested the lower floors called the Elite Storm Guards are destroyed with just Sirius passing by. The shadows and Sirius' claws made easy work of the monsters. Piggy Bank's experience as a player started to skyrocket and he leveled up to 250 when they finally reached the boss room floor.

The boss room floor was different as there was no mobs littering the entrance before the boss room. The entire large room was empty and only the door that led to the boss room was present. Adrian thought it was strange as there would usually be monsters making sure that they protected the boss monster. The setup of the dungeon was incredibly altered, and the strength of a boss is more powerful if there are no monsters guarding it.

Players have already hypothesized that the overall strength of a dungeon floor is divided between traps and monsters. The lesser monsters in a floor would result in stronger monsters in that floor. If a dungeon floor does not have any traps, it also increases the power of a monster. This is why Adrian is a bit hesitant to open the boss room as it is the only monster in the floor.

"Are you ready?" Adrian asked Piggy Bank as he did not immediately enter the room since he has an inkling that he cannot join the battle again.

Adrian believed that the trick that was applied on the mid boss could be done to the dungeon boss as well. If such a thing happens then Adrian might lead Piggy Bank to his doom should he opened the boss door immediately. He made sure that Piggy Bank gets enough rest and is even treated by Saena to the highest degree.

"The healing effect is so nice! My skin even became glossy and shiny due to the great effects." Piggy Bank stated as his plumb face now glistened like a well-polished mirror.

"Since you are ready, let us go to the boss room." Adrian stated as he opened the boss room and both of them entered.

Both Adrian and Piggy Bank vanished from the front of the door as they opened the boss room door. When the both of them regained their sight, they are now on top of a large floating platform. The entire floor changed to a large floating platform and the door out of the boss room vanished.

[You have entered the Storm Chasm Boss Room.]

[You have been transported to a place that cannot be escaped unless you have defeated the boss or died.]

[A special rule has been placed on the boss room.]

[All beings that are fifty levels above the boss can only deal 0.001% of their maximum health regardless of attacks.]

[All beings affected by the special rule will move 50% slower.]

Adrian felt a very heavy energy suppress him as the dungeon itself made it difficult for him to move. There is a heavy energy suppression that made it even difficult to move his eyes. All parts of Adrian's body slowed down despite his fierce resistance. Thunder rumbled from above as if it was laughing at Adrian's current state.

Adrian looked around the boss room and it was an open sky with a large floating platform. He can already tell that the enemy they would be facing is a being that can fly. He knew that Piggy Bank would be unable to fully exert his power on a fast and flying enemy. Without Adrian's aid, Piggy Bank might be killed in the dungeon, but he was actually smiling.

"This is actually good training." Adrian thought as he can still use his mind and Paradox to create the energies of Origin Magic.

"Where is the boss monster?" Piggy Bank asked as he could not see any monster in the area.

Just as Piggy Bank thought that there is no boss monster, a figure suddenly rose from the abyss below. A large shadow suddenly flew up high which caught the attention of both Adrian and Piggy Bank. A large flying eagle shadow could be seen up high and is actually harnessing the power of lightning from the dark clouds.

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Monster Name: Golem Relic of Z

Monster Tier: Legendary

Monster Type: Storm Guard

Monster Level: 290

HP: 100%

MP: 100%

Description: A powerful golem said to be a relic of a powerful god. It is said to have awakened a consciousness, but it can only follow the commands of the god that created it. It has the appearance of a large, winged creature that the god that created it used to assume. It can harness the power of lightning and store it in its body like a fuel. It can also release powerful electric storms in order to defeat any that stands in the way of the god that created it.

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The large, winged golem took the form of a stone eagle, and it is coated with a powerful lightning aura. The golem itself had the size of five meters and a wingspan of twenty meters. It was incredibly huge when compared to the bodies of Adrian and Piggy Bank.

"It is a flying monster. Of course, it would be." Adrian thought as he can already determine who is the god that was interfering with this quest.

"Guild Leader Equinox... what should I do? I cannot fly like you, and you are incredibly depowered as well." Piggy Bank stated.

"Just do your best, Piggy Bank. The strategy would be the same as usual. Sirius!" Adrian stated as he tried to summon his soulbounds.

[A powerful external force has influenced the space of the boss room using a relic of a dead god.]

[Summoned units cannot be summoned into the boss room.]

The magic circle that Sirius was supposed to come out of suddenly dispersed. Adrian even received some backlash, but it was minimal to the point that only one percent of her health diminished. All of Adrian's attempt in summoning his soulbounds vanished.

"I think we are going to have a big problem." Piggy Bank shouted as he also saw the notifications.

[There can no longer be any interference from the outside as the dungeon has become unstable.]

"I guess someone is angry at my words. Talk about a sore loser. I guess I expected it as these are the gods from that side after all." Adrian stated as he used Chrono Shift on his mouth in order to speak normally.

"Kiyooow!" The Golem Relic of Z shouted as it seemed to have reacted to Adrian's provocation and charged towards him with great speed.

"Guild Master Equinox!" Piggy Bank stated as he charged his Money Punch, but he was too late.

"This much is still bearable and such good practice!" Adrian stated as he spoke in normal speed.

[You have accumulated great force in your body.]

"Force Crash!" Adrian stated as a powerful force suddenly escaped his body and slammed towards the Golem Relic of Z.

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[You have dealt extremely small damage to the Golem Relic of Z.]

Adrian saw the notification but did not care about the damage as he saw the Golem Relic of get pushed back by the intense force he suddenly released. He made sure to check on Elder Bronx on all of the spells related to the Force Element as he needed to widen his perspective.

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Skill Name: Force Crash

Skill Tier: Rare

Skill Type: Damage and Crowd Control

Effect:

Emit a powerful strong force that will be sent in a direction of your line of sight that deals 100% of your magical damage. This skill will knock back the opponent that is hit first and will be sent flying with a distance of five meters. Additional 50% physical damage will occur when the enemies affected by Force Crash will hit another being or terrain.

Mana Cost: 500 Mana

Cast Time: Instant

Cooldown: 5 minutes

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Adrian expected that he will not be able to knock back the Golem Relic of Z, but he did. It seems that the force element that he used can also affect inanimate things as long as they are also using some sort of force. Adrian visibly saw the Golem Relic of Z lose momentum upon it being hit by Force Crash. Due to this, the Golem Relic of Z was pushed back farther than the five meters, but it did not crash into any being or terrain.

"It is extremely effective." Adrian stated as he moved normally but one can see that his mana was dropping every second.

"You can move normally!" Piggy Bank stated.

"Normally is not the right term. I can move at my normal speed, but I rarely even do. I usually move faster than this using Chrono Shift, but this is the best I can do when I am heavily slowed. I barely do damage so make sure to prepare because I will send the Golem Relic of Z to you every five second starting now!" Adrian stated as his wings suddenly got unfurled.

Adrian's wings unfurling is not only to fly but also become extremely sensitive to the space around him. He always thought it was strange that Elder Ascalor would have his wings using his battle form but realized it when he looked closely. Elder Ascalor was using his wings to not only sense the space around him but also seize it. Adrian did not become complacent after his battle with the elders as he replayed it in order to grow more.

"Spatial Chains!" Adrian stated as his arms is suddenly covered in chains that stuck to an invisible space.

Adrian locked his eyes onto the Golem Relic of Z and all parts of its body is suddenly chained up. The deep purple chains made of spatial energy locked the Golem Relic of Z in place. With a pull, Adrian managed to shift the Golem Relic of Z towards Piggy Bank in exactly five seconds.

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Skill Name: Spatial Chains

Skill Tier: Epic

Skill Type: Crowd Control

Effect:

Create chains in the space around you that you have seized. The being that is caught in the chains will be unable to move for a given duration. (Increased depending on the mana that is supplied. The chains may break if the target emits a powerful force that is five times stronger than the chains. Enemies caught will be dealt with 50% of your magical damage per second that they are tied up.

Duration: 5 seconds to 10 seconds (Increased per second as 1000 extra Mana is spent.)

Mana Cost: 1000 Mana to 5000 Mana

Cast Time: Instant

Cooldown: 10 minutes

Restriction: Can only be applied to targets initially caught.

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The Spatial Chains cannot easily move targets that are caught but Adrian has the Rift Manipulator passive skill. He can easily move space itself as long as he has a clear grasp of it. When the Spatial Chains are applied in an area, Adrian basically has complete control over it which results in him easily able to teleport beings weaker than him.

"I might have a difficulty if the enemy is stronger than me, but a lower-level boss is easier." Adrian muttered as he flawlessly shifted the location of the Golem Relic of Z.

"Use 1000 gold coins! Burning Money Punch!" Piggy Bank stated as he suddenly has his fists burn in a golden flame while the scent of coins lingered around him.

Piggy Bank used an enhanced version of his skill Money Punch which is the Burning Money Punch. Some may call it an enhanced version, but it really is a bit of a downgrade. Burning Money Punch is basically a skill that burns money as a resource instead of mana in order to strengthen the power of the original Money Punch skill.

Each gold coin that is used as a resource will be a percent damage multiplier which means that Piggy Bank used a Money Punch enhanced 1000% as a result. He also managed to charge it to the fullest which is why a crack appeared on the body of the Golem Relic of Z. The boss monster got hit incredibly hard to the point that its defenses were ignored.

[Your party member, Piggy Bank, has activated his passive skill called Lucky Hit that deals critical damage to the next skill.]

[Your party member, Piggy Bank, has dealt catastrophic damage to the Golem Relic of Z.]

[The health of the Golem Relic of Z suddenly dropped by 20%.]

[The defense of the Golem Relic of Z has dropped by 10% and it is stunned for 2 seconds.]

[Some gold coins were scattered as Piggy Bank's skill called Lucky Pay Day activated.]

Adrian is actually quite shocked for Piggy Bank as he did not think that those skills would activate. He was already told about those passive skills as it aids him in dealing damage, but he is also told that they rarely activate. Lucky Hit only has a 1% chance of happening, but it automatically makes the next damage you dealt into a critical hit regardless of where you hit the enemy.

The skill Lucky Pay Days is basically just a small chance of getting gold coins equivalent to the level of the monster divided by 10. Since the boss monster was level 290, a value of 29 gold coins is scattered on the floor right now. It is not the 1000 gold coins Piggy Bank burned to deal the great damage, but he must recuperate his losses somehow.

"Nice! Do that again immediately." Adrian stated as he once again used Spatial Chains.

Adrian can freely use any Spatial Magic even if it is on cooldown, but the mana used is doubled. This is one of the benefits of the Daemos' power slowly returning back due to the world barrier getting weaker. Previously, it was three times the amount of mana but now it is only twice which is why Adrian is abusing the new privilege.

The Golem Relic of Z is once again bound by chains that suddenly appeared from nowhere. Just like before, Adrian delivered the boss monster straight towards Piggy Bank. With another Burning Money Punch, a powerful attack once again landed on the boss monster. The only downside is that there was no critical hit which is why the boss monster only had 10% of its health shaved off.

The Spatial Chains shattered once again when Piggy Bank hit the Golem Relic of Z, but Adrian just used it once again. The boss monster is basically being bullied by the two beings that entered its domain. The same instance happened again, and the boss monster dropped to 50% health with ease.

Adrian was about to use Spatial Chains again when he felt something incredibly odd enter the area. With his instinct going on full blast, Adrian stopped time to see clearly but the energy that he felt was not suspended in time. An energy that was outside the influence of time itself suddenly entered the Golem Relic of Z.

[The Golem Relic of Z has been inhabited by a piece of consciousness by its creator.]

[All stats of the Golem Relic of Z will be doubled for the duration.]

[Special skill: Harvest Storm Clouds and Hurl Lightning will now be available for the Golem Relic of Z.]

"Foolish mortal! Stop on your quest in reviving the being that I have vanished while my anger has yet to grow full." A voice so potent and loud reverberated in the room.

Adrian and Piggy Bank looked at the Golem Relic of Z and it was definitely the one that is the source of the voice. The voice of the Golem Relic of Z was warning them to stand down but that was not in Adrian's vocabulary. Without even waiting for the Golem Relic of Z to move, Adrian once again sealed it in Spatial Chains.

"You dare trap me while I am graciously giving you an easy death!" The voice stated as it used the lightning that struck boss monster to destroy the chains.

Chapter 1933 Storm Clouds and an Angry God

Large and dark storm clouds started to cover the skies above the floating platform while the Golem Relic of Z started to pulsate with the lightning element. The power that it released was not akin to a boss monster that is below the level 300. It was something that even Adrian found illogical as this should not be happening even if a god intervenes.

[The power of a god is flowing on the boss monster, Golem Relic of Z.]

[Due to the tyrannical energy that is flowing through it, the boss monster will explode if you survive for five minutes.]

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Dungeon Mission Given: Survive for Five Minutes

Dungeon Mission Reward: Defeat of the Golem Relic of Z

Dungeon Failure: All party members are wiped out

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[A powerful energy is protecting the Golem Relic of Z which makes it immune to damage for five minutes.]

[A link between an unknown god has been established with the Golem Relic of Z.]

"All of you shall die due to my wrath!" A powerful voice emanated from the Golem Relic of Z.

"Vortex!" Adrian stated as Paradox was already behind the Golem Relic of Z.

With a snap of Adrian's fingers, a powerful black hole suddenly exploded behind the Golem Relic of Z. The boss monster that might be powerful and upgraded due to the possession of a god is being pulled. Adrian has read that any damage on the Golem Relic of Z would be disregarded since it is immune to any damage. What the Golem Relic of Z is not immune to is crowd control which Adrian tried to make sure by using his Vortex spell.

[The Golem Relic of Z did not get damaged by the black hole.]

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Just as Adrian thought, the Golem Relic of Z is sucked inside the black hole but the all the notifications he is receiving tells him that the boss monster is completely immune to damage. Adrian did not care as all he needs to do is make sure that they survive for five minutes, and everything will be over. He just needs to buy them enough time and he is the perfect being for that as he can manipulate time itself.

[Increasing the mana output for the Vortex skill in order to lengthen the skill.]

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Adrian's mana bar could be seen decreasing at an incredibly fast pace. He lost 5% of his mana with just lengthening the skill by one second which is astronomical. Adrian made sure to cancel all the time accelerating spells he applied on himself and started chugging mana potions to recover his mana. He was able to do this and extended the length of the black hole by two minutes.

Adrian could feel the black hole starting to unravel as if a powerful energy was on the other side and releasing it in powerful waves. He started to sweat as the mana to increase the duration of the black hole started to increase by 1% every second. It increased to the point that the black hole started to use up to 30% per second which Adrian had no choice but to stop.

Adrian's nose started to have a minor nosebleed which has never happened to him ever since his demon core was strengthened. The black hole dissipated, and the Golem Relic of Z came out with a powerful blast of lightning. Piggy Bank immediately protected himself using Merchant's Shield which decreases the damage depending on how much money one has.

Piggy Bank managed to negate the damage to the whole party by sacrificing 50,000 gold coins as he nullified it completely. He lost a sizeable amount of money, but he and Adrian was safe from the powerful attack. Adrian saw the money that Piggy Bank lost and was a bit shocked since that amount is not a small thing.

"You think that you could defeat me! I shall bathe both of you in pure lightning!" The voice from the Golem Relic of Z shouted as the storm clouds suddenly exploded.

The storm clouds rumbled to the point that one's ear might bust if they are near, but the aftereffects of the Merchant's Shield were still there as it can last up to 10 seconds. Adrian and Piggy Bank are safe from the ear-piercing noise, but they are not safe from the upcoming lightning rain. The Golem Relic of Z vanished into the storm clouds as lightning rained from above.

"I guess I should not hold myself back. Paradox, summon the mirror." Adrian stated as Paradox changed its form into a mirror with Adrian's form also changing.

Using his mirror demon form, Adrian could easily perceive any energy in the area even lightning can catch his eyes. With just a second, Adrian and Piggy Bank entered the mirrors and vanished from their current location. Adrian along with Piggy Bank has entered the mirror dimension which was safe from the barrage of the Golem Relic of Z.

Adrian thought they were safe, but his enemy is not an ordinary golem, but a golem operated by a god. The eyes of the Golem Relic of Z suddenly glowed with divine energy as it saw both Adrian and Piggy Bank in another dimension. The god that controls the golem burst out in anger as he did not even damage mortals that dare defy his will.

The angry god clutched a double-faced helmet and infused more divine energy into it. The angry god targeted the mirror dimension and tried to force both Adrian and Piggy Bank out of it. The divine relic that has the form of a double-faced helmet suddenly flowed in a powerful purple light.

[An unknown god is trying to interfere with the dimensions using the power of a spatial god relic called Helm of J????]

[You have resisted the spatial interference of the relic.]

[The unknown god is furious with you and injected more divine energy into the relic.]

[A powerful spatial energy swept you from the mirror dimension and forcefully kicked you out.]

Adrian saw the notification, but he was unable to immediately retaliate as both him and Piggy Bank were suddenly ejected from the mirror dimension. Adrian was unable to defend against the wave of powerful energy that swept across him in the mirror dimension as he needed to protect both him and Piggy Bank. If it was just him then he might have been able to stay but Piggy Bank is the one that needs to stay alive in this quest.

The angry god laughed upon seeing the two mortals ejected from the hiding spot they used. Unaware that the relic that he used started to crack slightly but he could not feel the leaking spatial energy since he cannot sense it. Only the laughter of the angry god could be heard from the boss monster.

[An unknown goddess of life sends her aid.]

Piggy Bank was the one that read the notification as this came from an item that he is keeping in his inventory. A stalk of wheat suddenly came flying out of Piggy Bank's inventory and absorbed all of the lightning as if it was a lightning rod. All the lightning that should have hit Adrian and Piggy Bank were attracted to the stalk of wheat until it became charred. Piggy Bank sighed with relief as he managed to stay alive without burning the rest of the gold coins that he has in his inventory.

He can only burn the gold coins that he has with him and cannot use anything in the bank. Piggy Bank looked at Adrian to see what they need to do next because they still have one minute left before the statue shatters. Upon seeing Adrian's face, Piggy Bank suddenly gulped because if fury had a look, then that would be Adrian right now.

Players might not know it, but their personalities are also somewhat affected by the race that they have. Dwarves would often butt heads with the elves which also translates to the players. Demons, on the other hand, do not have any real enemies but they are prideful when it comes to Origin Magic because that is the only magic that they can use. As if it is a defense mechanism, they will find offense to any inanimate object that can outclass them in Origin Magic even if it is a god relic.

The unknown god unknowingly triggered the pet peeve encoded in the bloodline of the demon race. Adrian felt offended that he was outclassed by an inanimate object when it comes to spatial magic. He was planning on holding back by not using his energies since it could damage a god but the unknown god has crossed the line.

Chapter 1934 The Offended Demon

"Nether Domain!"

"Netheros True Form!"

Adrian no longer cared if he would offend a god as something from inside of him let the anger out. The entire area is suddenly covered in nether mist which the Golem Relic of Z did not mind since the god controlling it has never experienced it before or seen it. The other gods have been making a fuss over this tyrannical energy but the one controlling the boss monster does not care about it.

"They are just a bunch of energies. I am the storm itself." The haughty god stated as he controlled the Golem Relic of Z to find the two mortals.

The unknown god managed to find one of the mortals and it was the fat merchant trying to revive the god that he has punished. A laugh exuded from the Golem Relic of Z as killing the merchant would also destroy the Stigma attached to him. Before the Golem Relic of Z is about to swoop down and destroy the merchant, the unknown god needed to verify where the other mortal was.

"Where is that disrespectful demon bastard!" The voice from the god controlling the Golem Relic of Z stated as it looked around.

All the Golem Relic of Z could see is the mortal merchant and not the demon as if he merged with the mist that covered the area itself. Unbeknownst to the unknown god, Adrian already manifested his true form, and he was behind the Golem Relic of Z. All six demonic mirrors suddenly produced hands made of nether mist and grabbed the Golem Relic of Z.

The unknown god suddenly got his vision cut off as he can only see via the eyes of the golem. This is the restriction of suddenly inhabiting a golem with a separated divine soul. The Golem Relic of Z could not even see what blinded its sight but if one were to see a towering demon made of pure nether mist then they would probably not want to.

Adrian used all of his nether mist hands in order to crush the Golem Relic of Z. The Golem Relic of Z does not get damaged by Adrian but that is not what he wants. He does not want to damage the actual boss monster because he knows that will never happen in this dungeon with fixed rules. Adrian's target is the being that is controlling the boss monster itself.

[You are not doing any damage to the Golem Relic of Z.]

[Nether Energy is seeping into the soul connected to the Golem Relic of Z.]

[Nether Energy has touched the soul of the connected being to the Golem Relic of Z.]

[Nether Energy is starting to corrode the soul connected to the being controlling the Golem Relic of Z.]

Nether energy was not spared as Adrian made sure that all of it is directly injected into the golem. He even used his eyes to see the golden soul inside the Golem Relic of Z. He could clearly see that his nether energy is starting to slowly destroy the part of the divine soul present in the boss monster. As soon as the Golem Relic of Z started to become imbued with nether energy, the god controlling it has finally felt the effects of nether energy.

"AHHHH" The god controlling the Golem Relic of Z shouted.

A loud shout could be heard in a divine realm above a mountain on top of clouds. All of the gods in that divine realm heard the pained cry of that god for a brief second before the sound of thunder covered his scream. The divine realm is not the only thing that is affected by the scream as the mortal realm suddenly had a surge of storm clouds hovering in the skies.

[You are not able to do damage on the Golem Relic of Z.]

[Nether Energy has destroyed the divine soul fragment that controlled the Golem Relic of Z.]

[The Golem Relic of Z has become lifeless upon the divine soul fragment's destruction.]

[The Golem Relic of Z has started to crumble due to the immense stress it has accumulated.]

[You have defeated the Golem Relic of Z in its invulnerable state.]

[You have done the Hidden Boss Subjugation Quest and will be rewarded accordingly.]

[All the players that has defeated the Golem Relic of Z will have their Lightning Resistance increased by 5% as a reward for the Hidden Boss Subjugation Quest.]

[You have destroyed a divine soul fragment.]

[Effects of the title God Killer will increase by 1%.]

As soon as the Golem Relic of Z has been defeated, Adrian finally calmed down and returned to his normal form. The boss monster that was a large eagle golem turned into dust, but a large golden stone was inside the dust. The large ore was one foot in length and exuded a brilliant glow that is divine energy but different from the divine soul of the god earlier.

[Party Member, Piggy Bank, has received the Ore of Merchantry.]

[The quest Find the Clues on the Unknown God of Merchants has been completed.]

[You have gained one level and Luck +1]

When Piggy Bank touched the Ore of Merchantry, the stigma that he has suddenly reacted and absorbed the Ore of Merchantry into his body. The divine energy coursed inside the stigma until it become hot. Piggy Bank even took out ice in order to cool down the Stigma as his hand started to burn. There was no flame, but the heat is only due to the stigma activating.

[Party Member, Piggy Bank, has activated his Stigma.]

[Party Member, Piggy Bank, has activated the helper of his Stigma.]

[Party Member, Piggy Bank, has temporarily named its helper as Coin.]

[An aura of luck has spread to all the party members. All party members will have a small chance to have a lucky encounter.]

"I did it! Having a helper is awesome!" Piggy Bank stated as a small helper suddenly came out of his stigma.

Chapter 1935 Coin is my Helper

[You have successfully awakened your helper.]

[You have received the quest: Awaken the Godhood.]

[Your helper has blessed you with a lucky aura and everyone around you is also affected.]

[Luck Stat has been increased by 5 permanently.]

[All successful sales will have an extra income of 5%.]

[Acquired the Blessing of the Helper: Money. All of your attacks have a 10% chance of dropping random 1 to 10 gold coins. All party members are also affected by this blessing, but their chances are reduced to 1%.]

[Please give your helper a temporary name as it has not remembered its divine name.]

"I shall name it Coin." Piggy Bank stated as he named his helper based on its own appearance.

Piggy Bank's helper is actually a gold coin that has arms and legs. The helper itself has no face but it can cutely use its arms to make some basic gestures. Unlike Adrian's helper, Coin is not as powerful as Light since the latter is from a primordial god.

[The chain quest has been presented to those that have participated in the earlier quest.]

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Quest Name: Strengthen Your Helper

Quest Difficulty: B

Quest Description: You have finally awakened the helper that is sealed in your Stigma. Empower it by giving it enough divine energy that you have generated yourself. You can only have one helper for this quest.

Clear Condition:

Sell Items with a cumulative wealth of 100, 000 gold coins (0/100, 000 gold completed) Conduct an auction and make sure that all sold items will have a cumulative price of 500, 000 gold coins. (Incomplete) Get a small blessing from any God or Goddess of Life (Incomplete)

Clear Reward: Awaken your helper's hidden memory, Earn Luck +10, Get a Job Class exclusive skill

Failure Condition: Unable to clear the quest within given time duration.

Failure: Displeasure of an Unknown Goddess and the quest details will change

Duration: 100 days

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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"Oh! I think I can clear all of this on my own except for the last one. The gods and goddesses of life are said to be incredibly fickle after all." Piggy Bank stated.

"I can deal with the last one easily. The first two is out of my league as I am not a merchant." Adrian stated.

"If you can make me clear the third quest, then please help me. I will do the first two quests on my own but make sure that you are still part of the quest. This quest does not seem to the end of it." Piggy Bank stated.

"Okay then. Let us return to Avalon." Adrian stated as he opened a rift that directly led to his own territory and the two of them vanished from the dungeon.

Adrian and Piggy Bank appeared in Avalon directly inside the Church of the Twin Gods. Adrian is about to explain to Piggy Bank what he needs to do in order to get a small blessing, but the former felt the presence of the divine briefly. The smell of wheat could be sniffed inside the Church of the Twin Gods and that scent covered Piggy Bank upon his arrival.

[The Goddess of Life Demeter has given Piggy Bank a minor blessing.]

[Party Member, Piggy Bank, has his health regeneration increase by 50%.]

[All damage that player Piggy Bank deals will have a 3% chance to restore 20% of his total health and a 0.1% chance of restoring 50% of his health.]

"Wow! You really do know how to get a minor blessing! Thanks so much!" Piggy Bank stated as he also prayed to the goddess that blessed him.

"No problem?!" Adrian stated as his voice could be heard rising in pitch since he did not expect anything of the sort.

"I already cleared one of the quests so easily. I will clear the first two on my own which might take me at least fifty days. Can I hold an auction here?" Piggy Bank stated.

"Sure, feel free to do so. The foot traffic in Avalon has lessened due to the world becoming wider. We need to sell more teleportation scrolls as that is the number one profit generator right now." Adrian stated.

"Thanks! You are really the best guild leader that I have talked with. The others would only think of their own profit while disregarding mine or would be too ambitious even though they do not have anything. I will make sure to give you 10% of the proceeds of the auction along with the territory tax." Piggy Bank stated as he started to go back to the merchant union headquarters in Avalon.

Adrian is about to go after Piggy Bank to talk about the preparations if he can help but his body or rather his soul was transported. The interior of the church was no longer in his sights as it was replaced by a long wheat field. Adrian could feel the divine being that summoned him to her own divine realm.

[You are in the presence of the Goddess of Life Demeter.]

"The Champion of the Twin Gods greets the Goddess of Life Demeter." Adrian stated as he slightly bowed to show ample respect to the goddess even if he was suddenly spirited away as they say.

"It is also great to meet you, Champion Equinox. You created quite a big fuss on Olympus today." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated.

"That is no longer my problem as I only did what I must to help a friend. You also helped even though it is your god king that tampered with that dungeon to the fullest. Did he like the taste of the most powerful energy of death?" Adrian stated as he smiled but returned to becoming stoic.

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"The entire divine realm is in perpetual storm, but I really do not care because I do not even live there anymore. They are very on the nose in everything you do. I also am not a fan of my hedonistic brother. Anyways, I am not here for that. I am here for something else as a goddess of life not a goddess of that faction." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated.

"The Twin Gods did tell me that I should do quests for the gods and goddesses of life but is that not the envoy's alley? I handle the gods of death side and my best friend handles your side so that we will not get swamped with work." Adrian stated.

"I would have asked the Envoy of the Twin Gods, but he is currently busy training in the land of the Fae. My own divine powers cannot reach that place for now due to the immense presence of the elementals there. They basically block the divine which is why I cannot talk to him even though there is a tree of life there." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated.

"If that is the case then I am all ears. Take note that I am also able to veto any quest you guys give me if I deem it unsatisfactory in terms of compensation." Adrian stated as he knows that some gods are incredibly stingy.

"The holy quest that I am about to give you is something that you will need as well. I know that you are helping that merchant and so am I. Even if we are helping for different reason, I want that merchant to succeed." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated.

"Can I know why you want Piggy Bank to succeed?" Adrian asked.

"I would tell you but there are powers at work that will inform the arrogant one sitting on the throne up in the clouds. All that you need to know is that I need your help to help the merchant. You are already someone that is tagged as an oath brother to him due to the quest.

If he fails, you will also get more punishment. You have already angered the god that wanted you to fail. He will do everything in his power to make sure that you do not succeed. My bro... that god does not like beings defying his orders and you even hit him back. Although, I quite like what you did but it also put you in a hit list." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated.

"I do not really care about that since gods can only move in their respective holy domains. I would have been scared if the entire world barrier shattered but the laws of causality cannot be broken easily. Even if all the gods were to betray this universe, they will not be able to easily defy the laws that are set in stone. Gods are beings that are affected more by laws after all." Adrian stated.

"I know that you are able, Champion Equinox. The god that you angered has already let loose some of the beasts that can trample you. Be careful on your journey starting today as they will do anything to kill you and rip you apart. My bro... that god even promised them immortality and life on the divine realm should they kill you." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated.'

"That is what I need after all. I have been getting bored from the enemies that I am getting recently. I hope those monsters can at least entertain me. So, tell me... what do I need to do for you in order to help Piggy Bank?" Adrian stated.

"I need you to create a holy relic for me. My holy relic as I fear that the worse has yet to come and I need a way to interfere should the need arise." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated.

"Rejected. A holy relic is difficult to create even for me. Do you think that divinity grows on trees?" Adrian stated but he realized that the Twin Gods were born from the Tree of Life and Death.

"Scratch that. Do you think that divinity is easily forged? You would need a blacksmith that can handle that. Do you think that it will be easy?" Adrian stated but the Goddess of Life Demeter looked at him with judging eyes because he does know of a blacksmith that can create divine items.

"What is the compensation? Let me see first and then we can talk specifics." Adrian stated as he knew that he would just dig himself a grave if he kept speaking.

"The compensation would be something that even you cannot easily let go of. It is something that any being in the world would want." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated.

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Quest Name: Creation of the Goddess of Life Demeter's Holy Relic

Quest Difficulty: S

Quest Description: The Goddess of Life Demeter wants you to create her holy relic that she can descend upon and help the merchant she blessed. Make sure to create her holy relic within the specified time or else more powerful and dark forces will come for you and destroy you.

Clear Condition:

A Drop of Dew from a World Tree (Incomplete) Branch from a Tree that Gives Wishes (Incomplete) A stalk of Golden Wheat harvested during the first sunlight. (Incomplete) A blacksmith that can fuse all items together to create the Holy Relic of the Goddess Demeter

Clear Reward: Greater Blessing of the Goddess of Life Demeter

Failure Condition: Unable to create the Holy Relic during the given time duration.

Failure: Displeasure of the Goddess of Life Demeter and a Great Misfortune befalling Piggy Bank

Duration: 30 days

Restriction: Only the being that is chosen by the Goddess of Life Demeter can take on this quest.

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"You at least know of the locations where I can find these items right?" Adrian stated as he accepted the quest since a Blessing of a Goddess of Life is difficult to come by. It is also not just a normal blessing but a greater blessing which is usually only given to champions or envoys.

"The dew can be taken from any world tree, and you know several. I cannot have the dew from the Tree of Life and Death as it has both life and death properties. The branch of a tree that gives wishes can be found on the eastern continent if I am correct. The golden wheat is something only farmers that are loved by soil could harvest and even I do not control that." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated.

"The blacksmith is someone I already know. The dew can be obtained easily as well. The only problems are the branch and the stalk. I just hope that I can get them before the time ends." Adrian stated.

"Thank you, Champion Equinox. It is something that you must do in order to prevent great misfortune." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated which made Adrian look at her with judging eyes.

"Did you consult with the Fates? Is that why great misfortune is coming?" Adrian asked as he knows that there are three sister goddesses that should never be asked upon since they control causality to a degree.

"I must now go. The other gods and goddesses of life are convening for a meeting. I will watch over you and inform you if my brother's underlings are near you." The Goddess of Life Demeter stated as she vanished, and Adrian's sight returned back to normal.

"Tsk. She actually consulted with the Fates which means this would be more troublesome than I thought it would be. Seriously, why are a majority of these gods so self-centered?" Adrian stated as he opened a portal that leads to another world.

Adrian appeared in the center of the World Tree in Alfheim as he wanted to get the dew and also check up on his best friend. Levin Cloud is currently undergoing special training from the other elders. Adrian's training is basically mastery over his powers while Levin Cloud gets a whole class. He is rather jealous that the elders of the Faekin race would rather teach Levin Cloud unlike him where he is left to his own devices.

"Welcome, Champion Equinox! What brings the Champion of the Twin Gods to our abode?" Elder Danaya stated as she suddenly sprouted from a flower beside Adrian.

"I am here on an errand for the Goddess of Life Demeter. She needs to create her holy relic in order to help someone that I am also currently helping. I need a drop of dew from the World Tree." Adrian stated.

"Champion Equinox' request is not something that I can easily give. A drop of dew from the World Tree is something that can revive even the dead. It is one of the most precious things that you can get from a world tree without hurting it." Elder Danaya stated.

"Of course it is. What do I need to do?" Adrian grumbled.

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"I see that you are very enthusiastic in this quest, Champion Equinox. Where did my cute little demon go? You used to be so upbeat and cute when we first met." Elder Danaya stated as she treated Adrian like a grandchild since Elder Ascalor treats him like one as well.

"The cute child was battered and bruised by the reality of the world. Anyways, please tell me the trial." Adrian stated bluntly as he changed the topic to the trial.

"Teehee! I am not the one that will issue the trial to you. I am merely your messenger and your guide for the trial. The Tree of Life itself will give you the trial as you already know that they are alive." Elder Danaya stated as she casted a spell where Adrian and she were eaten by a large bud to be transported elsewhere.

When Adrian regained his vision and slightly smelled like roses, he found himself on top of the Tree of Life itself. At the very top of the Tree of Life, he saw the other elders of the Fae and also Levin Cloud. Levin Cloud was in a meditating position as if he is in a trance which is why Adrian did not bother him. It might be one of his trainings which is why he would not disturb his best friend when he is trying his best as well.

"Greetings, Elders of the Fae! Thank you for welcoming me." Adrian stated as he bowed to the other elders as it is customary to show respect to the Faekin or else they might pull a prank on you.

Others often say that the Imps of the Daemos Race are mischievous, but the Faekin are the epitome of troublemakers. The Faekin are a race that always want to have fun as they do not age past a point, and some even retain their childlike mind. Still, the Faekin are a race where promises are a binding vow. This is a reason why they are respected despite some having childish tendencies.

"Thank you for greeting us, Champion Equinox. The Mother Tree is waiting for you. Elder Danaya will lead you as we are in the process of training the Envoy of the Twin Gods." The Fairy King stated.

"Come with me, Champion Equinox." Elder Danaya stated as she led Adrian towards an entrance in the Tree of Life.

"Uhhh... is he fine? Levin Cloud... I mean." Adrian asked.

"If you are worried for your best friend then you should not be. He is currently undergoing training for the grand spell that you want to use. I do not even know why you both would want to cast such a spell as even we do not know if that spell is feasible. We only have the parts of the spell due to being entrusted with it, but no one has ever cast it before." Elder Danaya stated which made Adrian a bit nervous.

Using an untested spell is not a wise thing to do as there are a lot of things that might go wrong. They might only get a bit of backlash like being unable to handle mana for a day but then they could also destroy the fabric of time and space. Still, the Faekin are interested in what Adrian and Levin Cloud stated because they are also in a crisis right now.

"If it is untested, then why did the Elders of the Fae agree?" Adrian asked.

"I do not know if you can feel it, Champion Equinox. Alfheim is a dying world because it can no longer sustain our powers. It has been for the past hundred years which is also why I am frequently going back and forth to your elders. I was trying to find a way to restore this dying world back to its prime.

Seeing Ascalor was an added bonus, but the world can no longer give life to everything. Being a race that does not age is not something that bodes well for fragmented worlds like these. I think all of the Asmodian Descendants can also attest to this. They can feel their fragmented worlds slowly dying but the time limit should be a century or so." Elder Danaya stated.

"A century is like ten years to us beings that do not age. It might be long for humans but for us it is quite a short time. Even if the Tree of Life is planted, the world is still dying?" Adrian asked.

"The Mother Tree has done its best in keeping the world as it is. If the Mother Tree did not directly intervene then this world might have come to destruction much early on. It is also the reason why some of us cannot venture out of Alfheim since we are helping the mother tree. Especially for us Leshies and Dryads that are rooted in this world, we cannot easily move our trees." Elder Danaya stated as they finally arrived at a pocket dimension when they descended after a few steps.

Adrian was about to ask Elder Danaya if he could help with anything, but he sensed the change in dimension. They were still in Alfheim, but Adrian can feel his surroundings being different. He entered a pocket dimension created by the Tree of Life planted in Alfheim.

[You are in the presence of the Essence of the Tree of Life in Alfheim.]

[You are affiliated with the Twin Gods. All stats increase by 20% in the presence of the Essence of the Tree of Life.]

"Greetings Champion Equinox." The Essence of the Tree of Life stated as she took on the appearance of a dryad that looks old which should not be possible as all dryads are supposed to look young and beautiful.

"I greet the World Tree." Adrian stated.

"You are much better in terms of respect compared to the previous champions that the Twin Gods selected. I know what you are here for, and I also want to help you, but I must first judge you to be worthy." The Essence of the World Tree stated.

"I am ready for the trial." Adrian stated which made the Essence of the World Tree smile and nod as a notification appeared in front of him.

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Quest Name: Go to the End of the Forest of No Return

Quest Difficulty: Unknown

Quest Description: A test for the Fae for their bravery and ingeniousness is to traverse the Forest of No Return. Reach the End of the Forest of No Return and get a flower from the garden there to signify your completion.

Clear Condition: Get a Flower from the Garden located at the end of the Forest of No Return

Clear Reward: A Dewdrop from the World Tree

Failure Condition: Unable to complete the quest in the given duration.

Failure: Unable to complete the quest will result in the displeasure of the World Tree.

Duration: 10 days

Restriction: Only the being that is chosen by World Tree located in Alfheim can participate in this quest.

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"You are to take a flower from the garden at the End of the Forest of No Return and bring it to me. This is a test for all the Fae that wish to venture out into the outside realm. The only thing that I can tell you is that you must never lose sight of what you need to do. Danaya will guide you to the entrance of the Forest of No Return. I hope you complete my trial, Champion Equinox." The Essence of the World Tree stated as she vanished along with the pocket dimension.

When Adrian finally noticed his surroundings, he can see that he and Elder Danaya are standing inside a dark room where only glowing moss can be seen. The Essence of the World Tree is truly a fearsome entity as he could feel that it was on par with a High God. The fact that it could create pocket dimensions within its own body is something only powerful beings that lived long can do.

"You must be wondering how easy it was for Mother Tree to create pocket dimensions. The Mother Tree is actually the original world tree of the world of Pangea." Elder Danaya stated which shocked Adrian.

"But the main world had a world tree before it was destroyed. A new one has just sprouted in order to aid the world again." Adrian stated.

"That unfortunate world tree is actually one of the seedlings created by the Mother Tree. The Mother Tree knew that the fragmented worlds would not be able to live for long without her support which is why she split herself into numerous fragments and entrusted dryads to take care of them. The dryads rooted to their respective world trees are also unfortunate because they will have the same fate as the world tree they are guarding." Elder Danaya stated.

Adrian suddenly remembered the Dryad Makiling that died as the World Tree of the main world died. She might have died but her death also brought forth numerous births of beings dedicated to the balance of the world. Adrian knew that the Dryad Makiling still lives on through Levin Cloud as he became a Leshy thanks to her seed.

"Enough heavy talk as you need to be as bright and happy if you are to enter the Forest of No Return." Edler Danaya stated as she once again used her movement magic which made Adrian and her get swallowed up by a large flower bud.

"I smell like daisies now." Adrian commented as he regained his vision and is now in front of a forest that spanned a large area.

"Maybe a daisy plant answered my call. I do not know which plant answers my call, but it is great that you smell nice now. You smell too much of a demon earlier." Elder Danaya stated as Adrian changed to his Aetheros form since that might be a clue that his aura can affect the forest.

"Despite its name, the forest itself looks nice and not creepy in a way. You can even feel the life inside that is teeming with numerous flora and fauna." Adrian commented as he naturally felt it better since he changed his form.

"That is the reason why it is called the Forest of No Return. You do not return because it is dangerous. You do not return because it is too lovely and a paradise to be in. This is as far as I will go, Champion Equinox. I pray that you pass this test with the given time. Remember that time itself is not what it seems inside that forest." Elder Danaya stated as she into a pile of leaves.

"I guess that is all the hints that I will get for this trial. Can I try to fly over the forest?" Adrian thought as he unfurled his wings and flew to the sky.

As soon as Adrian tried to fly above the Forest of No Return, he suddenly felt a powerful force push him back down to the ground. He tried once more but he will always end up back to the ground flying only a meter above the grass. He looked up in the skies and even wind elementals were not freely flying which meant that even beings of pure wind could not traverse the skies of the Forest of No Return.

"I guess the only choice is to enter then. I should summon my soulbounds that can help me with this." Adrian stated as he tried to summon Sirius and Wisteria.

[An unidentified force is interfering with your summoning magic. You cannot summon any of your soulbounds in this area.]

Adrian is shocked as it happened again. He cannot summon his soulbounds once again due to a powerful force interfering with the magic around him. He suddenly felt that the quest became much more difficult as he often relied on his soulbounds for scouting and such. This is the basics of a summoner after all since they are one with their soulbounds.

"I can just think of this as training again." Adrian told himself as he pushed onwards into the Forest of No Return.

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Adrian has already entered the forest for three hours, but he did not know how to get to the end. The entire forest was difficult to navigate as everything looks the same.

He tried just going in a straight line thinking that he would reach the end by doing that, but he sensed a disturbance in space. He instinctively knew that he was getting sent back to a designated place.

"This is really Faekin magic at work due to the fact that even my sense of direction is getting interfered with. Paradox, can you increase our output of energy to check the surroundings?" Adrian stated as Paradox flew around him and released waves of mana.

The waves of mana spread around the area, but the rebound did not happen. The mana that Adrian sent out is just like that of a radar that bounces back if it hits something. The mana that he sent out was absorbed by the trees which is not something that should happen normally. Living beings like trees do not absorb mana that is not their own as it could kill them.

"Master, it seems that the entire forest eats up mana in order to survive. Releasing anything that is just pure mana will not work. Do you wish for me to use mana infused with aether energy to check?" Paradox stated.

"If that is the only choice then we have no choice. I do not think that I would need to think about the well being of this forest." Adrian replied as his own special energies tend to have effects on the surroundings.

Nether energy tends to be destructive in nature and would kill any living being by devouring the mana. Aether energy is different as it can infuse things with great vitality but not all can handle that type of abundant energy. Even if aether energy is used to spread in the surroundings, the beings with life could experience too much abundance and die as a result.

"Affirmative. Now applying aether energy infused mana to scan the area." Paradox stated as it released mana waves that have the color of aether energy which usually takes the form of shining small crystals.

The entire forest that was already beautiful has suddenly upgraded its beauty to a great degree. The sparkle that aether energy gave the surroundings made it even more magical than it already is. Adrian thought that he just made the forest even more beautiful, but he can finally see the surroundings. What he did not expect is the feedback that came rushing in as soon as he did so.

"Ouch!" Adrian exclaimed as he held his head because a rush of information that he has never gotten before happened.

Adrian would usually just get some information such as coordinates where trees or any obstacles are. This time the feedback was incredibly different to the point that he got every nook and cranny crammed in his head. The incredibly detailed map of the Forest of No Return is pushed into his brain.

"Apologies, master. I was not able to block and assimilate the data in time." Paradox stated.

What Adrian got is the raw file if it is in terms of volume and size. Paradox usually filters the data in order for his master to get only the needed information. Paradox was unable to do so because it was suddenly incapacitated for a brief period of time when it got the feedback. An energy of unknown power tried to give Adrian a warning and Paradox tried to protect him from it.

"No worries as I only got a bit of a headache. I am already getting used to this information when I am in my mirror demon form. Why did you suddenly fail in filtering the needed data?" Adrian stated.

"An unknown attack is sent to our mana signature. I was able to block the attack, but the information transfer proceeded without my doing. I have deduced that the attack was spiritual in nature which means we might be dealing with a fallen divine being or a spiritual entity of a divine." Paradox stated as it gave Adrian the direction where that attack came from.

"Since even the map tells us that we cannot just proceed anywhere, we should head towards the being that dared to attack us spiritually. After all, I am the Shepherd of Lost Souls that reaps spiritual beings." Adrian stated as he smiled widely because he was already bored wandering around a forest without even monsters to kill.

Adrian head towards the direction that Paradox has marked and finally noticed changes in the forest. He no longer feels that he is getting sent to the same area that he was in before. Slight changes in forest scenery could be seen which mean that they were also heading towards the end.

Adrian walked for what seemed to be five hours which is a lot because he did not think that this forest was that large. He can now say that this forest is akin to a pocket dimension as well once you enter it. The forest was larger when one enters it than when seen from the outside.

Adrian finally arrived at the location that Paradox has marked after three more hours. The area was still inside of the forest with no sign of a garden in sight. What greeted Adrian is actually a semi-spiritual entity that barely looks like an elf. She is like a spirit that did not pass on due to bad memories because Adrian can feel her emotions that are regret and longing.

"Master, we seem to have found the being that attacked us. She was the one that sent that spiritual attack. I have already analyzed the energy from her body, and it seems to be the same as the energy that a dryad is giving off." Paradox stated.

"Dryad? She barely looks like an elf because of her current form. It seems that she has been in this forest for far too long." Adrian stated as the spirit could barely hold onto her form.

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"Based on the fact that she barely holds her entire form in a detailed manner, she must have been dead for at least three hundred years." Adrian stated.

Adrian can clearly see that the soul of the dryad has been dead for too long, but he also knows that dryads normally do not become ghosts. Dryads are beings that are also spiritual in nature as they can also be called as nature spirits. When they die, the souls of the dryads are turned into life energy which will empower the life energy in the area where they die.

"Dryads that die do not produce a soul because their souls become life energy itself. A new seed would be produced instead. This is also the reason why the dryads and leshy do not fear death as they know that they just become one with nature in the end. This is the case of what happened to Levin Cloud as he became a leshy in place of the Dryad Makiling that died." Adrian mumbled as he observed the soul of the dryad.

Adrian made sure to look carefully at the behavior of the soul. The soul itself was already a few meters away from him and he was looking directly at it, but the dryad soul did not even register

him. The dryad soul only responded to Adrian's aether mana wave because she would have been destroyed due to it. Seeing that the dryad soul is making it look like Adrian was invisible to her, Adrian tried poking the hornet's nest.

Adrian released a powerful wave of aether energy, and the dryad soul suddenly looked at him menacingly. The dryad soul that was calm and just floating there suddenly turned towards him and changed its appearance. The previous appearance that was almost a featureless soul suddenly became dark and demented.

The forest seems to also respond to the dryad soul as the atmosphere became heavy and dense. The aura of life that filled the forest was suddenly changed to an aura of pure death. Adrian instinctively changed to his Nether Demon form as a result.

The energy of death that the dryad soul released met with Adrian's nether energy and it somewhat resonated. Adrian did not expect something like this to happen as he has never met another being that has nether energy. The most shocking thing is that it was also a being that has both life and death energy in their bodies.

"I have never heard of a dryad that has both life and death energy before?" Adrian muttered as his entire body responded to the violent death energy that was released by the dryad soul.

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Levin Cloud finally finished his first round of training that he was given by the World Tree. The World Tree basically gave him a task to be able to move natura energy in the area. He was tasked to be able to manipulate a forest by himself without losing too much mana. As he finished his meditation, Elder Danaya came to him and asked his progress.

"So, can you now feel the countless life energy around you?" Elder Danaya asked.

"I can feel it for at least ten meters around me. I have yet to master the fifty-meter range that you have given me as a benchmark." Levin Cloud stated with a smile because he progressed a lot.

"That is good. Also, your friend came here a while ago while you were meditating. He is probably lost in the Forest of No Return about now. Although... I have faith that he can clear it within the given time limit that was given to him." Elder Danaya stated which made Levin Cloud ask for more.

Upon knowing the reason for Adrian's escapade in a forest that even the newborn fae are told to not go in, Levin Cloud could only sigh at the hardships that his best friend encounters. The Forest of No Return is safe for beings that have already matured their minds, but it is dangerous for childlike minds. It is also a reason why a powerful spell is placed there to deter fae with childlike minds out.

"Do you think he would encounter the Evil Maiden of the Forest of No Return?" Levin Cloud asked as he has heard the stories of some Fae that have traversed there.

"The Evil Maiden of the Forest of No Return is just a legend that was created to scare the child and childminded fae. I think you know that children tend to stay away at things that they find scary or terrifying." Elder Danaya stated.

"I see. If it was a made-up story, who created it though?" Levin Cloud asked.

"The one who created that story is. Huh... that is quite odd. I do not know who created the story as if a fog is in my head. Have I basked in the morning fog too long that it also entered my mind?" Elder Danaya stated as she cannot recall who made that story.

"If you forgot it then it might not be true. You are the Elder of Knowledge in Alfheim after all. If you do not know it, then it is safe to say that it is not true." Levin Cloud stated but he has this nagging feeling that the story might be true.

The Evil Maiden of the Forest of No Return was not really a created story by a single faekin. It was born due to the numerous sightings of fae that ventured inside the Forest of No Return. She was a real spiritual being sealed inside the Forest of No Return. The only reason why she was barely seen is due to the fact that the Faekin are not that in tune with real death.

There are Faekin that can utilize death energy, but they have not visited the underworld or death realms. Also, the ghostly maiden in the Forest of No Return is sensitive to energy. She would usually hide if she senses another's presence but her reaction to Adrian's energy was different.