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Chapter 2051 Journey to the East III

Knowing that the changes in the eastern continent has been great, Adrian did not want to stay too long. He immediately went straight towards Vermillion City after passing through the town where he gathered information. Apparently, the people who revived the Goddess Izanami is also spreading like wildfire which is why there are no people that travel that much. The protectors of the east were also sealed in their mountain by the Goddess Izanami herself.

The reason why Peridot was reluctant to say things about the state of her master is that she was sealed along with the other eastern dragons. They were all sealed when they were in their hibernating state and the gatekeepers were even severely injured or killed trying to stop the Goddess Izanami. The descent of the Goddess Izanami meant that she must have broken the shackle of power in the eastern continent and has the power of a high goddess.

"The dimensional barrier is weaker here compared to the central continent. The dimensional barrier is weakening to the point that it is becoming difficult to maintain. The twin gods will be asleep for at least ten years which means that lots of incidents like this will happen. Should I get in touch with the Gods of Death in the eastern continent?" Adrian asked.

As Adrian traveled, he reached more villages and towns that were in high alert. The people were more wary, but it seems that they can still interact as long as you are inside of the actual village or town. They do warn the travelers that the cult that revived the Goddess Izanami are also kidnapping people in order to feed her. Adrian is a bit disturbed about this because gods eating mortals are a taboo.

In fact, the reason why the people of the eastern continent have abandoned their gods is that simple fact. The people of the eastern continent turned to the Four Divine Beasts for sanctuary as some of their gods no longer treated them as followers but as sustenance. This also made it difficult for the good-hearted gods to flourish as the other gods went mad. The mad gods also overpowered the good-natured gods and devoured their divinity to the point that some incarnated as mortals.

Adrian might have not spent a lot of time in the eastern continent, but he has seen mortals with the divine soul of gods. He did not dare to interact with them as he feared that he will be roped in troublesome things, but they are real. The incarnated gods might also be trying to stop the Goddess Izanami as testament to the fact that the latter has yet to fully control the eastern continent.

Along the way, Adrian saw some shady figures trying to kidnap him which made him sigh. He did not think that he would become a target because he made sure to minimize his presence to the point that he would be inconspicuous. The problem is that two children suddenly ran up to him in tears. The older boy seems to be carrying her injured young sister as they are fleeing from the hooded pursuers.

"Please help us, great master!" The young boy shouted as tears and snot filled his face while being slightly filled with hope as they encountered a warrior as they ran away.

Adrian made sure to use his eyes to determine if the two children were indeed children. In the eastern continent where, shapeshifting monsters are more common, the chance of encountering one were one out of five. A lot of monsters learn to polymorph in the eastern continent as long as they reach the Legendary tier. Adrian checked their souls, and they were indeed children due to their

young auras. He checked if they are monsters that are young, but they clearly have the soul of a human being. The two young children hid behind Adrian without even knowing if they will be saved by him.

"Give the children to us and we will let you be on your way, traveler." One of the five hooded men stated.

"Please! I am begging you to save us. They ransacked our village and killed everyone there." The young boy stated. n/o/vel/b//in dot c//om

"Why do I always end up getting caught up in secret organization dealings in the eastern continent?" Adrian stated with a sigh.

"You better give the children or else your head will be separated from your neck!" The hooded man stated.

"What assurance do you give me when I hand them over? Will you not just kill me since I am a witness of a crime?" Adrian stated which shocked the young boy as he might actually give the latter to them.

"You have no say in this matter, mortal! We are immortals! We can easily capture the kids even if you stand there! We were just enjoying the hunt as it relieves our boredom." The hooded man stated with a laugh as the others did so as well.

"It seems that you are also affected by madness. The goddess you worship must be terribly affected by it as well to even infect the so-called immortals. Still, I thought the Immortals are beings that try to go against divinity not come under one." Adrian stated which made the hooded men look at him with killing intent.

"Let us just kill that wanderer and be done with it. The goddess needs sustenance if we want to be given our rewards." Another hooded man stated as they charged towards Adrian.

"Sirius, protect these two kids." Adrian stated as Sirius suddenly came out of his shadow to protect the two kids.

The hooded men were surprised to see a wolf monster suddenly pop out of Adrian's shadow, but they did not waver. They have known of the Omnyojis and their capability to tame monsters as familiars. They just classified Adrian as one even though he has the appearance of a warrior that is wandering to hone his skill. The hooded men suddenly realized that Adrian did not have a sword on his back or waist which meant that he was not a warrior.

"Just kill him! If he is dead, then the familiar will die with him!" The hooded man shouted as four men jumped towards Adrian while the other went towards the kids.

"Charon and Wisteria, bind them." Adrian stated as Charon manifested his body while Wisteria suddenly came out of the ground.

Charon's chains suddenly bound them while Saena used the trees to strengthen their bind. Adrian then summoned his spear armament and proceeded to pierce the heart of the enemy that is closest to him. Adrian thought that he would instantly kill the hooded man that was captured but a shield suddenly manifested that blocked his attack. The critical hit to the heart did not connect as an artifact of the hooded man activated and blocked Adrian's attack entirely.

The artifact not only defended the man but also created a powerful reverberation that destroyed the chains and vines binding him and his other comrades. The hooded men suddenly retreated far away as they knew that familiars could not stray too far from their master. They all thought wrong as they did not expect Charon to suddenly appear behind them and bind them once again with chains. Of the four that were bound, only the one that used his life saving relic is caught while the others escaped using some tricks.

Adrian is a bit shocked to see three people easily bypass Charon, but he remembered that they are Immortals. They are long lived beings that have hoarded lots of things in order to save their live or prolong it. Immortals are beings that want to make sure that they will stay alive which is why they are pursuing the path to immortality.

"Help me!" The hooded man stated but they suddenly thought of running away seeing that they cannot easily win.

"Argh!" The scream of the hooded man that came for the kids echoed as the others saw Sirius biting his head cleanly and killing their comrade.

"Apologies but we need to stay alive!" The three hooded immortals shouted as they used some sort of life saving talisman to suddenly vanish.

"Those might be similar to Teleportation Scrolls, but they did not twist space in order to escape. They used natural energy instead which made them traverse terrain using nature itself." Adrian stated as Wisteria explained how the three escaped.

"Cowards!" The captured hooded man stated as he suddenly noticed that Adrian is now in front of him.

Adrian was not even scared of them because he already saw their levels. All of the men that came to him were all level 250 which meant that dealing with them is already a cakewalk to him. The hooded man tried to plea for his life, but Adrian was having none of that. With a quick swipe of his spear, the man's head came flying as it was his head that flew instead of Adrian's.

I was not able to upload yesterday because I suffered body ache from overdoing physical activities. Will make it up to you guys!

Chapter 2052: Vermillion City

The young boy looked horrified when he saw a man's head get bitten off and finally fainted when another one's head suddenly separate from his body. Seeing that the young boy giving into exhaustion, Adrian decided to bring them Vermillion City with him. It might be six hours away, but he cannot return the kids to their village as it was razed to the ground according to them.

Adrian summoned Saena to heal the two kids and managed to save the young girl as she was heavily injured. He looked at the two kids softly as he could not imagine what they must be going through. The fact that the young boy had the courage to ran as far as his feet could take him despite knowing the impossibility of surviving means that he has great tenacity.

"It might also be the reason why his soul shines golden as if to say that he is someone with a heart and will of gold." Adrian stated.

He then looked at the young girl and could only look at her soul with interest. The young girl's soul had a fiery essence to it. He could easily guess that this young girl might have abilities relating to

flames as her hands could be seen covered in bandages due to burns. Saena was able to heal her hands but some of the scars still remain. She might have overused her abilities in order to save her brother.

"Such great siblings. One did not leave the other behind while the other used everything to protect the other." Adrian mumbled as he passed by the razed village.

The small village could be seen filled with ash and still a bit hot as the hooded men just did this earlier. The bodies of the dead could be seen burnt to the point that they are unrecognizable. He then saw the souls of the dead rush towards him as if they saw the light. Adrian made sure to fulfill his duties and send the souls to the underworld as they needed to rest in peace. Lingering in the mortal realm with grudges or resentments will transform them into vengeful spirits.

"A benevolent grim reaper?" The young girl stated as she woke up slightly but fell to sleep again as she needed to recover.

The two kids suddenly had smiles on their faces but also cried as well. They saw the image of their family and acquaintances say their farewells. Even their beloved mother told them that they should grow up big and strong. They should always have each other's backs as they only have each other to rely on.

"Where are we!" The young boy suddenly stated as he woke up from his deep sleep.

"It seems that the both of you have gotten a good rest because we are now close to Vermillion City." Adrian stated as he could now see the silhouette of the city from afar.

A lot of things also happened on the way as there were bandits then monsters. There was even a seductive plant monster that tried to lure Adrian with its charm, but Wisteria destroyed it. Adrian never saw a plant monster so traumatized to the point that it wanted to yank its roots from the ground. It was both disturbing and utterly jaw dropping to see such a scene.

"Thank you, great master! We are in your debt!" The young boy suddenly stated as he woke up his sister.

"Are both of you going to be fine?" Adrian asked as he knew that the two young kids lost everything.

"Thank you but we will be fine. We can manage as long as we are together. Thank the great master as well." The young boy stated.

"Thank you, great master." The young girl stated as she clung to her brother with all her might as Vermillion City looked bustling despite the recent activities of the cults.

"If you want, I can help you two to settle in as I know someone that could help both of you. The help would not be free as you might need to work for them." Adrian stated as he felt that leaving them to fend for themselves leaves a sour taste in his mouth.

"You already helped us too much that we feel that we are taking advantage of you." The young boy stated.

"Think of this as fated meeting that would not have happened if you were in different circumstances. Also, you can call me Equinox as being called great master is a bit too much even for me." Adrian stated.

"Then Master Equinox... thank you once again. My name is Kenta, and this is my sister Hotaru." Kenta stated.

"Well, it is nice meeting both of you. So, do you want to accept my proposal?" Adrian asked.

"We would like to as we are very lost. We promise that we will repay you to the utmost when we grow up!" Kenta stated.

"You do not need to do so. You can just think of this as a fortuitous encounter. Follow me as we are going to Vermillion Pagoda." Adrian stated.

"Vermillion Pagoda? You mean that?!" Kenta shouted as he pointed towards the red pagoda where the Vermillion Bird lives.

"Wow! We are going to the pretty pagoda!" Hotaru exclaimed in shock and excitement. "Come now. I have an important meeting with someone there and I believe that person can help both of you." Adrian stated as he proceeded to walk towards the Vermillion Pagoda. Vermillion City is still bustling but the people in it could be seen being a bit tense. Even if they are under the direct protection of the Vermillion Bird, they knew that the cultist could attack anytime or linger in the shadows. The guards in the city could be seen being very alert as if they are always ready should something bad happened. Adrian made sure to keep an eye on the children as he might need to find another home for them if the Vermillion Bird does not take care of them.

Chapter 2053: Worries of the Vermillion Bird

Adrian reached Vermillion Pagoda but was blocked by the guards there. He suddenly remembered that he still had his disguise on which is why he emanated the power given to him by the Vermilion Bird. The heart that was given to Adrian by the Vermilion Bird suddenly activated and a fiery aura suddenly came out of his body which made the guards bow down to him.

"Please lead me to the Vermillion Bird. Also, the kids will be coming with me." Adrian stated in a calm tone.

"As the master's friend wishes. A priestess will be escorting you." The guard stated as a priestess dressed in red clothes suddenly manifested in flames in front of Adrian.

"Greetings, Master Equinox. The master has been expecting you. I shall guide you to the top floor." The priestess stated.

"Thank you. Make sure to follow me." Adrian stated as he then told the kids to always stick close to him.

The way up the pagoda was naturally magical as well as there were more things that seemed to be upgraded compared to the last time that Adrian visited. He saw a platform levitate from floor to floor without the use of gears or lifts. The platform itself has been transformed into a magical platform using intricate spells and formations.

"The pagoda looks more magical and mystical compared to my last visit. It seems that things have been good here." Adrian commented.

"Thank you for the compliments, Master Equinox. The master made sure that the Vermillion Pagoda will not lose out to the residence of the other three Divine Beasts. Peace has returned to this land,

but I think you know what happened next." The priestess stated as she suddenly had a heavy heart because they were finally achieving great peace.

"I guess the eastern continent also has problem with gods. They are very troublesome to deal with as they are very hardheaded individuals that only think of themselves." Adrian stated as he completely forgot that he is basically a representative of gods himself.

"We have arrived. Please enter the door." The priestess stated as she bowed and left.

The door that the priestess was gesturing towards was none other than an open door where a pocket dimension is located on the other side. He made sure to take the hands of the two children and enter the room. When all three of them entered, they saw a large bird made of heat and flames that emitted incredibly soothing energy. Adrian squinted his eyes and could see that the Vermillion Bird is a bit tired.

"Greetings, my friend." The Vermillion Bird stated as its powerful divine aura emanated in the room which prompted the two kids to kneel down in revelry.

"It is nice to see you again as well." Adrian replied.

"You seem to have taken in children. I did not think that you would be interested in fatherhood. Also, you are still in your polymorphed form and not your real one." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"Oh! I almost forgot. Also, these two kids are not my children. I just happened to come across them when some evil immortals wanted to catch them." Adrian stated as he undid the Polumorph.

The two kids glanced upwards to see what Adrian looked like and they were shocked. They could tell that the one that they are calling great master was actually not human. Still, they did not care since it was also human beings that destroyed their happiness. They knew that outer appearance does not determine if one has the heart of gold.

"I see that you have also encountered them. My heart is saddened that the eastern continent is now embroiled once again in turmoil. It is to the point that I cannot even let you summon my divine spark as I need all of it in my battle against that evil goddess should she come here again." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"You already fought her? Has she already gotten her strength back?" Adrian asked in shock as he did not expect that the Goddess Izanami already started fighting with one of the Four Divine Beasts.

"Yes, and she was strong, but her powers are not yet complete. I was able to repel her since she also split herself to attack the other divine beasts." The Vermillion Bird stated which shocked Adrian.

The Goddess Izanami was able to take on four of the divine beasts by herself. She might have lost the exchange, but it also meant that she was strong enough to rule the eastern continent. If she were to fight against one of the Divine Beasts, then she might have a chance of winning. This statement and the appearance of the Vermillion Bird made Adrian think of the disparity in strength between the goddess and him.

"Do not worry as she could not handle one of us. The Goddess Izanami would be attacked by all of us should she use her real body to attack us. I love to chat, but I know that you came here for a reason, my friend." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"I guess, I should tell you about the kids first." Adrian stated as he explained that the kids need a place to stay.

He also discussed that the little girl has talent for flames and could become a priestess of the Vermillion Bird. The Vermillion Bird tested the aptitude of the young girl and even it could not believe that she was beyond talented. Kenta became proud of his sister and Adrian suggested that Kenta be trained as a guard. This way, both of them will be able to live in the Vermillion Pagoda.

The Vermillion Bird accepted the request from Adrian as the latter was able to find a suitable priestess for it. The two young kids were escorted out of the top part of the pagoda by a priestess as they needed to be sent to their new quarters and be given what their next duties

will be. Seeing that the two kids were already settled, Adrian finally asked what he needed to know.

Chapter 2054: Learning about the Turtle Dragons

"I need to know more about the Turtle Dragons." Adrian asked the Vermillion Bird.

The Vermillion Bird then looked at Adrian with a bit of surprise as she did not expect that at all. She was not able to see or hear what Adrian was up to these past few days because of the increased wariness towards the Goddess Izanami. The Vermillion Bird already knew that Adrian will not do something that would harm the Turtle Dragons which is why she decided to tell him everything.

"The Turtle Dragons are also Divine Beasts just like us, but they are in the realm of creation. They are beings that breathe life to the eastern continent which is why they are often hidden. They move through the ebb and flow of the world which is why they are very elusive beings. They were born from the drops of blood of the Mother Dragon Goddess when those fell into the sea.

They are beings that are older than me and would often prefer to hide and be in peace. They are not beings to be trifled with as they are incredibly fierce when provoked. One could even say that they can easily destroy an entire continent should they be brought to rage. This was already proven once back then when a small dragon turtle was killed by islanders south of here." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"How long was back then? You do know that long lived beings have no concept of time. Also, is there a way to meet them?" Adrian asked.

"It was a time when the world just fragmented. This was also the time where humanity regressed as they a lot of beings died. One could say that an apocalypse occurred that regressed the intelligence and wisdom of all beings. The way to meet one is possible but would be incredibly difficult." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"Please tell me as I need to help one of my soulbounds evolve." Adrian stated as the Vermillion Bird suddenly remembered that one of his soulbounds looked like a dragon turtle. "Do you mean to tell me that Wisteria is a dragon turtle? I thought that she was merely a turtle that has dragon features but to think that she was a pure blood. She is very different to the Dragon Turtles that I have encountered before as she is softer in features. The ones that I have seen were beings that have sharp spiked shells and even body parts." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"You are correct. She is an Arboreal Dragon Turtle that hatched from an egg that I got. She is not a typical turtle dragon which is why I want to ask them if it is possible to know how to make her stronger." Adrian stated.

"In order to get to the place that Dragon Turtles hide, you would need do three things." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"What are they? I can do them even if it is difficult." Adrian stated as a hidden quest suddenly appeared.

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Hidden Quest Notification

Quest Name: Token of the Dragon Turtle

Quest Difficulty: Unknown

Quest Description: The Vermillion Bird has told you how to locate the Dragon Turtles, but it is still up to you if you will meet them. They are beings of elusive nature and will not show themselves to beings that look for them easily. It is said that an encounter with a Dragon Turtle is a fortuitous encounter that can give one immortality.

Clear Condition:

- Get a Trinket from any of the Four Cardinal Divine Beasts
- Look for the Immortal named Taro
- Make the Immortal Taro lead you to the Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles.

Clear Reward: Able to get to the Realm of the Dragon Turtles

Failure Condition: Unable to suffice all conditions

Failure: Unable to enter the Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles

Duration: None

Restriction: Only those that have befriended one of the Four Cardinal Divine Beasts and is curious about the Dragon Turtles can receive this quest. This quest cannot be shared and is bound to the one that activate it. The quest will be on hold if the user is in a party with another player.

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"The Dragon Turtles are being that will forever cherish the ones that help them. You already have my trinket that will aid you to find the Immortal named Taro. Show him my trinket and he might be able to help you." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"You said might... does this mean that he might not help me? Is he the only one that could lead me to the hidden realm? How would I even find him when the eastern continent is in turmoil?" Adrian asked.

"He was the one that is blessed by the Dragon Turtles as their eternal friend. He was given immortality because of it but his tales could have been twisted due to how long it happened. He is one of the few beings in the eastern continent that could never grow old and is not intimidated by other beings because of his connection with the Dragon Turtles." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"Any idea where to find him?" Adrian asked.

"I believe that you know how to, my friend. You are still affiliated with a great information clan in the eastern continent after all." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"I see. If the Heihudie clan can tell me his location, then that would be great. Anyways, I feel bad that I am only taking from you. Do you wish for me to help you in your current situation?"

Adrian asked.

The Vermillion Bird is a bit amused that Adrian would mention of him helping as he disliked troublesome situations. The fact that he offered even though he does not like it meant that it is genuine because he is indebted. The Vermillion Bird laughed heartily as it never knew another being that would want to reciprocate good will to a Divine Beast.

"The situation now is something that I can handle, my friend. Although your offer of help might of use to me in the future when I am in need of it. I only ask that you do not abandon me in my time of need when I call for you help." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"Of course! I will make sure that I will come running here even if I have to destroy the dimensional disruptions. Even if the Goddess Izanami herself detects my presence, I will come to aid you here as you have done so much for me." Adrian replied.

"Since you have said that then I will hold you to your word. I am thankful just for that. You may now go, my friend. I need to take some rest as I need to recover some of my strength." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"Thank you for the information. May you have a great rest so that you recover fully." Adrian stated as he bid farewell to the Vermillion Bird and headed to a tea house in Vermillion City. The tea house was actually quite bustling at the moment as he knew that these customers were not here for just normal tea but actual 'tea' about the situation in the world outside of Vermillion City. The hostess thought that Adrian was a first timer in the tea house when he suddenly showed the trinket that symbolized the Matriarch of the Heihudie clan. It was then that the hostess remembered that they have a very special benefactor that can change his

appearance.

Seeing the token, the hostess immediately led Adrian to a more secluded room. He was served tea and some cakes before the branch manager came to his room. As the branch manager sat down and greeted Adrian, he immediately isolated the space in the room so that it would be

totally soundproof.

"Your methods are as secure as always benefactor. You did not even age a day as well." The branch manager stated as Adrian showed his real form.

"I actually remember you as well. Who knew that a good few years ago have already passed but you also become like wine." Adrian stated as he made the branch manager blush. Adrian remembered her because she was the one that gave him the bug that now became Kenos. He was still surprised that something like that happened, but he got a great soulbound in the process. He will definitely give a generous tip to her after she answers his questions. "You jest, benefactor. To what do we owe the pleasure of your visit?" The branch manager

stated.

"I need to know where the current location of the Immortal named Taro is. I want to reach the Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles, and they said that he is the one that can guide me there." Adrian stated which shocked the branch manager.

"Is there something wrong with my request?" Adrian asked as he noticed the odd expression of the branch manager.

"The information is actually quite easy, benefactor. The problem are the risks." The branch manager stated as she looked worried.

Chapter 2055: Finding the Immortal Taro I

"Risks? Will I be targeted by a specific evil organization or something if I meet with the Immortal Taro?" Adrian asked.

"No, it is not like that. The Immortal that is named Taro is actually a drunkard that looks like a child. He is also someone that cannot be harmed as he possesses the Blessing of the Turtle Dragon King. He cannot leave the coastal village he is staying at due to it as well. Anyone that tries to approach the Immortal named Taro would often be subjected to the torment of unknown entities that they cannot see." The branch manager stated.

"I do not have any malicious intent in approaching him. I only need to know where he is currently. I guess it is a good thing that I will be able to meet him easily since he is trapped in one village." Adrian stated as he sipped his tea.

"If that is what the benefactor wishes then you can find the Immortal named Taro in Kameryuu Village, but he is said to be elusive. It seems that his existence has already transcended that of a human which is why even normal people cannot see him. Given the benefactor's state, you will not have any trouble encountering him at all. Is there anything else that the benefactor needs?" The branch manager stated.

"Nothing for the moment. Please give me the bill so that I can start looking for him." Adrian stated as he finished eating the cakes as well.

Adrian paid the bill and headed to the location that the branch manager has given him. Even though he knew that he would have some difficulty in finding the person in question, he had no other leads. He had to risk it all as there is only one being that has the power to go to the Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles. He just needs to believe that the Immortal named Taro will be the one that can solve his problems.

He arrived at Kameryuu Village easily as it was not that far from Vermillion City. He just needed to go south of the city and ride Sirius for about three hours. Since Sirius had to go full speed, he did not encounter any other people as they would just see them like a blur. If Adrian walked, then he would have taken at least nine hours to arrive at the location.

"The village itself seem to be quite peaceful as the people here are interacting but they are still wary. The check in the gate was very hands on but the token from the Vermillion Bird was very effective in getting inside." Adrian thought.

Adrian also asked the guards if they knew of someone called Taro in the village and they had this strange expression. They asked him what he needs the Immortal named Taro for and he told them that he has questions about the Dragon Turtles. The guards were a bit shocked, but it seems that the Dragon Turtles are also revered in this village along with the Vermillion Bird.

Adrian learned that the Dragon Turtles provide some protection to the village as long as they are careful to not provoke them. Any monster that looks like a turtle cannot be killed or harmed inside the village. In return for not harming the turtle monsters, the turtle monsters would also just lay on the beach side. The last time that someone harmed turtle monsters made them incur the wrath of the sea as they were suddenly hit by a tsunami.

"It seems that I am in the correct place. I feel some sort of divine energy in this village." Adrian thought as he headed towards the small shack located at the coast.

The Immortal named Taro seemed to be well-known amongst the villagers as he is said to have lived for at least three hundred years. They said that he did not age ever since he was missing at sea at the age of fifteen. The downside for that is his inability to move away from the village. There have been some immortals that came to know his story and tried to kidnap him to know the secret to his constitution, but they were killed before they left the village.

It is said that a mysterious force suddenly came down upon the immortals that dared to harm or kidnap the Immortal named Taro. All those that dared to harm him would suddenly explode into rocks without warning. Even normal human beings that tried to take him away were no different. In the end, the people grew distant and fearful of the Immortal named Taro but made sure to always be in his good side.

"They believed that his youthful looks are a result of the favor of the Dragon Turtle King." Adrian stated as he reached the small shack and saw a young kid drinking alcohol as if it is water.

"Who are you?! Go away! If you do not want to suddenly burst into rock shards or get swallowed by the ocean, then get the hell away from me." The young-looking kid stated.

"Are you perhaps, Urashima Taro?" Adrian asked as this was the full name that the Vermillion Bird and the Heihudie clan branch manager has given him.

"How do you know my full name?! Are you here to take me away or something?" Urashima Taro stated as it did not look like he was drunk at all.

"I came here because the Vermillion Bird told me that you would be able to tell me information about the Dragon Turtles as I need to know about them. You are the person that they have pointed me to when it comes to information about them. They even said that you can lead me to the Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles." Adrian stated.

"Do you want to die?" Urashima Taro stated as he looked at Adrian because his current form did not make him look incredibly strong.

"I just need you to lead me to them. I am strong enough to protect myself." Adrian stated as he showed the token that represented the Vermillion Bird.

"Even if you have that token, I cannot help you." Urashima Taro stated as he suddenly looked distant.

"Why? I was told that I only needed to show you this token." Adrian stated.

"Let us see if you think so. Do you wish to know of a story of an innocent boy?" Urashima Taro asked.

"Sure. I am not going anywhere right now." Adrian stated.

Urashima Taro then started the story of a young innocent boy that fishes in the ocean as his mother was sick. He was enjoying his time and then he saw some young boys tormenting a turtle that looked cute in his eyes. He scared off the other young boys and saved the cute turtle only to be shocked that it was not an ordinary turtle.

The cute turtle returned to him one day when he was out fishing and gave him a precious medicine. The medicine was able to cure her mother, but he needed to follow the cute turtle in return. The young innocent boy accepted the request as it was a miracle medicine that cured his mother upon consumption. He promised the turtle to follow it to its place the next day as his mother is now cured.

The young innocent boy bid farewell to his mother as she knew the price for her medicine. He was invited to another place that can only be called magical as it was a place of corals made of gold. The turtle that he managed to save was actually a princess of the Dragon Turtles and she toured with her for three days. The two beings managed to play with each other to their heart's content without even minding the time.

Seeing that he spent too much time, the young boy decided to return to his mother. The dragon turtle princess was reluctant to say goodbye, but she knew that the boy needed to return. The princess went to her father as he also wanted to reward the young boy. The Dragon Turtle King blessed the young boy with his blessing while the princess gave the boy a box that she told to never open.

The boy became able to breathe in water due to the blessing and returned back to his mother or that is what he thought. He did not expect that a hundred years suddenly passed when he returned. The mother that was young is now an old woman that managed to live because of her strong will and the effects of the medicine. She waited for the return of her son before peacefully dying after a month of his return.

The young boy saddened with grief suddenly became distraught. He threw the box given by the princess to the ground and it shattered. As soon as the box shattered, a pearl like object came out and it fused with the boy which gave him his forever young image. It also made him unable to return to the Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles.

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"And that young boy was none other than you." Adrian stated as he already knew where this story ends.

"You are correct." Urashima Taro stated as he gave a big sigh and chugged the whole bottle that he has on his hands.

"You absorbed something that made you unable to age?" Adrian asked as he looked at the soul of the person in front of him.

"I did not know what that was, but I felt the power of a dragon turtle when it entered my body. I tried to end my problems by jumping to the sea, but I could not drown. I tried harming myself, but

any type of blade would just get destroyed upon hitting my heart or head. Any wound that I get would heal in just under a minute. Even alcohol cannot affect me as it only tastes like flavored water to me." Urashima Taro stated as he started to have watery eyes.

"Your soul is still completely human but there is something embedded in it that makes you turn into an immortal. A divine bead that could manipulate the very laws of nature itself." Adrian stated as his eyes looked incredibly deep as he looked at the soul of Urashima Taro.

"You! What are you?!" Urashima Taro asked as the thing inside of him suddenly sensed that Adrian was not a normal human.

"Me? You can call me the Mediator of Death but my name is Equinox. The one that can deliver even the living to the afterlife. So, I am willing to help you because it seems that you wish for peace. Do you wish to die?" Adrian asked as he actually got a quest that is linked to the afterlife.

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Afterlife Quest

Quest Name: A Weary Soul Needs Rest

Quest Difficulty: B

Quest Description: Urashima Taro has been in this world for far too long and his human soul is starting to feel weary. He should have entered the cycle of death long ago, but a special thing has made that unable to happen. Take out the special thing that is inside the body of the weary Urashima Taro.

Clear Condition: Take out the thing that is keeping the soul of Urashima Taro in the mortal realm.

Clear Reward: Unknown

Failure Condition: Unable to take out the special thing binding the soul of Urashima Taro in the mortal realm

Failure: Urashima Taro becomes incredibly depressed

Duration: None

Restriction: Only those that can see the special thing embedded in Urashima Taro can trigger this quest. They must also have connections to the afterlife in order to unlock it.

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"You can see it?" Urashima Taro shouted in shock as he could not believe that there is a being that could see the thing inside of him.

"I can see its form, but it is incredibly tied to your soul. Only the being that created it can extract it from your own soul." Adrian stated as he actually tried using his hands, but he cannot kill Urashima Taro as he will just recover.

Adrian's hands that can touch souls should never be used on mortal beings as it is incredibly taboo. He can only touch souls when the other party is already dead. He could try and kill Urashima Taro, but the thing is keeping him from truly dying. He can only think that Urashima Taro must have been in utter despair when he could not die when he wants to attain peace.

"Why do you want to die though? A lot of mortals would want to have what you have. Mortals would always cling to life, and they even pursue eternal life even if they would sacrifice people along the way. So, why do you want to get rid of it when you have what they want?" Adrian asked.

"I no longer want to stay in this place forever frozen in time. This village already changed a lot, and I have witnessed all that change. I even fell in love with someone and created a family but even I outlived them. In the end, I just want to gain eternal rest as I am already too tired to keep on living." Urashima Taro stated with a heart that is filled with melancholy.

"If that is the case then you can lead the way to Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles. I will follow and protect you along the way as only they can take out what is given as a gift." Adrian stated as the other party was given a powerful gift blessed by divine beings. Taking it out forcibly will incur their wrath but it is not like he can take it out anyway.

"I have tried to go back but the princess told me that the thing inside of the box was my way in. I even tried diving in the depths of the ocean, but I cannot return. If I could only take out this thing inside of me then I would have already entered the hidden realm to die." Urashima Taro stated.

"All you need to do is become my pathfinder and I will do the rest. I only need to know where the hidden realm is located." Adrian stated.

"That is the thing! I cannot find it even if I try." Urashima Taro stated.

"You were searching in desperation when the entrance has been closed to you. You will navigate and I will be the key for you to enter the door. Do you trust me?" Adrian stated.

"I wanted to say that I do not trust you, but you have this aura around you that says that you are true to your word. In my long life, I already became tired of trying but what is one last time." Urashima Taro stated.

"One last time." Adrian exclaimed and it made Urashima Taro stand up once again.

[You have completed the quest 'Token of the Dragon Turtle'.]

[Urashima Taro can now sense the entrance of the Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles.]

"How are you in divine deep into the ocean?" Urashima Taro asked.

"I can manage. All you need to do is guide me there." Adrian stated as he summoned Kanlaon in a smaller form which Urashima Taro thought was a snake but felt great power from the latter.

"Follow me. I was escorted to the hidden realm by riding on a turtle back then but the path we took was definitely the depths of the ocean." Urashima Taro stated.

Urashima Taro and Adrian headed to the shore as the former discussed that there are monsters in the depths of the ocean. Urashima Taro explained that he does not get attacked by the monsters, but Adrian might be swarmed as soon as he dives. Adrian told him not to worry as he can protect himself against other monsters. Seeing that his companion is confident, Urashima taro dove into the ocean.

The ocean was already deep even if they were only ten meters away from the shore. The deep waters made it possible for powerful aquatic monsters to get near the shore. Urashima Taro saw these aquatic monsters, but they all ignored him as if something around him was intimidating them. The monsters did not ignore the other one that dived though as they all charged towards Adrian.

"Kanlaon, make them feel fear." Adrian commanded while he was inside an air bubble that Kanlaon created for him.

"As you wish, master." Kanlaon replied and unleashed his Dragon Fear without holding back.

All of the aquatic monsters that thought of them as prey suddenly scattered upon feeling the overwhelming might of Kanlaon's Dragon Fear. Even Urashima Taro felt it despite not being the target of it and he even thought that this presence held the prestige that could rival the Dragon Turtle King. He can now see that it was not a snake that is around Adrian's neck but that of a true dragon.

"Please continue on leading the way." Adrian stated as it seems Urashima Taro cannot easily speak when under water, but he can still hear the former.

Urashima Taro dove deeper and deeper until they were finally at the ocean floor. It was incredibly dark if not for the fluorescent jelly fish monsters that gave light. These jelly fish monsters were not aggressive as they stay floating in place just waiting for smaller fish to get caught in their tentacles. The deep ocean was both beautiful and dangerous as Adrian could see and feel a lot of fierce aquatic monsters.

The aquatic monsters that live further down below were intelligent and did not attack. They seemed to have recognized that Adrian was an acquaintance of the being with the Dragon Turtle King's blessing. As long as the two of them did not attack or destroy their territories, the intelligent aquatic monsters planned to turn a blind eye. After a few hours, Urashima Taro finally stopped and pointed to an underwater whirlpool.

"I can feel it. It is definitely an entrance to another realm." Adrian stated as he looked at the whirlpool.

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"It seems to be there. I can feel a strange wave of spatial energy moving about." Adrian stated as he looked closely at the whirlpool.

Urashima Taro pointed continuously towards the whirlpool, and he only stopped when Adrian gave him the thumbs up. It seems that he cannot hear Adrian properly as the water pressure and the movement of water due to the whirlpool was scrambling the sound. Adrian is actually quite shocked at the blessing that Urashima Taro has because even whirlpools are ineffective against him. Whatever the Dragon Turtle King has blessed him with must be incredibly potent.

"Can you make sure that he does not get swept away by what I am going to do?" Adrian stated as he looked at Kanlaon.

"Yes, master." Kanlaon replied as he suddenly became bigger and grabbed Urashima Taro which greatly shocked the latter.

Adrian then proceeded to use force to try and push the water around the whirlpool. Upon doing so, he was able to create an environment that one could breathe in the depths of the ocean. He did not do this before because it needs immense concentration, and the pressure of the ocean is not something that he can bare for long. He would need to finish everything that he needed to do in under 10 minutes in order to not strain himself.

The whirlpool did not cease to exist even though Adrian has already made the water get pushed back. The whirlpool was still going strong as if it was not water but a lump of mana that is continuously getting rotated. Adrian tried touching it to see if he can pry it open by force using his own strength, but he got a backlash. He was knocked back by about three meters as if a powerful force suddenly pushed him away.

"It is quite powerful to the point that I would need to be more delicate. I am going to need your help for this one." Adrian stated as he looked at Urashima Taro who can now easily walk on water and also saw what the former truly looks like.

When Adrian was hit by the magical force, the polymorph that he used was suddenly cancelled and revealed his real form. This came as a shock to Urashima Taro as he did not expect that a demon would be the real form of the person that he followed. He was already shocked that a dragon followed Adrian but being a demon almost made him faint. He has learned of demons back then as they are said to have spawned the Oni tribe due to a weird mutation when a demon and a human made children but that is not yet proven.

"No wonder you were confident! You were a demon all along!" Urashima Taro stated.

"It seems that you are knowledgeable about demons. Not many in the eastern continent know about us as we barely show ourselves to the people here." Adrian stated as there not many time and space anomalies in the eastern continent.

"I have lived long, and I have also read a lot to make sure that I will never get bored in my long life. Although, this is the first time that I have seen a demon up close. Is it true that some of the evil demons produced the Oni race when they mated with the people in the eastern continent? Is it also true that you guys are the beings that can bend time and space to your will as if you are gods?" Urashima Taro stated as he suddenly became incredibly energetic.

"I do not know about the Oni Race but there have been evil demons in the past, but they became other things as they had their Origin Magic stripped away because they used it for great evil. Anyways, we can control time and space just as you said but we can also use force. As you can see, I am using force to push the water away so that we can have this kind of conversation." Adrian stated.

As Adrian said, there have been Daemos or demons that have done great evil in the past. They were mercilessly stripped of their core, or their cores were broken so that they can no longer use Origin Magic. There were tales from the elders that the evil demons escaped east but they did not know how far as a broken Daemos Core would just make a demon incredibly tough skinned and physically strong.

"Enough questions for now. I need your help in order to break the door as it seems that it needs the energy that is keeping you alive." Adrian stated.

"How are you even going to extract it when you said that you are unable to do so?" Urashima Taro asked.

"I am not going to extract it, but I would make that thing resonate with the gate to make it loose. Once the gate is loose, I will make sure to enlarge it enough for us to safely pass through." Adrian stated but Urashima Taro did not understand.

"Just stand here and remember what it felt like inside of the hidden realm. Better yet, imagine that you are inside of the hidden realm." Adrian stated.

Urashima Taro closed his eyes and tried to remember everything that he tried to forget. He remembered the coral palace and the numerous glowing sea stars. He remembered the princess that joyfully escorted him throughout the entire hidden realm. He also remembered the bitterness of the result of his fun adventures in the hidden realm.

Adrian saw that the thing inside of Urashima Taro suddenly started to glow brightly as a powerful wave of energy is slightly released from his body. He could even see the tears welling up on the eyes of Urashima Taro which meant that he also remembered the sadness he felt when he returned. Once the power of the thing inside of Urashima Taro activated, the entrance to the hidden realm also started to resonate with it.

Adrian thought that the resonance was enough to open the door, but it was only able to create a small hole that is the size of a fist. Seeing that they would die if they tried entering with such a small entrance, Adrian immediately did the work that he promised. Adrian focused all of his energy into Paradox as he will forcefully destroy the gate. He could try enlarging the hole but that would take a long time, and he did not know if Urashima Taro can hold up that long.

[Your magic attack will be reinforced due to your passive skill, Rift Walker.]

"It seems that this is enough. Paradox, smash it!" Adrian commanded as he launched Paradox towards the entrance to the hidden realm.

A powerful wave of energy suddenly slammed onto the small entrance that was already there. Paradox looked like it was suddenly stuck inside a wall as it was unable to move. Adrian poured more origin energy into Paradox and commanded it to release it in one big explosion. The explosion of origin energy created powerful cracks that actually shook the ocean floor.

One would think that this type of force was akin to a volcano exploding from the ocean floor, but it is actually due to Adrian. He has already increased his mastery over Origin Magic to the point that he is only a few masteries away from the other Arch Demons. He is even more adept at using spatial magic because of his Rift Walker passive skill. If Elder Ascalor found out, then he would have bragged that Adrian has more mastery in spatial magic than the other types of magic.

Paradox emitted a powerful explosion that made spiderlike cracks onto space itself. Adrian was successful in destroying the door as it only took one swing from Kanlaon's tail for it to shatter completely. Upon doing so, the door to the hidden realm or rather one of the doors shattered which also alerted the guards of the Dragon Turtle Kingdom.

It is not just the ones inside the hidden realm that was alerted but also the intelligent monsters that were near the entrance. They also knew that this was an entrance to the hidden realm as some of them have lived long enough to see Urashima Taro himself enter the door. The intelligent monsters were not foolish enough to enter the broken door though as there is a fierce dragon turtle at the other end that could kill them if it wanted to. "We can now enter the door. Are you ready?" Adrian asked as Urashima Taro is beyond shocked as he was unable to focus due to the loud explosion that happened.

"You know... I would say yes but I am suddenly shaking right now. Do you think that the human in me is still afraid of death even if that is what I want?" Urashima Taro stated as he suddenly felt anxious.

"Everyone is afraid of death, but they do not know that death always welcomes you with open arms." Adrian stated.

Chapter 2058: Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles II

Adrian and Urashima Taro entered the gate and is shocked to see another world inside of it. It is like another underwater world but more in the theme of the eastern continent. It is like a separate place in the eastern continent but underwater, but Adrian also noticed some strange ornaments and styles that go with the southern continent.

[You have entered the Hidden Realm of the Dragon Turtles.]

The walls were made of gold, pearl, and corals while the buildings shined even in the dark depth of the ocean. It made it look like there was an actual sun in the depths of the ocean as the entire city inside the hidden realm. They can also see that it is still extremely lively despite being a bit far from the city itself. Just as the two of them were about to swim towards the entrance of the city, a group of guards suddenly blocked their path.

The guards were all beings that either looked fully aquatic or half aquatic. Some had the appearance of humanoid jellyfish, squids, and even coral. The head of the guards also had this powerful aura that can only be felt from a dragon which made Adrian go in full alert. The head of the guards immediately noticed Urashima Taro as his gaze did not wander off from him.

"It seems that the kid has returned but you have already used up the grace that has been given to you. You dare covet the treasure of the Dragon Turtle Palace by absorbing it!" The head of the guards stated as Adrian and Urashima Taro is suddenly surrounded by numerous guards. "Let us not be hasty now as we did not come here to fight or create trouble." Adrian stated as his entire aura suddenly flared up because he no longer kept it in. Kanlaon also did the same as they needed to make the ones in the hidden realm see that they mean business. He already knows people that are like the head of the guards in real life as they will back down once you appear more dignified.

The dignity of an Asmodian plus that of a Genesis Dragon made all of the beings other than the head of the guards bow down. The prestige that Adrian and Kanlaon emitted was enough to make even some nobles bow down because of their bloodline. Adrian rarely uses this because it is not a good precedent when you are aiming for good connections, but the other party started with hostility which is why he opted for it.

Kanlaon looked at the head of the guards and emitted his aura more to the point that even those in the city felt it. The presence of a true dragon made all of the beings in the city bow down in reverence as they are in the presence of a progenitor type existence. Even the royal family of the Dragon Turtles cannot feign ignorance upon a presence like Kanlaon.

"We are here to talk with the Dragon Turtle King. Please send the message while I am still being nice. We all know what demons can do to realms hidden in a parallel dimension." Adrian stated which made the leader of the guard tremble and immediately send a messenger to the palace.

"We have already sent word of your arrival. May we please have our magic unit fix the entrance? We do not wish for other uninvited beings to enter our realm." The head of the guard stated as he bowed down as they can now move easily since Kanlaon already receded some of his aura.

"No need for that." Adrian stated as he snapped his finger and Paradox returned to side. As soon as Paradox returned to Adrian's side, all of the origin energy that he placed inside of it was also absorbed. The entrance that looked extremely broken is suddenly fixed with just a snap of his finger. This operation is actually quite easy for him since getting into a door was much more difficult than fixing one. Adrian already has lots of instances fixing parts of the dimensional barrier that he actually found it boring.

"I did not expect that the young boy that saved my daughter back then would bring a very distinguished guest." A regal voice suddenly stated as an old looking but valiant man suddenly appeared in front of Adrian and Urashima Taro.

"I greet the King of the Dragon Turtles." Urashima Taro stated as he bowed towards the person that suddenly appeared.

"A pleasure to meet you, King of the Dragon Turtles. I am Equinox, Mediator of Death." Adrian stated without bowing as he did not need to since he has higher standing now compared to the king that came in front of him.

He also did not bow down because he felt some aggression from the King of the Dragon Turtles. The aggression was not targeted towards him but rather to Urashima Taro. Adrian made sure to cancel the sudden aggressive aura that the King of the Dragon Turtles sent out so that Urashima Taro would not be harmed. He did not know why someone that gave him a blessing would suddenly want to hurt them.

"I greet the Mediator of Death. I am King Kame Yashashi of the Dragon Turtles. I welcome you into my palace where we would need to talk about your sudden visit. If the mediator does not mind." King Kame Yashashi stated as he tried probing into Adrian, but he could not actually do it.

This was the first time that King Kame Yashashi could not measure the danger level of his guest even if his entire energy is maintaining this realm. As if the realm that he created himself was suddenly saying that he must treat Adrian well or else. The hidden realm that he created also has a will because it was made using the power of the Cintamani stones that past Dragon Turtles have. You can say that the entire realm is a collection of the souls and power of past Dragon Turtles.

The fact that the realm itself did not eject Adrian and Urashima Taro already meant something. King Kame Yashashi made sure to not let his slight anger towards Urashima Taro blind him from the companion that he brought. King Kame Yashashi is already familiar with demons but the demon that came to his realm is vastly different from the ones he encountered before. This was the first time that he felt a demon that has the energy of both life and death along with Origin Energy.

"It is already bad enough that you stole a Cintamani from us, but you also brought someone that can destroy dimensions to our very home. At the very least, they do not seem to be here to do bad things, and he even fixed the entrance as if it was easy. It would have taken three days to fix the damage that he did to the gate if it was my men that did it." King Kame Yashashi thought as they entered the palace pagoda.

"Taro!" A female voice suddenly shouted which made Urashima Taro look towards the source.

A beautiful petite woman suddenly came swimming towards Adrian and Urashima Taro in great delight. As if she suddenly reunited with a past lover or something, the petite woman could be no other than the princess that Urashima Taro has saved. Adrian suddenly pieced it together why Urashima Taro did not age. He did not age because of the Dragon Turtle Princess that wished for it.

He has heard of a bead looking stone that Dragon Turtles use that grants them immense power. The Vermillion Bird asked Adrian about it as well and she called it the Cintamani. It is a wish fulfilling stone that makes the wish of the owner come true. Adrian then looked at the bead looking thing that is keeping Urashima Taro's soul rooted in the mortal realm and it

matched perfectly.

Adrian then looked at the soul of the princess and saw that it did not have a bead like object like that of the king. Adrian could suddenly piece together what is happening, but he needed confirmation from the king and princess before he makes such claims. Still, the reasoning that he thought of could clearly explain why the king is angry at Urashima Taro.

"A misunderstanding because of the brashness of a princess. I thought it only existed in dramas, but it is also in games. I can clearly see that she is still smitten by Urashima Taro while the latter is just uncomfortable." Adrian thought as he saw the interaction between the two.

One is the savior of her life and views him as the hero. The other is the origin of his torment but also the source of his long life. Adrian could now see where this was heading but he just prays that it will proceed without any mishaps. He came here to find a way for Wisteria to evolve not to be mixed in some family drama.

Chapter 2059: Some Gifts are Burdens

Adrian and Urashima Taro arrived at the king's audience room, and it was quite simple yet regal. The colors of green, red, and blue made the room majestic despite its simple design. King Kame Yashashi sat at the throne to show that he is still king, and his gesture of seating made the room a bit tense. Adrian did not care much about this and immediately started asking the necessary questions.

"How do we extract the Cintamani from his body?" Adrian directly asked which made the princess incredibly shocked.

"Father! No!" The Dragon Turtle Princess stated as she knew what she had done by giving Urashima Taro the Cintamani.

"I always thought that you were a bit foolish my daughter but to think that you really gave the mortal your Cintamani. You even gave him the wish of eternal life which bends the laws of life and death. No wonder the Mediator of Death is at our palace. You have broken the rules in using the Cintamani." King Kame Yashashi stated as he looked incredibly angry, but he made sure to bottle it down to not show an unsightly display.

"I do not really care if he she bent the laws of life and death as a lot of beings do so. Still, the being in question wants to be granted peace. I wish that you grant him the rest that his soul deserves as... I think that is all that I will say." Adrian stated as he looked at Urashima Taro. Adrian did not continue what he wanted to say because it might make Urashima Taro panic. The soul of a mortal

should never endure eternal youth. If Urashima Taro was some incredibly powerful individual that reached the realm of a demigod, then that might be another thing, but he is still mortal. The soul of a mortal could only endure at least a hundred years which would have aged their body as well.

The fact that Urashima Taro's body remained young, but his mortal soul became old meant that he might actually turn to dust. Adrian actually thought that it was incredible that Urashima Taro's soul lasted for centuries as that should never have happened. The Cintamani might have used a lot of divine and natural power in order to make sure that Urashima Taro's soul will not break.

"Is there something wrong with me?" Urashima Taro suddenly asked Adrian as he heard the latter's last sentence.

"There is nothing wrong with you per se. There is something wrong with the thing that is keeping your soul anchored in the mortal realm. You can say that your soul is also weary just like you as the true state of the soul will always reflect unto the body itself. There is a reason why there are things that are said to heal the soul which in turn makes people happy." Adrian explained in words that he could be understood.

"As much as I would like to yank out the Cintamani out from that boy's body, only the true owner can get it out of him. If I do it forcibly then that boy might turn to dust which is why the Mediator is also not using extreme force as well." King Kame Yashashi stated which made Urashima Taro look at Adrian because the former told the information that the latter did not want to say.

"You mean you could have gotten it out of me this whole time?!" Urashima Taro asked in shock.

"I could but that also mean turning you to dust." Adrian stated.

"I wanted to die anyway so why did you not do it. I can endure the pain of getting something pulled out of me." Urashima Taro stated with great desperation.

"I think you are equating turning to dust to dying." Adrian stated with an expression that looked a bit dark and serious.

"Is there a difference?" Urashima Taro asked.

"If there was no difference then why do you think that I did not do it? You are talking to the Mediator of Death who the gods of death need to follow. Turning to dust does not mean that you will die but total erasure. You will not be sent to the underworld or afterlife because you shall be gone. Forgotten by the world and no longer able to reunite with the deceased in the afterlife." Adrian stated in a serious tone which made Urashima Taro fall down the floor.

"This is all your fault." Urashima Taro stated as he looked towards the Dragon Turtle Princess.

"You dare!" King Kame Yashashi stated but Adrian glared at him which made him stand back down.

"This would end as long as the princess extracts her Cintamani from him." Adrian stated.

"My daughter... release the mortal from this world." King Kame Yashashi stated as he looked at Adrian.

"No! He is my savior! He is just confused but he will become happy once we go around the realm again." The Dragon Turtle Princess stated as she refused.

"If you really think me as your savior then you should take it out of my body. Your gift to me has become a burden that haunts me to this day." Urashima Taro stated which shocked the Dragon Turtle Princess.

The shock from the revelation of his savior made the princess faint. The attendants rushed towards the princess to catch her. They were about to carry her away from the audience room when Adrian suddenly walked towards Urashima Taro. He then uttered the words that a very tired man wanted to hear.

"If you wish, I can extract that thing out of your chest. I can summon the strength of the Gods of Death to forcefully remove the thing holding your soul. The only downside is that you will turn to dust as I have stated. You will be forgotten by those that you know as if you were no one." Adrian stated.

"I do not care anymore as this gift is a burden." Urashima Taro stated.

Chapter 2060: Unmoving Wish

"If that is your wish then I shall grant it." Adrian stated as he suddenly infused nether energy into his fists and attempted to plunge it directly into Urashima Taro's body.

"NOOO!" The shout of the dragon turtle princess echoed in the room as a powerful burst of water suddenly prevented Adrian from doing what he was supposed to do.

"I guess the princess is still very energetic that she managed to bounce back from fainting immediately." Adrian stated while the Dragon Turtle Princess looked extremely embarrassed. The power of the attack was not powerful enough to blow Adrian away. In fact, he did not think that a Dragon Turtle would be that weak even if she is not in her real form. Then again, Adrian realized that her weakened power might be due to her not having her Cintamani. The power that the Dragon Turtle Princess could use was not even a quarter of the strength that Adrian feels from the king.

A few minutes earlier...

"King Kame Yashashi, force your daughter to extract the Cintamani from my acquaintance." Adrian stated via telepathy as he knew that the king was probing his mind.

Paradox actually warned Adrian that King Kame Yashashi was trying to enter his head to read his mind. Paradox blocked all attempts of mind reading but Adrian utilized this connection when the dragon turtle princess suddenly acted like she fainted. Adrian could easily read body language as he knew a master that utilized this technique in real life.

"I guess I should thank my sister for incidents like this. I can smell the fakeness even from where I am standing." Adrian thought as his sister 'fainted' a couple of times to get out of situations where she would lose.

"My daughter already fainted, and you want to force her!" King Kame Yashashi replied.

"You and I know that she is just faking it. Or are you that blinded by your love for your daughter that you will play along with her selfishness. If you are not going to move, then I shall make the move for you." Adrian stated which led to the current situation.

"Do not harm him!" The Dragon Turtle Princess stated as she showed killing intent towards Adrian.

"You do not want to grant his wish. It is selfish of you to control the life of another mortal, princess. You need to know when to give up or let go. Did your father spoil you to the point that you think that everything that you do is justified as long as you are happy? You are not even thinking of the other party when you are focusing on your own selfishness." Adrian stated.

"Princess Mizuki, I want to finally rest. I have already lived more than enough lifetimes. I might have been harsh when I said that what you gave me was a burden but know that I enjoyed my time with you here in this realm. Please know that is enough for a mortal like me." Urashima Taro stated.

"No! You can live here with me!" Princess Mizuku stated as she looked desperate as she gazed upon the tired body of Urashima Taro.

Urashima Taro might look young but that is only his physical feature. When someone looks at him from an entire perspective, they would see a person with a young face but a battered body of someone that has lived too long. The vessel that holds his soul could only contain so much of it that it was nearing collapse.

"I think I should be straightforward so that the princess can know the real state of his body. I think even your father, the king, would agree on my observations because he has seen it as well. Urashima Taro does not have long to exist due to the current state of his body and soul." Adrian stated without hiding anything.

"What do you mean by that?" Urashima Taro asked.

"Your soul is at the point of collapse. I would give you at least a year before you eventually turn to dust. You might have lived longer if the stories of your continuous revival from death were embellished but where do you think the energy used in your revival comes from." Adrian stated which made Urashima Taro remember that he did die many times.

"Are you saying that... I almost vanished because of my repeated coming back from the dead?" Urashima Taro muttered as he almost lost his mind.

"Even if it is a Cintamani, the fact that you are getting restored back to your prime is already alarming. Do you know how much energy is needed to do that? Even the Cintamani cannot perfectly replicate your body which means that it needs the record. The body's record is none other than one's soul. Every recovery you do meant that your soul is always used which resulted in it being battered." Adrian explained.

"That is not true! Tell me he is lying, father." Princess Mizuki exclaimed as she looked towards her father that always cuddled and spoiled her, but he only looked away.

"Even your father know that is true. It is now your time to release your savior from the cage that you have locked him in." Adrian stated.

"But... but..." Princess Mizuki muttered as she tried to reminisce the past when she was saved and then they played but that is all that she can do. She could only think of the past but cannot imagine a future with Urashima Taro. This is the true wish of the princess using the Cintamani. She wished that both her and Urashima Taro be unmoving which also resulted in the mind of the princess not maturing.

"One would think that a wish fulfilling stone like the Cintamani would not have any cause and effect but that is not true. For every wish that it grants, something must be taken in order to balance

causality. It is also the reason why my daughter is trapped in the past despite being hundreds of years old already." King Kame Yashashi stated with a sigh.