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Chapter 2231: Retest I

Adrian finally returned back to Avalon after his exciting outing to the Wilde. He looked incredibly refreshed by what he did as he helped Kabrakan with his dilemma. He did not mind the fact that he terrorized an entire race to show them a point as he already forgot all of that when he got back.

He thought what he needed to do next, but nothing is popping inside of his head. He thought that he should continue with the quests he has paused but there was no indication of the next pieces. He did not want to start an entire questline again as Kabrakan might find him in the next couple of days.

He believed that Kabrakan would be able to handle the rest, and he just needed to wait for the affirmation. Seeing that he is a bit free, he let his soulbounds roam about in the territory for their leisure time. He also checked on the things that needed his confirmation regarding some stalls in the territory. He did what a territory lord needs to do and made sure that the overall satisfaction of the people is high.

"If satisfaction is high then they would not grumble as much when it comes to things like raising tax by 0.1%!" Adrian thought as he increased the tax by that much and thinking that he was a bit naughty because of it.

"I guess it is time for the retest to check if my skills have improved. I just hope that Elder Ascalor is available to fight though" Adrian muttered as he was a bit more confident now because of his new passive skill.

Adrian went to look for Elder Ascalor and he found him doing some administrative duties which actually shocked him. He always thought that this elder would do anything to avoid responsibilities and would always play hooky when he has the time. He still has the memory orb for special cases, so he is not afraid of the old man right now.

"What do you want? Should the territory lord not survey his territories?" Elder Ascalor asked as he could clearly see Adrian whisking about near him.

"I already did all of them and now I am free. I wanted to ask you if you are free, but it seems that you are busy. Maybe I should come back some other time." Adrian stated.

"If you are not here for anything then go away. I need to concentrate as I have a lot of work piled up right now." Elder Ascalor stated.

"I was about to ask for a retest on the trial, but it is a bad time. See you later then." Adrian stated as he was about to walk out but Elder Ascalor suddenly created an invisible barrier using space magic.

"Seeing that you need me to help you with that test, I can drop these documents for now to help you." Elder Ascalor stated as he was actually wanting to find a way to avoid his responsibilities for the day because he was bored.

"You are busy. I can just come back another time." Adrian replied as he could feel that he might be blamed for enabling Elder Ascalor's lazy behavior.

"Ara? Are you not going to do your duties just like you promised?" Elder Danaya's voice stated as she slowly entered the room with some refreshments.

"I am doing my duties, but the kid needs someone to test him with regards to his current goal. Is that not right, brat?" Elder Ascalor stated as he looked at Adrian for support, but the latter smiled deviously.

"It is fine, ol... Elder Ascalor. I can just ask the other elders if they are free since you are clearly busy. I do not want to trouble you when you are pretending to be incredibly busy... I mean busy. I need to go now. It is nice to see you in good health, Elder Danaya." Adrian stated as he bid farewell to the two.

Elder Danaya patted Adrian's head as she always finds him adorable and treats him like her own child. Elder Ascalor, on the other hand, is looking at him like he was a target of the pen he is holding. Elder Ascalor could not move though as Elder Danaya was clearly paying attention to him despite being charmed by Adrian.

Adrian moved to the next elder that does not seem busy and that is Elder Koronn. He is undoubtedly the elder that has the freest time as he often focuses on research. The other two elders do not mind that he is like that because he always shares what he learns to all of them. He also researches on things that could improve like the secrets of temporal magic and how to manipulate it easily.

"Elder Koronn? Are you there?" Adrian asked but he was already opening the door to the research lab of Elder Koronn.

"Oh! You are here, Equinox. I mean... Lord Equinox." One of the Daemos assistants of Elder Koronn stated.

Elder Koronn usually preferred to work alone but he took in assistants when they migrated to Avalon. It is also not just Daemos that work with him as there are other races that do research as well. Elder Koronn is the head of the research institute as Adrian told him, but he refuses to accept the title as he said it is burdensome. Still, Elder Koronn has become less cold and liked kindred spirits that like to research like him.

"It is fine. You can call me my name if you want. Anyways, where is Elder Koronn?" Adrian asked.

"He is currently in his Time Chamber experimenting on some stuff that is related to a time barrier. I can guide you there if you want." The assistant stated.

"No need as I can get there myself. You can return to your work as I think I am taking much of your precious time. Thank you for telling me." Adrian stated as he unfurled his wings and flew towards a door that leads to the Time Chamber.

Chapter 2232: Retest II

The research institute as Adrian dubbed it did not look massive from the outside. It is actually a large pocket dimension home that is made sturdy with the effort of all the elders. They even said that Elder Pann helped in creating it as he was bribed with the research of better beast food. Adrian does not know if that rumor is verified but he did hear that Elder Pann sometimes visits this place from the other players that come here for quests.

A lot of things needed to be gathered which is why a lot of gathering quests are generated by this place. A lot of the players are also interested in the rewards as some things are useful for them. Some rewards are also incredibly great as they could test things that could potentially let them unlock skills.

The design of the research institute is also interesting as it looked like a large tower with numerous doors. Each of the doors are divided into ten levels that correspond to the level of research difficulty. The higher the door then the more difficult and more dangerous it is. Each

of the doors also lead to a smaller pocket dimension room which can isolate incidents should anything happen.

There are exactly three doors at the tenth floor and one of them leads to the Time Chamber. The Time Chamber is basically the dedicated research room for Elder Koronn as this is where he experiments on temporal magic often. It is also the reason why they call it the Time Chamber as Adrian refused to call it the Den of Koronn.

Adrian opened the door of the Time Chamber as he has all access to the all the doors in the research institute. Upon entering the room, Adrian was swept away by the thick energy signature of temporal magic. He looked above and saw intricate temporal magic spells woven into a bundle. Just as he is about to say something, the temporal magic circle above him suddenly broke into particles of light as they could no longer sustain itself.

"It seems that it is a failure once again. Is it due to my power not being enough? I made sure to use the power of that magic core so that it could be sustained enough for me to observe." Elder Koronn stated as he was deep in thought.

"Elder Koronn, are you incredibly busy that you cannot accommodate me?" Adrian stated as he knew that the elder was busy, but he wanted to know to what degree.

"I know that you were there, brat. I am busy but now I am annoyed." Elder Koronn stated.

"I hope I am not the reason for that annoyance. I do not like to be sent to a Mobius Loop again." Adrian stated as he remembered a time when Elder Koronn punished him for playing a prank on him.

"It is not you that is making me annoyed but maybe it is since you walked in here with your positive vibes and attitude." Elder Koronn replied sassily.

"I thought the sassy old man was Old Man Pann, but it seems that you are becoming one as well. Maybe the rumors of him coming here are true since you are catching some of his sass." Adrian stated.

"Never liken me to that old fart. It is giving me the shivers thinking that I would end up like him." Elder Koronn stated as he shivered.

"Anyways, since you do not seem busy... I was wondering if you could retest me in my mastery over temporal energy." Adrian stated.

"Ok then." Elder Koronn agreed immediately which actually shocked Adrian.

"Wow! No strings attached!? No need for me to get this rare herb found in a lake within a volcano or something!?" Adrian exclaimed.

"Do I think of you as my personal servant or something?" Elder Koronn stated looking like he is shocked.

"I mean... sometimes. I can list all the things that you made me get for you. Not like the list of things that Old Man Pann told me to get but you are going there. Both of you have almost tied to the list of errands that I went and did." Adrian stated.

"Moving on then. The first trial would be..." Elder Koronn stated which made Adrian hold his right hand up to stop what the former is about to say.

"Wait a moment! First trial?! There was nothing like that before. All we did was just a trial, and it was mostly combat." Adrian stated.

"Are you the one making the test?" Elder Koronn asked.

"Nope." Adrian replied weakly.

"Exactly which is why you just need to listen up. The first trial would be to inspect this magic circle and point out the flaws in it." Elder Koronn stated as he took out an old looking scroll.

"What is it?" Adrian asked as he could see that there were some runes that even he did not recognize.

"It is a temporal spell that could basically create a fixed point in time that will reset when elements of it is disturbed." Elder Koronn stated.

"So basically, it is a spell that creates a save point." Adrian stated which made Elder Koronn looked confused.

"What is this save point that you speak of? Care to elaborate as I do not know the hip words of the current time." Elder Koronn stated as he thought it is like a generational lingo.

"It is not a new word that I made up. You can think of it this way, I am standing here for now and I marked that point in time with this spell. It is not just me that is marked in that point in time but also everything around it as this is a wide area spell. Now, say that I was attacked from the marked timeframe, and it distorted everything, but this spell would send me back to the point in time where none of it happened. That is why I call it a Save Point." Adrian stated.

Chapter 2233: Save Point

"I think I now understand why you called it that because you saved that point in time. It is actually quite innovative thinking and so fresh!" Elder Koronn stated.

"Yeah! You got the gist of what I wanted to say." Adrian stated as he smiled through the teeth.

Adrian did not think that his words would be translated as it is as he called it that because of games. A save point is a designated location in a game where the player can save their progress and resume from that point. Older games tend to do this when they have large worlds where the players cannot progress through all of it in one day.

Pandemonium is a game where there is no save point that freezes the world with you in it. If you die then you will die and respawn in a town, city, or kingdom. The spell basically creates a fixed moment in time where everything will come back to when affected by an external stimulus too much. It was a crazy spell that could literally save a city from destruction should a large meteor land on it.

This spell could literally turn the tables against enemies when used in wars. For example, the spell was cast before a torrent of spells from the enemy kingdom hits your army. The army that was wiped out would just be reverted back to a state where they were not decimated while the enemy army lost vast amounts of resources. It is a spell that is literally a game changer, and Adrian became greedy to be able to use it.

"Still, the spell seems incomplete as it only took into account the fixed point of the living entities inside of it. A save point should also include all the elements like the air and the ground

as long as it does not cause disarray on the world itself." Adrian stated as he was now looking at the magic circle as a scribe and not just a practitioner of temporal magic.

Adrian began to copy the magic circle and started making some adjustments into it. Elder Koronn peeked at the things that Adrian was scribbling about, and he is shocked. The things that Adrian added did not make any sense individually, but they looked feasible when used in unison. Elder Koronn could only feel proud that Adrian could confidently create some suggestions on the magic circles despite it not being correct in his mind.

"All of the things he added made sense, but they are not going to work. Was giving him this trial too much? Even I cannot easily fix this defective magic circle since it is incomplete as he said" Elder Koronn thought.

"I think that should do it. Let me test it now in a smaller scale." Adrian stated as he took out some fruit from his inventory.

He then proceeded to use one of the magic cores to fuel the magic circle as his own mana will not be enough. Adrian placed the fruit and created a small-scale magic circle. The magic circle was small, but it actually reduced his mana by a quarter already. He then grabbed the magic core and used the mana in it to regulate the needed amount to continue the operation of the magic circle.

"Can you pierce that apple?" Adrian stated but Elder Koronn was still dumbfounded that the former was able to stabilize the magic circle he was trying to fix for about a week now.

"How did you make it so stable? There is not even a trace of energy leaking out which was the problem earlier" Elder Koronn stated, and Adrian did feel it earlier as he was blasted in the face with temporal energy when he opened the door.

"I applied some runes that are from an ancient civilization that I saw when I visited the ruins of that primordial beast of the sky. I cross referenced it to the ones that is used by this kingdom that used to live back then called the Skywing Kingdom. I was able to make it a usable rune by experimenting with numerous combinations that I burned a thousand gold in three days. Anyways, can you please try destroying the fruit now." Adrian stated as if what he did was easy.

"Fine. Just because it is stable does not mean that it will work." Elder Koronn grumbled like a child as he was really stressed about this research.

Elder Koronn shot the apple with a mana bullet, and it burst out. Some of the juice even directly hit Adrian in the face but he did not say anything. The apple or what is left of it suddenly started to revert back to its original state after the magic circle glowed in a golden light. The shock on Elder Koronn's face could be seen as Adrian was able to make the spell work.

Even the juice that splattered in Adrian's face returned back into the apple as well as every piece it became. Adrian thought that it was successful and Elder Koronn was about to be a bit salty that the former was able to crack the secret, but the magic circle suddenly got broken. The magic circle that stabilized the time reversal was destroyed as if it was never there. There was not even a trace of mana left from the magic circle as the magic core used to fuel it became particles of light as well.

The apple that partially reverted back to its former shape suddenly exploded once again. This time, Adrian was a bit prepared and froze time himself to avoid being splashed by the juice. Once he was out of the way, Adrian made time flow once again as the juices hit Elder Koronn's face instead.

"Hmm... It seems that the runes I added were not enough to stabilize the spell." Adrian stated but Elder Koronn's sticky hands patted his shoulder.

"That is fine, brat. Failure is a step in the right direction." Elder Koronn stated but he was actually slightly relieved that it failed or else Adrian might look less of him.

Chapter 2234: I Am a Spy

I am what you call a spy!

Even if I was not good enough to infiltrate the Pantheon guild to learn of their secrets of becoming stronger, I can at least provide my guild with information about what is happening in Avalon. In fact, a lot of guilds are curious how Avalon became a prosperous territory despite being small in land area. I admit that it has the allure of a floating island which makes it a pristine date location inside the game, but I cannot admit that because I am single!

I refuse to accept it as a prime date spot as per the suggestion of a popular streamer that I follow. Just because you can frolic with your significant other in the rich floating islands with flowers does not mean it is good. To make matters worse, another island was just recently added, and it was basically a whole new world inside.

The island was strange as it hosted the Faekin that was the new race added in the game. I asked about how this happened but all the residents in this territory just answered that it is due to the territory lord. I know that Equinox is a great player since I closely follow the Pantheon guild's channel but why does he not have enough footage!

He rarely gets close to the camera as they said that he is a cold person in real life. All the other players say that, but I believe what the NPCs tell me about him. According to the NPCs here in Avalon, he has this aura of mystery but has a heart of gold. This is the reason why being a spy is important as you need to verify if your ido... another guild master is reasonable.

I come from a midsize guild that have a small territory that is not far from Avalon. We do not have any animosity towards Avalon or the Pantheon guild, but my guild master told me to learn what they are doing. This spy work is for the prosperity of our own territory which is why I am diligent in making reports.

Oh! It seems that there is a new offering in my favorite stall that sells Capricorn milk ice cream. What is this! How come there is honey flavor available now? It is traded from Neo Alfheim! This is something that should be noted in my secret spy journal.

The old woman that looks like an Arachne told me that the honey is being sold at the merchant guild. Who knew that the best ice cream makers are spider people? Maybe the way they spin that tub of ice cream is when they spin their webs on prey that they catch.

I headed towards the merchant guild to secure honey for spy purposes. I am not going to get it because I want the taste of honey and the healing effects that it provides. Also, the fact that the ice cream vendor lady told me that it is quite cheap as long as you get one while stocks last. It is not because honey cakes are my favorite dessert and that I have a chef friend that can cook it for me here.

I head towards the merchant guild via the dedicated portal. The buildings or structures in Avalon look small from the outside but inside are the secret. The doors are merely gateways for the dimension inside of the buildings. A lot of players actually wanted to have such features in their guild houses and such, but this technology is limited.

A Daemos that I have gotten quite the friendship with told me that one would need the permission of at least two elders to create spaces like that or the territory lord's approval. He also said that ordinary Daemos cannot do that spatial expansion as a slight mistake could make

it explode or shrink instantly. Even demons have something like engineers and architects as per our discussion.

Back to the merchant guild, this place is being ran by a player which is quite a shock as there are currently only five players that hold a branch of the merchant guild. To have a branch of the merchant guild is not an easy feat because that merchant player would have to help build the territory or is heavily favored by the territory lord. They are also called the richest and most capable players in the world as they could buy or procure anything as long as the merchant guild has it.

I have never really seen the head of this merchant guild, but I am somewhat an acquaintance of a player that works here. He looks quite chubby and easily swindled which is why I helped him when one NPC was trying to rip him off. I do not know if we became friends yet but at least he always helps me when I am here.

"I am sorry, but the honey is already sold out." Piggy Bank stated.

No! My precious honey that I would savor every drop is gone. I guess this is the price I pay for being a great spy. I cannot get the items that I want when it is on sale. This is not the end! My friend, can you help me get a bottle? Maybe reserve it for me. I can even give you some advance payment and tips if you know what I mean.

"The next shipment would be in ten days and the amount is regulated since a lot of stores here in Avalon need them. Only the excess honey is being sold and there are not always extra." Piggy Bank replied as he cannot assure his acquaintance a bottle because he does not know if there will be extra.

I see. It is not that my heart is broken, my friend. If you just, please list the stalls that use the delicious honey then that is also fine by me. I will be back every ten days so please spare me at least one bottle.

"No worries. You helped me back then so that is fine. Just make sure to come back every ten days as I will sell that stock if you come back at the eleventh day." Piggy Bank stated.

My merchant friend was called to the back by a receptionist. I left the merchant guild hoping in another ten days and not knowing who the guild leader of the branch is. Nevertheless, I have secured the real goods that needs to be known. I need to try the stalls to check if the information given is to be trusted.

Chapter 2235: I Am a Spy II

Honey bread is so good! How did this baker do such a marvelous soft pillowy bread that caresses the insides of your mouth when you eat it. This is one of the best parts of the lists that I have been to, but it seems to not be as popular. The only ones that eat it are the NPCs and not players because this food does not give stats.

It is also here that I have met my new eating buddy that is a ten-year-old child with silverish hair with a sheen of blue. He said that he is here in Avalon to eat whatever he wants as his master has given him pocket money. I never knew that nobles are incredibly generous here in Avalon, but he said his name was Dodu.

Dodu told me the spots where he also eats, and he is truly a gourmet. I resisted the urge to ask what his master's name is as nobles tend to dislike players. Still, I think that noble is a great one as the clothes that he wears do not seem cheap. He even paid in silver coins despite the bread only being five copper coins.

What do you think about this territory and its lord? I asked Dodu as NPCs that are servants tend to speak truthfully more than guards or receptionists.

"This territory is awesome! So much good food and good air! What is a territory lord?" Dodu replied.

The territory lord is the one that manages Avalon. I suddenly became the one that blurted out information to a young child but he is young so he would never know that I am a spy. In fact, he might admire me because children love spies in movies which is why I always wanted to be one. I was not able to become one in real life, but the gaming world is different as you can be whatever you want to be here.

"Oh! You mean, master! Master is the best there is." Dodu replied.

I was actually shocked that he called Equinox with the master title. Does this mean that he is one of the sons of actual servants here in Avalon? If so, then even NPCs get paid well here because they can afford to feed their child and even give silver coins as allowance. Even ordinary servants of other kingdoms do not have that kind of money.

I should write down that Avalon treats its servants well that even their children get plentiful allowance. This might be one of the secrets of having a prosperous territory but food in Avalon

is actually quite affordable compared to other territories. It seems that self-sufficiency is also a factor of the food abundance, but I think it is because of the large tree at the middle island.

I really wanted to go to the middle island, but it is not possible for normal people and visitors. I sighed as I knew that I would get praised if I reported on what is inside the island where the large tree is planted.

"Do you want to go there?" Dodu asked me.

I suddenly wanted to say yes but tricking a child is not spy behavior. I do not want to have his parents lose their well-paying jobs just because of my greed. I am an honorable spy that research on things that can make our territory great! I just hope that money would not disappear as easily because even I am operating on limited funds.

I looked at my inventory and saw a pitiful amount of a hundred gold coins. I did not think that

a spy like me will go broke, but it seems that I need to secure funds. Seeing that taking on missions here in the territory is a fast way of getting money and observing it, I immediately headed to the place where I could see and pet some monsters.

I bid my farewell to Dodu as his angrier older brother with a white tiger clothes motif appeared. He glared at me fiercely, but he might just be overprotective of his younger sibling. Thankfully, Dodu told me that we should meet up again some time for our Food Crawl as there might be new recipes next week. This suddenly made me become more determined to get money as I should not lose to a kid's allowance.

I went to what they call the Farm in Avalon which is actually quite generic but the things here are not. The Farm itself is also a special space where it is bigger once you enter the gates. Previously, only the cranky old demon lived here and tended to numerous beasts that produce the delicious milk and eggs, but he now has a farmhand. The farmhand was another piece of work like the old man as he is a different breed of sassy.

If the old man is a pain when you do something slightly different from his methods in raising monsters, then the farmhand is the same when it comes to his crops. A lot of players often grumble about it, but they say that dealing with their temperament can increase the wisdom stat. It seems that traumatizing words blasted at you all day for not doing the proper method becomes some form of wisdom.

I just return here because of my favorite Capricorn that is named Kiko. She is such a gentle beast and would often chew on my clothes when I tend to her. She also produces the freshest milk out of all of them which even gained me approval from Old Man Pann. He always tells us that he is the most important person in this territory apart from the territory lord but his farmhand always tells us to not believe his ramble.

I guess that is all I can put in the report and make sure to say that I am broke so they can give me some money. I also made sure to not put the names of my acquaintances since they are ordinary people.

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"What the heck is this report? It is all about food and the services in Avalon." A guild master of a midsize guild stated.

"That must be from one of our spies that we call the Gourmet. He provides some insights, but it is mostly food." The vice guild master stated.

"I am suddenly hungry. Do you think we can make this honey ice cream and honey bread? Also, should we increase the pay for the servants of the guild house as well or at least provide some allowance to their children." The guild master stated.

Chapter 2236: Angel Emergency

"It can only hold on for about a minute before dissipating. It seems that the magic circle is stable, but any external force can disrupt it." Adrian stated as this was already the tenth time that the magic circle got destroyed and also the fruit inside of it.

"It is understandable as preserving a moment in time is not something that can be easily done. Only an Asmodian Daemos can easily do this as they can go against causality when they are fully prepared. The attempts that we made are good enough given the fact that the original magic circle was broken in the first place." Elder Koronn stated which made Adrian look at him.

"You did not tell me that the magic circle was incomplete. You said that it is not working. If you gave me an incomplete magic circle, does that mean that the test will always fail?" Adrian stated as he looked at Elder Koronn with deadpan eyes.

"I am pretty sure that I told you that the magic circle was incomplete. You confidently said that you can activate it." Elder Koronn stated as his eyes wandered around.

"So, am I getting a retest or not? We already wasted a couple of hours trying to make it work." Adrian stated.

"If you wish, we can start the second part of the test which is combat using just temporal magic! You might not have completed the first part of the test, but you made it usable which is a pass on my book." Elder Koronn stated as he was trying to hide the fact that the first test was just a way to increase his research time because he did not want to do the real test.

Adrian was about to say that they should continue to do the test when he suddenly got alerted with a message in the guild chat. Ark is suddenly issuing an emergency to the guild and that he needs assistance in the place where the angels, devils, and Nephilim reside. Seeing that this might be important, Adrian told Elder Koronn that he would be back for the test.

"It pains me that you need to do something instead of the test but take your time. I will just be here." Elder Koronn stated as he acted looking pitiful.

"You just want to continue the research. Nevermind... just make sure that we will go straight to the test when I come back!" Adrian stated as he vanished from the research institute.

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Adrian appeared at the territory that Ark is currently the de facto leader of as he is the Chosen Nephilim. He only read that it was an emergency and did not know the details, but he could feel two powerful auras of an angel and a devil clashing against one another. He immediately got to where Ark was currently located, and he could be seen appeasing the two beings. One was a devil that looked like a flamboyant beautiful man while the other is a winged baby that has this handsome aura.

"This is the emergency?" Adrian stated as he could just see an adult devil in a heated debate with a baby angel.

"Guild leader! Thank goodness that you have arrived." Ark stated as he looked teary eyed since he could not handle the two.

"I did not expect that you have become a child. As expected, it suits you and your childish behavior." The devil stated.

"It seems that you are still spineless as ever even in that form of yours." The baby angel replied.

The two of them were not hurting each other but they were definitely slinging insults. Ark tried to pacify them, but they were not listening to him because he was too soft. It seems that Ark is not good with people with powerful personalities. He said that it was often Basil that deals with people like this as she might seem shy, but she has a fiery personality that amps up to match the energy of other people.

"Basil and Pana are not here because they are doing special missions for their racial quests. I really need help because I did not think that they would actually revive." Ark stated as he clung to Adrian's hand.

"Who revived?" Adrian asked.

"The Seven Angels of Virtue! They got revived when I touched a relic that contained the power of light. To make matters worse, they came from inside me. Does that make me their mother? Or maybe father? Oh my gosh! I am a famother now!" Ark suddenly stated as he looked like he was in his own world and regretting his life choices.

"I always thought that they would revive but I did not think it would be this soon. The fact that some of them retained their memories is also shocking. Another shocking this is that they have physical bodies now." Adrian stated as he walked closer which made the baby angel, and the devil stop their bickering.

"Demon!" The baby angel stated as he suddenly launched a kick towards Adrian's face which made Ark almost faint from shock.

"Soft." Adrian stated as he was not even damaged, but he did feel the soft baby foot squishing his cheeks.

The baby angel heard what Adrian said and became heartbroken. It slowly fell down the ground and looked downcast. The devil, on the other hand, laughed at the reaction of the baby angel as it reveled in the misery of the latter. Adrian did not mean to say that but that was the feeling he got, and he did not even bother to dodge as there was no killing intent in that kick.

"I will never forgive you for this humiliation, demon!" The baby angel stated as it wobbled away since its wings seemed to be tired from flying.

"You should go after him." Adrian told Ark.

"Yes! Wait for me, baby angel!" Ark shouted as he followed the wobbling baby angel.

"As for you Lucifer, what brings you to the mortal realm?" Adrian asked as he knew who this devil was.

Chapter 2237: The Seven Baby Virtues

"I am merely strolling here in the mortal realm with a demigod body that I crafted. This place should still be a part of Hell since the gate is here after all. I can wander here freely without restrictions as long as I do not get out of the town." Lucifer stated.

"What I wanted to know is why you were duking it out with a baby." Adrian stated.

"Do you not recognize that angel baby? Have you lost that sense of yours?" Lucifer asked.

"I know that was the Angel Mikhail. The tone of his voice might have change but the arrogance and confidence are still there. You are quite alike in that sense." Adrian stated which made Lucifer create a face that looked so offended.

"Excuse me! We are nothing alike." Lucifer stated.

"You are excused. Also, did you come here because you sensed them? All seven of them." Adrian stated as he could feel the aura of seven unique angels.

"It seems that your divine senses have yet to dull but I did. I wanted to make sure that they do not make any trouble, but it seems that my worries are for naught. They are clearly tied to the kid as he was the one that created their new forms basically." Lucifer stated.

"How about Hell? Has the Dragon of Revelation become active?" Adrian asked as he created a soundproof barrier by isolating space.

"I already created a barrier earlier when our talk started but I guess extra precaution is to be observed. The Dragon of Revelation is becoming stronger and stronger by the day. We even had to use our remaining powers to fortify the seal. Even creating this demigod body is troublesome enough but it was needed to ensure that the future is saved." Lucifer stated as he looked at Ark that was busy chasing the baby angel.

"The Seven Primordial Beasts of Sin are not exactly active. I was able to see one in the eastern continent, but it went into hiding before I could fight it. A lot of us are focusing on defeating them because of the prize." Adrian stated.

"They are not fast enough. If the Dragon of Revelation is released, then Hell will also spill over in this realm. The devils are restrained because there is only one door but remember that not all devils play nice. Hurry up and deal with the Seven Primordial Beasts of Sin and you would get our agreed upon reward." Lucifer stated as he vanished in smoke.

"That was oddly grim." Adrian stated as he went to look for Ark in the town hall where he stays mostly.

Adrian found Ark in the town hall wrestling two baby angels while the other five were doing other things. When Adrian entered the town hall, the six baby angels looked at him with fierce gazes and launched their flying kicks. The kicks landed in different parts of his body, but the damage was negligible to the point that he did not bother dodging again.

"Different types of softness." Adrian stated bluntly.

Adrian's statement made all of the baby angels experience shock as they flew slowly to the floor. They were all downcast as if they were defeated as their souls were crushed. They could not believe that the enemy that orchestrated their downfall was too strong for them to defeat. "I told all of you to not even try. Why have your hearts and souls broken?" The baby angel Mikhail stated as he laid down on the soft mattress while scratching his tummy. It seems that he has gotten over his defeat of not doing anything to Adrian.

"The embarrassment! To think that I used to be the strongest among us! Tell me that my kick was at least stronger than all of them." The baby angel Zadkiel stated.

"All of them felt the same. If I were to say which was stronger... then his kick would be the strongest. It is still quite weak though." Adrian stated as he pointed towards the baby angel Mikhail.

"I shall neglect the last sentence as you have praised me as the strongest. I think more of you now, demon." The baby Mikhail stated as he crossed his arms.

"Now that I am here, care to explain how all of this happened." Adrian stated as he started getting climbed by the baby angels as if he is a mountain that needs to be conquered.

"I should start at the beginning then." Ark stated as he recounted everything that happened.

Ark, Pana, and Basil just finished a quest in Hell when the other two received racial quests to get skills. The other two needed to go somewhere and left Ark all alone but they told him that he should not do anything outrageous when they are gone. Ark made sure to assure them that he would be fine alone for the time being.

Ark suddenly got bored and decided to organize his inventory when he noticed that he has an item that looked like a replica of the head of the defeated Goddess of Light Luminaria. He got curious about it as this was one of the miscellaneous items that dropped when she died. He did not know how he got it, but miscellaneous items are often disregarded as they sometimes have no use.

Ark felt a small residue of light energy inside the bust and decided to check what it is. What he did not expect is that this residue of light energy is a small spark of the light of creation the goddess used to create the angels. This small spark activated the hidden light energy of the Seven Angels of Virtue that was planted inside of Ark when he came to Heaven.

"All seven of them suddenly came out of me in small light cocoons and they hatched from there." Ark stated.

"Does this mean that you have the Creation Relic for angels?" Adrian asked with seriousness. "I do but it is not complete." Ark stated which made Adrian's eyes flash a hint of excitement.

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Adrian's heart skipped a beat when he heard that Ark has the Creation Relic for the angels. He then further asked if the Nephilim have a creation relic, but he said that they do not. The

Nephilim are a race that is unique since they are beings that are half angel. They are not half devils unless a parent is a devil but even the angels said that getting a child with them is still difficult.

Nephilim that has devil lineage are rare as they have different elements in their bodies. Devils might have come from angels, but they have become quite opposite of them. Also, Adrian was already promised the Creation Relic of the devils or at least how to procure it. One of the ways to get the creation relic for the devils is to make the Seven Devils acknowledge your contribution which they already told Adrian.

"Can you explain why the Creation Relic of the Angels is not complete?" Adrian asked.

"The Creation Relic for Angels have become incomplete because it needs to be bonded with the Creation Relic of the Devils. I thought it was absurd before, but it seems to have weakened because the Goddess of Light Luminaria has died. It seems that she acted as the conduit for the creation relic for the angels as well." Ark replied.

"How did you know that you need the Creation Relic of the Devils? Also, can you stop the baby from touching my horns." Adrian stated as one of the baby angels posed arrogantly as he managed to stand on top of him.

"I am the one that managed to be on top of the demon! I am the most powerful angel!" The baby Mikhail stated as he made a smug but cute face.

"They were the ones that told me about the way to fix the Creation Relic of the Angels. It seems that the Angel Creation Relic has bonded to me, and it needs the Devil Creation Relic to activate fully. Right now, the Angel Creation Relic is functioning, but it only creates new players. The angels that vanished due to the Goddess of Light Luminaria have yet to be revived." Ark stated.

"I guess as much since the angels here are not powerful enough to protect them should a kingdom suddenly brings an army to quell you guys. Angels have become public enemy number one because of what they did to the entire central continent after all. The filthy dealings of the Church of Light are also spread all out to the point that no one worships it anymore." Adrian stated.

The central continent has yet to fully heal with the damage that the Goddess of Light Luminaria has done. Even the angels here could not get out much from their current town due to fear of persecution. The angel players could at least move in free cities but even they need to

gain the trust of the residents there. If not for Ark handling the reparations for each kingdom, then the angels would have been hunted down to extinction.

Fortunately, there were still some angels that protected people against their own kin. They were not the majority, but it helped public perception that angels are not all bad. Some of the angels wanted Adriant to actually back them up but the demons made sure to not be involved. The demons did not care back then when they were labeled as evil, and they will not care now that they are needed to save the angel race.

"So, what is the real emergency here? I know it is not because Lucifer was picking a fight with this baby angel." Adrian stated.

"The Seven Angels of Virtues have lost their strength or rather their powers. They told me that they need to recover it." Ark stated.

"If that is the case then you should train them." Adrian stated as he thinks that the problem is that the angel babies are just low leveled.

"They do not need to train to regain their power. Their power actually exited their body when they were killed. They said that their powers have egos of their own and might have attached themselves to objects, people, or even beasts." Ark stated.

"What is the problem with searching then? If it is their powers, then they should be able to sense it." Adrian stated.

"The problem is that we can no longer feel our own powers. We do not know why but this should not be happening. If a mortal were to get our powers, then their body would implode since they cannot handle that energy. It is of no coincidence that the devils became gods as they were former angels once." The baby angel Mikhail stated as the other six seemed to have dozed off from moving too much.

"What is your real intention? Why do you wish to regain all of your powers?" Adrian asked as he even used his own aura to suppress the baby angel Mikhail.

"That is a bit too much, guild master. He is still a baby, and he might die from your excessive aura." Ark stated as he sensed that Adrian became too serious.

"I merely need my strength back because I need to find someone." Mikhail stated as he suddenly became solemn.

"You wish to look for your sister." Adrian stated which made the baby angel Mikhail look at him seriously.

"How do you know of this?!" The baby angel Mikhail asked as he suddenly became wary of Adrian.

"I did not see your sister's soul in Limbo when the fight finished. It means that she must have found a way to live despite the challenges. Maybe she occupied another body or something and you suddenly wanting power means that you also know that her soul is not in the creation relic for the angels." Adrian stated.

"Damn, you are sharp. When did demons become intelligent? All of you would rather destroy this or destroy that." The baby angel Mikhail retorted.

"We send the dumb but strong ones to the front line which is why you have that perception." Adrian stated as he then looked at Ark.

"Do you truly wish to help them?" Adrian asked Ark.

"It is the right thing to do. Also, they might be a great help to the angel community here. The Nephilim are not exactly that strong either as some are just newly awakened." Ark stated.

"Ok. I will help but only in one condition." Adrian stated as he looked at the baby angel Mikhail.

"What do you wish, demon? We are already out of options and your group might be our best way in regaining our strength. We are really at our lowest point as we will make deals with demons to regain what we lost." The baby angel Mikhail stated.

"All of you shall form a covenant with Ark that you will never betray him and that you shall protect the angel and Nephilim race with all your might. Fail to do so then you will risk your souls being damned in the depths of the underworld for eternity." Adrian stated as his aura became dark and mysterious.

"Is that all? I would rather enter a covenant with him. I thought that you would force us to have a covenant with you. I would really rather die than have that happen to me or the others. I will never be under a demon in my life." The baby angel Mikhail stated. Ark was about to say something, but Adrian turned to him with a look that said 'stay quiet' which is why the former just zipped his mouth.

"If that is the case then I shall now start the Covenant preparations. Dodu, extract some of the blood from the sleeping ones." Adrian stated as a small Dodu came out from a magic circle to procure a drop of blood from each angel.

"I, the Mediator of Death, is a witness to this covenant between the Seven Angels of Virtue and the Chosen Nephilim Ark. A vow of loyalty has been made and none should break it. Should the angel party break this vow, their souls shall be forfeited and be sent to the depths of Tartarus for eternal torment." Adrian stated as his form shifted to his True Netheros form for a bit and the entire area suddenly glitched out for a moment.

When Adrian commenced the covenant, a mark appeared at the wrists of each party. It was a mark that looked like Ark's wings spread apart which made it look quite cool. The space also returned back to normal as Adrian's form became normal as well.

"Done." Adrian stated.

"Is that it? Are covenants that quick?" Ark asked as he was slightly afraid earlier.

"Where is the kissing of feet? Or the shower of praises that we must do?" The baby angel

Mikhail stated which made Adrian look at him funny.

"Those things are just superfluous things that gods add to the theatrics." Adrian replied which shocked the baby angel Mikhail.

Chapter 2239: I am Your Superior's Superior

"You mean to say that those things that trampled on our pride were merely whims of the goddess?" The baby angel Mikhail stated in shock.

"Of course. The gods can make covenants just by speaking a vow and imbuing it with their divine energy. In my case, I used the collective divine energy of the gods of death so make sure you do not break that covenant." Adrian stated.

"He told me about the outrageous things that the Goddess of Light Luminaria would make them do." Ark stated as he looked at the disheartened baby angel Mikhail.

"I would have guessed she would have done that because she is all flair and no substance. Gods are the most likely beings to be pompous jerks which is why you never really want to meet them in real life." Adrian stated as Ark suddenly looked at the sky above.

"Will you not offend them?" Ark stated as he is looking at the skies if it is suddenly charged with lightning or any divine phenomena.

"Only simpleminded gods or goddesses will be hurt by my words if they are listening to it. The ones that are magnanimous and great would just let those words slip by as if they never heard it because they are not the ones that are targeted about that." Adrian stated as Ark suddenly had a realization of how his guild leader handles the gods and goddesses.

Adrian knew that his words might have offended some of the gods that were listening in on the conversation. He could feel their gazes, but it is akin to some form of chills or tingles. He cannot pinpoint or tell which gods are gazing at him, but he just makes sure to ignore them. If he did not ignore them then he would have second thoughts on what he needs to do.

"The only place I am safe is the other continents since their influence in other continents are rather vague. Thankfully, Avalon is protected from the eyes of the gods, or I might actually rally the gods of death to attack those busybodies." Adrian thought as he smiled.

"You have become cooler in my eyes, guild leader." Ark stated.

"Now that all of you seven are in a covenant with Ark, this means that all of you are under me as well." Adrian stated which suddenly snapped the baby angel Mikhail from his shock of being ridiculed by the Goddess of Light Luminaria.

"This was not part of the covenant!" The baby angel Mikhail rebuked.

"You are under Ark as confidants. Do not get me wrong with that as I never tamper with a covenant. Do you know that you will be bathe with divine retribution for ten days straight if you do such a thing? I am just saying that all of you are under me because Ark is a direct subordinate of mine. If you want to get technical then you are lower in rank because all of you are under Ark." Adrian stated which made the baby angel Mikhail freeze as he forgot to think about that.

"This cannot be! My proud angels under a demon!" The baby angel Mikhail stated as he floated to his bed and cried himself to sleep.

"Did their intelligence also drop when they became babies? I am starting to feel that you suddenly got the short end of the stick." Adrian stated as he never expected that the most powerful of the angels was like this now.

"I was actually surprised as well but the others told me that is his real attitude. He was only acting as the perfect angel because the Goddess of Light Luminaria was always watching him. He also gets punished if he does something un-angel like of whatever that means.

How can a goddess know what angel should be when she is not an angel herself? I get that she managed to create them but even parents do not know what their children will become. She basically created the angels to have some glorified trophy slaves that she can boast about to other gods." Ark stated as his words resonated with the sleeping baby angels.

They might not be fully active but all seven of the most powerful angels did not lose their edge. Their current body just needs more rest, but they will still react if danger is around them. They can only do this as they know that only Ark could truly protect them without any problems. The Seven Angels of Virtue did not get a warm welcome from other angels when they got revived.

The angels that saw them looked at them with scorn and Ark was the only one that defended them. The Nephilim were indifferent to them, but they would still attack them should they do something bad. If not for Ark, the Seven Baby Angels of Virtue would have been exiled from the area. Even the devils do not like them so they cannot hide in Hell while waiting for their powers to come back.

"So, what are we going to do with their powers? Which one should we do first? Does at least one of them have a vague location of where their powers got sent to?" Adrian asked questions in quick succession that Ark had a bit of trouble keeping up.

"We can start with mine as I have managed to detect it albeit in a faint sense." The baby angel Gabriel stated as he corrected his cute glasses as it was messy since he just woke up.

"This would be?" Adrian asked as he is not really familiar with the angels.

"Do you not respect your opponents? To think that you have forgotten about me! You are a champion of the Twin Gods. You should be able to remember every valiant warrior that stood in your way. Is this not how you celebrate the life and death of warriors?" The baby angel Gabriel stated as he became frustrated that Adrian did not recognize him.

"I remember all of you names but not your face. I did not have time looking closely at all of you as all I imagined is bashing all your faces back then." Adrian responded in full honesty that the baby angel Gabriel was speechless.

"This is the Angel Gabriel and the second in command among them. His blessing is called Patience, and it increases his combat power for as long as the fight gets prolonged." Ark stated.

"You said blessing? If this was a blessing, then it should have been gone the moment the Goddess of Light Luminaria died." Adrian stated.

"They said that their powers just separated from them when they were killed. Does this mean that the Goddess of Light Luminaria could still be alive?!" Ark suddenly stated in fear.

"Do not overreact because she is worse than dead. She was erased from existence because her true divine body was fully destroyed. What I am thinking is in the line of the abilities that these seven have are not 'blessings', but their actual true abilities. A power born from their very soul that resonated with their determination." Adrian stated as blessing would vanish if the gods that gave them died or relinquished it.

"I cannot be wrong as our powers will vanish if we do anything to displease the Goddess of Light Luminaria. If they were truly our innate abilities, then we would have been able to use them despite being punished by that wretched goddess." The baby angel Gabriel stated.

"I said that your abilities are born from your soul. If a god or another being has full access to your souls, then they would have the ability to temporarily seal it. Since the Goddess of Light Luminaria was a control freak, I would guess there is something like a 'master lock' in the souls of the angels back then which she used to control all of you." Adrian stated which made the baby angel Gabriel go into contemplation and actually agree with the former's words. "Does

that mean we were really inhibited for all our lives?" The baby angel Gabriel stated in utter shock as he thought that the words of the devils back then were empty when they said that the goddess was holding them back.

"I would even say that the Goddess Luminaria stunted your growths as a race which is why you have potential to be gods when released. I mean... look at the devil gods that rule over Hell. They were among the first batch of the angels that were created back then. If all of you have equal talents, then all of you would have a chance to become gods if someone did not hold you back." Adrian stated.

Ark also agreed with Adrian's statements as he could see the difference back then for angels that possessed humans. The angels that possessed humans actually have more talent than a normal angel. Even if the human they possessed is talentless, the pure talent of the angel itself will overwrite the talent of the body they possessed.

Chapter 2240: Power of Patience I

"Back to the topic, where is the location of your power?" Adrian asked the baby angel Gabriel. "It is here in the central continent about east of this location." The baby Gabriel stated.

"Should we go then?" Ark asked.

"Who is going to take care of the other six while we are gone?" Adrian asked as he pointed at the other six baby angels that are sleeping.

"Oh! Sister Lilith would be the one that handles them. She is actually the one that takes care of them most of the time. I only help when I have no missions or quests that I need to do. Oh! She is here." Ark stated as the door opened to reveal a beautiful young lady in a full caretaker outfit.

"I got this brother." Lilith stated as she gave a thumbs up.

"I actually forgot that she was here as well. I guess if she is here then this place is already well guarded. She basically has the power level close to Old Man Pann." Adrian stated.

"If only she were not lazy." Ark muttered but Lilith managed to hear it which is why she pinched him.

"I did not even say anything!" Ark stated as he rubbed the place he was pinched.

"Please take care of my brother and the dirty one. Make sure that the dirty one gets his meals or else he will become quite cranky." Lilith stated as she assured them that the other six would be in good hands.

Adrian then looked at the other six baby angels and could see that all of them were trying their best not to open their eyes. He also felt fear in the six baby angels when Lilith entered the room. Her presence itself made all of them straighten up as if they are terrified of her. He then understood that the baby angels were only playful when they are in front of Ark.

"Let us go then. We can take Kanlaon as we cannot use teleportation as it would be difficult to pinpoint an exact location now." Adrian stated as he told Lilith that they might take a long time which made the sleeping expressions of the baby angels feel like they are having a nightmare.

"We can take all the time we need. I am known as the Angel of Patience after all." The baby angel Gabriel stated as if he became the winner among all of them. If the baby angels could direct their hatred to the baby angel Gabriel, then they would have. They only made sure to close their eyes because Lilith was watching over them like a hawk.

Adrian, Ark, and the baby angel Gabriel used Kanlaon as a mount to fly incredibly fast due east. The ride was very smooth as they did not fly high enough to encounter the flight zones of more powerful monsters than them. They also flew just enough in the flight zone of weaker monsters relative to Kanlaon. One could even see that the flying monsters would swerve away when they see Kanlaon flying in their path.

"So, this is what it is like flying on a dragon! So comfy! You should get one as a mount, kid." The baby angel Gabriel told Ark.

"Are you out of your mind?! Dragons like Kanlaon are True Dragons. The reason it is comfy is due to him controlling the air currents so that it will not hit us directly. Without it, you and I might have been blown away with the speed we are flying." Ark stated.

"Why is it impossible? One of your friends is the Mother of Dragons. She is the one that all dragons will bow down to because she will be the one that will rise to the position of Mother Dragon Goddess when the time comes. Given that she achieves full divinity then that should be attainable to her." The baby angel Gabriel stated as he said some trivia that interested the other two.

They went east just like the baby angel Gabriel instructed but there were no unusual things that they have encountered. Adrian thought that the baby angel Gabriel was just playing with them and trying to escape being taken care of by Lilith, but he was not that petty. The baby angel Gabriel had a more calculative and calm personality compared to the others. He was a being that weighed everything before committing to it which means that he would not have been here if he was not sure.

"Stop!" The baby angel Gabriel stated which made Kanlaon stop mid-air.

"Why? Did you get a stronger connection?" Adrian asked.

"My diaper needs some changing." The baby angel Gabriel stated as Ark could only sigh as he took out the kit from his inventory.

"You seem awfully accustomed to this." Adrian exclaimed and Ark could only laugh pitifully at himself.

"Now that I am all freshened up, I can feel the pull stronger, but it is strange." The baby angel Gabriel stated as he became confused.

"Strange how?" Ark asked.

"I was trying to have my power come to me as the demon did say that it should be parts of our souls, but it is rejecting me, or it is trapped." The baby angel Gabriel stated as his own power did not return to him willingly.

"Where is it? We should check immediately while the connection is still strong." Adrian stated as the baby angel Gabriel pointed to the northeast.

Kanlaon flew towards the direction that the baby angel Gabriel pointed to. Adrian also made sure that the speed was not that fast as they might overextend. The fact that they were close was good enough for Adrian to see what happened to the talents of the angels. He had an inkling of what happened, but he wanted to believe that this is not the case.

The baby angel Gabriel then pointed them to an island off the coast. He said that this was the place where his talent or power could be felt the most. Adrian told Kanlaon to land at the island and he immediately started to have a bad feeling about it. The island looked desolate as there were no signs of life. The only thing that is present on the island is a giant rock formation.

"There! That is my symbol! That should be where my power is hidden." The baby angel Gabriel stated as he pointed at an interesting sigil carved onto the rock formation.

The sigil has a circular design, with several intricate geometric shapes and symbols arranged in a precise pattern. The design includes a central pentagram, which is surrounded by a series of interlocking triangles and other shapes. The sigil would not have caught anyone's eye unless it was pointed out.

"Wait!" Adrian stated as Ark, who was carrying the baby angel Gabriel, was about to fly up towards the sigil.

"Why is there something wrong?" Ark asked as he does not feel any hostility around them.

"It is too easy. There are also several factors that points out that this whole place is odd."

Adrian stated.

"Ok then. I will leave the baby angel Gabriel to you while I check out the sigil that he pointed out. Is that fine?" Ark stated as he volunteered to be the scout.

"You do know that I have soulbounds that could check that right?" Adrian stated.

"My sigil will not react to your soulbounds unless they have the blood of an angel running through their veins. Only angels could activate my sigil as the power of holy light is needed at the bare minimum." The baby angel Gabriel stated.

"If that is the case then be careful. Do not let your guard down even for a moment." Adrian stated to which Ark nodded.

Ark unfurled his cool wings that is half angel wings and half devil wings. He flew towards the sigil and is about to activate it using light magic, but the huge rock formation suddenly formed

a fist to hit him. Ark was sent flying as he dropped towards the sea while the rock formation suddenly started to move which made the entire island shake.

"I should not have jinxed it by saying it was too easy." Adrian stated as he teleported away as stone hands tried to grab him.

"Is the Nephilim kid fine?" The baby angel Gabriel asked.

"He is still alive if you were worried." Adrian replied as Ark only lost 20% of his health from the sudden attack.

The rock formation in the island was actually a golem that took that specific form. What Adrian found intriguing is the fact that the entire golem was emitting the same power he felt from the baby angel Gabriel. The worst fears of Adrian have been realized as a part of a being's soul has given life to an inanimate object. The talent or power that Angel Gabriel had is basically a part of his soul and the reason why he looks like a baby. This is also the reason why they need it back to resume their original forms.