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Chapter 231 - The Undead Marches North

The draconic sense of the fire drake made its senses sharper and it could react faster to attacks. Though the skill is great, it also had a fatal flaw. The draconic sense made the fire drake susceptible to Kanlaon's roar as it would freeze every instance it hears the roar.

Adrian made use of this opportunity as best as he can. He managed to peel ten fire drake scales. The group did not kill the fire drake as Adrian wanted to seal it.

[You have failed to seal the Fire Drake.]

[You have failed to seal the Fire Drake.]

[You have successfully sealed the Fire Drake.]

Drakes as mounts are very pricey so Adrian wanted to sell it to recover the funds he used to upgrade his game pod. Levin Cloud said that he did not want to take any from the fire drake sale so Adrian gave him all the loot from the fire raptor king except the soul stone.

Adrian almost failed to seal the fire drake because it resisted big time. Adrian only has three chances to seal a monster. If he fails those three times then he cannot seal the monster as its soul has weakened due to the soul strain of failing to be sealed three times.

Adrian's luck stat activated in the third try and the added weakening due to the bleed effect. The fire drake had a look of indignation when it could not resist the sealing chains that Adrian cast. The two decided to look for more mobs to finish off so that they could level up.

The group managed to raise their level until Adrian and Levin Cloud is level 115. Adrian's soulbounds though are lagging behind due to their unique experience bars. Sirius became level 110, Kanlaon level 107, Saena level 108 and Charon level 99.

The group returned to the frost giant's forge because they could no longer continue on the deepest parts of the Lava Channel. The monsters also became much scarcer and the temperature became unbearable for the whole group except for Kanlaon.

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After three days of grinding for experience, they returned to the forge on the fourth day. On the fourth day, Aurgelmir already finished the forging of the necessary materials to fix the crown. On the first strike of Aurgelmir's hammer on the first two crown fragments, an enormous energy wave is sent throughout the place that even reached the central continent.

The runes that Aurgelmir used to suppress the energy shockwaves did their work but the energy sent out is still powerful enough to only spread towards the central continent. If there were no suppression runes in his forge then the shockwaves might have reached until the southern continent.

The residual energy is enough for all the hidden powers in the central continent to pick up. The energy is also picked up by the entity that should not have picked it up. The Arch Lich Malus know the energy released by the crown fragments because it is made of undead energy.

The two best friends are closely looking at the forging technique of Aurgelmir because it is enchanting. Every time that the frost giant brought his hammer down on the anvil, the two would feel a thump on their chest that made their hearts race. Their concentration is broken by a rather sudden notification that no one would want to read.

[The Arch Lich Malus has sensed undead energy similar to that of the Undead King.]

[His army is now on their way to the frozen lands of the north.]

[You have 72 hours to prepare before the legion of undead that the Arch Lich Malus comes to your location.]

[Time Remaining before the Arch Lich comes: 71: 59:55]

Adrian could not control himself but curse out loud. Aurgelmir is still concentrating on forging the crown as it would fail if he suddenly took a break. The frost giant did say that he would have to forge the crown for full five days at least and it could even reach to seven days if he took breaks.

"What should we do? We cannot protect this place by ourselves." Levin Cloud stated as he knows the two of them would not be enough to prevent a legion of undead to come to them.

❖❖I know. This time I am really panicking. Even I do not know how or where those undead will invade. Let us just hope that the Arch Lich himself." Adrian stated as he thought how he could protect the place.

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The Arch Lich is not the only power that moved though as each kingdom wanted to know where that shockwave of energy comes from. Some fanatics even started spouting that the world about to end because even the common man could feel the shockwaves. The Arch Lich himself did not participate in the marching legion but instead it is a lich that is Malus' right hand man (lich?).

Each kingdom and even the empire sent their scouts to follow the trail of the shockwaves that kept on happening. Some hidden powers acted themselves to search for what is the source of this energy.

Inside a temple made of bones, the Arch Lich Malus is sitting on his throne of bones when he felt the undead energy shockwave. The black eye sockets of the Arch Lich suddenly glowed in ghastly blue light. The Arch Lich then raised his right hand and a doom knight is summoned.

"Find the source of that energy fluctuation. The undead king should be there. Get Gheist to assist you. If the undead king is really there then crush this bead. It will summon me to your location." The Arch Lich Malus commanded the doom knight.

"As you will my lord." The doom knight replied in a deep and dark voice and searched for the lich that would aid him.

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In a gigantic church that resembles a white castle, the Pope of the Church of Light also felt the energy shockwaves. She knows this residual energy signatures because their kind revile this so much. Angels do not like undead because they are not natural. For angels, natural creation is beauty itself which is why they hate undead.

The angels also hate devils but it is for a different reason. Their hatred could only be rooted from their deep rivalry and if an angel falls then they would become devils themselves. The reason for their endless battles with the devils are erased from history records though.

"Find the source of that repulsive energy." The pope of the church of light stated but a messenger suddenly came in.

The paladins raised their sword against the messenger so the latter became even more distraught. Pristina raised her hands so that the paladins would not be too much on guard. The messenger calmed down for a bit before he said the message.

"Your Holiness, it has been reported that a legion of undead is marching north. It seems they are attracted to the source of the energy fluctuations. The emperor has asked to meet you in three hours to know how we will deal with the situation. The other church elders have also arranged a meeting in ten minutes." The messenger stated as he bowed deeply.

"For the emperor himself to ask to come and meet me. How large is this undead horde?" Pristina thought as she headed towards the meeting room of the temple.

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The player community is buzzing with both excitement and sadness. The higher level players are excited because every kingdom that the undead legion is passing by is offering a reward to stop the undead march. Some players are sad because they are far from the marching undead.

News travelled fast that a legion of undead is marching north towards the source of the energy fluctuations that everyone can feel. The top guilds are already meeting with all their officers so that they could participate in the subjugation of the marching undead.

The big problem is that the undead just march straight and if they encounter settlement then it would be a disaster. The legion of undead is becoming bigger and bigger the more settlements and place full of monsters that they come across.

Even the emperor of the empire had announced a quest to subjugate the undead because if they are not stopped then about a quarter of the empire will turn into undead territory. Adrian who is currently browsing the forums could only smile as he could see that he did not need to defend by himself.

Levin Cloud is currently not with him because he is suddenly summoned by his master Elder Willow of the church of life. It seems all the churches are aiding each other because of the undead marching towards the north. Though each superpower sent scouts, they could now deduce that the energy fluctuations is somehow attracting the undead.

Adrian is currently happy that he would have some so called allies to help him stop the undead but he did not know that some wanted to snatch the source of the energy fluctuations.

Chapter 232 - Too Late To Retreat

The news about the marching undead quickly spread to all the players. Those who are away from the kingdoms that issued subjugating missions all came flocking to the said kingdoms. The undead were first sighted at a forest at the southeast border of the empire.

The forest that the undead marched on became lifeless as their aura that the undead released absorbed life from the surroundings. The trees became withered husks while the monsters in the forest that the undead came across became part of the legion. Though only a few undead could be said to be top tier, the real danger of the undead is their sheer number.

All the farmlands became barren while the farmers who toiled the soil joined the undead legion. The undead legion did not waver or did not tire so they only marched north. The news of the marching undead even reached the news in the real world as if Atlas Inc. paid all the news outlets around the globe.

In reality, Pandemonium is becoming bigger and bigger that some countries even had contracted famous streamers to do television shows. Also the undead seemed to become even more and more active these recent weeks. The undead marching north is speculated by the players to be the peak of the undead event.

Of course, every player wanted to also find the source of the energy fluctuations but not all of them could go north. If the source is even far north then they could only fantasize because potions made to combat that level of frostbite are hard to come by. It's not like everyone knows an alchemist that hails from a race of immortals that can brew potions lost in time.

The top guilds are already calling forth all their players in order to set up siege defenses on the kingdoms on the path of the undead. A bunch of towns has already been devastated and the force of the undead legion grew exponentially as their march is not stopped. At first, the undead legion marching were only ten thousand strong but now the undead legion is a hundred thousand strong and still rising.

While the various cities prepare for the undead that are marching, a certain demon is thinking how he would approach the situation of the undead. From all the sources in the internet, he could tell that the undead legion is only marching straight north. They just go straight north without avoiding mountains or rivers because of a lich.

Some players that are of the dragonkin tried aerial observation but there is one knight with a full set of armor that as dark as night that shoot them down with its spear. Many players with aerial mounts also suffered the same fates. To make things worse, those that died from the spear of the knight could not revive at town immediately but had to log out the game for three hours real time.

The corpses of the players are also added to the undead legion marching. Due to this, the top guilds ordered their scouts to only observe from afar where the knight's spear will not reach. The problem is that the spear of that certain undead knight could reached about a mile.

"I should prepare for the plans that I am thinking of. I only have 60 hours left before they reach the north but I am sure that timer would increase as long as I can think of detours." Adrian thought as he used Teleport to disappear from Aurgelmir's forge and leaving his soulbounds to guard the frost giants.

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At the walls of Alabaster Fortress, countless players and knights gather. There are also numerous players and foot soldiers below. All the people at the fortress are tense because they knew what is

coming for them. The residents are already evacuated because the commanders fear for their safety and also if the fortress falls then a lot of undead will join the march of the undead.

The scouts have already reported that the undead will reach the fortress in half an hour. The march of the undead is pretty fast if one were to time it. The reason for this is simple as the undead do not tire.

The sound of a horn is suddenly heard by everyone present in the fortress. The horn sounding signifies that the undead are near and are already within firing range of the cannons mounted on the walls. The only reason the cannoneers are not firing the cannon is due to the fact that the forest is hiding the undead horde.

The horn sounded that the undead are near because of the terrain changing in front of the people in Alabaster Fortress. Dark clouds are rolling in from the distance but there is no sign of rain. There are also sounds of thunder with flashes of lightning.

The most unsettling fact of the changes is that it only happened on once section rather than the whole forest that is in front of the Alabaster Fortress. The loud talking of the adventurers and the knights below the fortress walls came to a sudden halt as they could feel danger coming towards them.

The people in the fortress prepared for battle yet something inside of them is screaming to run away. The dark atmosphere that the undead brought with their march came to a sudden halt at the forest clearing. The people defending the fortress could hear each other gulp in fear because of the sudden halt in the march.

The oddest thing is that there is no undead seen at the edge of the forest. The scouts and archers with good eyesight could not pierce the dark veil that is emitted in that specific part of the forest. Those same scouts and archers could pierce the other parts of the forest with their eyesight just fine but not the area with a darkened atmosphere.

The surrounding area became eerily quiet as the living could feel their hearts and souls screaming to run as far as they can. The longer that they gaze upon that dark haze brewing in the forest, the louder they could feel that something is incredibly wrong.

Even the priests stationed there could feel fear creeping in their hearts despite being trained to not fear the undead or any other malevolent force. The silence lingered for about ten minutes or so until an undead walked out of the forest.

This undead is rather different from what others have seen because its body looked like it is made out of gas. The only solid looking thing in its body is the mask it is wearing. The mask is rather recognizable as it is the mask made of a white material with the only holes in it is the eyes that are just two holes.

The undead's body is made up of a gaseous substance that is ashen in color. Its body is not that of a humanoid shape as it looks like a very tall person covered himself with an ashen colored blanket. No arms or feet could be seen but there is a smoky trail being left behind when this undead moves.

The white masked undead walked until he is about a hundred meters away from the army below the wall. The tense soldiers and adventurers could only steel their resolve as they could see this undead walking towards them.

When the undead stopped a hundred meters away from them, the group of people also became tense. Though the undead is not moving, those of the living could feel that this undead is actually observing them. This feeling of being observed could be felt by every living being despite the undead just staring straight blankly.

The dark atmosphere at the forest also disappeared a few moments later when the undead exited the forest. The archers from the wall suddenly open fired and aimed for the undead but all their arrows just passed through. Some arrows were aimed at its mask but the arrows also passed through it. Proving that the undead in front of them does not have a physical body.

The priests are next ones who are assigned to attack the undead that showed up. As the group of priests are chanting their spell in unison to smite the undead, the mask of the undead started forming cracks. The mask started forming cracks yet no piece of the mask fell to the ground.

As the cracks in the masks continued forming, the soldiers and adventurers below the fortress walls received the command to attack the undead. Seeing as the arrows fired at the undead did nothing, it was the magic classes below the walls that initiated the attack.

Numerous magic spells are fired off into the location of the undead producing large cloud of smoke whenever the magic landed. The soldiers and adventurers waited for the smoke to clear before attacking once more but what they saw shocked them.

Standing in the area is the masked undead with no visible signs of it being damaged whatsoever. The magic class users once again chanted their spells and aimed towards the masked undead but an ear piercing shriek sounded. The people in the fortress and below its walls covered their ears in order to maintain their focus on observing the masked undead.

The masked undead's mask finally cracked all the way and exploded into millions of tiny fragments that scattered in the wind. The hazy body of the undead dissolved suddenly and it was no more. There was silence in the area once again as they could not believe that it was over so quickly. The ear piercing shriek also disappeared along with the masked undead.

"Is it over?◆◆ Someone stated but ended up becoming a jinx.

The skies above the location of the fortress suddenly became dark while the surroundings remained partially sunny. Sensing the sudden change in the atmosphere a command is suddenly shouted.

"Retreat!"

The command came late as the whole area below the walls already became covered with an ashen fog reminiscent of the one that the masked undead's body is made of. The command to retreat is not heard as all those inside the fog can only hear is the painful moans of countless people echoing all throughout the surroundings.

Chapter 233 - Mischief I

The whole area of Alabaster Fortress became covered in ashen haze that inhibited vision and hearing. The adventurers below the walls could not hear the commands of those atop the walls. The hearing of everyone affected by the haze is limited to someone about two meters away from them.

The sight is inhibited by the haze while the groaning of hundreds of people echoing in the haze inhibits the hearing. The adventurers and soldiers below the wall could only fend for themselves. The odd thing is that there were no enemies attacking them just reduced vision and disoriented hearing.

All the groaning suddenly stopped and a bone chilling laugh echoed all throughout the haze. The soldiers and adventurers who heard this laugh all had a tingle in their spine. Along with the tingle in the spine is a sharp reduction in stats.

[All your stats have been reduced by 20%. If you die, you have an 80% chance to become an undead.]

This system message caused panic and terror to those who have read it which means every player there. The players in the fortress are not only those below level 100 but also those above. There are even players from the top guilds mixed in so that their top brass would know what to expect.

Suddenly, faces that are pale in white that resembled that of the white mask of the masked undead showed up. It is not just one location but numerous masks appeared at every location in the haze. The mask would either be beside someone, above someone and some even manifested right in front of those below the walls.

The masks at first had no expression but suddenly it formed a mouth. The masks all over the haze that each adventurer and soldier could see suddenly formed into a creepy smile. Suddenly, screams of pain erupted all over the place.

One adventurer became curious and looked behind him but that was his mistake. The soldier behind him is actually impaled using a rusted spear by something. This something is like a copy of the masked undead that they bombarded earlier before except it had that creepy smiling mask.

The adventurer though should not have looked back because it only made himself scared. When he turned his back to run, a creepy smiling mask is already in front of him. He did not notice it but a blade is already piercing his chest that is now heavily bleeding.

The adventurer or player did not become particles of light but instead turned into an undead. His form became devoid of blood as he looked like a dried up corpse. The masked undead that pierced the adventurer's chest then slid the blade off.

The adventurer's corpse then fell to the ground but it also rose back up. The risen corpse' eye sockets glowed in a red light and now it became an enemy to its allies. This happened all over the Alabaster Fortress that the forces of the fortress is now only half of its glory while the undead became 50% stronger.

It did not take long for the foot soldier NPCs died to the onslaught of the undead but it was not only below the wall that is attacked. Above the fortress wall is an undead knight with armor made of darkness that is now facing the fortress commander.

The fortress commander is already riddled with wounds while his loyal knights are now undead that are just watching him getting beaten by the undead knight. It seems that despite being undead, the undead knight still has values of honor to face off the fortress commander by itself.

"You have done well human to face me despite being weaker than I am. I will gladly add you to my ranks as a death knight." The doom knight stated in a low dark voice.

"I do not know whether to be please or disgusted by your offer." The fortress commander replied.

"Do not worry. I will surely make you into a fine death knight like your loyal retainers." The doom knight replied.

The fortress commander did not reply as his face looked extremely enraged by the remark of the doom knight. The fortress commander could only lament their lack of preparation. The fortress commander's eyes landed on the corpses of the priests that were the first to fall.

Despite the holy attribute spells of the priest hitting the doom knight directly, there is no visible damage to even the armor of the monster in front of him. The bodies of the priests did not become undead because of the remnant holy energy that is remaining in their bodies that prevents them from being corrupted.

The fortress commander deciding that he can no longer do anything but fight to his death. He took out a potion vial and drank it. The doom knight tried to break the potion vial when it felt its contents but was unable to do so. The potion that the knight commander drank is actually holy water that would prevent the dead from becoming an undead.

"Such a shame." The doom knight stated as it charged towards the fortress commander.

The fortress commander tried to parry the strike of the doom knight but he was clearly outmatched. The doom knight swiped its spear horizontally and sliced at the neck of the fortress commander. The exchange of the two was swift and it ended with the head of the fortress commander separating from his body.

"It is do.." The doom knight is about to utter but a loud explosion suddenly sounded.

The doom knight looked towards the sound of the explosion and saw a swirling black hole on the horizon. The black hole is sucking all the undead that spawned and even the masked undead being generated. Even the haze is being sucked inside the black hole.

"Demons" The doom knight uttered as it left down from atop the walls and started its search for the source of the spell.

Chapter 234 - Mischief II

Before the attack of the masked undead...

Adrian already found out the fortress he defended during the first undead siege is being targeted once more by the undead marching towards the north. He used a complex array of triangulation and equations to solve the trajectory of the marching undead meaning he used the internet.

Adrian already teleported himself towards the Alabaster Fortress in hopes of participating with the defense. Adrian decided to hide in plain sight by blending in with the adventurers that are below the fortress walls. He did not just use his human persona but change his look to become a gnome.

He successfully blended in and when others asked his job class then he would answer that he is a Rogue. He used his twin dagger psyche armaments as weapons so that he could disguise himself

efficiently. If he used his human disguise then some Evergreen guild members might notice him as he already noticed some he already met before.

He denied all party invitation that some good nurtured people asked him because they thought he might be lonely. He politely declined saying to them that his guild only asked him to do a scouting mission and he would not participate in the battle. What Adrian really wanted to do is try and delay the undead legion then immediately leave.

Adrian just wanted to test his theory if the timer for his mission will increase if he became a detour for the marching undead. At first, Adrian wanted to teleport directly to the undead legion and activate his Vortex skill but decided not to upon seeing what happened to those who flew too close to the undead legion.

He is currently sitting on the grass when he noticed the dark clouds rolling from the distance. This is the signature effect that a horde of undead are approaching the vicinity. He prepared intently by surrounding himself with spacemines so that he will not get sneak attacked.

When the dark clouds rolled towards the clearing, he is utterly stunned because on one undead came out of the forest. He did not let his guard down as he moved closer in order to see the details of the undead. Before he could activate his evil eye though, a large number of spells is suddenly hurled towards the masked undead thereby making him unable to see the masked undead clearly.

He waited for the spell effects to disappear and the aftereffects of the spells to dissipate. He thought that the masked undead would either be heavily damaged or dead by some miracle of the RNGsus. His wishes were not true as the masked undead did not even have a scratch on its ghostly body.

Adrian could confidently say that the masked undead suffered no damage. He can confidently say that because he can now clearly see the details of the masked undead. The masked undead took no damage despite the cracks that is seen on its mask.

Monster: Gheist

Level: 220

HP: 50,000,000 / 50,000,000

MP: 50,000,000 / 100,000,000

Adrian did not know but even he feels that something is off with the masked undead. Adrian observed clearly what is happening with the masked undead and he immediately noticed that the dark clouds disappeared. The masked undead suddenly made a bone chilling sound then exploded into nothingness.

Adrian is about to use Teleportation to escape because the undead suddenly disappeared. As he is about to use the skill, the surrounding became dark. He now had reduced vision and is hearing groans of multiple people at the same time. He thought he heard someone shout something but he just told himself that he is hearing things.

Adrian then felt an aura of a powerful entity pass by him but it is only for a second. He could tell that the aura is now away from him and now it could be sensed going towards the direction of the

walls. Adrian was about to follow the powerful aura when he suddenly realized that the surroundings were riddled with masks.

Even Adrian did notice but he is surrounded by those mask that are copies of Gheist's mask. He even stared at one face to face. He suddenly screamed when the mask made a creepy smile but he felt danger so he unconsciously used Blink.

His instincts were right as he heard the screams of agony of the people close to him. The masks that is close to him also became animated as they now carried weapons. He noticed what happened to those near him as they are now pierced with weapons of this masked undead.

"I have no choice but to use my skill now." Adrian stated as he channeled his mana to use his skill.

An enormous amount of power is gathered on Adrian's palm as the pebbles on the ground itself suddenly started floating as if gravity is being reversed. A small sun that is the size of a marble is materialized at Adrian's hands. He let go of this marble sized sun and it rose to the air slowly and surely.

The small sun rose to a height of about thirty feet and an explosion sounded that is reminiscent of glass shattering. A black hole is then generated in the air that sucked everything inside near it. Both undead and the living is sucked inside the black hole.

Adrian did not register at the fort defense so he is basically just by himself with no allies meaning his AOE skills will affect everything around him. Both the undead and the living wondered where the swirling vortex that is pulling them came from.

Adrian though did not care that he is damaging both friendlies and enemies in the process. He just wanted to know if his experiment is successful and he could only smile. The timer that he is given is suddenly extended by ten minutes that is the same duration as that of the Vortex skill.

Adrian is extremely happy with what happened and he would have jumped for joy but a gloomy message is sent to his notifications.

[Your soulbound Kanlaon has been dealt with tremendous damage. Kanlaon is currently in danger.]

"That is enough mischief for today. I need to find out what happened to Kanlaon." Adrian stated as he activated his teleportation to take him back to the forge.

Be it luck or fate, Adrian vanished into particles as his body became particles of light thereby dodging the attack of the doom knight. Though Adrian disappeared, his skill effect did not but the doom knight is not pulled by the force of the black hole. The doom knight can only observe as his troops are being slowly culled by the black hole filled with a dangerous energy.

Chapter 235 - A Deal With The Ice Queen

Adrian disappeared from Alabaster Fortress as he no longer needs to be there. He knew Alabaster Fortress is done for which is why he needed to get out of there. The entity with a powerful aura that he felt is as powerful as Cristobal.

The fortress commander of Alabaster Fortress was only about level 100 when the first siege happened. Adrian speculated that the fortress commander is about level 150 or higher by now. His guess is not that far from the truth as the fortress commander is about level 170. The fortress commander might be powerful but not powerful enough to contend with the undead he saw.

The doom knight who is half a second late in killing Adrian though is not happy as it scoured the battlefield to find the demon. Due to Adrian's mischievous antics, the doom knight wasted ten more minutes to find him. The undead even took their time to demolish the Alabaster Fortress.

The undead erased Alabaster Fortress on the map as it is all reduced to rubble. Countless soldiers and player corpses in the fortress became undead. There might have been a chance for only parts of the Alabaster Fortress to be destroyed if Adrian is not there but no one will know because no one is left alive.

The news of the devastation of Alabaster Fortress became a hot topic in the forums that players that have familiarity on the cities and towns that the undead will encounter could only voice their dismay. All the time and effort they used will be gone the drain just because the undead is marching towards them.

The number of complaints became numerous that the players suddenly started the movement to boycott Pandemonium. The movement might have become big but a heated debate suddenly came in the forums. One side wanted the developers to stop the undead march north while the others are saying that Pandemonium must remain free from developer intervention.

There is a larger number of players that want the game Pandemonium to become more organic and let players decide the fate of the world. This comment would have shut those that wanted developer intervention but they countered that the undead only rose up when one player unlocked a unique class.

Those in favor of developer intervention shouted that one player should not decide the fate of the game. This comment made those that do not want developer intervention clamp up as they could not counter this argument as it is a fact. However, one of the GMs or Game Master's stated a quote that quelled the fight between players of both sides.

"Pandemonium has always been about making the world expand due to the ingenuity of the players therefore the developers cannot stop what is already in motion. Though the developers could not do anything about the marching undead, the players are free to do anything.

You can attempt to stop the march of the undead or even aid them in their march. Pandemonium was never meant to be played in a linear fashion. Also, one player did not trigger the undead event as any event could be triggered by any circumstances such as killing an ant on the sidewalk.

The undead was always meant to rise again. Even if the player in question did not unlock his unique job class, the undead would still rise again. Remember fellow Pandemonium players that in Pandemonium we make our own destiny. You choose if you will be swept by the tide or swim against the currents." One of the Game Master posted on the forums.

The Game Master who posted this is one of the Game Masters that is widely popular for his wisdom. The Game master's name is GM Stewpid. Yes, it is his chosen name despite him being treated as the wisest of all the Game Masters.

The forums cooled down and now they no longer wish for developer intervention. Be it intentional or not, the players noticed something that the Game Master stated that might be crucial information. GM Stewpid said that they could join the undead which meant that they could become undead themselves using this event.

A lot of players often wondered if the undead were ever going to be accessible as a starting race. Now, the players were given a hint on how they are going to become of a new race. This is a chance to become something other than the starting races. This means that more spells and abilities will be available to them once they become undead especially for dark attribute spell casters.

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Unknown to the commotion that he is partially to blame, Adrian returned to the forge or Aurgelmir only to see that the fire giant is still busy forging the crown. Adrian knew that Kanlaon is heavily damaged while Saena used all the status ailments in her arsenal to stop something or someone.

Adrian hurriedly went to his soulbounds location that is near the lava channels. He became surprised as he thought it would be undead that he will encounter but actually it is just one person. This person did not look like it is living in this heated environment because of the way they are clothed.

In front of Adrian is a woman that is about 178 cm tall. She is wearing a luxurious white dress with a fur coat blazer made from wolf fur. She is also holding a huge scepter that has something like a snow globe on top. She had skin like that of snow with eyes that is like frozen water. Her blue hair is kept in a bun while there is a crown of ice adorning the top of her head.

Adrian could not believe what he is seeing because a Legendary NPC is actually in front of him. Technically, she is in front of his soulbounds but since Adrian is now there then the former is true.

NPC: Elona

Tier: Legendary

Title: Ice Queen, The Frost Witch of the North

"May I know why you are attacking my partners, Your Highness Elona?" Adrian stated. He did not know how to address the woman. But since her title said Ice Queen, Adrian decided to call her Your Highness.

"I am just punishing a bunch of rowdy kids who suddenly attacked me that is all. Are you the master of this kids, little demon?" Elona replied.

"I am. But our greeting to you will be dependent on the answer of why you are here." Adrian stated trying to sound mysterious and powerful.

"I am just wondering what that old blacksmith is up to because energy fluctuations is reaching my kingdom located a bit further north from here. I did not know that he hired guard dogs so that he cannot be disturbed." Elona teased.

"Old man Aurgelmir is currently busy forging something extremely important. He does not wish to be disturbed at this time." Adrian stated as he cast Invigorate to bring all his soulbounds to full health.

"I see. If that is the case then I will not bother him. But I am giving you a word of advice, I am not the only one coming to this location to know where the source of that energy fluctuation is. You are lucky that I am not hostile to that frost giant because we of the north treat him favorably. Looking at you now then you will not be able to stop them" Elona stated.

"Thank you for your warning, Your Highness. I will keep that in mind and call upon reinforcements." Adrian replied but it seems Elona is still not satisfied as it keeps on eyeing Kanlaon.

"Is there something more you need to ask, Your Highness?" Adrian asked.

"Your dragon. How is it able to control two opposing elemental forces? I can even sense a third element within it that is currently suppressed." Elona replied.

"Trade secret." Adrian replied but it seems that the Ice Queen did not bother asking to elaborate.

Elona did not want there to be a misunderstanding that she is bullying someone weaker than her. She still has the dignity as a queen to become an example for her people. Also, the young demon in front of her called Aurgelmir, a demigod being, old man meaning they had a close relationship.

Adrian did not know that his casual title for those older than him would cause a severe misunderstanding. Though Aurgelmir did not stop Adrian when the latter called him an old man. The frost giant even liked his title but he clearly did not state it and would only cough when Adrian calls him that to hide his joy.

"If you want, I can help protect Aurgelmir's forge from those coming towards this location." Elona suddenly stated which made Adrian raise his brows.

"What do you want in exchange then, Your Highness?" Adrian replied.

"Straightforward, I see. I hope some of my close aides were like you instead of hiding their problems. I am liking you quite a bit now, little demon." Elona stated but Adrian just looked at her waiting for what she wanted.

"I just need you to go to Niflheim and get a flower native to that place for me. Do we have a deal?" Elona stated and Adrian received a system prompt. Adrian read the system prompt and immediately answered.

"We have a deal, Your Highness." Adrian replied while doing a graceful bow.

Chapter 236 - The Power Of The Ruler Of Ice

QUEST NOTIFICATION

Find the Everfrost Flower

The Ice Queen Elona wants you to find a certain flower in the frozen land of Niflheim. Find it so that you can repay the favor you have been granted.

Condition: Find the Everfrost flower that is said to be the only flower that can bloom on a frozen land.

Reward: None

Failure: You will be unable to journey to the far north as Ice Queen Elona will bar you from the borders of her kingdom.

Time Remaining: 30 days

Adrian immediately accepted the quest because he did not need to call for help from the undead nor the Daemos. He can call for help by going to the undead king but that would stretch his already low

number of soldiers even further. He could also call for some of the Daemos Corps but he could only call upon one squad or so.

"Also, we must leave winter warfare to those who are masters of it. I do not know why she wants me to fetch a simple thing but then again she cannot go to other worlds like the Daemos." Adrian thought as he followed the Ice Queen that said she wanted to see what Aurgelmir is doing.

Adrian escorted the Ice Queen to the forge but they only stood where they could see the hammering frost giant. The waves of energy seems to be becoming more and more pronounced. Aurgelmir had already connected two of the crown fragments.

Adrian then looked towards his side to see if the Ice Queen Elona would say something but he became surprised instead. The Ice Queen who had a stoic expression ever since they met is actually looking at the frost giant with eyes of admiration.

"Damn, another old man who has more game than me." Adrian thought to himself as he did not know whether he should be jealous at the old man for having more charisma than him or puke.

Adrian could see that the Ice Queen has this enamored look on her face. But judging by her interaction, it seems that she is not that well acquainted with the frost giant. Adrian smiled devilishly as he saw this and is once again brewing something so that he can benefit from it later.

"Sometimes using your head to gain things is much better than using your body. Less hassle and better rewards without that much effort." Adrian muttered to himself as he coughed to snap the Ice Queen from her daze.

"We should not disturb the old man and come up with a battle plan. It seems our first visitor is actually not even trying to be secretive." Adrian stated as he could feel an immense aura heading towards them.

Adrian left his soulbounds nearer to the forge this time as he teleported the Ice Queen and himself to the outside per request of the Ice Queen. A great white image greeted them as the snow seems to have piled up due to the blizzard. Outside the entrance to the cave system are actually an army of yetis but much more robust than the one Adrian encountered.

The yetis are also fashioned in an armor that looks like it is made from metal that is coated in ice. The yetis also had stag like antlers with pointy tips that would instantly kill anyone that would be impaled. The Ice Queen looked proud of her army of yetis that she did not even bother immediately intercepting the guest coming towards us.

"Who do you think is so curious that he would drop what they are doing to come here?" Adrian asked.

"Someone who has too much time and nothing important to do perhaps. By the aura that I am sensing then it must be a dragonoid. The peak evolution of the dragonkin." The Ice Queen Elona replied.

"How are you so sure, Your Highness?" Adrian asked as he had yet to feel a dragonoids aura.

"My adop...my child is actually one of them. Dragonoids has the power to even transform themselves into dragons for a limited number of time. Still, dragonoids are extremely rare to find as

they usually guard the parent dragon of a dragonkin clan." The Ice Queen Elona stated which made Adrian very interested in the story but then Elona started gathering mana from the surroundings.

The Ice Queen Elona did not use her own mana but the mana from the surroundings. This is one of the privileges of a legendary NPC which is having the ability to utilize mana from nature to a certain degree. They can manipulate it but not freely because if they do then they might as well become gods or demigods.

The Ice Queen used the mana she is familiar with and the snow that is on the mountain and ground started rising up. The snow started swirling and swirling until it formed tornadoes made of snow. With a flick of her wrist, the Ice Queen Elona sent the snow and cold wind towards the direction of the dragonoid that is coming to the location in full speed.

"Will that stop the dragonoid?" Adrian asked as he is curious if strong snow and winds would deter the dragonoid from coming here.

"It should slow the dragonoid down and also send a message." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"Message? Will the wind whisper something like 'Go away' or 'Turn back now'?" Adrian asked.

"Not that kind of message. I am not a mage that deals with sound to be able do that." The Ice Queen Elona replied.

"Oh...I guess I expected too much." Adrian muttered but Elona just glared at him because she heard what Adrian said.

Adrian could feel that the incoming aura did slow down a bit but he could sense movement. It seems that the dragonoid is more determined than Elona thought but she did not budge or add any more spells. She would humor the dragonoid as long as the person in question could reach their destination.

Adrian used Spirit Form Transformation to turn himself invisible because of Elona's remark that he should hide himself. Not all races are indifferent to demons as dragons are said to be equal to demons. The dragonoid might turn hostile if it sees Adrian's form. Dragonoids practically worship the dragons as gods because dragons are the pinnacle of any life form. Well, on paper at least.

It did not take long for the dragonoid to show up with layers of frost seen on its body. The Ice Queen Elona did not show weakness but instead glared at the dragonoid. The dragonoid then heated its body up to melt the layer of frost covering its body.

The dragonoid looked no different from a human except for some parts of its body being covered in dragon-like scales and serpentine like eyes. Another feature is that Adrian did not like very much is that the dragonoid is actually very beautiful.

"Why is every powerful race beautiful? Does beauty equal power? Should I get the Charm stat and raise it?" Adrian thought as she looked at the dragonoid once more.

The dragonoid is obviously a female and her choice of clothing is not something you could call for battle. She is like that every poster girl woman warrior character that any game would use as advertisement. Her armor is more like a bikini and that it looks like it was made from dragon scales.

Contrary to base dragonkin's look, the dragonoid does not have wings which is strange but then again Adrian was told that a dragon's wings are merely for decoration and egg hatching. Dragons have an innate understanding of mana that lets them basically float in the air. A strong example of that is Kanlaon as eastern dragons rarely have wings but can fly.

"I have to commend you for being able to traverse the blizzard that I made dragonoid but this is as far as you will go. The far north is my territory and I do not like unwelcomed outsiders that is meant to do harm upon those from the north." The Ice Queen Elona stated while revealing her dignity as someone powerful and of royalty.

"I am here on my master's orders to find out the source of the strange energy fluctuations that is being felt throughout the continent. I am sorry if I have offended you, Queen of the North." The female dragonoid replied.

"If you want to know what is the source of that energy then I will tell you due to the respect I have for your master. It is something that the great blacksmith of the north is currently using for crafting a mighty item. I do not know what that item is but even your master would not dare offend the great blacksmith of the north." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

The female dragonoid did not want to offend the Queen of the North but it would for its master's order but if she added the great blacksmith of the north then she would have to retreat. Her master specifically told her to retreat if the source of the fluctuations happen to be coming from the forge of the great blacksmith of the north.

"Thank you for telling me the reason, Queen of the North. I will tell my master about it which would surely deter others of my kind to inspect further but for others not of my kind then we hold no power over them." The female dragonoid stated as he gave a light bow and looked around a few more times before flying back to where she came from.

"It seems everyone is curious. But just by using the old man's title, we could scare anyone from inspecting closer." Adrian stated as his form materialized.

"You think far too little of the weight of Aurgelmir's influence." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"If that is the case then I will do something that is needed so that the old man will not truly be bothered. Can I leave the north to you and guard the old man with your life?" Adrian stated with a face that is very serious.

"Just do not forget our deal, little demon. What are you going to do anyway?" The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"I need to wreak havoc on an army that is marching towards here. It would be very troublesome if they come here after all." Adrian stated as he went inside the cave to fetch his soulbounds and leaving the Ice Queen to protect the perimeter.

Chapter 237 - Leading The Undead

Adrian teleported to another city that will be raided by the undead in about one hour. The destruction of Alabaster Fortress and the cities made huge waves of displeasure. The players who also joined in raiding the undead are on the fence because of the continuous defeats every time they try hitting the marching undead.

Though their hope is renewed when the undead is actually marching towards the next city. The next city is near the holy capital Sanctus which means more priests and paladins would be able to take part in the defense. It is even speculated that the Pope of the Church of Light herself will join the battle.

Adrian is now waiting in this city that is called Abelpoint. He actually tried to deter the undead marching their way every now and again but he would fail. It seems that the reported doom knight that is marching with the undead is specifically aiming at him whenever he teleports near them.

The sensing radius of the doom knight is so vast that Adrian could not get near within a hundred meters of the marching undead in order to do something. The doom knight even managed to take his arm out with just one attack so he had to immediately leave.

He even tried joining other player groups who are numerous in attacking the undead but the doom knight would always prioritize him whenever Adrian would cast a spell. It got to the point that it annoyed Adrian that he no longer participated in small sieges so he opted to wait in the city that will be sieged by the undead.

"That freaking doom knight always attacks me every chance I use a spell. It seems it can sense my demon aura every time that I use a skill. Well, he would not have the chance to strike at me this time." Adrian stated as he looked towards a familiar carriage that he has once seen before on Sanctus.

Adrian is starting at the carriage that is used by the Pope of the Church of Light. He also looked at the next carriage that is near the carriage of the Pope of the Church of Light. The carriage next to it has the sigil of the Church of Life.

The carriage from the Church of Life opened and he saw his best friend and Elder Willow along with other elders of the church and their disciples with them. He smiled as he got more than what he bargained for.

The undead should have not targeted Abelpoint but Adrian made it so. The undead should traverse the terrain that is a hundred meters away from this city but Adrian lured them here. He used himself as bait in order to change the course of the marching undead slightly by radiating his aura and provoke the doom knight.

If the players know what he did then he would become public enemy number one. All the pent up frustration of the players who had their familiar towns shattered will be directed to him. He might even have a kill on sight order against him if it was known.

Adrian wanted to lead them to Sanctus but the marching undead is strictly heading north despite his attempts. Fortunately, Abelpoint seems to be an important place for the Church of Light because this place has the next city that has numerous paladins of the church of light besides Sanctus. Adrian wanted to know why but the undead came first as there is 30 hours remaining before the undead reached the north.

"How are they going to reach the far north in one day? They should cross the sea and that should be impossible without crossing the frozen sea." Adrian thought.

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The forums are buzzing with the news of the marching undead still but two particular posts made everyone lose it.

"Ghost Ships are docking at the port that leads to the northern continent."

"I was turned into an undead by the black armored undead knight."

These posts made every player lose it as they now know why the strength of the incoming horde became stronger. Adrian also felt the horde increasing but he did not bother using his evil eye or could not because of the doom knight. If he did find out that players are increasing the ranks of the marching undead then he might have curse them for making his job harder than it already is.

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Adrian who just finished reading the forums could only frown as having players in the ranks of the marching undead changes the game. Creepysoo told Adrian that he has a unique revival option that he could immediately revive with 80% health as long as his body is not completely destroyed or hit with a holy attack.

Adrian is sure that the players will be able to revive instantly but their health should be lower when revived if compared with Creepysoo. It would be unfair for the first player to become an undead if others who became an undead will be the same as him.

"I want to team up with Marlon (Levin Cloud) but it seems he is already busy with something with the Church of Life. I guess I have to do this solo." Adrian stated as the officials of the two churches went inside the mage tower located in the city.

"They already went inside the mage tower for an hour already. What are they doing there?" Adrian stated and the he felt an explosion of energy coming from the mage tower.

The energy did not seem harmless but it is more holy in nature. The energy then became a dome of holy energy covering the entire city of Abelpport which Adrian thought as something odd. He has his speculations why the two churches would expend their power to cover the entire city with a holy attribute barrier.

"Even Sanctus does not have a holy barrier like this despite being the holy city. Why would the Church of Light ask for the help of the Church of Life in setting up a barrier with this scale? It just does not add up. All those who participated in making a barrier this big would be unable to go into battle. Most importantly, the undead would avoid this place." Adrian stated in an annoyed manner.

Adrian is very annoyed because he tried very hard luring the undead here but now all of it has gone down the drain. He used his Blink to get out the city and flew above the clouds to see the route of the marching undead and to his dismay they did turn. It seems the Pope did not come to this location to subjugate the undead instead she came to protect the city of Abelpport.

"What are they hiding in this city? Might as well ask Marlon (Levin Cloud) later of he has an idea." Adrian stated as he teleported to the port cities that are currently being siege by undead that came from the sea.

Chapter 238 - Shipwrecked

At the mage tower...

"Did the undead not attack the city?" The Pope of the Church of Light Pristina inquired.

"Yes, your holiness. The holy barrier that we conjured to protect the city is holding well and is warding even that doom night that is reported marching with the undead legion." The attendant beside her replied which made Pristina smile.

"The seal on that man must never be released even if I have to sacrifice every person in this city." Pristina muttered to herself as she told her attendants to follow her.

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In another room inside the mage tower, about a hundred priests of the Church of Light and the Church of Light are currently either really exhausted or passed out. Levin Cloud is one of the former as he had a passive that will never let him lose stamina below 5%. A skill that goes on a cooldown of one day whenever it is activated.

Levin Cloud is questioning why they had to perform the spell to create the holy barrier because it way more efficient to fight the undead and make a stand at Abelpoint. Even Elder Willow, his master, is against the idea of using the holy barrier method but the other elders favored it.

The elders of the Church of Light started acting strange especially when the news of Abelpoint being on the way of the undead legion came. Levin Cloud wanted to ask Elder Willow why that was the case but his master's eyes told him to not to question it right now.

Elder Willow told Levin Cloud that someone from the church is actually suspecting him of being a spy. The cause of the suspicion became more solid due to the fact that Levin Cloud suddenly started snooping around ruins that of the fallen churches. He is surprised of that fact because he knows he moved secretly but somehow someone in the church is actually watching him.

Elder Willow told Levin Cloud to be careful in his activities inside the church as it seems he is being suspected. Levin Cloud also told Elder Willow that the tree of life is actually poisoned which surprised the latter greatly. The area where the poison was is actually a restricted area in which you need permission from all the elders in order to enter.

Even Elder Willow who is a high ranking elder of the church could not enter it without being punished. This made Elder Willow sure that someone infiltrated the Church of Life to even know about that passage to that area. It also coincides with the time that suspicion of Levin Cloud came which made it more obvious.

The master and apprentice is now on thin ice at the Church of Life because of this which is why they were sent here in Abelpoint to help. But in reality, the elders of the church of life wanted to search the offices and lodging of the master and apprentice. It seems someone in the church of life wants them out of way.

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Due to the unforeseen erection of the holy barrier, Adrian now had to think of a different way to deter the marching undead. All the paladins and priests inside Abelpoint did not rally and attack the undead so now he has to think on delaying them even further.

The sea ports that have reports of ghost ships showing up is actually from an area where there are many whirlpools. The town is called Seaswirl Port and it was a vibrant fishing town but now the people evacuated due to the undead. The only living people in the town are the adventurers that are fighting the undead.

Adrian is currently doing battle with the undead along with other players on the scene but it seems even the horde of undead does not stop. Adrian even used Vortex to cull even more but the undead keep reviving from one of the accursed ship that is currently docked at the port.

Adrian had no choice but to use Soul Form Transformation to sneak inside the ship with his soulbounds. He even let Kanlaon loose inside the ghost ship. It proved effective as the ghost ship itself seems to be considered a monster so it would emit a creaky scream whenever attacked.

The real problem for the ghost ship came when the captain of the ghost ship. It seemed this ghost captain can wield everything inside the ship from ropes all the way to broken plates or vases. Sadly, Adrian and his soulbounds did not survive the battle inside the ship. So when he revived, Adrian immediately retreated to get away.

"All those undead are of level 130 and above. We still made good progress though as the whole ghost ship is now wrecked." Adrian stated while smiling but that smile immediately turned onto a frown upon seeing what is happening.

The ghost ship that he painstakingly damaged is getting repaired in real time. He is now more stressed than ever. The players in the town could hear someone cursing out someone though they could not clearly understand who. If the players were actually near Adrian then they would hear him cursing the pope of the church of light out.

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In the basement floor of the mage tower where only the head wizard could access, the pope of the church of light could be seen with two paladins. She waved her hand and a secret passage appeared before her. She went down the stairs that are revealed like she has been there many times before.

The secret passage had no lights so Pristina had to light the way herself as she went down the flight of stairs. The passage down took about an hour to traverse but Pristina patiently went down each of them as she was not in a hurry.

She finally reached the bottom of the place where she is traversing and light could be seen being emitted. She reached the room and there she saw a man that had white hair while his half naked body is riddled with wounds. The man is also bound by the magic circle below him.

As if the magic binding circle is not enough, the man is also bound by numerous chains that are as thick as pipes. Pristina looked at the man with contempt as she questioned him.

"Did you attract those undead to come and save you, Abel? Or should I call you by your race, Asmodian?" Pristina stated and the bound man opened his eyes upon hearing what she said.

Chapter 239 - Those Hiding In The Shadows

While the march of the undead is underway, a certain individual is finding a clue towards one of his most difficult quest. Eldritch no longer trusts the Arch Lich Malus to honor its deal with him to tell the location where the Lich King is sealed.

Eldritch knows that Pandemonium is different from other games because in a sense he is cheated by some of the NPCs when it comes to rewards. Though the problem with his quests is that some of the quests came from shady NPCs that a normal player would not trust. He even swindled some of the mild NPCs giving him the title of Hoodlum.

Eldritch is basically the player that you would not hang out with unless you have mastered his personality. The funniest thing is that this player has gotten himself a good number of following because of how great he is in the game.

He basically garnered both praise and admiration from players who like the wild plays he makes. He even has a fan club full of girls because of his bad boy antics. He became a guest at some talk shows in his country and people are shocked at his duality.

He is praised to be well mannered and prim when in reality while he is brazen and vicious when it comes to Pandemonium. He basically has the ultimate duality that a perfect mastermind or supervillain has. He has a good following of girls because of this plus his face is not bad to look at.

Eldritch came into the spotlight when he basically faced off a guild on his own when he encountered them on his mission. He showed his prowess on how to handle large scale warfare and he took down the guild singlehandedly using his wit and skills.

Eldritch had other leads on finding the location where the Lich King is sealed. He needed to find traces of the records where the battle of the dark gods. He needed to find where the last stand of the Lich King took place in order to minimize the area where he needed to search.

Fortunately, he found such traces in a book hidden in a forgotten cave that is hidden in the temple of bones. Eldritch used his powers to control a lich that Malus trusted in order to get access to certain parts of the bone temple. He perfectly observed this lich until he could replicate its movements using his mind.

Even the Arch Lich Malus did not find anything strange or rather Eldritch mastered the Arch Lich' personality. The Arch Lich Malus is more of a control freak that it would use compulsion so that its orders would be absolute. The Arch Lich could care less for other things about its subordinates as long as his orders are absolute and he could compel them.

Eldritch used the Arch Lich' personality to find records of the Lich King in the temple. The records indicated that the Lich King is sealed in a place that is called the Slumbering Prairie. The place is said to be filled with all kinds of flowers that is said to be the seal that the servants Goddess of Life used.

Upon learning of the place, Eldritch immediately used the map to find the said location but only to find that the place no longer exists. Eldritch could make sense why the location is not in the maps as it would be purposely erased so that the location will be long forgotten like the tomb of the dark god he found.

Still, Eldritch started finding the traces of the possible location as it would do him no good to just wait. The lich he controlled is no longer in his service as he relinquished his control once he found what he needed. He did not kill the lich because that would make the Arch Lich Malus more suspicious of the lich. The good thing is that the lich does not remember being taken over by Eldritch.

Eldritch is not the only one making things worse for everyone in the world of Pandemonium. Another group far more sinister than one man is moving once more. The faceless ones are now making their move since the whole world is focused on the undead legion marching north.

The Pope of the Church of Light Pristina is now out of Sanctus and now is the perfect time for them to increase the number allies they have that is infiltrating the church. The world will soon fall into even more peril now that the Pope of the Church of Light chose to protect something in a neighboring city.

The world continued to move but not for the benefit of good. The world would soon be covered in darkness but no one knows it or could do anything to stop it.

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Adrian could not do anything about the ships anymore ever since the marching undead arrived at the fishing town. Even though the top guilds tried desperately, they could not stop the force of the doom knight that targets anyone who has the holy attribute.

The heavy hitters of the top guilds was not able to join immediately because they prepared to battle the marching undead at Abelpoint. They would have marched towards the undead and attacked them but the paladins of the Church of Light stopped anyone from leaving the city of Abelpoint. This caused great distress to the top guilds that wanted to kill the doom knight.

The players left at Seaswirl Port were either those who were already there or those who arrived late and could not add anything to the fight. Adrian could not even destroy the ghost ships fully so he had no choice but to call for Creepysoo to send some reinforcement.

Creepysoo somberly told Adrian that he could not spare any reinforcement right now as he and others are currently fighting other undead. Adrian could only lament right now because he lacks the strength to contend just by himself. This became a turning point for Adrian as he no longer cared for keeping his identity a secret.

"Nether Domain" Adrian stated as his voice echoed throughout the town despite just whispering to himself.

The players fighting the undead and the army of undead that is led by the doom knight suddenly felt something that made their souls shiver. A mist of three colors rolled in that obscured vision of all the entities present in town. The undead who are facing the players suddenly stopped and their bones started shivering.

Even the doom knight who commanded the undead legion felt something he never felt once again when he became an undead. The doom knight could see his armored hand uncontrollably shaking from an emotion that has been foreign to him for a long time. The doom knight could see all the undead it commanded to be frozen in this emotion.

"This is pure terror. I have long forgotten the feeling of this emotion ever since I have ascended to a being that can feel no emotion." The doom knight stated as it looked towards the swirl of mist forming a sphere a few meters away from it.

"Netheros True Form" A voice echoed and all the beings be it undead or players all looked towards the direction of the voice.

The nether mist swirled and Adrian's body became bigger and bigger and a sphere of ten meters of the mist is made. An explosion sounded and Adrian's true form is revealed to everyone present in the location. A towering height of ten meters with wings that of a mixture of a bird and a dragon. Horns that are burning in blue fire.

"Summon Psyche Armament: Sword" Adrian stated and his voice became dark and echoed throughout the battlefield.

"Greater Summon: Sirius"

"Greater Summon: Kanlaon"

"Greater Summon: Saena"

"Greater Summon: Charon"

Four magic circles appeared in the mist and all of Adrian's soulbounds became supersized just like him. It is an unexpected beneficial effect of his Nether Domain which he greatly liked. All his soulbounds can now use Nether Energy to empower their attacks thanks to Adrian's soul being linked to all his soulbounds.

Sirius became a large wolf that is made of nether mist. Kanlaon looked like a godly dragon that is the incarnation of nether energy. Saena became a giant bird that looked like a phoenix made of nether mist. Charon changed the most at it now looks like a wraith that is holding an eerie lamp that is spewing nether mist.

The players in the area beheld the image that they saw and they even thought that the undead brought reinforcements. The players thought they would be defeated for sure because a boss type undead spawned but they were surprised when the wraith undead used an attack and they were not damaged.

Charon used Soul Siphon and got every undead in the vicinity. The cooldown of the life eater's skill became one week due to the sheer number of health it managed to absorb. Charon then distributed his shield to every player in the town which shocked everyone because they thought those ghostly figures as enemies.

Saena flapped her wings and she healed every player in the vicinity. She even enchanted their attacks with nether energy which is lethal to the undead. Adrian used Nether Flicker to attack the doom knight while it was still in shock. Adrian's sudden attack of the doom knight snapped the players from their confusion and someone actually shouted.

"Charge! The ghostly devil is our ally!"

It only took one shout for the tides of battle to turn on the player's side despite being outnumbered. The counterattack of the players started once Adrian revealed his power to the world.

Chapter 240 - The Living Attacks

Adrian had a limited amount of time for his transformation so he needed to kill the doom knight within that time frame. The doom knight is not his only problem as the undead called Gheist is once again wreaking havoc in the battle field. Adrian did not know what ability that the masked undead is using in order to become numerous.

He is now a lot bigger than the doom knight he is currently facing. Some would think that due to Adrian's size that he could easily flick away the doom knight but that is actually far from the truth. Adrian could barely push the doom knight away despite his doubled stats and the status deductions of the doom knight.

At the other site of the battlefield, Sirius in his nether form is speedily killing off the masked undead that Gheist is spawning. Now that Sirius' attacks are coated with nether energy, he can easily kill generic masked undead that Gheist is spawning. By using Phantom Rush, Sirius even defeated a hundred of the generic masked undead that Gheist manifested.

Kanlaon is told to focus on the ghost ships that is currently spawning the pirate undead or drowned sailor undead. Kanlaon used his breath that is now riddled with nether energy to deal heavy damage on the ghost ships. The screams of something like a boat siren could be heard all throughout town.

Saena did the most for anyone in the battlefield. All her heals could cover the whole field that the nether mist touches. Her heals could also enchant the attacks, weapons and spells of every player or living NPC in the town. Due to her, Adrian gets a sweet collection of experience points as her heals counts as kill participation.

Charon is no longer able to use Soul Siphon for another week because he absorbed all the health of the undead that is present in the nether mist. Though he is now spreading nether mist on all the undead in the field due to Charon's lamp emitting nether mist. The nether mist emitted in his lamp causes the undead to get damage per second by the nether mist that acts like a poison to the undead.

The living players found joy on their new found powers as they clear the waves of low leveled undead with such ease. The players turned undead however could not find this funny as they now face having the mission they got upon turning to an undead to smoke.

The players that became undead are now regretting their decision on turning to an undead. There were no players in the 150 that turned into an undead because they would lose all their accomplishments when they were living beings. The only ones who chose to become an undead are those who just turned level 100 or those who have yet to have a standing.

Some of the living players in the Seaswirl Port are above level 100 while the higher leveled ones in the level 140 and above are that of the top guilds. The newly created undead players stood no chance against them despite the aura of the doom knight that strengthened the undead by 20%.

The main reason the undead players are losing is because of two factors. The first factor is an outside variable called the Nether Domain. The nether domain basically acts as a domain skill that makes any beings that are not created or allied with the twin gods partially atrophied. The Paranoia passive also makes all the skill shots miss by 50%.

The second factor is an inside variable that is related to the players unfamiliarity with their new race. Just because someone changing to become an undead does not mean that they will immediately erase their past habits. This is one of the reasons why they are losing to the living players.

The players who had become an undead has yet to rewrite their habits as a living player. The undead players no longer had to worry about stamina and status ailments and such. This is one of the reasons why the undead players unconsciously hold back their movements and such. After all, old habits die hard.

There are some exceptions to this rule as about a handful of undead players have adapted pretty quickly. Though a handful is not enough to turn the tides when the Nether Domain is affecting the whole area. The living players with their nether enchantment are now running amok against the undead as their attacks became more effective.

If anyone told someone that a force of a thousand strong are now pressuring a force that is ten thousand strong then nobody would actually believe it. The doom knight is now pressured due to Adrian and could not issue immediate commands to the undead which is why the low tier undead are a scattered flock.

Gheist, the masked undead, is also having a difficult time due to how fast Sirius is killing off the masked undead it is producing. It seems Sirius found a way to use his Shadow Domain with Nether Domain. Sirius would use omnidirectional attacks like spikes made of shadows that is enchanted with nether energy to easily kill the masked undead.

Kanlaon already sunk one of the ghost ships using his breathe attack but there are still two more of the ghost ships. Even Saena drained her stamina by continuously healing and enchanting all of the living players inside the domain. Saena is visibly exhausted and even Adrian could see Saena's stamina bar blinking red.

Even Adrian's transformation is nearing its end but he had yet to get the doom knight to half health. The timer for the transformation finally run out and the Nether Blast skill immediately activated. Adrian accumulated all the nether mist in the area in an aggressive manner.

The doom knight feeling the gravity of the situation had no choice but to activate the token that is given to it by its master. The doom knight immediately crushed the token that looked like a skull ring. A shockwave of power is then released from the crushed ring and then a door made of skulls appeared.