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Chapter 2321 To Hell with You

A dark red pit was summoned instead of a normal portal. The dark red pit is filled with flames where its heat will make anyone step away from it. The pressure coming from the pit is also repelling anyone that is living from ever stepping inside. Only Adrian can stand near the edge of the pit while hanging on the neck of the fake Lady Goldenclaw.

"Seeing that your body is not getting repelled from my grasp, I can easily drag you to Hell where someone can get the information I want from you. I guess being a living dead that you are praising earlier is now what makes you go to your own doom." Adrian stated as he smiled sinisterly.

"Where are you taking me!? No! I do not want to go there!" The fake Lady Goldenclaw shouted as she could feel the energy from the pit and that energy makes her feel like her entire being will be devoured.

"I already told you. I will drag you to Hell with me. There is a very special Devil God that will be able to do anything he wants with you." Adrian replied as he looked at Piggy Bank.

"Do you need anymore of my help? Can you handle everything else here?" Adrian asked Piggy Bank.

"I think I can manage now that you have solved it already." Piggy Bank replied.

"If that is the case then I can go but please take care of Piggy Bank while I am away. If anything happens to him while I am not here, then I will make sure to track all of you. My soulbound has already memorized all of your scents." Adrian stated as he jumped inside the portal.

The dark red pit filled with flames suddenly closed by itself as soon as Adrian jumped along with the fake Lady Goldenclaw. The isolated room also returned back to normal as if Adrian himself was making sure that it did not return to normal as long as he was inside. Only when Adrian left did the isolated area became connected back to the main world.

"Was he serious about going to Hell?" High Wizard Dore asked Piggy Bank.

"Oh! He is very sure about that. Do you not know that we also have trading partners in Hell? I remember that I submitted a report that we have Hellfire Stones. I think you used them in your own experiments as well." Piggy Bank stated casually which made High Wizard Dore shudder.

"You heard the Lord of Avalon! He needs information about this perpetrator and so do we! Thankfully, one of them was not dragged to Hell. If you do not want to be the next one dragged to Hell, then interrogate the prisoner immediately!" The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild shouted as he looked like he aged a few years from what has transpired.

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[You have entered the Depths of Hell.]

[You have entered the Sanctuary of Greed due to the influence of the Devil God Mammon.]

"Oh! I did not expect that he would already notice. Your energy might be very tasty for him." Adrian stated as he no longer repelled the pulling force and just let the Devil God Mammon guide him to where they need to be.

In just a matter of seconds, Adrian and the fake Lady Goldenclaw arrived at a place that is lavishly decorated. All parts of the building were made with gold and had gems as ornaments hanging from them. The large gates that were made of gold opened as if it was controlled remotely and out came a peculiar looking fat man.

"Greetings, Mediator Equinox. It seems that you have brought someone interesting. You did not come here hand that over, did you?" The Devil God Mammon stated as Adrian and the fake Lady Goldenclaw entered his materialized divine domain.

The Devil God Mammon usually takes on many forms and does not conform to gender. He is very fickle though as he wants to be referred to his current gender appearance when talking to him. If he looks like a woman, then she would like to use female pronouns. If he looks like a man, then he wants to be referred to as such. Adrian did not want to make his head hurt which is why he just conforms with what he sees with his eyes.

"I came with a very special deliver, and I need your help in getting information on it. A living dead that has a remnant will of the Primordial Beast of Greed." Adrian stated as he held up the fake Lady Goldenclaw who was still struggling.

"Oh! Such tasty energy! Just the thing that I like! It seems that primordial beast is using such bodies in order to get more direct 'Greed' from living beings. As you know, not all negative energy can be transformed into energy floating in the air. She acts like an actual net fishing for the energy directly." The Devil God Mammon stated as he looked at the fake Lady Goldenclaw greedily.

"Then please take the energy but I would need the memories of that remnant will. I need it to find the real location of the Primordial Beast of Greed. Also, you cannot take the body as that will need to be returned to the mortal realm." Adrian stated as he passed the fake Lady Goldenclaw towards the Devil God Mammon.

"I really wanted such a rare living dead, but I guess I cannot do that with the Mediator of Death present. I will be done in just a few moments." The Devil God Mammon stated as he suddenly whistled to call upon a monster from the depths of his domain.

A large, bedazzled mimic suddenly came out of the domain. The large, bedazzled mimic opened its mouth out wide, and its teeth are literally precious jewels that will make any royalty feel shame. The large, bedazzled mimic is a large treasure trove of precious jewels. It ate the fake Lady Goldenclaw and started to chew the living dead.

The screams of the fake Lady Goldenclaw could be heard but it soon died down. The large, bedazzled mimic suddenly spat out three things. The three things are the living dead body of the fake Lady Goldenclaw, a gem that looks yellowish in color, and an orb that contains a white mist. The Devil God Mammon patted the large, bedazzled mimic as it did a good job, and it returned to the depths of the domain soon after.

"That was quick. I thought you would torture it or something." Adrian stated and the Devil God Mammon looked at him with disbelief.

"We do not do torture here as this is not the fearsome afterlife." The Devil God Mammon stated.

"Sorry. I thought that you liked doing that as well." Adrian stated.

"I like to collect, Mediator Equinox. Please do not get it twisted. Anyways, as I have promised, the body is kept safe, and the memory of the remnant will be also separated. As for this beautiful yellow gem, this is mine to eat." The Devil God Mammon stated as he gulped the yellow gem without any ceremony.

Adrian felt the Devil God Mammon become more powerful as the increase in his energy was apparent since the former was very close. Adrian then picked the orb that contains the white mist while also putting the living dead body of Lady Goldenclaw in his inventory. He looked at the orb and could feel the remnant will of the Primordial Beast of Greed. It has the memories and the ferocity of the Primordial Beast of Greed.

"I would be very careful with that. It contains the will of a primordial beast. I know that you have hardened your will but taking memories inside that thing will also mean fighting against the remnant will." The Devil God Mammon stated.

"Will I be detected by the Primordial Beast of Greed if I devour it?" Adrian asked.

"Why would you devour a memory orb? Have you finally accepted that you have become a monster!?" The Devil God Mammon stated which offended Adrian as he does not know why the gods view him as a monster instead of a human.

"Can I have the answer for my query?" Adrian asked.

"You should be safe from detection, but you will need to fight with the remnant will if you really do that." The Devil God Mammon stated.

"I can handle that on my own. Thank you for your help." Adrian stated as he created the portal back to the merchant city.

"No need for your appreciation as you have brought me something I desperately wanted. Such pure greed is hard to come by now that I am fighting against the Primordial Beast of Greed in getting the energy. I also learned something from that beast on how I can slow him down as well. I should be the one thanking you." The Devil God Mammon stated as he smiled and skipped back to the depths of his domain.

Chapter 2322 Greed in the East I

[You have escaped from the deepest parts of Hell.]

[You have been given the temporary buff called Hell Escapee.]

[All fire elemental damage will be reduced by 10%.]

[All darkness elemental damage will be reduced by 10%.]

"Oh! Hello to all of you." Adrian stated as he arrived back at the room where he created the pit to Hell.

Adrian appeared with a portal and all of the people in the room are stunned in place. The investigation was still ongoing to what happened in the room. Mages of the merchant guild could also be seen inspecting the walls to check if there are any more magic circles attached to them. The knights that are guarding the room have pointed their weapons at Adrian because he appeared via a portal.

"Lord of Avalon Equinox! You have returned. All of you need to lower down your weapons as that is very rude to our guest." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated as he was the one supervising the inspection of the room.

All the knights immediately lowered their weapons and was even reprimanded when they were just doing their jobs. Adrian told them that they should be proud since they are doing their jobs perfectly. He also told the mages that the room is no longer riddled by magic circles as he destroyed them earlier when he overloaded them with mana. It is also one of the reasons why the spell of the Barrier Master has been released.

"They are just making sure that nothing else is placed. I am sure that you are very thorough, but they should at least show dedication to the guild as we are sponsoring them." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild.

"What about the prisoner? Also, what happened to Piggy Bank?" Adrian asked.

"The prisoner is actually in our basement below. We have managed to get some information out of him but there are somethings that happened that are very unusual even for me. I think it is better to talk about it when we get there as Piggy Bank is also there along with High Wizard Dore." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

"Lead the way then." Adrian stated as he followed the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild.

"Once all of you are done, you can take a break and call for the repairmen. We need to clean up this room before the Grand Merchant Leader comes. This is one of his favorite rooms in the guild. If he ever sees it in such a destroyed state, then I will never hear the end of it." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

"Yes, Vice Leader!" All of the people in the room answered.

The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild led Adrian to a series of doors where the floor became lower in elevation with each door they passed through. This was a peculiar way of hiding an underground jail cell and to also confuse anyone that breaks in or out. Adrian felt like they were going inside a maze, but his powerful perception of space made him remember all the pathways that they took.

"Apologies for the long winding road. This is the only way to deter some thieves from braking into our vault. The pathways we went to all lead to the underground cellar area where we are currently trying to have the barrier master spill any information that he knows.

We have some information that we managed to get using the 'truth serums' but it seems he is very resistant to drugs which is why he snaps out of it in under ten seconds. We cannot feed him the truth serums continuously as that would just make him retarded as a side effect. If that happens then all the valuable information that we need will be gone." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

"If he dies then I can just use his soul to extract information. A soul will be more truthful than a living being. The only problem is the fact that his soul has some sort of seal on it. You can call it a Soul Seal as that is what it is usually called." Adrian stated.

"A Soul Seal! I thought only undead can use them since they no longer have mortal bodies. It is forbidden magic that is said to bind the soul of an undead to its deceased body. How could they use it against a living being?!" The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated as even he did not know that all beings under this secret organization are mere pawns compared to the ones leading.

"You can manipulate a Soul Seal easily as it is like a vow made. It is like a covenant with the gods as they bless you in return for your faith to them. Still, whoever enhanced the Soul Seal to make it possible for humans should be someone that knows of souls. It might be the one that created the Living Dead body of Lady Goldenclaw." Adrian stated as he is about 70% certain that a powerful user of necromancy is on the enemy side.

Adrian and the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild chatted a few minutes more and they finally arrived at the cellar door where the barrier master is being kept. The guards recognized the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild and promptly opened the door upon the latter's request. Adrian simply followed inside and could see that Piggy Bank is doing some sort of ritual.

"Why are you crying?" Adrian suddenly asked as he could see that Piggy Bank was crying as he tossed gold coins towards the feet of the barrier master.

The gold coins would land next to the feet of the tied-up barrier master before vanishing into thin air. This is peculiar even for Adrian which is why he watched with such intrigue. At least he can see that Piggy Bank was not crying because he was hurt. Piggy Bank is crying because he was using money to generate a barrier around the hostage.

Chapter 2323 Greed in the East II

"I am losing money! Save me from this torture, Equinox!" Piggy Bank stated as he was tossing a gold coin every five minutes.

"I have already told you that we will reimburse you with everything that you spent, Branch Leader Piggy Bank." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

"Please minimize your crying or else I will not be able to hypnotize him." High Wizard Dore stated as he was using a wind elemental spell called Beguiling Breeze to try and induce the barrier master to a hypnotic state.

"Let me help you with that. Adrian stated as he surrounded the crying Piggy Bank in a soundproof bubble which left the latter in shock.

Adrian could see Piggy Bank trying to tell him something, but he could not hear him. He tried reading the mouth movement, but it was so fast that he cannot decipher it. In the end, Adrian could only give Piggy Bank a thumbs up with a smile.

"So, care to explain what happened?" Adrian asked the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild.

The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild immediately started to recount what happened in an almost silent voice to make sure that the Barrier Master will be affected by the hypnotization. The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild told Adrian that they managed to stop the bleeding of

the barrier master thanks to a potion. The barrier master was also not in an incredibly weakened state which is why they immediately started to interrogate him.

At first, the barrier master refused to speak even with the looming sense of death. He did not budge even with the normal torture techniques used by the interrogator of the merchant guild. If the interrogator the merchant guild cannot make him crack, then almost no one will be able to do so unless they use drugs. Since the dignity and safety of the merchant guild is now involved, they have decided to use the incredibly expensive truth serums.

The first truth serum managed to weaken the mind of the barrier master, but he was still unable to give definite answers. It was like his subconscious is trying to make sure that no information about where he came from is released. As the merchant guild really needed answers, the second truth serum was used, and the barrier master finally spoke out coherently.

The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild was able to learn that the eastern continent branch of the merchant guild is now compromised. The barrier master said that most of the top officials there have already been replaced by members of their organization. They wanted more answers from the barrier master, but he was able to shake off the effects of the truth serum in under ten seconds.

"My mind might have weakened but I will not be subjected to such hypnotics! I am a barrier master! Our kind have always trained our willpower to the utmost because that is what is needed for my profession." The barrier master stated as he is able to resist the spell of the High Wizard Dore.

"So, what is the deal with the gold coin tossing?" Adrian asked.

"Ah! I almost forgot. The hostage was almost killed by a curse technique that strangles their heart as curses are also famous in the eastern continent. The fact that they could still reach him despite him being here in the central continent means that curse technique user is very powerful.

The gold coins were used by Piggy Bank himself when a helper shaped like a coin appeared before him while the barrier master's heart was being strangled. The helper told Piggy Bank to create a temporary blessed domain using gold coins. We managed to save him from the curse on his heart, but he still refuses to speak." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

"Oh! That curse technique user is not in the eastern continent because I can faintly sense the magic being used. It is similar in use to death attribute magic which is why I can slightly sense

it. This also means that we have another potential hostage in this very building. To think that there are still others that work for your organization here!

This also means that your time of usefulness is running out. If I find that curse user before you speak up about your organization, then you will have outlived your usefulness. If they were sent here to kill you, should you fail then they know the plans even more. Sirius and Charon, go and fetch that curse user please." Adrian stated as Sirius came out from his shadow while Charon came out from the floor.

"If you can guarantee my safety then I will speak all that I know." The barrier master immediately replied as he could see that the demon before him was not half hearted or playing games.

"Well then... I hope that you are saying the truth because I will personally cross check with the other captive that will come. The value of your information will be weighed to the value of the information that she will give us. You worked for the merchant guild in the eastern continent so you should know this simple thing as well." Adrian stated with a smile.

The barrier master gulped as the pressure that the demon before him was incredibly powerful. If he was not tied up to the chair right now, then he would have been begging on his feet right now. He even felt like his body is actually frozen solid as the pressure that Adrian was giving off had the same level of pressure that the Eastern Continent Branch Master was giving.

"I will answer truthfully as long as you swear to let me live. I will only agree if we sign a Contract with the god of that fat crying guys over there. I can tell that he is someone blessed by a god." The barrier master stated as he looked at the crying Piggy Bank.

Chapter 2324 Greed in the East III

At one of the rooms in the main merchant guild, one of the female employees snuck to a section where only she could be seen. This room is a records room where paper trails of old accounts are being handled. This is just an old archive that barely anyone uses as most of the records have already been automated which is why this is a place that is safe from prying eyes.

The woman took out a doll that has the hair of the barrier master tied on it. She also took out a cursed knife from her pocket and started to chant. She sliced her finger with this cursed knife and smeared the blood onto the small doll.

As soon as she felt the magic activate and connect the doll to the captured barrier master, she started to stab the doll in an emotionless way. With the first stab, she felt the life force of the

barrier master dwindle as she aimed for the heart. She stabbed again and it once again reduced the life force that she could sense from the barrier master.

She continued with this, but she suddenly felt some sort of protection from the barrier master's side. The curse master thought that the barrier master might have erected a way to protect himself from harm using his barriers despite being captured. She proceeded to increase the ferocity of the curse as she stabbed the doll.

She felt that the life force that barely got reduced started to get lesser by a minute value. Still, she believed that continuing the curse attack will be enough to truly kill the barrier master. She could feel the life force of the barrier master waning in different values which she thought meant that the target could not protect himself properly.

The curse master did not expect that a being made of shadows and an undead lord are already tracking the scent of the magic that she used. She might be using a form of curse magic, but it might have been derived from a forbidden death magic spell. This made it easy for Sirius and Charon to track as they are very familiar with death energy as their own master uses it.

Sirius and Charon managed to track the curse master in the old room that is somewhat faraway from the busy merchant guild. They immediately informed their master that they have found the curse user that is currently attacking the barrier master. Adrian gave the command, and the clueless curse master did not even notice that the shadow beneath her feet started to wrap around her.

In a sudden swoop, the shadows suddenly wrapped the body of the curse master. As if the shadows were not enough, chains also targeted her hands where she held the cursed knife. The cursed knife fell as a result of the curse master feeling physical pain from the sharp chain that pierced her hand. The curse master could not believe that she was suddenly incapacitated by someone or something as she did not even feel it.

Sirius rose from her shadows to check the entire room if there were any spells left. Charon rose from the floor and took the cursed knife before delivering it inside his hood. The sound of metal being crunched could be heard as Charon's chains suddenly glowed in a dark purple light.

[Your soulbound, Charon, has gained the ability to apply cursed effects to all enemy targets hit by his chains. These cursed effects can only be applied once with a 1% chance per chains embedded on their body.]

"I have gotten the cursed doll as well. We can now return to the master." Charon stated.

"I will have to go the long way as I am bringing her alive to the master." Sirius stated.

The curse master could not believe powerful monsters were suddenly inside of the merchant guild. There are lots of sensors in this place which will trigger if a monster sneaks inside. She thought that she was safe as the merchant guild is not a place one could easily sneak inside of. The fact that these monsters could not be detected meant that they are incredibly powerful and masters of stealth.

The curse master tried to move or even kill herself with the poison on her mouth, but a dark ball of shadows prevented her from biting down on it. Sirius made sure to do this as this curse master was not the only one, they have fought under the guise of a secret organization. Since Adrian is well-versed on the ways of the eastern continent when it comes to information warfare, he already told Sirius and Charon to make sure that the target will not bite down.

The curse master suddenly realized that she was about to be taken captive, and she could not do anything about it. She might not be able to kill herself now, but she might have a way later when she gets released. She immediately knew that the ones that captured the barrier master must have been the one to send these powerful beasts to capture her.

"I will go first." Charon stated as he vanished below the floor.

The curse master's vision is then turned to pure darkness as she got dragged to the shadow realm. Sirius is using a lot of energy trying to drag another living being to the shadow realm which is why he is not being quick about it. The faster he travels then the faster that his energy will be diminished.

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The barrier master told them everything he knows, and the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild even used the expensive truth serum on the former. The barrier master is told that he should not resist the truth serum's effects in order for them to be certain that he is speaking the truth. Adrian could bypass the truth serum though as he could use his evil eye to check the color of the soul.

Adrian could check if another is lying if the soul color flickers but this also has its weak points. The soul color will only flicker if the person telling the lie believed that it is a lie. This method

will not work for those that are brainwashed into thinking that the lie they say is the truth. Fortunately, Adrian could see that the soul color of the barrier master flickered when he told a lie.

"You just lied to us even with the effects of the truth serum." Adrian stated.

"I do not know what you are talking about, but I only told the truth! It was only us that came to the central continent with Lady Goldenclaw." The barrier master stated as his soul color flickered again.

"You lied again. Tell us who were the others that came with you. If you do not know who they were then you could also tell us where they went." Adrian stated.

"I already told you that I did not lie." The barrier master stated as his soul color flickered once more.

Adrian could see that the barrier master was still thinking that he had hope. He must be thinking that he could rejoin his secret organization if he manages to get out of this place alive. Since all of them signed a contract that they should not kill him, the barrier master seems to have gotten a bit bold. Adrian smiled at the barrier master and stopped the time of the gold coin that was about to drop to his feet.

Piggy Bank and the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild was about to ask why Adrian would do such a thing, but they figured out why. The blessed area that protected the barrier master from the effects of the curses suddenly vanished. The lingering curse energy assaulted the barrier master which squeezed his heart in a painful manner. The barrier master screamed in pain and was about to lose his mind when Adrian resumed the time of the gold coin.

The gold coin landed beside the feet of the barrier master and the blessed area rose once more. The cursed energy got pushed away from the barrier master, but Adrian could see it clearly. The cursed energy is still swirling around the barrier master as the blessed area only pushed it outward and not defend him from it.

"Each time you lie, you will feel your heart being squeezed. We may not be able to kill you but remember that another from your secret organization is trying to. You can be killed by her using cursed techniques and we will not need to do it ourselves. Now, tell me where the others went." Adrian stated with a smile, but the barrier master looked at him with sheer terror.

The barrier master now knew what Adrian meant, and he started to plead for his life. The barrier master promised to tell them everything as long as they make sure he is alive. The barrier master blurted everything he knew as he looked at the face of someone more terrifying than his superiors.

Chapter 2325 Memory of Greed I

The barrier master spilled everything that he knew even some answers that they did not ask. The only problem for Adrian is that the things that he knows is limited to the group that he was a part of. He did know that there was a separate group that came with them from the eastern continent and that they apparently went to their partners in the central continent.

He did say important things such as the Branch Master of the Eastern Continent Merchant Guild was the one that placed him with Lady Goldenclaw. He would always protect her and make sure that she will return back to the eastern continent. The barrier master even told them that the branch master talks as if her daughter was her own possession and not a human being, but he only cared about being paid. He only did what was asked of him with no questions asked as that is the way to survive longer in large organizations.

When the barrier master already told everything, he knows, it was when Charon arrived with a cursed doll. The barrier master immediately noticed the connection he had with the cursed doll as he could feel his life force tethered to it. The barrier master was taken aback that the organization did want him dead no matter what. One could see the light in his eyes slowly dim down as he always been loyal to them for so many years.

Sirius then followed with the cursed master that he captured. A woman is suddenly ejected from the shadows with her consciousness still intact. The woman is no longer bound but she knew that any move she does will lead her to be killed instantly. The woman then saw the barrier master tied up on the chair, but she knew better to make any movements as all eyes were on her.

"So, you are the curse master tasked to kill them should they captured? Do you know her?" Adrian asked the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild.

"She is one of our receptionists in the guild that has been working with us for a year." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated in confusion as he did not expect an employee that was labeled as normal could use forbidden magic.

"The magic tests from her end came out minimal which is why she was assigned to do desk work. Someone must have tampered with the magic test we do. If that is the case, then they might have also a wizard in cahoots with them." The High Wizard Dore stated.

"We can just have her spill that information to us. She might also used curse magic to curse herself to a degree that her mana would be almost equal to that of a normal person." Adrian stated as he signaled Sirius to bind her to the chair next to the barrier master.

"Do you think that I will say anything like this fool!? All of you are already too late! We have already placed the plans in motion! Glory to the old gods!" The curse master shouted as she suddenly bit her tongue with her teeth to activate the poison hidden in it.

As soon as she activated the poison, she gulped all of it in one swoop and her mouth started to foam. She started to feel such excruciating pain as the poison started to dissolve her insides. It was a powerful poison that destroyed the internal organs of those that swallowed it. She laughed as she knew that she would join in the arms of the gods that she praises.

"Did you really think that it will be that easy?" Adrian stated with a smile as he bent down to look at the squirming poisoned curse master.

The curse master wanted to say something more, but the poison basically melted her throat which made her unable to speak. She could only look at Adrian mockingly as there was a plan to destroy the demon territory. She also used a cursed technique on herself to seal her soul to make sure that the Champion of the Twin Gods do not claim her soul and force it to speak.

"A curse on your own soul. My goodness! You are quite thorough, but I am also very thorough as well. Time Reversal." Adrian casually stated as he casted the spell to reverse whatever happened to the curse master.

The curse master suddenly felt all of the pain on her body get slowly reversed. She could still feel the pain of her internal organs burning but she could also feel it being reverted back. She suddenly found herself sitting on the chair as if she never bit the poison. The poison is still encased in her tooth which made her dumbstruck.

"Surprised?" Adrian asked as all of the people in the room is actually unable to comprehend what happened.

This was the first time that all of them saw time being reversed as if it was a simple spell. The High Wizard Dore could be seen petrified as he felt the mana in the room shake when time for the cursed master reversed. He could see why mages fear the demons because reversing time like it was a simple fireball spell is not something even a powerful mage could do.

"Let us start once more. You will tell everything that you know." Adrian stated with a smile, but the curse master was adamant about dying and bit the poison hidden in her teeth once more.

The curse master felt the burning sensation of her insides once more. A pain that she managed to block earlier because she believed that she would die for a cause. This time, she was unable to block out the pain as she looked at the demon before her with fear. Adrian reversed time once again, but he only did so when the curse master was incredibly close to dying.

"You can try again but I assure you that you will feel your insides burning every time and all the time." Adrian stated with a smile that is now viewed as terrifying.

Chapter 2326 Memory of Greed II

"Well, she did not last long until her sanity finally broke." Adrian casually stated as he reversed the time on the curse master every time she used the poison on her mouth.

Sometimes when Adrian knew she was lying, he would even order Sirius to destroy the poison insider her mouth to start the process of her insides being burnt. Even the Vice Leader of the Merchant guild had to excuse himself when he saw this numerous times. The barrier master actually became genuinely horrified with Adrian and passed out.

Adrian basically did physical torture in the form of having her insides being burned by the poison she has. He also subjected her to psychological torture as he would activate the poison with Sirius' help when he does not like what he hears. To add another layer, Adrian will not let her be killed as he would reverse time whenever she was close to death's door but let her feel all the sensation of her insides burning. This dangerous combination basically destroyed her after a dozen times or so.

"No more! Wait, I want more! Ah! I know what you want to know! I do not know anything!" The curse master stated as her sanity got destroyed and is now rambling like a madman.

Fortunately, the truth serum still works even on people with their mental state being broken. She was able to say everything, and all the barrier master told them was verified. Adrian even learned that they are trying to incite some kingdoms to attack his territory by revealing that he has the miraculous leaf of the Tree of Life and Death that can heal any illness in the world.

"All the things she said is matching with what the barrier master told us. She also had some interesting things she knows of, but she does not know of the Primordial Beast of Greed. Still,

she did say that the master of her master was the one that created the powerful Jiangshi using the soul of Lady Goldenclaw." Adrian stated.

"We will inform you if anything comes up with the Primordial Beast of Greed. The Grand Merchant Leader will return in five days. We will also start the purge of the employees that she identified. The fact that their organization has already spread out to our other branches are worrying but we will do our best." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

"You do not need to tell me that because I am not a part of your guild though. Do what you want to make sure that the merchant guild is neutral." Adrian stated but the barrier master woke up.

"Wait! You said that you will keep me safe from the curse! The fact that he is still tossing gold coins means that it is still present." The barrier master stated.

"A promise is a promise, and it was even a contract to gods. I will let you deal with him as I do not want to be bothered." Adrian stated as he burned the cursed doll with nether energy.

As soon as the cursed doll was burned with nether energy, the appearance of the curse around the barrier master materialized. Adrian then commanded Charon to fix it, and the latter did by absorbing all the cursed energy. Piggy Bank finally stopped crying as he no longer needed to waste his gold coins.

"I am now going back to my territory." Adrian stated.

"Take me with you!" Piggy Bank stated but the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stopped him.

"I will have to stop you there, Branch Leader Piggy Bank. You need to register your patron god and wait for the Grand Merchant Leader to return." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

"It seems you are busy so bye!" Adrian stated as he teleported away.

"I thought our guild has an array that prevented teleportation?" The Vice Leader suddenly stated as he remembered that detail.

"I guess it is only applicable for Greater Demons when we tested it. Equinox is an Arch Demon that is cherished by all of the Daemos Elders. Even the Daemos Elders brag about how talented he is in breaching places." Piggy Bank stated which made the fear in the Vice Leader more evident and made the latter take more notes to always be in Adrian's good side.

Adrian returned back to Avalon and informed the Daemos Corps of what has transpired. He told them that a secret organization was planning to rally up armies from different kingdoms to attack them. He even ordered the Silent Ones which are the secret spies of the Church of the Twin Gods to investigate if it is already happening.

"Now, the only thing left is the memory orb that contains the remnant will of the Primordial Beast of Greed." Adrian stated as he took out the orb, but he suddenly felt like his mouth was salivating for some strange reason.

"Why do I suddenly think that this thing is tasty?" Adrian muttered to himself, but he felt the primordial essence inside of the orb.

As if his impulse took over, Adrian's head changed for a split second and devoured the memory orb. He did not know how he even ate such a large memory orb that is the size of his face, but he is suddenly thrown to a section of his subconscious. This section is like a separate space and the memories of the remnant will of the Primordial Beast of Greed started playing in different screens.

"To think that a young demon such as yourself is confident enough to devour my will! Your confidence will be the end of you as Greed will take over! Such a fine vessel!" The remnant will of the Primordial Beast of Greed stated as it took the form of a large green mist with a large mouth.

"Thank you for the food." A strange entity that Adrian has never seen before but is familiar with suddenly appeared next to the remnant will of the Primordial Beast of Greed.

Chapter 2327: Memory of Greed III

The strange entity that is has the same silhouette as Adrian transformed into an entity that even he could not make out. The familiarity with this strange entity is evident though as he did not find it weird. The only thing that shocked him is that this entity suddenly ate the remnant will of the Primordial Beast of Greed and vanished.

[You have eaten the remnant will of the Primordial Beast of Greed.]

[You have unlocked a special skill from your consumption of a being that has high persona.]

[You have gained the skill Greed (Rare).]

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Skill Name: Greed

Skill Tier: Rare

Skill Type: Seven Deadly Sin Exclusive Passive Skill

Effects:

-Gives the skill holder the ability to gain more from using skills that they own. This bonus is currently at 1%.

-Gives the skill holder increased chance of earning rarer drops from defeated enemies by 1%.

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: None

Cooldown: None

Note: This is skill that can only be increased through continuous activation over time. This can only be activated by beings that have overcome a trial against any will of the Primordial Beast of Greed.

"Did I just devour a skill from a remnant will? No, maybe it is due to the fact that technically defeated it inside my own subconscious where it was released. I will think about this later as the memories of the remnant will are more important." Adrian stated as he continued to look at the screens present in his subconscious.

The memories that he first saw are the most recent ones and that is of the plan to take over Piggy Bank's role as the Branch Leader of the Avalon Merchant Guild. It seems that the organization where the Primordial Beast of Greed is working for has set its sights on the bounty of the Tree of Life and Death. The Primordial Beast of Greed basically wanted the leaves of the world tree as they call it because they do not know it is actually the Tree of Life and Death.

"They also sent some people to Neo Alfheim. I guess I should also warn the Evergreen guild of what is happening." Adrian thought as he could still send messages via the player messaging system despite being in his own subconscious.

Adrian then proceeded to check the next memories that happened before the enemies arrived at the central continent. The memories played in reverse and Adrian had to be patient with it as any tampering that he does might destroy them. Fortunately, the memories were rather not as much because he learned that the living dead was freshly created for the trip to the central continent.

Adrian saw a hooded being radiating such powerful negative energy that is in front of the living dead body of Lady Goldenclaw. It is quite unfortunate that he could not see the face of this powerful necromancer, but he could already tell that this being is even more powerful than Creepysoo. This might be an immortal that cultivates the Forbidden Puppetry Art that is said to be taboo in the eastern continent.

Adrian knows of the taboo cultivation arts in the eastern continent because there are not that many. Also, one should immediately start to kill them should they find out that they use these taboo cultivation manuals. The reason it is taboo is due to the fact that they need human lives to perfect. Even the said unorthodox faction of the eastern continent condones such taboo practices.

Adrian watched as the memory reversed and finally saw what he wanted to verify. The man that is called Lord Goldenclaw appeared before the living dead. This man funneled some sort of energy inside of the head of the living dead. After doing so, the memories of the remnant finally stopped. This meant that the start of its memories only began when Lord Goldenclaw injected something to the skull of the living dead.

"So, the Primordial Beast of Greed is really the branch master of the eastern continent merchant guild. To think that one of my guesses is actually true but seeing it just confirmed it. I guess I should inform Piggy Bank about this as well. We do not know if it is just the eastern continent branch of the merchant guild that is compromised. The worst-case scenario is that the

spies have already ingrained themselves in numerous territories." Adrian muttered as he started to prepare to travel to the eastern continent.

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"My remnant will is completely destroyed. The soul lamps of the ones defending my precious living dead body collection has been snuffed out as well. Has there been a report with the spies situated in the main merchant guild?" Lord Goldenclaw or rather the Primordial Beast of Greed asked one of his attendants.

"We do not have any news regarding the things that happened in the main merchant guild, my lord." The attendant replied while shaking in fear.

"Did the Grand Merchant Leader return to the main guild today? That is the only being that I fear in the merchant guild." The Primordial Beast of Greed asked.

"From the reports of our scouts in the western continent, the Grand Merchant Leader is still there amending the trust that was broken. We can only assume that this is the work of another entity that has learned or maybe chanced upon our plans." An attendant with the eyes of a sleazy boar replied.

"What is the likelihood of them telling the enemies of what they know if they were to be captured?" The Primordial Beast of Greed asked.

"The likelihood is close to zero as their souls have been cursed prior to them being sent to the central continent. Should they even utter anything that is about us then the curse will trigger. The only way for the curse to not trigger is when they are basking in holy energy but that is not possible since the Merchant City of Mercado does not have a church." The sleazy attendant replied.

Chapter 2328: Afraid of Elves

While Adrian was dealing with the whole fiasco with the merchant guild, his friend arrived at the Northern Continent. Frey with Levin Cloud and Peridot easily got transported to the nearby village where the food is becoming scarce. As soon as they arrived, Levin Cloud and Peridot could already see that the people here were starving. They came with some wood elves as Frey requested as they needed to restore abundance to the soil that was ruined.

"It is cold here, but it is not to the point that it is freezing." Peridot stated.

"This place is blessed by divinity after all. They are praying to the gods of life, and those gods use all of their faith and transformed this place to a quaint village that can grow food that is normally impossible in the northern continent." Levin Cloud stated as he could feel the divine power seeping into the soil and even in the air.

"Levin Cloud is correct. This village prays to the Vanir Gods that help in agriculture. Their blessings became more apparent when they arrived here in the main world. Previously as they were basically trapped in Asgard, the blessings barely reach the people of the north even with their devotion. Now, it is a different matter because the Vanir gods could directly aid them even if they are still weakened right now." Frey stated as the small kids in the village greeted her.

The kids and even some adults were all flocking towards them with interest. Some of the adults are a bit scared though when they saw the ears of the people that Frey brought. Some even entered their houses but still opened their windows slightly to check on what is happening.

"Is there a problem?" Levin Cloud asked.

"You see... elves are not the best of people according to some legends told by the northern people. They are usually depicted as pompous and arrogant. Often times, they are told as villains but that is just stories of old that is not really verified. Even the Goddess Freyja told me that those stories were not given by them but is a product of what the people created due to their ignorance." Frey stated.

"If the people are wary of us then that might make the job easier. We can just fix the fields and be done with this, but they do know that I am not an elf, right?" Levin Cloud asked.

"They might actually fear you more because you have longer ears. The legends say that the longer the ears then the fiercer and nastier they are." Frey stated.

"I am not an elf though. I am a Leshy." Levin Cloud pointed out as if he was offended being labeled as an elf.

"You have the form of a high elf though but the hair as vines and leaves do give it away. Still, they might think that you are just a crazier elf in the legends. You should be glad that not all of them are afraid because some kids are still trying to interact with you." Frey stated as if that will cheer up Levin Cloud.

"Just make sure that they do not suddenly attack us. I do not want to use the power of nature to trample on believers of the gods and goddesses of life. Please lead us to the fields." Levin Cloud stated.

"Follow me then." Frey stated as the Levin Cloud, Peridot, and the wood elves followed her.

Frey pointed them to the fields which could be seen just outside the village. The blessings of the Vanir Gods still extended to this area, but it is not as abundant compared to the center of the village. Still, Levin Cloud could see that snow does not pile up in this area which meant that they could grow crops here.

"Strange." Levin Cloud immediately stated as the wood elves that came with them also sensed it.

"Why? Is there something wrong?" Frey asked.

"Do all of you feel it as well?" Levin Cloud asked the wood elves as he noticed them murmuring to each other.

"Yes, honored one. Parts of this place has been robbed of its vitality." One of the wood elves stated.

"Just call me Envoy Levin Cloud as being called the honored one is making me cringe." Levin Cloud stated.

"As the honored one commands. We shall call you Envoy Levin Cloud instead. As the envoy has observed, a tainted entity has taken the vitality and parts of the blessing of this land. This is the reason why the crops are now unable to sustain themselves despite this place being blessed heavily." The wood elf representative stated.

"Can you translate for us?" Peridot asked as she did not understand what the wood elf said.

"What he meant is that this place is missing core parts of its natural energy. The land has been stripped of its natural energy by something but that should be impossible just from normal monster attacks. Losing natural energy for soil will kill it and make it unable to grow life." Levin Cloud stated.

"The only problem that did have are the monster raids that steal from their storage at first. When the storage was depleted, those monsters started ransacking even the fields. The odd thing is that they would often do it when the village is already asleep or when the guards are few. Does that mean that there is a special monster that can even take away natural energy?" Frey stated.

"I do not think it was a monster but monsters. If it was a monster, then there should only be one area that lost their natural energy, but it is incredibly random. It was as if the monsters that raided this place have all been able to steal the natural energy of the soil when they dug the crops up. They also did it unintentionally because if they did know then they would have headed to the center of the village where natural energy is denser." Levin Cloud stated.

Chapter 2329: Scarcity in the North I

"Do you mean to say that whoever is controlling those monsters are also doing something to them that makes them have the ability to steal natural energy?" Frey asked.

"I am not certain as this might just be a coincidence. If this place gets raided again and I am here to observe it, then I will be able to be sure. Until then, the only thing that we can do is improve the missing areas where natural energy was stolen." Len Cloud stated.

"That is fine. Please restore the soil back to what it was once. There are also other places that were raided near here and we will need to move there to check as well." Frey stated.

Levin Cloud and the wood elves easily solved the problems with the soil as they merely patched up the lacking natural energy with the ones freely floating in the air. They basically injected the mana in the air and led it towards the soil to nourish it. Levin Cloud even sealed it with a prayer and the Vanir gods answered in kind. The soil is blessed once again to ensure that no natural energy would leave in numerous amounts.

Just as Levin Cloud and the wood elves were finished with their sacred ritual to restore the soil's natural energy, a loud scream could be heard from the snow-covered forest from the distance. The scream of a woman and a man could be heard as they suddenly came out of the snow-covered forest. At first, they thought that they were screaming for joy that they were out and could return to the village but the snow on top of the trees rumbled.

The snow on top of the trees vibrated and fell to the ground as it created a small ice mist which covered the incoming disaster. The couple that was running for their lives are in panic because of a sudden monster horde from behind them. They were running for their lives while lightly clothed which already answers why they were in that forest to begin with.

"Help us!" The couple shouted desperately as they were out of breath.

"I could not believe this build up. To think that they can do that inside a forest covered in snow. They must be in real heat to even attempt that there." Levin Cloud stated which made Peridot hit his head as she blushed because she imagined the scenario.

"This is not the time to be cooking up scenarios in your head. We need to help them as that monster horde must be the ones stealing the crops here. The crops here are still premature because they are just newly grown. If these are taken, then the villagers here will have nothing to eat!" Peridot stated.

"Fine. You are lucky we are near a forest. If this was any other place, then I will not be able to exert much pressure, but I am a Leshy...a Forest Guardian." Levin Cloud stated as he suddenly transformed to his true form.

A large Leshy appeared, and Levin Cloud even roared to warn the monster horde that death will come to them should they approach. Unfortunately, Levin Cloud's warning did nothing to scare the monster horde as if they were in a frenzied state. Seeing that his warning was not taken, Levin Cloud proceeded to slam his hands onto the ground.

Levin Cloud immediately connected to the snow-covered forest and controlled all the trees there. Numerous vines suddenly came out from the forest and dragged the monsters that were rampaging back to that place. He even activated the roots of the oldest trees in the northern continent that is buried deep in the ground. Large vines and roots popped out of the ground to create a barricade that saved the couple and created a division between village and the forest.

"Wow! I knew you were powerful, but I did not think you are this powerful." Frey stated as she was shocked that Levin Cloud could easily do this despite being a pure healer.

"We do not fight near forests which is why he mostly heals us but if the battlefield is a forest, then even our guild leader will have difficult beating him. A forest is basically the domain of Forest Guardians like him. They can control the entire forest which means you are not safe as long as you are inside one." Peridot stated.

Levin Cloud is connected to every root that he controls that also includes the ones he is using for attacks. He observed that the monsters rushing forward are all malnourished. The muscles

of these monsters are barely developed as they have already atrophied. They do not even have the spark of light in their eyes, and they are basically charging at the fields for survival.

"It would have been understandable if they were only hungry but there is a sinister force at play as well." Levin Cloud stated as he observed something from the monsters.

The monsters are like in a state of madness and that they are only moving because this weird energy that he could sense is making them to. Levin Cloud could feel this energy as it was somewhat the same as what one of those dryads that he learns from uses. All the monsters in this horde were being compelled by a power similar to the natural power of Persuasion.

"Start killing them now. They are all flooding the large vine fence that I made. Soon enough, they will climb across the dead bodies of the other monsters." Levin Cloud stated but he soon saw something gory.

The monsters that were squished and killed from the impact of hitting the large vine wall are now being devoured by the other monsters. As if their instinct to survive led them to eat the freshly killed monsters in front of them. Even monsters that are labeled as herbivores are now eating the meat of other monsters because of their starved situation.

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"They are too hungry that they are now eating each other." Peridot stated as she could not bear to look at the gory mess that the monster horde is creating.

[The monsters are suddenly afflicted by a strange frenzy.]

[All monsters that have devoured others affected by the strange frenzy will gain some of the stats of the devoured monsters.]

[Monsters that devoured other frenzied monsters will have the Hungered modifier attached to their names.]

[Hungered effect: Increases the stats of monster by 20% but doubles the stamina consumption.]

All of the monsters that devoured other monsters looked like they have lost their minds. The large monster horde that was charging towards the fields to steal crops were now halved because they basically devoured each other. The monsters that have devoured other monsters

suddenly had their eyes glow red as a testament that they are now afflicted with the Hungered status.

The monsters that are afflicted with the Hungered status no longer ate the other monster because they have already devoured all those that died. Apparently, the monsters gathered in the horde did not devour living monsters which all of them found strange. If the monsters had no self-control, then they would have killed each other until only one remain but they moved with intention.

"Someone is controlling them." Levin Cloud stated as all the monsters suddenly looked towards him with the eyes of a predator.

The monsters looked at Levin Cloud as prey because he was the one that is filled to the brim with overflowing life energy. The one controlling the monster horde implanted a command to each of the monsters to gather powerful sources of energy. This time the monster horde will not do it accidentally like before but intentionally as the one that commanded them wished for powerful energy.

"A little help because they are looking at me like I am a piece of meat!" Levin Cloud stated.

The monsters that regained their stamina and stats all ignored the vine fence as they easily jumped over them. Some even used their bodies to ram against the fence while others that were still hungry basically took a bite of the vine fence. It did not take long for the vine fence created by Levin Cloud to become unable to protect them.

"I got this one." Peridot stated as two of her gems glowed.

Peridot crushed a blue and grey stone and summoned the wind and rain. Even the monsters that were charging towards Levin Cloud became a bit wary when the temperature shifted. Still, a little wind and rain never hurt anybody until someone can bring the storm.

"Torrential Rain!" Peridot shouted as her dragon horns glowed.

A powerful burst of wind and rain covered the area in front of them as if Peridot summoned a tsunami to hit the land. The monsters were not heavily damage by the spell, but they were greatly pushed back. Also, the monsters that is said to have powerful resistances against the cold suddenly started shivering.

"Why are they cold?" Levin Cloud asked as he could not believe that monsters from the northern continent felt cold.

"Will you not feel cold when you got drenched in the rain and then suddenly got blasted with a very cold air conditioner?" Peridot stated as she chuckled.

Usually, Peridot would use this combination of spells with another spell that could bring hail but opted not to because they are in the northern continent. The monsters did not care if they are shivering as they continued to move. Peridot smiled though as the monsters are also slowed because of what she did.

"A very nice finishing touch it is! Heavy Blizzard!" Peridot stated as she crushed a stone that looked like a small snowflake.

As soon as she crushed the stone with looked like a small snowflake, a powerful cold wind blew from behind Peridot. This wind not only carried the cold air but also lots of ice and snow. It did not take long for the entire area in front of them to be covered in thick snow. Snow so thick that some monsters were buried alive as a result.

"I guess I can still be surprised and be surprised that monsters from the northern continent could die from ice magic." Frey stated as she is once again shocked.

"I know that I am awesome. You just look at Equinox a lot which is why you barely notice what I can do. Not that I am complaining as I know that my best friend is very nice to look at." Peridot stated as she even teased Frey at the end.

The village warriors soon reached the destination of the monster horde but all they saw is a large pile of snow. The couple that was saved earlier alerted the village as per Frey's order and the village warriors came to provide aid as a monster horde was reported. What the village warriors did not expect is the fact that the monster horde was already taken care off before they arrived.

"It is not yet over. There are still signs of life from beneath the snow." Levin Cloud reported as he could feel and see the life energy of some monsters not dissipating.

The snow rumbled as monsters with large resistance to the cold managed to free themselves from the snow. Frey is about to charge but Peridot told them to stand their ground. Frey is about to question Peridot, but she then pointed to the sky where a large flaming meteor is now falling down to that exact location as we speak.

"An extinction event should wrap this battle up really nicely." Peridot stated as the meteor landed at the exact spot where most of the monsters dug themselves up from the snow.

The monsters that managed to dig themselves up have shifted their gazes upwards. A powerful heat enveloped their body as the last thing that they have seen is a large flaming rock before they died. The large meteor hit the area with a loud explosion and Levin Cloud had to create another vine fence to protect them from the shockwave.