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Chapter 2331: Scarcity in the North III

"You should have left at least one alive so we could trail it and find out the culprit." Frey stated as the entire area has become a crater, but the village area is still safe.

"We have Levin Cloud for that. He might not be a bloodhound but as long as they entered the forest then he could check its memory. Also, I think they will not be returning anyways as they have already lost all their mind from whatever is controlling them." Peridot stated.

"The wood elves will restore the broken soil and other things. I will check the forest now while I am still in this form." Levin Cloud stated as he turned to vines that crawled through the ground.

"I guess I should also check the other areas as well since there might be some flying monsters that we did not catch." Peridot stated as she summoned her Qilin and flew around the village.

"Lady Frey, are those powerful beings your companions?" One of the warriors in the village asked.

"They are my friends which is why you should not fear them as much. Also, they are elves but not like those in the legends told by the people of old." Frey stated.

"I mean we already know that they are not the elves in the legends that talked about. The elves that are talked about in the legend do not have green tinged skin. The elves in the legend have skin that is the same color as snow with eyes that are blue as a lake." The warrior stated.

"They might have been what we call the Frost Elves. All of elven kind despises them because they are beings that have done the taboo." One of the wood elves suddenly stated.

"What do you mean taboo? Did they eat meat or something as elves are usually vegetarian?" Frey stated.

"It is a common misconception that we do not eat meat because we are vegetarian. Some elves just process food differently than others of our race. For example, the wood elves get more

energy from the bounty of mother nature. Hence, we usually eat more vegetables than meat-based products." The wood elf stated.

"Sorry about that. I guessed I might have offended you but what is the taboo they have committed?" Frey stated.

"The taboo that the Frost Elves committed back then is the fact that they devoured the Frost Spirit King that was their guardian because they were drunk on power. This transformed their flesh to become extremely pale white and their beautiful blue eyes losing their brilliance. They consumed the body of the Frost Spirit King which granted them immense power to the cold but also cursed their existence." The wood elf stated.

"Cursed? What kind of curse was placed on them?" Frey asked.

"They were cursed to never leave the coldest regions from which they live. Any form of heat will become their weakness. If they get exposed to intense heat, then they will die from it as their own body temperature needs the cold to survive. Just the sun shining on them will make their skin burn." The wood elf stated.

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Levin Cloud entered the forest and could not detect life forces of the monsters. He activated his ability to look into the memories of the trees. A path is suddenly opened to his mind about the direction where the monster horde began. He went to the direction as it is still inside the forest and did not notice he went deeper and deeper.

He did not heed the warning that Frey told him about as forests in the northern continent are dangerous. It is not just monsters that could be hiding in them as there are a lot of mystical beings that reside in them. There could even be ice golems that were created by ancient wizards of the northern continent hiding in these frozen forests.

Levin Cloud managed to reach deep into the forest as he followed the trail where the monster horde started. He already traversed for about twenty minutes, but he has yet to see the other end of the forest. It seems that this is a monster zone as he could not feel life forces of other beings in the forest. All of these life forces were now looking at him with curiosity as they were debating whether he is a predator or prey.

"I should get back for now. We will just fly over this forest if we have to or have the Valkyries themselves survey the direction." Levin Cloud stated as he turned back only to have numerous ice arrows get launched towards him.

Levin Cloud immediately reacted and slammed his right arm on the ground to create a large bramble shield. The bramble shield protected him from the volley of ice arrows that also froze the vines that protected him. The ice arrows that made contact with the vines turned it completely into ice. Any succeeding ice arrows that hit destroyed Levin Cloud's barrier but that is not the thing that he is concerned about.

"These attacks are filled with the power of an elemental!" Levin Cloud muttered as he is not compatible with the elementals.

Even if Elementals and the Faekin inhabit Alfheim together, they are not beings that necessarily coexist with each other. There are some exchanges here and there but both races usually keep to themselves. The reason for this is that Elementals are very volatile when young and could easily destroy things.

The fact that Elementals also use raw natural energy to use their attacks is not a good thing for the Faekin. The Faekin can be easily harmed by raw natural energy even though they use it themselves. Incidents have happened in the past which is why the elementals and the Faekin live at different parts of Alfheim. Still, the elementals and Faekin have a deep understanding that they should not fight against each other.

"If it is an elemental, where is it though? I cannot detect the life force of an elemental in the area." Levin Cloud stated as another round of ice arrows were released towards him.

"No... this is not the work of an elemental. They might be a being that is close to an elemental that they can mimic their powers. They are also incredibly adept at hiding their presence that I could not even detect their life force." Levin Cloud thought as he could not pinpoint where the enemy was.

"If you will not show yourself then I shall level this entire forest myself! Wrath of the Forest!" Levin Cloud shouted as he used the Leshy exclusive skill that used the power of the forest to deal damage in the area.

A powerful burst of energy came from Levin Cloud's body and the forest itself reacted to it. A large clump of mana suddenly created an explosion with him at the epicenter. The entire area

that he flooded with mana got destroyed and the volley of ice arrows stopped but Levin Cloud did not get a notification that he killed his enemies.

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"Even their names are still concealed. I should escape while I can still do it." Levin Cloud thought as he transformed into vines and escaped via the ground.

Levin Cloud did not want to test his chances against an unknown enemy. Despite being hit by the power of the Wrath of the Forest, the ones that attacked him were relatively safe which meant that they might be higher level than him. He did not want to risk getting killed here as there is still the issue with the food of the people in the north.

"The Forest Guardian escaped." A voice from the snow itself stated as multiple humanoid beings could now be seen as their camouflage is no longer concealing them.

"Let it be. All we needed to do was confirm that they are true." An older and more refined voice replied.

About fifty beings that have elven ears with pale white skin and bland blue eyes could be seen in the area where Levin Cloud was at. All of them wore thin clothes with frosted crystals as embellishments. The dull gray hair on their heads also stood out as this and their eyes are the only things of color in their form. They were beings that matched the description of Frost Elves from the tales of the northern people.

"We have confirmed that a Forest Guardian is in our midst. Lifting the curse will only be a matter of time if the words of the Eternally Starving One is to be believed. Let us return and prepare for the hunt is on." The refined Frost Elf Elder stated as they vanished into the depths of the frosted forest.

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"What happened to the Frost Elves?" Frey asked the wood elf.

"All of them should have died as consuming an elemental would mean that they need to consume another being like them in order to sustain themselves." The wood elf replied.

Chapter 2332: Elemental Descendant?

"You are injured! Did something happen? I saw a disturbance in the forest earlier, but it was so far that I did not dare to check." Peridot stated as she saw layers of frost on Levin Cloud's small branches.

"I was attacked by beings that I could not detect inside the forest. I do not even know if they are undead, a non-living entity, or beings that could hide from my detection of life force. I did feel the natural energy of an elemental though. Are there any elementals that live near here?" Levin Cloud asked.

"There are no notable elementals in this area or at least powerful enough to make you retreat. In fact, the northern continent is a place where elementals are very scarce as no normal elemental can live here. A Frost Elemental is already a higher tier elemental since it uses the ice element, and they cannot be found here." Frey stated.

"I clearly felt the energy of an elemental from the ones that attacked me. Although, the one or ones that attacked me only used ice arrows that contain a powerful freezing ability. If it was a frost elemental, then they would have just used a powerful ice storm to deal with me." Levin Cloud stated.

"Maybe you were attacked by Frost Elves, Envoy Levin Cloud." The wood elf stated which made Levin Cloud look at her with a dumbfounded expression.

"The Frost Elves have all been killed because of the taboo that they did. The Winter Tree itself carried out punishment and called upon the high elves to deal with them. Even if some did survive the punishment, they cannot devour elementals anymore as they were cursed to have a presence that elementals hate. Elementals would already sense them a hundred meters away before they come or at least that is what is told in the history books." Levin Cloud stated.

Levin Cloud is actually the most learned individual when it comes to all kinds of elves. This is the baseline knowledge that he must possess as the Envoy of the Twin Gods. Also, he was very devoted to being elf before he became a Leshy that he read anything that has elven lore in it.

"Still, what if some of them did manage to survive? What if they found a way to alleviate their cursed bodies from the effects of devouring the Frost Elemental King? Stories like this is actually proven to be quite true when it comes to the eastern continent. Maybe the stories in the northern continent are not as farfetched as we think it is." Peridot stated.

"What did the Frost Elves do in these stories from the northern people's perspective?" Levin Cloud asked.

"They would capture the northern people and devour them. There are a lot of iterations of the stories, but they always end up having the captured people be killed and devoured unless a hero saves them." Frey added.

"You said that the people in the northern continent are different, right?" Levin Cloud asked Frey.

"Yes. The constitution of the bodies of the people in the northern continent are different. They eat less and could absorb the nutrients of their food better which is why they tend to eat less. They can refill their body's energy quota with half a meal's worth for the normal man." Frey stated which made Levin Cloud suddenly go silent as he transformed back to his humanoid form.

"You thought of something?" Peridot asked.

"I did but I do not know if it is true. We would need to test my theory by calling upon an elemental." Levin Cloud stated.

"Uhm... clearly the stories are just exaggerations, right? Envoy Levin Cloud?" The wood elf stated as she suddenly felt that her lighthearted stories are now being talked about as if they are indeed true.

"We have you and elves here. You can test that theory already by calling upon an elemental." Peridot stated as she knows that elves have special spells that could temporarily summon elementals to help them.

"Actually, I cannot summon elementals because they hate me. I might have offended some elemental kings back in Alfheim and banned all elementals to be summoned by me." Levin Cloud stated as he looked away while coughing.

"What about the wood elves then?" Peridot asked as she looked at the group of wood elves.

"The Church of the Twin Gods actually forbids us from summoning elementals unless we are out of the provisional rank. All of us here are basic priests and we have yet to get the education to summon them. We volunteered for this because it gives us outside training while being supervised by Envoy Levin Cloud. Also, even if we do know how to summon them... Envoy Levin Cloud's presence would lead them to not answer us." The wood elf stated as she was the most knowledgeable among the priests with them.

"Uhm... I do not want to but..." Frey stated but she suddenly started to think that saying it would be not good.

"You can give your suggestion here as anything to confirm it will be good." Peridot stated.

"We do have guild members that are half elementals, right? I was thinking that we can call Vayu and Soleil if they are not busy." Frey stated which made Peridot and Levin Cloud look at each other.

"Why did we not think of that?" Both Levin Cloud and Peridot had the same thought.

"We can just wait until we can summon an elemental if they are unavailable. I am sure that Levin Cloud's ban is only for a certain duration, right?" Frey stated as she looked at Levin Cloud, but the latter immediately avoided her gaze.

"Actually, I have been banned indefinitely." Levin Cloud murmured in a soft voice.

"What was that?" Peridot asked but she managed to hear it because of her enhanced hearing.

"Summoning them is out of the question. Also, the natural energy here in the northern continent is not good to summon an elemental. The natural energy in this continent is somewhat in an awkward state. The only places that have stable natural energy are the villages that are protected by the Vanir Gods." Levin Cloud stated.

"And that would be a problem because?" Peridot asked.

"We need pure natural energy to summon an elemental for the first time. Also, in order to test out my theory... we would need the rank of at least a High Elemental." Levin Cloud stated.

"If that is the case then Vayu and Soleil are really our only hope." Peridot stated.

"Can I ask why you need a High Elemental for?" Frey asked as she did not know why they need an elemental that has that kind of power level.

"Oh! I forgot that I have yet to say why we need an elemental that powerful. Basically, my theory is due to the fact that the people of the northern continent being slightly different from people in the central continent for example. We would need the High Elemental to check the blood of the northern people." Levin Cloud stated.

"Blood? Why do we need to do that?" Peridot asked.

"My theory is that the blood of the Frost Elemental King runs on the bodies of the northern people." Levin Cloud stated which shocked all of those that heard his statements.

"How did you come out with that outrageous statement? Sorry if that is a bit harsh but even, I think that is a very wild theory." Frey stated in shock.

"I mean... I only took the very instances told in the stories about the Frost Elves eating the people in the northern continent and the special physique of the people living here in the north. All signs point to the fact that they may have the blood of the Frost Elemental King in their veins. You can think of it as elves having the blood of us Faekin." Levin Cloud stated.

Even if Frey wanted to say that is not the case, she could only attribute the adaptation and evolution of the northern people to a small degree. They do say that people living in harsh conditions evolve to suit the environment they are, but the northern people defy this. Usually, people that live in harsh conditions like the cold would need to eat more in order to sustain heat in their bodies, but the northern people are the opposite.

"Actually, there is a very old legend that has been kept a secret by the northern people. The story of our origin that only the village elders can tell." One of the warriors stated as he has heard of this legend from their village elder.

"Ok then. We will talk with the village elder about the story and then move to the other villages to restore their lands." Frey stated.

"I already asked Vayu and Soleil about their availability. They said that they can go to the northern continent castle of the Ice Queen in three days. We can meet them there to verify the claim." Peridot stated as all of them walked towards the village chief's house.

Chapter 2333: Origin of the Northern People

The group has returned to the village to talk to the village chief about the legends told on how the northern people were created. All of them reached the house of the village chief and waited for her to come. All of them expected that the village chief would be an old woman, but they were surprised that she was in fact someone that look like she is in her forties while having the body of a well-built woman.

"She gives mommy energy." Levin Cloud whispered to Peridot, but the latter slapped his shoulder even though she thinks this as well.

"Thank you for having time for us, village chief." Frey stated as she vowed.

"I will gladly have time for the people that restored our fields. I am even told that it has been restored to perfection just like when it was first blessed by the gods. Some are even ready for harvest because of the great job that our visitors have done. Apologies if some of my people are quite afraid of you. I am the village Chief here and you can call me, Taran." Village Chief Taran stated.

"Are the tattooed runes on your bodies a symbol for something, Village Chief Taran?" Levin Cloud asked.

"Ah! You mean the sacred runes that are on our bodies? They are not just a symbol, but it also helps or people in fighting against the cold. Every five years starting at birth, we will have the runes tattooed on our bodies. For babies newly born, they will immediately have theirs done on their right shoulder." Village Chief Taran stated.

"Interesting. Would you mind if I have a record on how where the tattoos are placed on your bodies? If that is too much then I will not impose." Levin Cloud asked.

"If it is to better understand our culture then we have no problem sharing as this is a practice all of our people do. Other tribes will have different runes etched onto their bodies, but they

should roughly stay the same. Still, I thought that all of you were here to learn the legend of the northern people." Village Chief Taran stated.

"Yes. Apologies as he is very interested in your ways. Please proceed with the story if you will." Peridot stated.

"Alright then. Please listen carefully as my old bones could barely have me sitting in the same position for a long time." Village Chief Taran stated.

"Do you mind if you tell us your age?" Peridot asked as she was curious on what Village Chief Taran's age is because she looks quite good for a middle-aged looking woman.

"I actually do not know what my real age is by now as the people of the north do not really celebrate the day we are born. If I am to say, then I have already done forty Solar Meltings." Village Chief Taran stated which actually shocked Frey as she knows what that meant.

"Care you explain, bestie?" Peridot asked Frey.

"In the northern continent, one Solar Melting is equivalent to two and a half years as that is the only time when the sun actually melts most of the snow. If we go by that count, then Village Chief Taran would be about ninety years old now." Frey stated in disbelief.

"Oh! That means you are still young then." Peridot stated but Village Chief Taran laughed at the compliment.

"Thank you for the compliment, beautiful visitor. Still, I am already middle aged when it comes to our tribe. I am no longer as young as you think I am." Village Chief Taran stated.

"If you think it as a compliment then you are welcome but that is actually quite young for my standards. Oh! Apologies as I am now using the standards of Ryujin to normal people. I have been around them for quite some time that I automatically think that we age similarly." Peridot stated as her standards for age in the game is the Ryujin age.

"She is quite young then. Our wood elf leader here is actually just in her teenage years. She is 138 years old, right?" Levin Cloud stated as his standard for age are elves and Faekin.

"I am almost an adult, Envoy Levin Cloud. Please do not tease me like that." The wood elf leader stated in protest.

Frey could not believe what she heard as the friends she brought have skewed sense in age in the game. Then again, she did not walk in their shoes, so she did not judge them. She could not believe it which is why she sent a direct message to Adrian to check with him as well.

"Ninety years old? That is quite young, right?" Adrian replied.

"I forgot that I am with people around long-lived races. The fact that they integrated even their sense of time is very intriguing." Frey thought as she immediately settled the confusion.

"Uhm... Village Chief Taran is actually old when we measure her age in a human sense. Normal humans typically live up to a hundred n Pandemonium." Frey stated.

"Is that so?! Who knew!" Levin Cloud and Peridot stated in unison which could only make Frey sigh as if she was exhausted.

"Anyways, never thought that the elves look this young despite the age. I guess the legends about the elves in our stories might be true. Anyways, let us proceed to the Legend of our origins." Village Chief Taran stated as she proceeded to tell the story.

Long ago, the people that were seafarers and those who were outcasts were sent to the northern continent to exile. They said that they were sent here because the world has collapsed back then. The lands erupted and fractured which created small islands where people were trapped. The lands further south was full of harsh monsters and heat filled areas that people had no choice but to go north.

The fractured islands where they were at the time did not have much food. This prompted all of them to explore further north where the promise of a beautiful lands was told in legends. All of them headed north as going south was not an option because of the situation it is back then.

The people that wanted to escape the intense heat and monster filled area came to the northern continent. The land itself was cool and was only covered lightly in snow compared to what it was before. Still, the cold land was not safe and easily livable compared to what they believed.

The cold land hid the dangers in the depths where the snow was the thickest. There were fierce monsters that would hunt them down when those enemies were hungry. If they were not being hunted down by monsters, then they would succumb to sicknesses that they do not know about.

The sicknesses were not the end as each year will be colder than the one before. This continued on until the people were dying from the cold weather. The weather that they liked initially suddenly became the bane of their existence as the world changed over the coming years.

The northern people could not even venture back out to the seas and oceans as even those have frozen over. Crossing the frozen seas and oceans is also a death sentence because monsters roamed them and some even called it their home. The people could only accept that they were trapped in the paradise that they thought would be their new home.

Almost all of the people had given up and accepted their deaths until a young girl that was born with icy blue eyes and platinum grey hair called upon a divine being. The innocent girl's plea for help attracted this divine being and she wished for the people she lives with to have the ability to live in the cold. The divine being that came in the form of a powerful snowstorm asked the girl why she would use her wish to save the many.

The girl then answered that she would not have survived in this harsh continent if the others did not sacrifice for her. The elders barely ate so that the children could eat their fill. Even the young adults had to throw themselves in the face of danger against monsters in order to protect themselves. Hearing the story of the young girl, the divine being accepted the girl's wish and created a spring of ice water.

"Any who drinks from this spring will no longer fear the cold but be embraced by it. It will also grant you powerful bodies to fend off any danger. As long as your kind lives in the north, then the ice and snow will be your family." The divine being told everyone as he vanished.

In the end, all of the villagers that were still alive had drank from the spring until it became dried. The young girl that called upon the divine being has also been crowned as the Great Mother and been called Winter.

Chapter 2334: Attacked in a Northern Village I

"To think that they have repaired the fields! The elves that Lady Frey brought really do have the power of nature on their side. It is quite different from the elves in the stories that we were told about." One of the patrolling warriors stated.

"That is because they are not the elves from the legends. Their skin is not as white as snow but full of color. You can even feel the warmth of nature from their leader that has more pointy ears." Another patrolling warrior stated.

"I hope that there would not be any attacks from the monsters as they eradicated a lot of them earlier. Even if we do not have crops, our storage is now going to be filled with meat instead." The first patroller stated.

Just as the patroller stated that specific line, a volley of arrows could suddenly be seen in the skies above. The warriors that saw the attack immediately screamed to those that were in the area to escape. The arrows were not the normal arrows as they were made of pure ice. The entire field is suddenly full of ice arrows that created an effect of freezing even the ground.

"My leg!" One of the warriors stated as his leg was hit by the ice arrow, but it did not become frozen.

"Evil Elves!" The warriors shouted as they saw the silhouette that they have been seeing earlier, but they also got a glimpse of the skin color of their attackers.

"Hurry and alert the Village Chief!" The warrior with an ice arrow on his leg shouted as he gritted his teeth and broke the arrow.

"But!" The young-looking patroller stated in panic.

"You are the fastest among us. Hurry and call for Lady Frey and his companions as well. The fields that they restored has now been frozen by those scum." The injured warrior stated.

"Okay." The young warrior replied as he dashed towards the house of the Village Chief while also telling the others that they are under attack.

"At least the youngest should survive this initial attack." The injured warrior stated as he counted more than twenty silhouettes from the frozen forest.

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"So, the does this mean that the origin of all the tribes in the northern continent are the same?" Levin Cloud asked.

"You are correct as we were all one people back then when the north was perilous for us. The actual fragmentation into other tribes started when the Great Mother Winter died. Her abilities were split to her daughters that did not get a long quite well. Still, all of us know that we are from one original tribe which is why we often stop the fight if means we will no longer have anyone alive at the end of it." Village Chief Taran stated but she suddenly stood up as she heard lots of shouting from the outside.

"What is happening from the outside?" Peridot asked as her hearing was the most sensitive amongst all of them.

"Village Chief! Evil elves!" The young warrior shouted with a tired face.

"Evil elves?" Levin Cloud stated as he then looked at the wood elves that he came with as he knew that they were the only elves present in the territory.

"No! Apologies for the wording but not all of you... benevolent ones. The ones in our legends that eat our people are real! They are attacking the patrollers right now and even froze the fields that the benevolent ones restored." The young warrior stated.

"Gather everyone and prepare for battle. To think that they are still alive and have not died off." Village Chief Taran stated with an irritated expression.

"They were real! The Frost Elves are still alive?" One of the wood elves stated.

"The last attack we had from them was when I was about five years old. They wiped my previous tribe while the children and women were able to escape. The other village chiefs made sure to send letters should their tribes get attacked but we never had any encounter with them since. The fact that the came out means they are once again in need for the flesh and blood of our brethren." Village Chief Taran stated.

"We shall help you." Frey stated.

"I was waiting for you to say that. My knees hurt from kneeling on the cold floor. No offense. It is a good floor, but you need heating." Peridot stated as she stood up.

"I shall help as well. The elves can help heal the ones injured." Levin Cloud stated.

"I should not impose on our guests. The enemies are after us which is why I must tell all of you to escape from here." Village Chief Taran stated as someone brought her a large shield that towered even her body.

"You are not imposing on us. I just want to destroy the ones that dare to destroy the fields that I restored." Levin Cloud stated.

"But we restored most of it though." The wood elf leader added in a whispered voice.

"Please let us help you." Frey stated with great conviction.

"I can see the eyes of warriors when I look at all of you. I shall accept the help but please escape if things get dangerous." Village Chief Taran stated as she led them to the frontlines.

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"Ugh!" The warrior screamed as his body got pierced by a frozen sword that actually froze the body part that was stabbed.

The tribal warriors were fighting against a group of twenty Frost Elves that came out of the forest. Since the ambush was perfectly timed, most of the tribal warriors were defeated but they were not killed. Instead of being killed, a monster that looks like a mixture of a frozen horse and a deer picked them up and carried them in a wagon. They are not being killed but are being collected instead which infuriated the warriors even more.

"Do you feel the energy of the Forest Guardian?" The leader of the Frost Elf unit asked a hooded Frost Elf that seems to be a mage.

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"I can feel him coming." The Frost Elf Mage stated but they could not see Levin Cloud coming towards them.

All the Frost Elves could see are a group being led by a burly woman and a Valkyrie. Just as they thought that they could not see the Forest Guardian, the large roots that were not moving earlier suddenly rose from the ground. The large roots came crashing down onto the Frost Elf Leader, but the Frost Elf Mage created a powerful spell that turned the roots into ice sculptures.

"Tch! So, you were the ones that attacked me earlier in the forest! Not only did you attack me, but you even destroyed the fields that I tended to! I will wipe off the likes of the Frost Elves from this planet as your ancestor!" Levin Cloud shouted as he reconstructed his body near Peridot.

"Ancestor?" Peridot asked in a judging gaze.

"What? All Elves are descendants of Faekin. I am clearly their ancestor in terms of blood." Levin Cloud replied.

"Capture the Forest Guardian!" The Frost Elf Leader commanded as he pointed towards Levin Cloud.

"They came for me and not the villagers?" Levin Cloud suddenly blurted out as he could not believe that he was their objective in attacking the village.

Just as soon as the command was given, two figures hidden in the snow suddenly pounced towards Levin Cloud. Village Chief Taran swung her gigantic shield that could already be called a door and sent the two Frost Elf Scouts flying. Levin Cloud immediately casted a powerful healing spell around him which healed the injured Village Chief Taran and the other village warriors.

"Such warm light. Thank you." Village Chief Taran stated.

"Thank me later when we pummel them in the snow. Those that need healing! Go to the wood elves so that your injuries could be treated." Levin Cloud stated as he became fully alert.

"I shall charge first. Peridot, protect Levin Cloud as he is the target." Frey stated as she rode her Pegasus and headed straight towards the Frost Elf Leader that is also riding a large ice moose mount.

"You are too young to battle me, Valkyrie." The Frost Elf Leader stated as he raised his sword to manipulate the snow itself to launch an attack towards Frey.

Frey blocked the large clump of snow with her spear and bravely charged forward. She managed to get near the Frost Elf Leader, but the Frost Elf Mage deterred her from getting really close. The Frost Elf mage suddenly conjured a large ice spike from the ground which made Frey, and her mount jump back.

"Is it just me or the temperature dropped?" Levin Cloud stated as he could see his breath which he could not do earlier.

The temperature in the village should still be cold but not cold to the point that your breath could be seen. They were still in the village area, but the temperature dropped a lot which meant that the Frost Elves can summon the cold. Rather, Frost Elves have an ability to lower the temperature of wherever they are located.

"It has become cold. Can you protect yourselves? I need to help those that are being collected by the enemies." Village Chief Taran stated as she pointed towards the cart that was loading the injured village warriors.

"Go and help them. We can take care of ourselves." Levin Cloud stated but even he is not entirely sure of that statement.

Levin Cloud could see that the Frost Elf Leader that Frey is trying to reach is not even being serious. The fight is also one sided even if there are more warriors in their side. All he could do is to provide healing support to all of the injured warriors along with the wood elves. Levin Cloud also has the duty to protect the wood elves as he led them here.

"Do you think that story about then afraid of the sun is true?" Peridot asked.

"The only thing you could do is test that theory out. Can you handle light elemental magic?" Levin Cloud asked as he knew that Peridot has yet to master the use of light and darkness elemental magic.

"How can I become good if I do not practice?" Peridot stated as she clutched a Legendary Rank Light Gem.

Peridot could not find or generate gems that use light and darkness elemental magic as she has yet to master them. The highest she could create is Legendary Rank and the Mythical Rank are just rare finds in random mines she entered. Still, if the weakness of the Frost Elves is light then she should try it.

"Prism Glow!" Peridot shouted as she crushed the Light Gem.

A large prismatic mirror suddenly appeared above all of them and released a blinding light and also light rays in the direction of the Frost Elves. The Frost Elf Mage felt the mana of the light element and immediately casted the powerful Blizzard spell. The light that scattered due to Peridot's spell got absorbed by the raging wind and snow that covered the battlefield.

The entire field is suddenly covered in snow and mist, but the sound of metals clashing did not stop. The warriors of the norther continent are still fighting as they can fight even in an intense blizzard or snowstorm. Seeing that the Frost Elf Mage looked somewhat tired, the Frost Elf Leader raised his sword.

"Frost Slash." The Frost Elf Leader stated as he raised his sword and then slashed at the direction of Levin Cloud and Peridot.

It would look like the Frost Elf Leader was not attacking but the ground suddenly cracked as ice pillars snaked their way towards Levin Cloud and Peridot. The speed at which the ice pillars came towards them is not quick, but the two Frost Elf Scouts suddenly appeared beside them once again. Peridot could not defend Levin Cloud quickly which is why she immediately used a spell in Dragon Tongue. A large explosion occurred at the location where Levin Cloud and Peridot are.

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When the mist from the explosion of snow cleared, the sight of Peridot in her Ryujin form and Levin Cloud could be seen. Both of them are unharmed but are both encased in a large ice dome. One could even see that the ice dome is cracked due to the attack of the Frost Elf Leader.

"This is getting dangerous! I had to use a lot of mana just to create a spell that could instantly protect us. That enemy leader is at a tier of a boss monster that is as strong as a raid monster. He did not have any problem doing that attack earlier." Peridot stated as she could see that the enemy leader is still brimming with power.

"If it comes to a battle of attrition then we might be able to win as they do not have a healer. We have plenty of healers on our side." Levin Cloud stated.

"Ok then. I shall go on the offensive now. Support me with all that you have." Peridot stated as she roared to shatter the cracked ice dome that protected them earlier.

"Great Blessing of Life!" Levin Cloud casted as he used a powerful buffing spell in a wide area so that all allies will be affected.

[You have been blessed by the Envoy of the Twin Gods using a Life Attribute spell. The spell's efficacy will be increased.]

[All stats have been increased by 10%. Additional 5% bonus due to the increase in spell efficacy.]

[All physical and magical damage will be increased by 5%. Additional 2.5% bonus due to the increase of spell efficacy.]

[All physical and magical defenses will be increased by 15%. Additional 7.5% bonus due to the increase of spell efficacy.]

[Health Regeneration has been increased by 200%. Additional 100% bonus due to the increase of spell efficacy.]

[Mana Regeneration has been increased by 100%. Additional 50% bonus due to the increase in spell efficacy.]

"Thanks! Elemental Catastrophe!" Peridot chanted as she gathered up all the elements on her mouth.

The power of the elements combining into a mass of unidentifiable energy that even made the Frost Elf Leader look serious. The Frost Elf Leader raised his sword once more and is about to launch another attack towards Peridot and Levin Cloud, but a brilliant rainbow light suddenly shined above him. Frey already entered her Goddess Descent mode and borrowed the power of the Goddess Freyja.

Frey infuse her spear with the energy of the Goddess Freyja and released long ranged attacks that looked like light whips cutting through the cold air. Due to the relentless attacks that Frey

used, the Frost Elf Leader had to protect himself from the barrage of light-based attacks. Even the Frost Elf Mage that is beside him is using spells to conjure up ice barriers to keep Frey's attacks from reaching her as there is splash damage.

"That is good, bestie! Eat this long-eared scum!" Peridot shouted as she released the Elemental Catastrophe beam from her mouth.

"I will not be offended by that." Levin Cloud thought as he healed all of the warriors that were injured.

"Frostfall!" The Frost Elf Leader stated as he suddenly infused his sword with more mana compared to his earlier attacks.

A powerful barrier that looked like snow was swirling around in a circular motion is conjured up by the Frost Elf Leader. This powerful barrier added to their defenses as it blocked the powerful Elemental Catastrophe beam is completely blocked. All the attacks that Frey and Peridot did have all been blocked by the Frost Elf Leader, but he is not the only problem.

The Frost Elf Leader looked at the Frost Elf Mage and the latter understood what that meant. The Frost Elf Mage suddenly took the dagger from her waist and slit her palm. She then proceeded to chant in a language that only Levin Cloud could decipher as it was the language of the elementals.

The entire area suddenly started to rumble as if the snow and cold wind itself is bending to the will of the Frost Elf Mage. The Frost Elf Mage's body suddenly started to turn half translucent as if she was becoming an incorporeal being. The transformation only stopped when the entire body of the Frost Elf Mage turned into something like an ice sculpture.

"She turned into a Half Elemental! Is that even possible?" Levin Cloud stated in shock as he knows that there should be no spell that can change your race.

"I am having trouble controlling the mana in the area." Peridot suddenly stated which made Levin Cloud gulp in terror.

The reason why Elementals are feared is not because they are immune to the element that they are but because they can forcefully control mana in the surroundings. They have more refined control of mana compared to a dragon as long as the mana in their area is their respective element. Right now, they are in the northern continent fighting against a half frost elemental.

[You cannot summon the Tree of Life and Death due to a special relic related to the Winter Tree in the area.]

"What?!" Levin Cloud exclaimed in shock because this is the first time he saw this notification.

He knew of the Winter Tree as it is some offshoot of the Tree of Life that thrives in cold regions, but this is the first time he learned of such effect. He also knows that the Winter Tree from the legends should have been destroyed when the Frost Elemental King was killed. Unless the cursed Frost Elves used the dying parts of the Winter Tree to create weapons but that is even more taboo than them eating the Frost Elemental King.

"Eternal Winter!" The Frost Elf Mage stated as she called upon the coldest winds of the northern continent to blow across the entire area.

In just a span of a second, the area that is supposed to be safe from the cold is now covered in layers of frost. Even the tribal warriors that have great resistance against the cold could be seen getting frozen. Frey even had to create a powerful magical explosion to create a way for her to protect herself. Peridot protected those around her by forcefully using the Heat Wave spell using her Dragon Tongue but that also reduced her stamina.

"As the elders said, a Forest Guardian is no easy prey. Still, the power given by the Eternally Starving One should be able to confine him. Use it and capture the Frost Guardian. The humans hold no value for us as long as we get that strong Forest Guardian." The Frost Elf Leader stated.

"As you command, my liege." The Frost Elf Mage stated as she suddenly gathered all the mana in the area to increase her size.

The Frost Elf Mage that only had the size of a human suddenly grew gigantic as she made use of the power of her half elemental state. In this gigantic state, the Frost Elf Mage then proceeded to dive with her body made of wind and ice. The descent of a large being is not something that could be survived without any casualties.

"Use the Mythical Flame Stone in my Inventory! Inferno!" Peridot shouted as she combined the strength of a sacrificial elemental stone and her dragon tongue.

The entire area around Peridot suddenly burned as she used all of her mana to conjure the heat needed for the spell. Pillars of flame rose up to combat the giant half elemental crashing down towards them. The flame pillars managed to diffuse the cold that is being generated by the enemy, but the Frost Elf Mage is not the only enemy.

The Frost Elf Leader raised his sword once again, but he did not attack this time. He released a large amount of cold energy and directed it towards the Frost Elf Mage. This large amount of cold energy that the Frost Elf Mage suddenly gained became enough fuel for her to overpower the Mythical Tier spell that Peridot used. The pillars of flame suddenly got affected by the cold and created a powerful steam explosion.

Peridot got hit by the steam explosion and lost her concentration. Peridot got swallowed up by the giant Frost Elf Mage and is frozen in mid-air. Frey saw this happen and charged towards the Frost Elf Mage in retaliation. Frey could deal double damage to enemies that deal status ailments to her allies.

"That will be the last of you, little Valkyrie. Frozen Prison" The Frost Elf Leader stated as he swung his sword at Frey.

A beam of cold ice shot towards Frey without even her noticing. Frey could not dodge the attack that was aimed directly at her. She is then trapped in cage of ice along with her mount which also stopped her from doing any movement and attacks. Since Frey could not move as well, the Frost Elf Mage ran her large ghostly hands towards Frey and froze her as well.

Chapter 2337: Frozen in a Northern Village I

"Frey!" Levin Cloud stated as only him, the wood elves, and the injured ones behind him are not frozen.

[All beings that are Frozen cannot be killed while they are unable to move. Damaging frozen beings will thaw them or being exposed to extreme heat will also release them.]

Levin Cloud saw the notification and he could see in their party tab that Frey and Peridot are alive. The only reason they cannot actively move is due to the fact that they are frozen in place. Peridot is even frozen in her dragon form which is testament to how powerful the freezing power of the cold.

"Freeze the Forest Guardian so we could be on our way. Kill the remaining ones." The Frost Elf Leader stated as he once again released a burst of cold energy from his sword.

The sword of the Frost Elf Leader could now be clearly seen as it is no longer covered in a layer of ice. The sword itself is thawed as if it is using up the cold energy stored in it with each time that it is used. Levin Cloud managed to sneak a peak and saw the hilt of the sword which is created using a branch of something.

"It is that sword! It has the branch of the Winter Tree!" Levin Cloud thought but he needed to defend the injured now that he is the only functioning combatant.

"Let the world fall into the cold." The Frost Elf Mage stated as she went for the cold embrace against the remaining people alive.

The wood elves banded together despite being tired from healing the injured and shivering warriors. All of them combined their magic to control the vines that Levin Cloud already used earlier. They tried to use the vines to stop the gigantic Frost Elf Mage, but the vines are useless. Just touching the body of the Frost Elf instantly froze the vines.

"I have to protect them!" Levin Cloud stated as he forced himself to transform to his true self.

Levin Cloud slammed his vines to create a large dome of vines that covered the wood elves and injured warriors. He tried to create more vines to try and defeat the transformed Frost Elf Mage, but they suffered the same fate as the vines that came in contact with her earlier. The transformed Frost Elf Mage smiled as even a Forest Guardian could not do anything to her in this state.

Levin Cloud did not show fear, but he did send an urgent message to the person that he trusts the most. He also made sure that the vines that protected the wood elves and the injured warriors were protected with the best enhancements he could quickly use. The last thing that Levin Cloud witnessed is white as he got swallowed by the cold embrace of the transformed Frost Elf Mage.

[You have been affected by Permafrost. Unable to move for two hours or when you are damaged or thawed by heat.]

"You have done well. Load the Forest Guardian into the wagon. He is needed to break our curse that has plagued us for a long time. You have also done well. Your sacrifice is for the future of the Frost Elves." The Frost Elf Leader stated as he looked towards the Frost Elf Mage that returned to her normal form.

The Frost Elf Mage bowed to the Frost Elf Leader but her beautiful face is no longer the same. Half of her face is now covered in a decaying frost that made half her face look like it is dying off. This is the price she paid to use the powerful transformation spell. This did not only affect half her face, but half of her body is now covered in it.

The Frost Elf Mage might not show it, but she is now in constant pain as this decaying frost will continue to affect her for her remaining life. She will not be able to sleep peacefully unless a powerful sleeping agent is used. Her body will also have the inability to perform as before since this is a decaying frost curse.

"Anything for our people." The Frost Elf Mage stated.

"You have done well and turned this entire place into a frozen paradise. You may rest and let yourself be carried by the wagon." The Frost Elf Leader stated.

"As your liege commands." The Frost Elf Mage replied as she squinted due to the constant pain that she is now enduring.

"What are we supposed to do with the other frozen sacrifices, my liege?" One of the Frost Elf warriors asked.

"Leave them be. This will be a warning to those that dare follow us. They might not die from the effects of the spell, but they will die and weaken from the cold. We need to return as there is much preparation to me made. We shall finally be free from the curse of the Winter Tree." The Frost Elf Leader stated as all the Frost Elves vanished into the frozen forest.

It is not just the fields where the battle occurred that is frozen. The frost itself has crept towards the village which made half of it covered in layers of ice. The other villagers could only hide in their homes for now as they know that they might be in danger should they get out. Still, some of the young warriors that have yet to fully transition to adulthood came out to check.

The sight of all their brave warriors being frozen in ice shocked all of them. The people in the tribe tried cracking the ice as they could feel that their warriors were still alive. Even their village chief was frozen as well, and she was the one that needed to be released first. While the tribal people were trying to create flames to thaw all of them, the sky above them suddenly cracked which sent people into a panic.

"It seems we are too late." A demon that came from the cracks stated.

Chapter 2338: Frozen in a Northern Village II

[Levin Cloud: Danger in the north. Bring Vayu and Soleil. Come to these coordinates. Help is urgently needed.]

Adrian is about to depart for the eastern continent when he suddenly received an urgent message from Levin Cloud. He knew that this was not a prank as all of the message looked like it was sent in a rush, or he was in state where he could not explain it. Adrian immediately called for Vayu and Soleil to check where they are as Levin Cloud told him that they were needed.

[Vayu: We are now using the teleportation scroll to return to Avalon.]

Vayu immediately told Adrian that they are now coming to Avalon but something inside of him felt like he needs to hurry up even more. Vayu and Soleil reached Avalon in about ten minutes as they used a Dimensional Teleportation Scroll that took time to activate since this is to ensure their safety upon arrival. As soon as they arrived, Adrian immediately asked them why Levin Cloud would need them.

"He told us that we would need to come to the northern continent to check on the people in a certain tribe. He believes that they are humans with the blood of the Frost Elemental King in their veins." Vayu stated.

"Frost Elemental King? There is now Frost Elemental King, Papa." Soleil stated as she knows all of the elemental kings in Alfheim.

"I have told you this before, but another Frost Elemental King cannot be easily born. There are barely any High Frost Elementals as elementals of powerful elemental states are only born every ten thousand years. Another reason could also be that the Frost Elemental King has yet to truly disappear which is why there is no replacement yet." Vayu stated.

"We can discuss this in the northern continent. Levin Cloud sent a sense of urgency while I could not contact Frey and Peridot. I am now extremely worried about them as something might have happened to them." Adrian stated as he ripped apart the dimension to create an instant portal that led to the specific coordinates that Levin Cloud gave him.

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Adrian appeared in the exact coordinates given by Levin Cloud and the sight made him drop his jaw. He saw Frey frozen in a cage while Peridot is frozen in her dragon form. They were not the only ones frozen, but they are the only ones that Adrian really cared to check. He then started to look for Levin Cloud, but he could not see his frozen stature.

"Who are you!?" A young-looking warrior shouted at Adrian while he held a sword.

Adrian looked at the young warrior that is now trembling before him. There are other warriors or rather children wearing armor behind this young warrior. It seems that he is the oldest amongst them which is why he took the lead despite the fear he is feeling.

"Your aura is scaring them, big brother." Soleil stated as she came out of the rift after Adrian.

"So, this is the northern continent. It is indeed cold, but the place is devoid of energy beneficial for elementals." Vayu stated as he also arrived.

"Apologies for scaring you. I am Equinox. Champion of the Twin Gods. Can you explain what happened here?" Adrian stated as he safely closed the rift that he created forcefully.

"How sure are we that you are not evil people!" The young warrior stated in a stutter as he is still afraid despite Adrian recalling his menacing aura earlier.

"A fine young warrior. You will become a strong one if you grow up. Still, a warrior must also know when to use his head." Vayu stated as he suddenly appeared next to the young warrior and eased him.

"Papa, are they like us?" Soleil asked as she could feel it to.

The children before them had the blood of the elementals running in them. Vayu and Soleil immediately recognized them as they felt like them but a bit different. The Elemental Kings told Vayu and Soleil that their existence is special since there are rarely half elementals born into the world.

"No, it seems that an Elemental King has blessed them and shared part of their power to their ancestors. This flowed to their descendants, but they are not like us that are half elementals.

They have a small fraction of elemental blood running in their veins, but this is due to a blessing ritual that only an Elemental King can do." Vayu stated as the children relaxed due to his presence as if something in their blood told them to become calm.

"Champion Equinox! We are trapped here!" A voice from the ice dome suddenly shouted and Adrian heard it.

"The wood elves that came with Levin Cloud! Can you help them, Soleil? In fact, extend all of your help and release them from this Permafrost. Only your flames could thaw them without harming them." Adrian told Soleil.

"If big brother says so then I shall do it. Let us go, Reguchan and Kitsuchan!" Soleil stated as she called upon the flame elementals that follow her.

Soleil suddenly rose to the air as she created a large ball of flame that looked like the sun. The two elementals that follows her made sure to control the heat so that all the beings affected by Permafrost are heated up. The ice that covered the entire field started to melt and all of the people affected by Permafrost started to thaw as well.

The first to thaw was none other than Peridot as she immediately burned her body as soon as the effects of the Permafrost were lifted from her. She was about to rampage, but she noticed that the enemies were no longer there. She looked for Levin Cloud but did not see him which made Adrian worry that she might lose control. Thankfully, she composed herself immediately as if she read a message and then helped Soleil in releasing everyone from the Permafrost.

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"I never felt the cold like that before. I was frozen alive, and I could feel the chill crawling in all parts of my body, but it is not shutting down. Thank you." Frey stated as she is now released from the Permafrost.

Adrian summoned Saena to cast a wind that also generated heat to calm the nerves of all the people. Being in a frozen state for a long time might hurt the nerves of the human body. He wanted to make sure that everyone is able to move like when they are healthy.

"No need to thank us as we arrived too late. Levin Cloud seems to have been abducted. Am I correct?" Adrian stated as he looked at the group of wood elves that are warming up.

"Yes. Envoy Levin Cloud was taken by them while he was affected by Permafrost. He managed to save us by encasing us in numerous vines that he enchanted. We managed to see

what transpired before the dome was covered with ice and snow." The wood elf group leader stated.

"It seems you are holding up well." Frey stated as she held Peridot's hand.

"I want to rush over and find him, but I knew that I will only be a problem if I also get caught. Now is the time to keep calm and find him in a swift manner. If my anger clouds my judgement, then he might be subjected to even more danger." Peridot stated.

Adrian is currently talking to the wood elves and even the warriors trapped to get as much information as he can. He should at least know what the enemy is capable of doing. Just as he is about to consult Vayu and Soleil about the findings, there were sudden movements he noticed in the forest.

"Sirius, catch that one." Adrian coldly commanded as Sirius suddenly came out from his shadow like a rabid beast to chase after the being that he saw observing them from afar.

"There could be a scout left to check on what happens to our village. It must be a scout from them so that they are in the loop just in case the other village chiefs rally against them." Village Chief Taran stated as she is also getting warmed up.

"Master, I have returned but there is sad news." Sirius stated as he returned with a dead body of a Frost Elf Scout.

"He ingested poison and is in a state of dying." Adrian stated as he could see that the Frost Elf Scout is still alive but is rapidly dying as his life force is almost emptied out.

"I cannot let Thanatos take your soul now as he already warned me from interrogating souls that just died. Saena, heal him to the point that he can live." Adrian stated as Saena spread out her wing and released her healing winds towards the dying Frost Elf Scout.

"Master, the poison he ingested cannot be healed by me. It seems it is powerful enough to negate my own abilities. It must be a poison specifically designed to kill them without any chances of recovering." Saena stated as she did heal the Frost Elf Scout, but the latter will still die in the end due to the poison.

"No worries, Saena. I just needed him healed to the point that he will not die from what I am going to do. I might affect causality but fighting time wraiths is much easier than looking for Levin Cloud and their hideout. Time Reversal." Adrian stated in a cold and stoic tone.

The Frost Elf Scout that was dying from poison is suddenly subjected to Time Reversal. The poison that flowed to all parts of his body suddenly started to return back to the pill that he had eaten. Adrian immediately took the poison pill and fed it to Saena as ingesting poison will make her able to cure them as long as she has ingested and analyzed them. The Frost Elf Scout thought that he was going to die but he is miraculously alive.

"Now, tell us where you are hiding. I plan to slaugh... I mean rescue my best friend from all of you." Adrian stated with a smile.

"You will never get anything from me! For the Frost Elves!" The Frost Elf Scout shouted as he suddenly took his dagger and aimed it directly to his chest.

"Time Stop." Adrian stated immediately as if he was already prepared.

The dagger that is supposed to pierce the chest of the Frost Elf Scout stopped when it was just about a centimeter away from entering. The Frost Elf Scout could not believe that he is frozen when Frost Elves are known to be impervious to being frozen. This is a state of being frozen that Frost Elves are not immune to as it is being frozen in time.

"I asked you just to be courteous. I would have let you live normally should you have pointed us where you took my best friend. Since you do not want to cooperate with us, I believe re-arranging your brain would be the best. I believe this is not a sight that children should see. Can Village Chief Taran escort them out of this place, please?" Adrian stated in a calm manner which made Village Chief Taran's skin shiver.

Village Chief Taran already knew some things about the demon that suddenly appeared before them. Frey often talked about a special someone that is a territory lord and the Champion of the Twin Gods. She also told Village Chief Taran that this special someone is a demon and a real leader that has great charisma.

Village Chief Taran thought that Frey is just blinded by rose tinted lenses as she was infatuated but the former now knows that this is not the case. The demon before him wore a warm expression when it came to those that he protects but shows a frigid expression to his enemies. Village Chief Taran could also feel the overwhelming charisma from the demon before him that she could only agree to his request as if she was his servant.

"Charon, make sure to get the information that we need but also make sure he is alive. We need him alive as a corpse should not be possible to manipulate. I think that is fine, Lord Thanatos?" Adrian stated as he looked at a direction where nothing is there.

Adrian is actually looking at Thanatos himself as he could clearly see him getting ready to reap the soul of the Frost Elf Scout. Adrian managed to salvage the situation and basically 'revive' the Frost Elf Scout which halted Thanatos' advance. Since Adrian did not violate the rule that Thanatos has given him of tormenting fresh souls until they arrive at the afterlife, Thanatos nodded his head and left as the Frost Elf Scout will live to be a puppet until Adrian is satisfied.

"Were you talking to a God of Death?" Frey asked as she knows that Adrian can see them as he is the Champion of the Twin Gods.

"I was talking to Death itself. You should get to know him as he is a very chill guy. I will arrange a meeting sometime if you want." Adrian replied.

"I think I should pass on that meeting with death for now. What are you doing to him?" Frey asked as Charon is now doing something to the Frost Elf Scout.

"I am having Charon possess the Frost Elf Scout to extract memories from him. Since I cannot take the information from his freshly dead soul, we must use the living soul for this. It might take time as some minds are difficult to possess even for Charon." Adrian stated.

"I will help Soleil with restoring the village or else all of the work of the wood elves and Levin Cloud will be for nothing." Peridot stated as she knew that she needed to focus her mind on something else while Adrian is trying to get information.

The only reason why Peridot is keeping it cool is due to the fact that she could see the face that Adrian is showing right now. She knew that this face means that he means business and would do anything to solve the problem they currently have. This is also the face she knows that has never failed them yet.

"While Charon is doing his work, can you tell me about the Frost Elf Leader? From what they described, he seems to be as strong as one of the Daemos Elders. You also said that he has an interesting weapon." Adrian stated.

"He held a sword that emanated such deep cold energy, and he handled it with ease. I might even say that sword that he has might be a Semi-Transcendent weapon." Frey speculated.

"Does this mean that they have attained a state equivalent to a demigod? Only demigods could use weapons of that tier as divine energy is not something normal beings could do. Another problem is that he might not be the only one." Adrian stated.

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"No. They cannot attain the status of a demigod if the legends about them are true. One cannot become a demigod when they are cursed by devouring a Frost Elemental King. They must have used something that could produce such power but that would mean getting their hands on a material that could defy the laws of nature." Vayu stated.

"Unlike Levin Cloud, I do not know all the details about the Season Trees, but the Winter Tree fits your description." Adrian stated.

"Huh? What are those? Even we do not know of this Season Trees, but I do know that there was a powerful Frost Elemental King back then. They said that the Frost Elemental King had a promise which is why they did not go to Alfheim like the others." Vayu stated.

"We are back! All the ice has been melted!" Soleil announced as she returned from restoring the village back to its unfrozen state.

"It took quite a while, but we managed to melt all the ice. The wood elves also did their best and performed maintenance on the blessing given by the gods. Did we miss something?" Peridot stated.

"Not much as we are speculating on the power level of the enemy. The fact that both you and Frey were frozen without even resisting is alarming. Also, I am explaining about the Winter Tree which is part of the Season Trees." Adrian stated.

"He mentioned those to me once, but I already forgot about them. I am not really interested in trees, but I am interested in stones. I remember that these Season Trees can create what they call Spirit Stones of the element they represent." Peridot stated.

"You are correct as that is one blessing of the Season Tree, but they are actually an offshoot of the Tree of Life or the Tree of Death. The Summer Tree and Spring Tree is an offshoot of the Tree of Life while the Fall Tree and Winter Tree is an offshoot of the Tree of Death. You can

say that those trees are the reason why there are seasons in this world." Adrian stated as the wood elves also came and listened attentively as if he was spreading the words of the gods.

"So, the seasons are not because of the invisible lines that run through the world? Or the location where the place is?" Frey asked as she found this intriguing.

"Yes. In fact, all of the continents in this world experience the four seasons because of the Season Trees. There might be some places where the seasons heavily favor another but that is also an influence of the Season Trees. Take the Northern Continent for example. The northern continent is where the Winter Tree is located which is why it has more winter season than any other place." Adrian stated.

"If that is the case then destroying the Winter Tree should enable the northern continent to have some sun." Village Chief Taran stated as she raised her hand, but her statement left the Adrian and the elves in extreme shock.

"That is a very human approach that you can destroy a force of nature itself. Only gods could destroy things such as divine trees but even they would have to sacrifice most of their power to do so. A divine tree is connected to the world itself and is naturally protected by it. Still, destroying a divine tree is not impossible as some of us here know what happened to the Tree of Life back then." Adrian stated.

"They can destroy a divine tree if they have a poisonous substance that is created by a god." Peridot stated.

"Or one can perform a taboo that will result in the destruction of an entire species. A curse so powerful that it could weaken the divine tree and let it slowly die to the point that they can harvest things from it." Adrian stated as he looked at the Frost Elf being handled by Charon.

"Does that mean the Frost Elves did something so taboo that their entire species is now being slowly eradicated? What can they do that a divine tree that they are supposed to protect has cursed all of them?" The wood elf group leader asked.

"That is what our group will find out. The tales of the Frost Elf match the things that they have done as taboo but all of it are tales from before. It is only passed through stories and not through writing which is why the stories might have transformed because of creative personal decisions." Adrian stated.

"Lord Equinox, did you just say your group?" The wood elf group leader asked.

"Yes. All of you have done well and it is now time for you to return to the territory for now. The visit to the other villages will be put on hold as we will not be able to accompany you. All of you deserve to rest seeing that some of you are not yet battle trained." Adrian stated as he could see that some of the wood elves were pushing themselves to do work even if they are still a bit afraid.

"But... I understand. Please call upon us when Envoy Levin Cloud has been rescued and if the village visits will continue." The wood elf group leader stated.

The wood elf group leader wanted to push through as this was supposed to be their chance to prove themselves. This is the work that should have let them gain experience to become masters of their craft. Although the wood elf group leader was disappointed, she knew that the others were putting on a façade that they are still fine. The fear in their eyes could be seen as they would often glance at the direction of the frozen forest.

"You have fought bravely and protected the injured even though all of you were pushed to battle. Do not think that all your efforts were in vain because all of you have saved people from dying." Adrian stated as he pointed to the wood elves to look behind them.

"Thank you!" The warriors of the tribe and even Village Chief Taran gave a salute to all of the wood elves.

"Thank you as well for not dying on us. May life be blessed for all you." The wood elves stated as the fear that crept in their hearts were vanquished by the admiration and sincere hearts of the warriors.

Adrian created a gate for all of the wood elves to enter and return to Avalon. All of them wanted to help more but they understood that they would just drag the others down. They are not powerful warriors of the cold, but they engraved that they will be powerful enough to be absolute pillars of protection.

"Master, I have succeeded in reaching this one's brain." Charon stated as the Frost Elf Scout look like a string puppet, but the strings were chains that controlled his soul.

"How much can you control?" Adrian asked.

"Almost everything but it seems that there is an information in the depths of their soul that even I should not peer through. If I forcefully access that then the soul of this one would have the risk of shattering." Charon stated.

"We still need him intact for now so please hold off in accessing that part. Is the puppet ready for questioning?" Adrian asked.

"Yes, master. He will answer to the best that he can." Charon replied.

"Is this allowed by the Gods of Life and Death?" Frey asked as she could see that the Frost Elf Scout would definitely become catatonic after all of this.

"This is actually forbidden but could be used on some occasions. Since the Frost Elf species committed a taboo regarding the Winter Tree or something related to it, they no longer have the protection of the gods of death. Thanatos would not have backed down if their race was taboo free." Adrian explained.

"Wow. The gods of death are very flexible in their thinking." Frey added as she learned something new.

"Oh! You are very wrong. The Gods of Death are the strictest of them all. They are absolute rule followers, but should you do something that is against the rules then you have an example here." Adrian stated which made Frey shiver as she remembered that the Goddess Freyja has some of her divinity related to death.

"Tell me. Where did you take the Forest Guardian?" Adrian asked the limp Frost Elf Scout.

"Forest Guardian?" The Frost Elf Scout stated as its head suddenly look up as if it was activated.

"Yes. The Forest Guardian." Adrian affirmed.

"Taken... to our... sanctuary." The Frost Elf replied.

"Where is your sanctuary?" Adrian asked.

"Our... sanctuary? It is... where the... Winter Tree is." The Forst Elf Scout added.

"So, the Winter Tree is still alive but why did you take the Forest Guardian?" Adrian asked.

"Need the... Forest... Guardian... as a sacrifice. To cleanse... our curse." The Frost Elf Scout replied which horrified Adrian.