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Chapter 2341: The Winter Tree

The Frost Elves traversed the snowy lands with ease because of their innate trait called Snow Walkers. The Frost Elves could traverse any lands covered with ice and snow quickly and easily. They also do not lose any stamina if they are walking on snow and reduced stamina cost when running in snowy terrain.

They entered a special domain hidden in the depths of the Northern Continent. A place that can only be entered by Frost Elves that have a shard of the Winter Tree. The Frost Elf Leader raised his sword and the barrier that separated the dimension shown itself to them. The dimension veiled in eternal snow appeared before them and the Frost Elves entered with their captives.

"Melt them but make sure that the Forest Guardian must regain some life. He cannot be sacrificed if he is frozen." The Frost Elf Leader stated as the frost elves hidden in the snowy territory emerged.

About three more individuals that bear the same power as the Frost Elf Leader showed up. They were all amazed by the immense radiant life energy that the frozen Levin Cloud had. As if they were all in agreement, the Frost Elf leaders nodded to each other as the start of their era has now come.

"To think that we no longer have to endure using the blood of the impure." One of the Frost Elf Leaders stated as she looked like a mage due to her clothing.

"We are still not sure that this will break the curse. The Eternally Starved One's words cannot be treated as true." The Frost Elf Elder Leader that has a bow behind him stated.

"Whether his words are true or not will only be proven once we have done the ritual." The Frost Elf Leader that held the sword stated.

"The agonizing curse from the winter tree would soon be destroyed as all of it will be transferred to the Forest Guardian. The Winter Tree demands a sacrifice for what we have done but that was necessary for our kind to survive." The Frost Elf Mage Leader stated but that is not what really happened.

The Winter Tree in their view is no longer the pure large tree that looked like a frozen masterpiece. It was now a tree that has been tainted because of the hunger for power that the Frost Elves back then had. The Winter Tree is now a Tree of Death that has been tainted due to the taboo that the Frost Elves had done. They used a forbidden spell that sacrificed the body of the Frost Elemental King to the Winter Tree.

A forbidden spell that was given to them by a distorted god that wanted to descend unto the Northern Continent. In exchange for the descent of the Distorted God, the Frost Elves would become empowered by the Distorted God of Frigid Frost. They would become more powerful than other elves that bowed down to the Faekin.

The Frost Elves or rather the Frost High Elves that led the operation managed to poison the Winter Tree using a poison given by a distorted god. When the Winter Tree was poisoned, the Frost Elemental King that served as its guardian suddenly appeared before them to destroy those that poisoned the Winter Tree. The Frost High Elves were not fully aware of the Frost Elemental King, but they knew that there was a powerful being guarding the Winter Tree.

The Frost High Elves also came prepared to deal with the Frost Elemental King as the Distorted God of Frigid Frost has informed them of the guardian. As soon as the Frost Elemental King appeared before the Frost High Elves, they released flames filled with tainted energy that directly hit and weakened the Frost Elemental King. With the Winter Tree and the Frost Elemental King weakened, the Frost High Elves proceeded to do the forbidden ritual.

The Distorted God of Frigid Frost told the Frost High Elves to sacrifice the energy of both the Winter Tree and the Frost Elemental King to them. As soon as the forbidden spell activated, the energies of the weakened Winter Tree and Frost Elemental King immediately got sent straight to the sky. A world barrier was pierced and a large being with a twisted appeared from the gate and slowly descended.

The Frost Elemental King knew that his own energy was being used to help the distorted god to descend which is why he attempted to destroy himself entirely to stop what was happening. As the Frost Elemental King thought of the most extreme measure, the Winter Tree suddenly conveyed its thoughts to the guardian. Even if the Frost Elemental King destroys himself, the Distorted God will still be able to descend due to the energy of the Winter Tree.

The Winter Tree proposed a different solution which the Frost Elemental King could only accept given the situation that they were in. This solution would prevent the distorted god from descending and also punish the Frost Elves that betrayed them. The only downside to this would be the fact that the northern continent would be a land covered in harsher winters than

ever before. Still, this downside is much better than having a distorted god descend unto the northern continent and let it be destroyed by the said distorted god.

The Frost Elemental King and the Winter Tree used most of their life forces and created a curse that affected the entire Frost Elf species. The Frost Elves were afflicted with the Curse of Eternal Winter. The Frost Elves became more robust when it came to winter, but they also burned when exposed to any form of heat. This curse is also passed down to any frost elf descendant even if they were halfblooded.

When the life force that was supposed to flow towards the distorted god suddenly got transferred to the Frost Elves, the forbidden ritual backfired and killed most of the Frost High Elves that casted it. This also meant that the descent of the distorted god is reversed and a small nail that got cut off when the world barrier is restored is living proof of this. This small nail is now a hill that is inside the special dimension of the Winter Tree.

The Curse of Eternal Winter also has a very nasty effect that the Frost Elves later known. Living beings should always retain heat even if they are now weakened from it. If the Frost Elves embraced the cold to the utmost and their body heat becomes zero, then they will eventually turn into ice sculptures. The Frost Elves themselves will die because all of their body parts will cease to function as no heat can be generated from their bodies.

This is the true effects of the Curse of Eternal Winter that the Winter Tree and the Frost Elemental King used on them. This curse would forever be active as long as the Winter Tree and the Frost Elemental King are alive. The curse would have ended if they were gone but they were alive because of the way they casted the curse. The Winter Tree and the Frost Elemental King fused together which significantly slowed down the drain on their life forces which is being used to keep casting the curse.

The poison that weakened the Winter Tree also became frozen in place because of this which is why the pool of black liquid beneath it could still be seen frozen in time. The Frost High Elves that were proud and numerous in number dropped to just three as some became ice sculptures while some sacrificed themselves to weaken the fused Winter Tree and the Frost Elemental King. The sacrifice of the other Frost High Elves slowed down the effects of the curse which proved useful when the sun shines on the northern continent.

When the number of Frost High Elves dropped to three, they immediately knew they cannot be sacrificed anymore, or their entire species would die without a High Elf leading them. Instead, the Frost High Elves stumbled upon humans possessing the blood of the Frost Elemental King. If they sacrificed humans with the blood of the Frost Elemental King, they would have same effect when a high elf sacrifices themselves but with shortened duration.

The sudden abduction of tribal warriors in the northern continent is proof of this as they could be seen frozen like ice statues around the weakened Winter Tree. One ice statue in particular could be recognized as the first Great Mother of the Northern Continent. The Great Mother Winter was eventually captured which explained her disappearance as the stories about her told that she died in battle.

All of this information flowed inside the head of Levin Cloud as parts of his body has been thawed. He was moved close to the Winter Tree while he was being thawed. This triggered a special ability that Forest Guardians have which is called Memory of the Tree. He learned everything that happened to the Winter Tree and the curse that the frost elves have been afflicted with.

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As soon as Levin Cloud absorbed all of the harsh memories tied to the Winter Tree, he found himself in a peculiar place where the floor is made of ice. The area around him was also different from what he initially saw as there are small huts and a large snow-white tree. He immediately knew that this was a mental scape a place created by the mind, but this was not inside his own.

"You are correct, Mediator of Life." A voice that contained the cold and frigid air stated which made Levin Cloud look at the source.

Before Levin Cloud was a being that took on a humanoid shape, but their body is made of ice and snow. They took on the form of a woman with large snowflakes as her crown. Levin Cloud knew that this was none other than the will of the Winter Tree as her pure white dress had tainted black ink located below her feet.

"You must be the Winter Tree." Levin Cloud stated.

"Yes, Mediator of Life. I am the Winter Tree, and this is my own subconscious world. The only part of me that I can actively control. I might have slowed down the poison, but I can no longer control my body. The Frost Elves have tainted my body with the blood of the Frost Elemental King for so long that I fear the Everlasting Winter may approach." The Winter Tree stated.

"The Everlasting Winter is real?!" Levin Cloud exclaimed in shock.

"It is real as it is tied to my death and rebirth. Upon my death, the Everlasting Winter will cover the northern continent, but my rebirth will transform it anew. This natural phenomenon should

have only happened when you and the champion have attained Demigod status, but the betrayal of the Frost Elves hastened it. I and the Frost Elemental King have been using what we can use in order to delay it even more." The Winter Tree stated.

"Where is the Frost Elemental King? He should also be here as I have seen both of you fuse together." Levin Cloud asked.

"The Frost Elemental King is getting ready to save the souls of those that will be sacrificed just like those that have been sacrificed before. Still, I believe that you will be safe for now as they do not have the ability to easily cast such powerful magic." The Winter Tree stated.

"Wait!!! I am being sacrificed?!" Levin Cloud exclaimed in great shock.

"Yes. This is the reason that you have been captured instead of killed. They will likely use a forbidden spell to control your body and mind. They will then fuse your body to mine as they wanted to control my power. If they gain the power to control me then they can remove the effects of the curse that we used." The Winter Tree stated.

"Great curse by the way. You should have killed all of them if you had the chance but still... good job." Levin Cloud stated as he gave a thumbs up.

"We would have killed them if we could, but the descending distorted god was more of the problem. The best we could do is create a curse that will mess with the forbidden magic siphoning our life force. The curse fortunately activated and is applied to all of the Frost Elves which led to the forbidden magic's activation energy to diminish. Still, the side effects of such curse also became the prison that we are in right now. A body that cannot be controlled which led to the entire northern continent being engulfed in harsher winters." The Winter Tree stated.

"Tell me. Did they also used parts of your body to create weapons or artifacts?" Levin Cloud asked as he remembered that sword being used by the Frost Elf Warrior Leader.

"Unfortunately, they have found a way to craft them using parts of my body that they defiled. They might not have been demigods or gods, but they managed to do it through blood sacrifice. My body should have been impenetrable when it comes to beings that do not have divinity, but I am fused with the Frost Elemental King.

The blood of those that he blessed became a weak point in my own defenses. Almost all of the Frost Elves here are equipped with an accessory that contains a small part of me. The only ones

that have a huge chunk of my essence are the three Frost High Elves that remained. They sacrificed the cherished child of the Frost Elemental King to carve out essential parts of me.

All three of those Frost High Elves forged them into weapons that they use now. Since those three managed to carve out essential parts of me, all of their weapons are powered by my essence. It would have been possible for a demigod to wield them as is, but the Frost High Elves are not beings with divinity. They needed to gather energy from my body through blood sacrifice in order to activate their weapons." The Winter Tree stated.

"I see. This means that their weapons are basically rechargeable as long as they sacrificed people with the blood of the Frost Elemental King. I guess this is the reason why there were some people that are captured with me. They cannot sacrifice me to power up their power relic weapons which is why they needed an alternative. To think that more people will die because of me." Levin Cloud stated as he started to think of things to escape this predicament and save all those that were captured.

"I apologize, Mediator." The Winter Tree stated.

"No need to apologize as this is not a problem that you have created. If the Frost High Elves of the era back, then were sensible and committed then they would not have agreed to a proposal from a distorted god. Do you have any idea that can help me out here?" Levin Cloud stated.

"That is the reason I am apologizing, Mediator of Life. Unfortunately, even I do not have a way to help you. The best I can do is pull you here to my inner subconscious as this is the only part that I can control in my body. The poison of the distorted god has already festered for far too long in my body that parts of me have already succumbed to it and created evil versions of me." The Winter Tree stated.

"This luck of mine really is so bad. There is even an evil side of you that can be released if we do manage to defeat all of the frost elves. If I get sacrificed, then that is basically character deletion which should not happen. I just hope that all of you will find me in time." Levin Cloud muttered as he is trying to see if he could actively move his body as he needs to find a loophole.

"So, the Winter Tree is still alive. Lead the way to the domain." Adrian commanded as the possessed Frost Elf Scout moved like a zombie.

"Will we reach him in time if he moves like that?" Peridot stated in irritation as she really wanted to hurry up.

"He is in a precarious position as I cannot send him any messages even via the messaging system. I think this might be equal to a Continental Quest. I completed this once with the help of the Valkyries and I can feel that this is related to the northern continent. I just hope my instincts are not true as this would elevate the difficulty to a large margin." Frey stated.

"I am more worried about Levin Cloud getting sacrificed. In Pandemonium, a player getting sacrificed means their account will be deleted." Adrian stated as the possessed Frost Elf Scout did tell them that they needed to sacrifice the Forest Guardian.

"Please not that." Peridot stated.

"That is the worse outcome. It would devastate him." Frey stated as she is worried.

"Oh no. She is worried about him crying all month long. If he loses something he cherishes and worked hard for then I will never hear the end of it. Charon, activate all your control as we need to save Levin Cloud now." Adrian stated as the possessed Frost Elf Scout suddenly twisted and contorted to the point that they could hear the bones cracking.

"Lady Frey, I hope to accompany you, but I am afraid I cannot." Village Chief Taran stated as she really wanted to be part of the rescue squad.

"We will manage on our own as this village needs you now more than ever. The number of warriors decreased because they were taken and that means the village's defenses has plummeted. I promise that we will do our best to save those that were captured. Instead, inform all of the other chiefs that the Frost Elves have returned." Frey stated.

"I will. Please take this with you to help you on the way." Village Chief Taran stated as she gave trinkets to all of them.

Chapter 2343: Path of Unrelenting Snow

Item Name: Charm from a Northern Tribe

Item Tier: Rare

Item Type: Trinket (Good)

Item Effects:

- Gives the owner of the trinket the ability to stay a bit warmer even in the northern continent.
- Gives the owner of the trinket a 5% speed boost when traversing the northern continent.
- Gives the owner a buff that reduces stamina consumption by 5% when traversing the northern continent.

Description: A trinket crafted by the people of the northern continent as a way to give thanks to people that have helped them. It is imbued with their belief that friends should always help each other. If given with a friendly heart to others, the positive effects of the charm will activate. If stolen or given with malice, then this will curse the owner of the trinket.

"Thank you very much. We need to be on our way as time is not on our side." Adrian stated as the others also said their farewells.

"Please be careful." Village Chief Taran stated.

"Have gained full control, Charon?" Adrian asked.

"I have gained almost perfect control master. I can make the puppet run and we shall follow." Charon replied as he looked like a puppet master that is controlling the Frost Elf Scout using his chains as strings.

"Lead the way." Adrian commanded as the Frost Elf Scout suddenly sprinted in an abnormally fast speed.

"It is fast. Let us go. Sirius!" Adrian stated as he summoned Sirius as a mount for him and Frey.

Peridot summoned her mount as it actually could equal Sirius' speed when it is clad with lightning. Frey was a bit shy that she is sitting with Adrian, but she knew that her mount is not as fast as Sirius. Vayu and Soleil had no problems traversing the landscape though as the former could easily glide through the winds as he is the storm itself.

"It still amazes me that the old man can fly through the wind without any resistance." Adrian stated.

"Coming from a kid that summons beasts of mass destruction? You really should be amazed by your own feats instead of mine." Vayu stated jokingly.

The Frost Elf Scout that Charon possessed moved incredibly fast in the snow as if it is just normal solid ground. If Adrian were to describe it, then one step from him is equivalent to five to eight steps of the Frost Elf Scout. He also noticed that the cold winds of the northern continent do not impede the Frost Elf Scout.

"Master, it seems the puppet's vital heat is dropping significantly." Charon reported.

As soon as Charon reported the drop of body heat from the Frost Elf Scout, Adrian suddenly looked at the outer parts of the captive's body. The Frost Elf Scout is not losing health but there are layers of frost on his body. Adrian wanted to learn why but Charon suddenly gave him the answers as another weakness of the Frost Elves came to light.

"To think that beings that can easily live here are afraid of losing body heat. Does that not sound contradictory?" Frey stated.

"It does but they are still alive and any beings that have life should have at least some forms of heat in their body. The heat in one's body is basically one of the physical manifestations of their life force. Only undead are beings that do not have the traditional life force as they are dead in a sense." Adrian added.

"Protect him from the effects of the cold, Charon. We cannot have him die on us when we have yet to reach our destination." Adrian stated.

"Master, we are now entering the secret path they use." Charon reported as all of them received a system notification.

[You have found the secret path used by the Frost Elves.]

[You have gained +1 to your Agility stat.]

[You have gained a special achievement from the northern continent.]

[You have gained the special Northern Continent buff: Snow Walker.]

[Snow Walker gives the buff owner the ability to walk through snow easily. This buff can only activate when you are in the northern continent.]

[You have entered the Path of Unrelenting Snow.]

The Path of Unrelenting Snow is a secret path used and created by the first Frost High Elves. It is a special path that can only be traversed when a Frost Elf is part of the group. Even if the Frost Elf in question is being forced against their will, this achievement will also be activated as long as they physically walk inside the path. Levin Cloud did not get this buff as he was frozen solid when his captors used this path.

"Interesting. I cannot see anything around us. The only thing that I can see is snow and one long path." Adrian exclaimed as they sort of entered a special space that can be described as a spatial corridor or bridge.

"Master, we must hurry as we only have five minutes to traverse this path, or we will be frozen like those beings." Charon stated as he pointed at bundles of snow.

Soleil's heat melted through some of the snow to reveal the poor monsters that are frozen in ice. They were trapped here in the Path of Unrelenting Snow because they failed to exit in a small span of time. Adrian also realized that parts of his body is being covered in a thin layer of frost which meant that the space itself is dangerous as it could affect him despite his powerful body that regulates temperature well.

"Let us hurry!" Adrian commanded as they only moved straight without looking back at the numerous ice bundles that are likely poor victims of this place.

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"Do we even have enough power to do the ritual?" The Frost High Elf Warrior Leader asked the Frost High Elf Mage Leader.

"Even with all our captives, it is not enough to do it. Unless you plan on sacrificing some of us then we will need to wait for the snow moon that will appear tonight. That is the only time when the Winter Tree is weakened enough where we can siphon some of its life force to cast the spell. I shall start with the preparation for the mind control of the Forest Guardian. Make sure to not bother me while I am in the mental space." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader stated.

"Make sure that you control the Forest Guardian as he is the only one here. We do not have the luxury of failure because that will also mean the death of all of us. We can no longer hold the curse at bay even with sacrifices as the Winter Tree has already developed a tolerance for the blood of the Frost Elemental King." The Frost High Elf Warrior Leader stated.

"It is not that the tree has gained resistance. The blood of the northern people is no longer as pure as it used to be. This is because all of you hunted down those that were almost half elementals and did not let them repopulate." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader stated as she created a magic circle with her and Levin Cloud inside of it.

Just as the Frost High Elf Mage Leader stated, the purity of the blood running through the people of the northern continent is not longer as powerful as before. When the Frost High Elves learned of the existence of the humans with the blood of the Frost Elemental King and its uses, almost all of the powerful figures were abducted and sacrificed to the Winter Tree. This time is when the Frost Elves even became a strong force in the northern continent.

This is also the source of the legend that they abduct people of the northern continent because all they captured is sacrificed to the Winter Tree. The sacrificial spell managed to weaken the curse that afflicted them to the point that they almost did not feel it. The Frost Elves would have been powerful, but the duration of the sacrificial spell was not long. The duration depended on the blood purity of the sacrificed individual.

When they sacrificed the Great Mother Winter, they earned five years of relief but that was the longest duration ever. The succeeding sacrifices only offered less than that until they could only prolong the relief for a day. The powerful society of the Frost Elves back then crumbled once more as they could not relieve themselves of the effects of the curse.

"Should the sacrifices be insufficient, the other high elves will be enough. As long as I am alive, I can become the king once the other two are eliminated." The Frost High Elf Warrior Leader thought as he walked towards the Winter Tree to recover the power of frost in his blade that he used up earlier.

"I will be queen as I will control the winter tree once I control the Forest Guardian." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader thought as she sat cross legged.

"Only a few more hours and all of it will be mine." The Frost High Elf Ranger Leader thought as he also set his sights on being the king.

Chapter 2344: Hunger for Freedom

[You have exited the Path of Unrelenting Snow in time.]

[You have gained 1% more movement speed when traversing to snowy or icy areas.]

"I did not think that it was that cold." Peridot stated.

"Maybe because you are cold blooded." Adrian stated with Frey cutely pinching him.

"Do not tease her like that." Frey stated as she thought that Adrian was making fun of Peridot.

"Oh! He is right. I am a Ryujin which is technically still a dragon, and we are cold blooded." Peridot replied with a light chuckle.

"Oh! Sorry, I assumed." Frey added.

"I am touched. My bestie is now protecting me. Where have you been when I started this game?!" Peridot stated as she tried to take her mind off destroying the entire mountain that they are now in.

"I think that is enough for now. We entered a mountain suddenly when we exited the Path of Unrelenting Snow. If my sense of direction is correct, then we might be about a hundred kilometers away from the village we were previously." Adrian stated.

"How is that possible?! We only took four minutes to traverse that entire path." Frey added as she did not know this about the northern continent.

"They were probably paths made by the Ancient Frost High Elves when they were the guardians of the Winter Tree and the northern continent. If my guess is correct, there should not have been a way for people to freeze over in the path but that is the result of it being

mismanaged. The Winter Tree might have been the being that created those paths as that kind of power is only possible for divine beings like it." Adrian added as he could feel that the path used a dragon vein to make it work.

"Master, should we continue? We are still about two hours away from the place." Charon asked.

"Do you guys want to rest, or should we push through?" Adrian asked.

"I think we should press on as this situation calls for urgency." Frey replied.

"I agree as I am not just afraid of losing him but the number of warriors they took were a lot. It is clear that they were preparing for something big. The faster that we take action then the better we mitigate the danger that happens." Peridot replied.

"How about you two?" Adrian asked.

"I can still go on! The cold is becoming stronger though as my flames are becoming weaker." Soleil stated as the necessary flame elemental mana in the surroundings is quite thin.

"If my daughter is fine then I am fine as well. Although, I can feel the presence of an Elemental King, but it is incredibly faint. Do you feel anything, Soleil? Vayu stated.

"I cannot. The cold is making my senses fuzzy." Soleil replied.

"Maybe I can sense it more since the wind element here is abundant compared to fire. My daughter is more sensitive than me when it comes to elemental kings. Still, if an elemental king is really involved then we must be prepared. Even we could not defeat one as they are literally forces of nature themselves." Vayu stated.

"I just hope that it does not come to that." Adrian stated but he feels that this situation is becoming more difficult.

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Levin Cloud is trying to think of a way where he could free himself, but his body could not melt the ice binding it. The magic circle beneath his body is also making it difficult for him to move his mana. The Frost High Elf Mage Leader is definitely not a pushover when it comes to magic. She must have lived quite long to perfect magic like this in preparation for this moment.

"You should conserve your energy for the battle to come." A voice different from the Winter Tree suddenly spoke to Levin Cloud.

"Santa?" Levin Cloud suddenly blurted out.

Levin Cloud suddenly saw a large, bodied man that is wearing blue and white overalls. He had a bushy white beard and gentle eyes that could even make a crying toddler behave. He also has this vibe that he is this friendly neighborhood old man that will give you treats.

"Wrong being. We do get mixed up as we almost do look alike." The old man stated with a laugh.

"He is the Frost Elemental King, Levin Cloud." The Winter Tree stated.

"Wait?! So, Santa is real?! Sorry about that. It is nice to meet you, but you do not look like the large frozen being clinging to the Winter Tree though." Levin Cloud stated.

Levin Cloud saw the countless frozen beings near the Winter Tree. Some were the frost elves, some were the humans, some monsters, but there was a being that looked large and out of place. The being looked like a narwhal and Levin Cloud concluded that this might be the Frost Elemental King as his mere frozen body shook the elements.

"That is my true form but being that large is not really a good thing in here. I need to conserve as much energy as possible as we are also fighting against the corruption." The Frost Elemental King stated.

"The Winter Tree told me that the corruption is being held at bay though." Levin Cloud stated.

"It is being held back but by the proud warriors of ice and snow that have been sacrificed through the ages." The Frost Elemental King stated as numerous figures suddenly appeared behind him that are of different walks of life that lived in the northern continent.

"Why are they suddenly appearing now?" Levin Cloud stated as he suddenly felt an ominous vibe.

"It seems that we have underestimated the Frost Elves. They have allied with another dangerous being." The Winter Tree stated.

"What do you mean?" Levin Cloud asked with great anxiety.

"The being that allied with the Frost Elves have activated something primal within not just us but also the contamination that we are keeping at bay." The Frost Elemental King explained.

"When we created the spell that cursed the Frost Elves, we unknowingly cursed the contamination as well. What we did not expect is that the contamination is alive, but I should have known since it was taken from a dark god." The Winter Tree stated.

"Please tell me that this is not our last bastion." Levin Cloud stated but the Winter Tree and the Frost Elemental King could only smile wryly.

[You are in the presence of the Primordial Beast of Gluttony.]

"A beast since olden time has come and is stirring the contamination. It has managed to use the souls of the other Frost Elves as well. We are getting pushed back as the contamination now has more intelligent troops compared to before." The Winter Tree stated as a loud bang could be heard from the area they are in.

"They have reached this place already?!" The Frost Elemental King exclaimed as he thought that it would take longer.

"Please take this, Levin Cloud." The Winter Tree stated as it gave a frozen seed to Levin Cloud.

[You have obtained a Special Seasonal Seed from the Winter Tree.]

"What am I going to do with this?" Levin Cloud asked.

"Protect it for me as the people of the north will need it. It seems that it is time for me to perish despite it not being the prophesized date." The Winter Tree stated as the ice walls finally got destroyed to reveal grotesque tar looking beings that took the form of Frost Elves.

"Wait! My friends will surely come. Maybe you can hold on." Levin Cloud exclaimed as he knew the consequences to the northern continent if the Winter Tree dies early.

"I know it selfish, but we are left with no choice. We must not be tainted, and you must not replace us. This will be our last gift to you. Thank you for the stories that you shared with me... with us." The Winter Tree stated as the beings behind Levin Cloud thanked him as well.

It seems that the beings behind him were all connected to the Winter Tree as their souls fused with it when they were sacrificed. The fact that their descendants are flourishing is all that they need. They bowed their heads to Levin Cloud as a sign of gratitude as what people of the northern continent do.

"Please take this as well. I know that you can deliver this to Alfheim." The Frost Elemental King stated as he gave Levin Cloud a snowflake crystal.

[You have obtained the Legacy of the Frost Elemental King.]

"Use this to find my successor." The Frost Elemental King stated.

"You will need to go now as you should not be here anymore." The Winter Tree stated as it woke him up.

The last thing that Levin Cloud saw are the souls of the warriors that were sacrificed charging towards the army of contaminated beings. He woke up and saw the Frost High Elf Mage Leader activating a spell while a very skinny individual seems to be controlling the contamination.

Chapter 2345: Gluttony

Levin Cloud got sent out of the subconscious realm hosted by the Winter Tree and the Frost Elemental King. He already knew that they were planning to end all things here as the being that is stirring up the contamination below the Winter Tree is trying to weaken them. A human that looked incredibly skinny with clothes that looked like he is a eunuch from the eastern continent.

"What is taking so long, Eternally Starving One?" The Frost High Elf Mage Leader asked as she was waiting for the moment the Winter Tree has fully weakened to activate the magic circle that swaps Levin Cloud's body in it as a control mechanism.

"There is fierce resistance to my powers, elf. This is still a divine tree we are dealing with and any type of interference from beings that are not divine themselves is difficult." The Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated even though the real reason is that he has weakened and has to focus more in using his own powers.

"Levin Cloud, prepare yourself for the cold." A voice suddenly filled the head of Levin Cloud.

"Hey, you! What are you trying to do to me!?" Levin Cloud shouted as he could speak but his upper and lower body is frozen.

"Oh! To think that the foolish Forest Guardian has awakened. Telling you will not do anything as you do not need to know what is happening. Just know that your sacrifice will be the thing that saves the Frost Elf species. Be a good ancestor and sacrifice for your descendants." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader stated as she laughed.

"Is that so? All of you abandoned your duties to protect the Winter Tree because of your stupid hunger for power. If all of you tended to your duties, then power would naturally come to you." Levin Cloud stated as he could feel the cold energy of the Winter Tree slowly creeping from behind him.

"What does a Faekin know?! You are the chosen race that can live for eternity and gather power! Unlike us that only live for a minuscule amount of time compared to all of you. All of you are beings that could easily share your power to us but all of you just watch us from afar because you know our lives are definite." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader exclaimed.

"That is exactly the reason why all of you elves cannot live for eternity. Despite living longer than other races, you crave for what races that are longer lived than you have. It seems that protecting the Winter Tree has clouded all of your minds and forgotten that your purpose was to guard it to protect life." Levin Cloud answered.

"Protect the Winter Tree when it cursed us to forever be in these cold lands. How can we protect something that has already abandoned us. Even we cannot produce children because of the curse that even chills our ability to reproduce." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader stated with rage.

"All that rage and you all know the reason for it. You are just mad that you cannot do what you wanted. All of you wished that the ritual was successful and that the distorted god descends. All of you have brought this curse upon your species." Levin Cloud stated and the Frost High Elf Mage Leader smiled like a madwoman.

"Oh! It seems that you have conversed with the Winter Tree seeing that you knew of the deal with the distorted god. I would have used the pitiful conditions of our race to allure you into helping us but that seems to have been crushed by the Winter Tree. Still, the fact that you know of this means that you have conversed and met the Winter Tree is a good thing. It means that you will be perfect to replace them once this ritual is over." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader exclaimed in glee.

"This ritual will not succeed though. All of you did not account for one thing." Levin Cloud stated.

"Your empty ramblings will not save you from the fate that awaits you." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader stated in confidence.

"I am not rambling about empty things though. All of you have been cursed for too long that you have also forgotten that the Winter Tree is also a living being. Divine in a sense but it also lives in the mortal realm alongside us. The fact that it has not been tended for quite a long time means that it is ready to die." Levin Cloud stated as the Primordial Beast of Gluttony that was controlling the contamination suddenly charged towards Levin Cloud.

"What did you do?!" The Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated.

"Careful! We need him alive for what is about to come next." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader shouted as she used a spell to protect Levin Cloud from being hit by the Primordial Beast of Gluttony.

"I did not do anything." Levin Cloud answered truthfully.

"You have done something! The contamination! The hunger it feels cannot be controlled by me because it is replaced by another primal emotion!" The Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated.

"What do you mean you cannot control it!? How are we going to weaken it when you cannot do this simple thing! We had a deal that you must adhere to!" The Frost High Elf Mage Leader stated as the two other Frost High Elves seems to have caught wind of the commotion.

"What is happening?" The Frost High Elf Warrior Leader asked.

"Something is happening to the Winter Tree." The Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated.

"Levin Cloud, it is time. May you help these lands for the upcoming winter that is to come." The Winter Tree stated as it suddenly used every ounce of life force that it had.

"I hope all of you likes the cold." Levin Cloud stated as he smiled but the scene behind him elicited horror to those that could see it.

The Winter Tree that just looked like a tree made of ice suddenly shined bright. It is not just the Winter Tree but also the ice sculptures that were beside it. The Frost High Elves felt it in their bodies as the curse of the Winter Tree heightened that they had to kneel on the snow. The Primordial Beast of Gluttony seemed to have an idea of what is happening which is why it called upon the beasts that it controls to fetch it, but it was too late.

A powerful flash of white light exploded as the Winter Tree turned into a powerful frozen shockwave that covered the entire landscape around it in ice. This explosion of power is also not just felt in the area near it, but the entire northern continent felt this energy. The shockwave from the death of the Winter Tree was not the end as this only started or marked a new era for the northern continent.

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Notifications about the northern continent suddenly started to pile up as numerous calamities and emerging dangers started to sprout up. It seems that the Winter Tree did not only reduce the effects of the cold, but it was also responsible for holding back the fierce monsters of old that were sealed in the northern continent. It is not just the monsters that were released but also the fierce cold winds of the northern continent doubled in power.

"Crap! You did not tell me about the sealed primordial beast." Levin Cloud thought as he was frozen in ice alongside all of the beings that were in the area where the Winter Tree exploded.

The entire Frost Elf village became covered in ice as if they are an ice sculpture. The Primordial Beast of Gluttony was even caught up in it but the frozen being suddenly opened his eyes. The Primordial Beast of Gluttony suddenly used up some of the energy it has on its body to create a powerful heat that melted the ice that froze it. It took about ten minutes, but the Primordial Beast of Gluttony managed to create enough heat to save itself.

"This plan is already a failure! I was supposed to eat up all their hunger for myself. Even the energy of that distorted god lost purpose when the Winter Tree destroyed itself! Maybe I can at least take the core of the tree as it might be there!" The Primordial Beast of Gluttony muttered as it went to the center of the village where the Winter Tree was before, but he found nothing.

"Nothing!" The Primordial Beast of Gluttony shouted as his body started to shiver because of the cold.

"I used up my precious energy, yet I get nothing in return! I should at least take this as my collection before going." The Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated as he created a dark orb of contaminated energy from the poison that hurt the Winter Tree.

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"Useless ants." The Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated as he gathered the contaminated power of the distorted god that also absorbed some of the Winter Tree's energy.

The contaminated energy formed into a dark orb that the Primordial Beast of Gluttony fashioned into a small ring that fitted his fingers. The hands of the Primordial Beast of Gluttony did not just have one ring but two already with one of them having the essence of frost. It seems that the Primordial Beast of Gluttony already collected something from the northern continent due to being here for too long.

"I already have three essential energy types that I need. Only two more to go before my plan can come to fruition. Still, I must bring something to appease those fools that dared to trap me

in this body." The Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated as he took two shards from the destroyed Winter Tree.

"One for me and one for them. Oh! How I want everything to be mine, but I must endure for now as everything will be swallowed up by me in the end." The Primordial Beast of Gluttony muttered to himself as he looked at the frozen beings around him and sneered.

The Primordial Beast of Gluttony immediately left as soon as he took what he needed from the area. He did not need the assistance of the Frost Elves, but he cooperated with them because he thought his plan would move in an easier pace. What the Primordial Beast of Gluttony did not expect is that the Frost Elves would fail spectacularly, and the energy of the Winter Tree dispersed without him even getting much of it.

[Your body has resonated with the Special Seasonal Seed from the Winter Tree due to being frozen in its raw spiritual energy.]

[You have absorbed the Special Seasonal Seed from the Winter Tree.]

[You have gained the special trait Forest Guardian: Winter.]

[You are now immune to cold weather.]

[Your Ice Elemental Resistance has been increased by 50%.]

[Your attacks now have an added bonus of dealing 10% ice elemental damage.]

Levin Cloud suddenly felt his body move as parts of his vine and leafy hair suddenly looked like a layer of frost is now covering them. The ice that he thought that will trap him forever until someone rescued him suddenly felt like water. Levin Cloud transformed his body into vines and suddenly shot up from the ice-covered area.

"What just happened?!" Levin Cloud stated as he did not expect that he would absorb something so precious.

Levin Cloud did not want to absorb the Special Seasonal Seed from the Winter Tree because he thought that this was needed in order to create another winter tree should the previous one died.

The area around him is also experiencing an intense snowstorm that snow is starting to pile up. Levin Cloud looked at the changes of his body and noticed the frozen highlights that he has.

"Why am I not feeling cold?!" Levin Cloud suddenly muttered as he would experience frostbite when he is in cold places, but he did not.

He would usually lose health from staying in areas of ice and snow but would naturally survive due to his innate regeneration. This was the first time he experienced that his health did not drop because there were no negative effects from being in a cold region. His body that only operated at 50% capacity in the northern continent no longer had any problem as he now feels like the northern continent is his home.

"I should escape from here while I still can." Levin Cloud stated as he walked towards what he thinks is the exit.

Levin Cloud did not even bother looking back at the Frost Elves that were now encased in ice. He knows that they might have already died as being frozen for a Frost Elf is a death sentence. They might no longer be affected by the curse as much but that does not mean their bodies suddenly returned to their prime.

"The only ones that have life forces are the Frost High Elves anyways and even that is dwindling away. I really should thank all of those that sacrificed themselves." Levin Cloud stated as he pushed forward.

Levin Cloud turned back and deduced that the Frost Elves are effectively wiped out. He did not notice that the Frost High Elves that he thought were dying due to life force depletion are still holding their special weapons crafted from parts of the Winter Tree. The will to live of the Frost High Elves started to shine as their clinginess to life resonated with their weapons.

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Adrian and the others were nearing the frost elf settlement when notifications suddenly popped up. The notifications were not the only thing that happened as a powerful blast of pure ice elemental energy suddenly engulfed the entire area that they were in. Adrian immediately told everyone to huddle up as he summoned Kanlaon while another unexpected helper came out as well.

Yuki suddenly came out from Sirius' shadow and positioned herself in front of the group. She suddenly absorbed the initial impact of the wave of pure ice elemental energy. Yuki tried her best but even she cannot do it alone. She pushed herself enough to create an opportunity for her though as her tails suddenly increased to five.

"Kanlaon, help her while also protecting us from the cold." Adrian commanded as Kanlaon nodded.

"I will also protect us! Regu-chan! Kitsu-chan!" Soleil shouted as she created a flaming barrier around the group.

Kanlaon boosted both Yuki and Soleil with ease as he could control both ice and fire at the same time. His unique nature made the manipulation of elements come easily but that does not mean they are in a situation where they could take it easy.

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Adrian and Peridot had to provide support as well since all those that defended them against the powerful cold energy were having a difficult time. Adrian shifted to his Aetheros Form to give all of them the buff that restored energy and increasing their natural abilities. Peridot had to cast Legendary tier support spells to make sure that Yuki, Kanlaon, and Soleil will hold on.

"Is it over?" Frey asked as she noticed that the others were no longer using mana.

"Somehow, we managed to hold on but look at the area around us." Vayu stated as he pointed out that everything around them was frozen in ice.

"Everything is encased in ice! There is not even a trace of snow." Soleil exclaimed as she dislikes places like these where everything is ice since she gets weakened.

"Look over there!" Adrian stated as he pointed to the Frost Elf Settlement that is now a land made of ice.

"Let us hurry! He might be alive as his name in the guild list is not grayed out! He might need our help!" Peridot shouted as she suddenly summoned her mount and charged towards the Frost Elf settlement.

"Wait! It might be dangerous!" Frey stated but she understood that Peridot's emotion might have exploded at this moment.

"Let us quickly follow her." Adrian stated as he let Kanlaon bring Vayu and Soleil along while he and Frey are still riding Sirius.

The others could only agree as they were also worried as well. Adrian himself wanted to suddenly charge towards the settlement, but Peridot's explosion of emotion managed to make him compose himself. They quickly followed and entered the settlement where they saw the sight of Frost Elves running away in terror but are frozen in place.

"Where is he?!" Peridot asked as she crushed an odd stone to release a wave of mana that is similar to sonar.

"Follow me." Adrian stated as he saw a spirit of a woman that looked like Village Chief Taran but slender in body type.

The spirit pointed them towards a direction where there was a large gate covered in ice. Adrian summoned Charon to try and pass through the ice, but he is shocked that the undead could not. Charon then told Adrian that the ice is basically solidified pure mana and undead will not be able to easily phase through it.

"I can hear clashing inside of the cave. Kanlaon, melt the ice with an enhanced flame dragon breath" Adrian stated.

Kanlaon then used his dragon bead to conjure up a powerful magic circle that has the fire element embedded on it. As Kanlaon released his breath attack, the ice that covered the large gate slowly melted but it was not at a speed he wanted. Seeing that Kanlaon cannot handle it alone, Soleil and Peridot helped as well.

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Levin Cloud walked towards the entrance of the settlement but then remembered that there were warriors captured with him. He thought that they were already sacrificed or something, but he did not see their frozen bodies anywhere. He wanted to try and search for them as they might still be alive, but he did not notice anymore life signatures from the places he passed through.

"Where are they?" Levin Cloud muttered as a cold wind suddenly blew on his face in an aggressive manner where it made his head look at the direction of a large metal door covered in ice.

Levin Cloud noticed that there was a two feet opening on the metal door as it was damaged. The door might be covered in ice but that does not mean he cannot enter it because he now has a special ability to pass through ice. He transformed himself into vines and entered through that small opening.

When Levin Cloud reformed his body, he could see that this place was cold but not as cold as the outside. He looked back and saw that the door is also frozen from this side with a thick layer of ice. He now wondered if he could transport the life signatures he could detect from down there.

"I will worry about that later as saving them should be priority as they might have been harmed when they were placed here." Levin Cloud muttered to himself as he went deeper.

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"Why is ice so durable!" Peridot exclaimed in anger.

"I am sorry that I cannot help much. I am not as powerful here." Soleil stated as she could feel that her stamina is draining faster while not having the same power as when she is in a normal climate.

"You should not apologize, Soleil. This place is not suitable for you. Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. We can take it one step at a time since we do not have any enemy." Peridot stated as she told herself to control what she says as it might affect the young Soleil that is already uncomfortable in this climate.

"Can you teleport us to the other side?" Frey asked.

"I also agree with what the young lass asked." Vayu added.

"I would but I do not know what is on the other side. If I teleport us inside a glacier then it would be game over for us." Adrian stated as he wanted visual on the other side as he did not want to cause any accidents.

"All we can do is wait for them to melt it then." Vayu stated but the cold climate itself is cooling down the flames they are creating.

Frey, Vayu, and Adrian suddenly noticed the sharp killing intent aimed at them. Vayu immediately jumped in front of them and swung his katana to create a tornado. The tornado then blocked the incoming frost arrows directed at them. Kanlaon, Soleil, and Peridot were alarmed and were about to stop when Adrian called out to them.

"Do not stop or else the ice will return to the thickness it was earlier. We are dealing with magical ice not the normal one. We will deal with the three beings approaching us." Adrian stated.

Chapter 2348: Frost High Elves II

The Three Frost High Elves that were frozen in ice are finally freed from their prison. The weapons that have the bark of the Winter Tree finally resonated deeply with them and unleashed them from the ice. The three Frost High Elves immediately saw what happened to their people and could only lament that they were now the only three of the Frost Elves remaining.

"Revenge!" The Frost High Elf Warrior Leader shouted but he did not know who to direct this to as the Winter Tree is no more.

"There are still effects of the curse on our bodies, but I can also feel the essence of the Winter Tree from faraway. How is this possible?!" The Frost High Elf Mage Leader stated in confusion as there was still a very small effect from the curse they are afflicted with.

"The Forest Guardian! He is gone!" The Frost High Elf Ranger Leader exclaimed as he immediately went to check on Levin Cloud.

The area where Levin Cloud should have been frozen is now hollow which means that he escaped while they were still frozen. The three Frost High Elves could only think of one thing when they saw that the Forest Guardian they abducted is no longer in place. A Forest Guardian should not have the ability to free themselves from the icy shackles when even they were frozen.

"The Winter Tree planned all of this from the beginning. It must have given a blessing to the Forest Guardian when its life was at its end. It could have given that Forest Guardian the ability to move through ice and snow momentarily." The Frost High Elf Warrior Leader stated.

"The contamination is also gone along with the Eternally Starving One. It seems that he escaped when he somewhat got what he needed while leaving us frozen and dying." The Frost High Elf Mage Leader stated as she pointed out that the contaminated energy, they used to weaken the Winter Tree is no longer present in the area.

They knew that the contaminated energy would have eaten through any organic matter should the Winter Tree be devoured or destroyed. The contaminated energy should have been present in the area as even the explosion of the Winter Tree cannot truly eradicate it. The Frost High Elves made a deal with the Primordial Beast of Gluttony regarding that same contaminated energy.

The deal was that the Primordial Beast of Gluttony will get the contaminated energy in exchange for heavily weakening the Winter Tree. The contaminated energy was stuck to the Winter Tree because of what the Frost High Elves did. The Frost High Elves had the ability to take it away using a relic that they have but they opted not to as they are still cursed by the Winter Tree.

The ideal scenario for the Frost High Elves is that the contaminated energy weakens the Winter Tree and then they replace the will of the Winter Tree with the Forest Guardian that they have captured. Once they could control the new Winter Tree then they would use the relic left by the distorted god to absorb the contaminated energy back. This was the plan they have concocted but everything is now in shambles.

The Frost High Elves did not think that the Winter Tree would forcefully destroy itself and unleash calamities in the northern continent, but it did. The fact that the Winter Tree thought that having the northern continent deal with the calamities it sealed is much better than it being controlled by the Frost High Elves made the latter group offended. What they did know was that the Winter Tree was already dying, and it could only last for about ten years or so. It only decided to end its life when it came in contact with Levin Cloud.

In a way, the Frost High Elves unknowingly made the Winter Tree hasten its plans by bringing in a Forest Guardian that is the Envoy of the Twin Gods. The Frost High Elves did not even know that they brought the Envoy of the Twin Gods right into their settlement as they have been isolated from the world. They are also not demigod level beings that can detect divine energy as they are merely using weapons that can use divine energy via unknown ways.

"What should we do next?" The Frost High Elf Ranger asked and all three of them looked at each other with a complicated expression.

The Frost High Elves wanted to betray each other when they get released from the curse to rule over the Frost Elves, but their species is now on the brink of extinction. All the Frost Elves in the village are now essentially dead as they were now frozen in ice. The heat that they barely produce in their bodies were all extinguished as soon as their settlement became a frozen wasteland.

"Track the Forest Guardian. We must get revenge for what has happened to our brethren. He must have done something to edge the Winter Tree into destroying itself." The Frost High Elf Warrior stated as he wanted to direct his anger elsewhere and not his fellow Frost High Elves as they are all that remain.

"I believe we should focus on rebuilding. We are now essentially free from the harsh curse as the effects are gradually fading from our bodies. A year or two would be enough for us to be fully get rid of it. The most important thing that we need to do now is produce more of us." The Frost High Elf Mage stated as she believed restoring their species is paramount.

"Wait! Did you feel that presence!" The Frost High Elf Ranger suddenly interjected as the two other Frost High Elves were looking at him since he needed to make a decision.

"Elementals! There are elementals in our settlement!" The Frost High Elf Ranger suddenly exclaimed.

"I can feel it too. Why are there elementals suddenly arriving in our settlement?" The Frost High Elf Warrior suddenly asked.

"It might be companions of that Forest Guardian. They might also be looking for him as you have reported that there is even a Dragonkin among them." The Frost High Elf Mage stated.

"I believe we capture them and consume the essence of the elementals." The Frost High Elf Ranger stated as this is what he wanted.

"I also agree." The Frost High Elf Warrior agreed.

"What about you?" The Frost High Elf Warrior and the Frost High Elf Ranger asked.

"There are two of them in the settlement. I want the essence that can increase my magic. If you agree then I shall accompany you in this attack." The Frost High Elf Mage stated as their taboo physiques will become stronger should they consume the essence of an elemental.

"I can agree to that as you will be more useful if you are powerful should we need to traverse the continent." The Frost High Elf Warrior stated immediately.

"If he accepts then I shall accept as well." The Frost High Elf Ranger added which brought a smile to the Frost High Elf Mage.

The bodies of the Frost High Elves were all transformed into a Taboo Physique known as Devouring Elemental Bodies. This is due to the fact that they forcefully consumed stolen essences of the Frost Elemental King. An elemental king should give their blessing to a being should they give a part of their essence to them. If anyone were to do this without permission, then they will be affected by the Law of Causality that curses them in a way.

The curse the Frost Elves were given was their Taboo Physique: Devouring Elemental Bodies. It is a curse that basically makes their body crave the essences of elementals as this will be the only thing that will give sustenance to them. This is the reason why they captured people from the northern continent with the blood of the Frost Elemental King as their blood is the only thing that could give them what their bodies need.

One would say that they only need to capture an elemental and demand essences from them but there is a unique effect their bodies have. The Taboo Physique: Devouring Elemental Bodies release an unpleasant scent or energy signature in the area that warns elementals that there is someone with this body. This is also the reason why there are no elementals in the northern continent, or they basically avoid this continent altogether.

Vayu and Soleil could feel this unpleasant feeling, but they ignored it since they know that Levin Cloud needs their help. They did tell the group that they could feel eerie beings coming towards them which is why Adrian was already alerted prior to the attack earlier. In fact,

Adrian had Sirius scout ahead to make sure they are not attacked but it seems that enemies are always present when you think you are safe.

"I do not suppose that all three of you will just be on your way?" Adrian asked but the Frost High Elves started their assault.

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"Intruders! You shall be captured and made our slaves!" The Frost High Elf Warrior stated as he pointed his sword towards Adrian and the others.

"Blizzard!" The Frost High Elf Mage shouted as she immediately used a spell to attack all of them.

Adrian shifted to his mirror demon form as he already changed into it as soon as the enemy showed themselves. He created a mirror big enough to cover their front and it absorbed the powerful Blizzard spell until the mirror itself froze. Adrian then created a mirror next to the Frost High Elves which released the same spell that the Frost High Elf Mage used against them.

"Frost Barrier!" The Frost High Elf Mage shouted as she immediately created a barrier to protect her remaining allies.

"How about this... I have a proposition. All of you can go on your way and we will think that you did not exist here anymore. I know that all three of you are the only ones remaining when it comes to your species. I can see the souls of your brethren crying for all three of you to escape. So, what will it be?" Adrian stated as he heard the wishes of the dead frost elves around him before they went to the afterlife.

"Reprieve." The souls of the frost elves stated as they appeared before Adrian when the initial attacks of the Frost High Elves were blocked by Vayu.

"How can we trust you when you have the same power as the Winter Tree that has cursed our brethren!" The Frost High Elf Warrior stated.

"Do not delude yourselves as victims when I already know the truth from your fallen brethren." Adrian stated as some of the deceased frost elves already told them the story.

The Frost Elves told Adrian a summary of what happened. While the Frost elves know that they were just following the orders of the Frost High Elves, they are also in the wrong because they did not even try to stop them. The Frost Elves did not stop their leaders in poisoning the Winter Tree or even stop their betrayal when it happened. As such, the deceased frost elves begged Adrian to spare the remaining Frost High Elves as they are the only remaining of their species.

"It seems that even the deceased cannot keep a secret. There must be a reason why they easily died." The Frost High Elf Mage stated as she looked like she was irritated at the fact that their enemy has knowledge of their history.

"Despicable! Instead of mourning for the dead, you even insulted them when they want the three of you to live on." Frey added.

"A Valkyrie dares to tell us what to do?! When your kind arrived here in the north, your kind led the assault on our kingdom which resulted in its downfall!" The Frost High Elf Ranger stated even though that was not really the main cause.

The Valkyries did help the people of the northern continent against the oppression of the Frost Elves back then as they hunted people with the blood of the Frost Elemental King. The Valkyries only fought to protect back then and did not even lead an advance army because the Frost Elves themselves started to die out. The long years of them losing the essential energy to fuel their bodies cursed with the taboo has weakened them greatly.

"Since none of you wants to live on, I will gladly send all of you to the afterlife." Adrian stated as he smiled in a sinister fashion as he could see the pile of grudges weighing on each of the three Frost High Elves and there were enough to send them to the deepest parts of the afterlife. The deepest parts where the heaviest sinners are sent to be tortured for what seems like a millennium.

"It is all of you that will be our nourishment!" The Frost High Elves stated as they smelled the energy surging in Adrian's body, and it was the same thing that the Eternally Starving One had.

The Frost High Elves first learned of the Eternally Starving One or the Primordial Beast of Gluttony when they raided his encampment in the northern continent. They managed to at least scratch the Eternally Starving One and they smelled the pure energy in his blood. They attempted to capture the Primordial Beast of Gluttony, but they were badly beaten in the end.

The Frost High Elves thought that they would be able to defeat the Primordial Beast of Gluttony, but they are the ones defeated in the end. They were ready to accept death when the Primordial Beast of Gluttony offered them partnership as he needed monsters to control. It was the Frost High Elves that rounded up monsters in the northern continent and presented them to the Primordial Beast of Gluttony.

When the Frost High Elves delivered lots of beasts to the Primordial Beast of Gluttony, it was only then they were released from his control. The Frost High Elves then plotted to use the large desire of the Primordial Beast of Gluttony to their advantage. They proposed the plan to destroy the ego of the Winter Tree to the Primordial Beast of Gluttony but they needed a Forest Guardian first. They were rather lucky that they found Levin Cloud in under a week since the proposal of the alliance.

"So, which one will you guys take?" Adrian asked Frey and Vayu.

"I shall take care of the warrior as I cannot deal with a mage that has an elemental terrain advantage." Frey stated.

"I will deal with the ranger as his arrows pose no threat to me." Vayu replied.

"I guess I will deal with the mage since none of you want to fight her." Adrian stated.

"Such arrogance! Do you really think that all of you will be able to defeat us?!" The Frost High Elf Ranger stated as he knew that their teamwork is incredibly solid as High Elves train with one another.

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"Since that is settled, off we go to our battlefields." Adrian stated as he suddenly conjured up five mirrors.

The Frost High Elf Ranger was midway through his derogatory words when he vanished. Vayu stepped inside the mirror that was right next to him and vanished as well. The Frost High Elf Warrior managed to destroy the first mirror that attempted to swallow him, but Adrian just conjured one beneath his feet. The Frost High Elf Warrior fell through this mirror and is sent to another location. Frey entered the mirror that was created for her as she already knew what will happen next.

The only one that was not affected by Adrian's forceful teleportation is the Frost High Elf Mage as she actually released a spell that froze everything around her which even affected magically

conjured things. This made Adrian a bit excited fighting her as he could smell the strength of his opponent that will not leave him disappointed. The Frost High Elf Mage, however, looked worried as she could barely sense the subtle movement of mana that created those mirror portals.

"Well, it looks like this will be our battlefield then." Adrian exclaimed with a crazed smile on his face as his battle junkie personality is starting to come out. This is due to the fact that there have barely been any battles where he could enjoy to the fullest. The Frost High Elf Mage did not know that the chill she felt was not from the cold but from her instinct telling her the danger that is now coming her way.

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The Frost High Elf Ranger suddenly fell on his face on the snow as he was not even able to react from getting teleported. He immediately sharpened his senses and surveyed the area he was on and found out that it was still in the area near the village, but it was not full of trees. Rangers like him have more of an advantage in areas filled with difficult terrain like forests, but he was sent in an open area that is filled with only ice and snow.

"Of course, why would they send me in a place where I have an advantage?! It seems the stories about the cunningness of demons are true." The Frost High Elf Ranger stated as he suddenly raised his bow.

The clash of steel and enchanted wood produced a clear chime effect as Vayu's katana was blocked by the bow of the Frost High Elf Ranger. Vayu was aiming for the neck of the Frost High Elf Ranger, but it seems his opponent is not as weak as he thought. Despite having the element of surprise on his side, Vayu was unable to get a clear advantage against the Frost High Elf Ranger.

"That was close!" The Frost High Elf Ranger stated as he performed a kick towards Vayu which the latter dodged but this made it possible for the former to gain some distance.

"It seems that you are not all bark." Vayu stated.

"It seems that it is my lucky day! To think that I will face an elemental!" The Frost High Elf Ranger stated as he looked at Vayu like he is prey.

"Half Elemental. I am not a complete elemental." Vayu stated calmly as he put his katana back in his sheathe.

"Do not joke with me, elemental! I know one when I see one and you have as much energy as a High Elemental! Also, Half Elementals are a cursed species that cannot survive because of the taboo. Did you honestly think that we did not try to become half elementals in order to destroy the curse placed on us?" The Frost High Elf Ranger stated as he seems to believe that there are no real Half Elementals.

"Just because you elves are not able to become one does not mean that it is impossible for others. There is a reason why Frost Elves such as yourselves cannot become one. The blood of the Faekin already runs in your veins which means another being with natural energy cannot enter at will. Faekin might live and be in a partnership with us elementals, but they cannot combine." Vayu stated as this was told by the Elemental Kings himself.

The elemental kings told him this when he asked which race the best combination is to produce a half elemental. All the Elemental Kings answered that humans are the best as their blood is more malleable and very synergistic. Races that have natural energy running in their veins like elves cannot do so as the Faekin blood will not allow the energy of an elemental to take over.

"Hah! So, that is why all of those that tried fail and get afflicted with a terrifying curse." The Frost High Elf Ranger stated as he smiled.

The Frost High Elf Ranger did not just talk to Vayu because he wanted to know but because he was busy setting up. In fact, the Frost High Elf Ranger that seems to be talking is a Snow Clone that he created. The real Frost High Elf Ranger is invisible and creating traps around Vayu. The Frost High Elf Ranger is planning to capture Vayu as he would be essential for his survival due to the former's taboo body.

"Are you done?" Vayu asked which made the Snow Clone of the Frost High Elf Ranger laugh.

"It seems you already knew." The Snow Clone of the Frost High Elf Ranger stated.

"I merely gave you time out of respect for a warrior whose entire brethren had been killed." Vayu stated.

"Respect? You, who suddenly tried to slice my neck as soon as you arrived?" The Frost High Elf Ranger stated as the Snow Clone finally turned to snow with the real one behind Vayu and already pulling his bowstring.

"I acted that way because I wanted it to be painless for you given your circumstances. I thought that I should painlessly send you to the afterlife." Vayu stated as he gripped his katana and vanished from his location.