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Chapter 2421: Hunt For Gluttony I

The Primordial Beast of Gluttony has situated itself in the heart of the northern continent. It has managed to incite all of the beasts in the northern continent using its power. All of the monsters in the northern continent have become more active as a result. This made all of the settlements in the northern continent become dangerous as the monsters will ravage them if they show a moment's weakness.

The monsters became more aggressive as a result of their hunger becoming its peak. The monsters would even eat anything they can get their mouth on. The carnivorous monsters became omnivores, and the herbivorous monsters became carnivores as a result. The northern continent is not a place where food is always present and the viable option for most of them is preservation.

The problem is that the monsters would eat everything even the food that they had some aversion to. This left some villages in a deficit for food even if they have strong warriors. It is not just mindless monsters that steal and eat everything but also the intelligent ones. In fact, the intelligent monsters are the ones that pose more danger as they will sneak inside the food storages and empty it.

The Primordial Beast of Gluttony has empowered all of the beasts in the northern continent, and it has gained tremendous power as a result. One would think that the Primordial Beast of Gluttony will target the places where food is abundant, but it is clever in doing the opposite. The Primordial Beast of Gluttony always gets its needed energy in areas abundant with food and items as all beings there can always get it.

"Even if they pretend to think that they do not have abundance, they always have more and more than normal. This is why I have grown stronger compared to my other siblings." The Primordial Beast of Gluttony thought as it could kill one of its siblings if it wanted to but did not.

The illusion of grandeur as one would say is what the Primordial Beast of Gluttony is banking on. It knows that those with abundance will always want more and more even if they are full. Be it financially, emotionally, or physical. All people desires more when the option and capacity is available.

The Primordial Beast of Gluttony focused on the area that is not covered by its influence and that is the northern territory. The hunger of all the beings living here made it want to spread its

influence more and more as what can drive gluttony to its peak than those that have never tasted it before. The Primordial Beast of Gluttony might have 'gifted' the northern continent with its so-called abundance but that is just an illusion as well.

All the monsters that crave more food and shelter will burn out even faster than before when afflicted by the influence of the Primordial Beast of Gluttony. All of them might eat more and do more but the energy they use up is also doubled in return. In the end, they are now trapped in a cycle of overeating and overperforming.

This resulted in monsters becoming unable to process their food properly and literally burn their own bodies out. All the skinny monsters that Adrian and the others have encountered before are a result of the continuous cycle of overeating and overperforming. The bodies of these monsters become unable to continue any longer and burn their own life force.

The Primordial Beast of Gluttony does not care for the monsters though as it would get all of the energy it needs anyways. The impact of the Primordial Beast of Gluttony also extended to the birth cycle of monsters as more and more get created each day. The rapid increase in monsters of the northern continent is not just due to them coming out of the depths of the cold but because of overpopulation.

The abundance of food became possible which made the reproductive capabilities of all monsters into overdrive. Monsters also mature faster than others as they can become adults in a span of a week. This can be shortened to a span of a few days when food and monsters to hunt become abundant. The cycle continued to the point that a lot of monsters get created but it is also somewhat balanced by the fact that more die as well.

"You have been awakened by prefer to sleep. Do not worry as I will devour you entirely and become more powerful than ever. Still, I will need to use you against the enemy that trapped you back then." The Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated as it touched a large ice mountain which is actually a hibernating primordial beast.

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Adrian and the others immediately got dispatched to the northern continent as they needed to find the Primordial Beast of Gluttony. He has a rough idea where it might be, but he does not know the exact location. He already gave the others free reign to search for the enemy while he greets the Great Star Gazer that has come out from her sleep.

Adrian did not know why the Great Star Gazer wanted to meet him, but he does owe her quite a bit. He proceeded to the clear halls of the castle made entirely of ice. A castle built by the Ice Queen Elona and her people. Adrian then passed through a clear ice mirror and entered a mystical area that is filled with sparkling lights above like stars and a floor that is like a clear lake.

"You have come, Champion Equinox or rather Mediator Equinox. You have grown so much since our last interaction." The Great Star Gazer stated as she faced Adrian.

It was not just Adrian that is present in the special area, but Frey was there as well as she has also been called upon by the Great Star Gazer. Adrian greeted both of them with a warm smile and the Great Star Gazer seemed to have sensed the tension. She could be seeing cheekily blushing a bit, but she must proceed with her warning.

"Such a lovely atmosphere but I am afraid that I bring bad news. The kingdom is in grave danger. I believe both of you are needed in order to stop it." The Great Star Gazer stated.

"What kind of danger? I know that you have just recovered from your past injuries and might be pushing yourself, but I think we need more than that. Everything and everywhere is always in danger because the state of the world is unstable. Gods, monsters, and even mortals are all vying for power that they cannot control and damages the world as a result." Adrian stated.

"I sense the burden you carry, Mediator Equinox... but this is just the first of many challenges you will face. The threat now can be averted if both of you work together as the two of you are the key to the salvation of the northern continent for the time being." The Great Star Gazer stated as she suddenly felt a bit weak, and Frey caught her.

"Maybe ease up a little as she just woke up from her dreams. The Ice Queen Elona tried to tell her to rest but she insisted to talk to you." Frey stated while staring at Adrian for being too pushy.

"I apologize if I was too forward. I was just eager to get an answer as fast as possible." Adrian stated.

"I am fine, Mediator Equinox. I am merely tired as visions of the past, present, and future collide all at the same time as soon as I woke up. I was able to piece together some of the things that you might need but I am still human. Humans are weak at the face of the truth after all as they try to always find reason when it does not align with what they believe." The Great Star Gazer stated as she smiled.

The Great Star Gazer then dipped her hand onto the floor and ripples appeared before them. The floor suddenly showed visions of the future where a large monster destroys the kingdom of ice. Amidst it all is a man that looks like a eunuch laughing as it absorbed energy from all the monsters that devoured everything in their paths. The Ice Queen Elona tried her best to destroy all of the monsters and protect her people, but she failed.

The Ice Queen Elona was severely injured and died which enraged the Divine Blacksmith Aurgelmir to unleash his rage upon the northern continent. The rage of the Divine Blacksmith Aurgelmir covered the entire northern continent in permafrost that even monsters resistant to the cold died. His rage burned so fiercely that he also destroyed a part of the world barrier as a result. This led to the Gods of Asgard to flock to the world without any consequence and begin their war against all of the world.

Chapter 2422: Hunt For Gluttony II

When the images on the floor finally stopped playing, the room became incredibly silent. Adrian and Frey looked at each other and silently agreed that this was such a bad ending. Adrian himself thought that the Divine Blacksmith Aurgelmir becoming his godly self again was terrifying. He saw the divine blacksmith summon his entire body from another dimension to destroy all life in the northern continent.

"That is just one of the many futures of the northern continent that I have seen. Some futures were too bleak to even see clearly and some end almost just the same." The Great Star Gazer stated.

"Are you sure that you want me or rather us to stop this? You know that telling us will land you in trouble. The Laws of Causality will take a toll on your body and even the Three Sisters of Fate will definitely curse you for interfering in such a big event." Adrian stated as he worries that the Great Star Gazer will definitely die if she gets afflicted with the punishment of messing with fate.

"Do not worry too much, Mediator Equinox. The Three Sisters of Fate has told me to actually call for you as someone has interfered with fate itself. A being was able to actually twist fate and make it lose control. It is also the reason why I am seeing many branches of the future itself when it usually only comes to me in one vision. Also, beings such as yourselves are outside the predictions of fate which means you are able to interfere." The Great Star Gazer stated.

"Wait! If you said that we can interfere then is it possible that a being such as us also interfered with fate?" Frey suddenly asked as she managed to determine the clues that is given by the Great Star Gazer.

"It is possible but incredibly rare to be honest. Only those blessed by the gods can hide from other gods. The Three Sisters of Fate are different from other gods though as they usually stay out of mortal affairs. The fact that they called for me meant that another mortal must have messed with fate itself. They are very angry at those that disturb their work after all, and I almost got blasted out of existence because of it." Adrian stated.

"They did mention that to me in passing. They also said that you must deal with this anomaly as this is an extension of your test. The initial one was merely too easy for you to achieve. They also said that you must not expect any help from them as it will turn disastrous should they show favor to a mortal. I actually saw in some of my visions of beings that the Three Sisters of Fate helped. They did not end well is what I can only say." The Great Star Gazer stated.

"I see. If that is the case, then I shall deal with the problem as we did come here to do so. It would be nice if you can point me in the right direction. It will make our quest easier as the problem is the Primordial Beast of Gluttony, right?" Adrian stated.

"The mediator is correct. You just need to do what you need or rather was asked to do by the gods." The Great Star Gazer stated.

"If that is the case then we will go once you tell me the general direction. You can give that much without incurring any punishment after all." Adrian stated as he proceeded to hold Frey's hands.

"Unfortunately for the mediator, the maiden must journey on her own." The Great Star Gazer stated.

"Pardon?" Adrian exclaimed in shock as he believed that he and Frey would join hands to defeat the enemy.

"Your battle is with the Primordial Beast of Gluttony, but the maiden has a different battle entirely. She must battle with an adversary that rivals her patron goddess. That adversary has been waiting for her in the coldest mountain of the north." The Great Star Gazer stated.

Frey immediately looked shocked as she does have a quest that details of a fight that she must never lose. It was a fight that lets her change the course of the current disagreement with the Aesir Gods. Not all of the Aesir Gods are in favor of the will of the God Odin. Some are

merely sitting on the fence and waiting if the mortals can fend off the gods. This was one of the challenges that Frey herself must do to help the mortals.

"Will my destined fight be helpful to protecting this kingdom?" Frey asked.

"Yes. The winner may ask a favor, and that favor must be done without question." The Great Star Gazer stated.

"I understand. I leave the Primordial Beast of Gluttony to you. Please protect the people in my stead." Frey stated as she looked at Adrian and nodded towards him before leaving.

"You must go west, mediator. Your destined fight will be located there. Better to bring half with you while the rest are stationed here." The Great Star Gazer stated.

"Okay. Thank you for the help." Adrian stated as he also left.

The Great Star Gazer then proceeded to cough up blood as she defied causality by actually helping. As soon as Adrian and Frey accepted what they must do, the futures she was seeing suddenly diverged into two paths. One where they emerge victorious and one where they lost. She did expect to get some backlash, but it made her incredibly weak.

"I pray to the Three Sisters of Fate that both of you be victorious." The Great Star Gazer stated as she once again entered sleep as her life's end draws nearer than ever before.

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Adrian prepared and had those that can handle the cold come with him in hunting down the Primordial Beast of Gluttony. He also alerted the guild alliance that he might summon them all for battle in the northern continent. The guild alliance was shocked that the Pantheon Guild already found a lead and is approaching the enemy, but they are known for their fast information.

[The Sleeping Tundra has awoken!]

[The cold winds of the north have become more powerful.]

"What just happened?!" Adrian exclaimed as the entire northern continent suddenly started to rumble.

The continent felt the shifting of the ground and a powerful gust of cold winds lowered the temperature even more. Even the protections casts by the gods that now protect the villages, towns, and kingdoms suddenly waned for a moment. A powerful being that represented the northern continent has woken up.

A small snow tornado suddenly appeared before Adrian and the Ice Queen Elona manifested in all her beauty and majesty. She looked around and saw Adrian was there which prompted the latter to suddenly become afraid. Adrian saw that the death of the Ice Queen Elona is one of the reasons why the northern continent became an icy graveyard.

"Equinox, you are here. I must ask for your help for the moment. My scouts have told me that the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra has marched its way for us." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"Is that what that large beast made of ice and snow was? The one that was as big as a mountain?" Adrian muttered as he did saw a large ice beast destroying the kingdom of ice.

"Did you already know? Did you? No, do not tell me. Telling me might impact the future and make what might happen be worse." The Ice Queen Elona stated as she is a dear friend of the Great Star Gazer and knows of the 'rules' regarding the prophetic visions.

"Do not worry, your majesty. I have already set up the plans for now and leave half of my guild here. The other half will be dealing with the one that might have woken up the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. But why is it coming to your kingdom?" Adrian replied.

"It is coming to for the Frigid Ice Core that lies in the depths of my kingdom. It is actually the heart of another primordial beast that was slain ago. Rather, the Frigid Ice Core is the heart of that primordial beast. If the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra gets a hold of the Frigid Ice Core, then it could either revive the primordial beast sealed in it or devour it to become more powerful. Either way, the destruction of the kingdom is absolute if it happens." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"No wonder the beast could contend with the full powered old man." Adrian muttered once more as he did see that the real form of Aurgelmir was gigantic but the beast that he battled was about the same size.

"When do you think it will arrive?" Adrian asked.

"With its speed, it will reach my kingdom within the next three days. It will bring the blizzard with it and coat everything in ice and snow." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

Chapter 2423: Fiery Combat in the Cold North I

Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra is a primordial beast that is said to have created the northern continent by clashing with another primordial beast that was equivalent in power. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra always had fights with the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. The Heart of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss can infect the ground itself with everlasting cold.

If the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra can affect the air itself and brings the blizzard with it then the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss can infect the ground with permafrost. These two primordial beasts have always been a problem and created harsher environments for the people of the northern continent. Still, the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra was successfully sealed because of a pact with a goddess.

The Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss that is said to have been the coldest of the primordial beast grew a heart. The Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss was injured back then in its fight with the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. It was a brave group of people from the northern continent that actually saved it despite their fear. The Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss would have died, and its power absorbed by its adversary, but it found another way.

The Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss sacrificed its remaining life to bless the people that helped it. The Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss also entrusted its heart to the leader of this people which is none other than the Ice Queen Elona herself. The heart of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss became the core of the kingdom that was created by the people that helped the primordial beast.

The people that were helped was then known as the People of the Icy Abyss. They were the only group of people in the northern continent to have full immunity against the cold, but they cannot leave the cold as well due to their bodies needing it. The People of the Icy Abyss promised the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss to safeguard its heart as it actually had one wish.

The Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss no longer wanted to live which is why it gave the Ice Queen Elona a way to preserve its heart without it ever reviving upon its death. The heart of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss is used as a power source for the people that helped it. The only problem is that the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra also coveted this power or rather was hungry for it.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra always believed that it should have fused with the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. If they did so, then they will become an entity that even a god or goddess will never be able to take down. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra marched back then towards the kingdom created by the People of the Icy Abyss with the intent of stealing the heart.

A goddess took pity on the wish of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss and aided the fight against the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra was sealed by the goddess beneath the frozen glaciers of the northern continent. The Winter Tree also held the seal to strengthen it even more. One could say that the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra was the reason why some of the northern continent people joined forces.

Adrian took in all the information that the Ice Queen Elona has given him regarding the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. He did not think that the Ice Queen Elona's power was not because of her being a mage but it is because of the power of a primordial beast coursing through her. She was connected to the heart of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. If the heart is devoured, then she will die as a result.

"From your story, it was a goddess that helped you guys back then. Can you not ask for her help again? The gods could now descend unto the world after all." Adrian stated.

"That would be impossible as of now. The goddess that helped us back then owed a favor to the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. She also could have killed the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra but opted to seal it as that is more useful for us. Primordial Beasts get revived if they are killed hence the reason of the seal." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"Your highness, the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra has become faster than before! It will now arrive in just a day and a half!" One of the advisors suddenly rushed as they received another report from their scouts.

"I need to delay it for now, Equinox. Please help in fortifying my kingdom for now as there are many things happening in the north. The reinforcements from the other tribes will arrive in two

days which is why I need to but as much time as I can. Can I trust you?" The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"You can trust me." Adrian stated as someone suddenly caught his attention as the soul of that being was brighter than others.

"Thank you. I will go for now. May the cold winds comfort you." The Ice Queen Elona stated as she vanished into a swirl of snowflakes.

"All units in the kingdom should boost its defenses. Make sure that no enemies get inside as we do not know if the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra will not incite a monster horde upon its wake. Also, there are other enemies that we should also take note of. There is no way that the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra will come this just because it wants the core of this kingdom. The secret organization must have planned something." Adrian stated as a small boy with pale silver hair and icy blue eyes came towards him.

"Greetings, Mediator of Souls." The small boy stated.

"Greetings, Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss." Adrian greeted back.

Chapter 2424: Fiery Combat in the Cold North II

The Ice Queen Elona can traverse the northern continent with ease as she has a special power called Frost Quantum Leap. She can basically teleport to any part of the northern continent that has ice or snow as long as she has the mana for it. She has lived for so long and stayed too long in just her kingdom that she forgot to use it over long distances.

The scouts under her have already given her the information about the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. In just a few minutes, the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra will be before her, and she is now ready. She might not be able to handle a primordial beast on her own, but she is enough to delay it. She was not as weak as she was before when the first attack happened.

"I shall show you the fruit of what training for thousands of years could do!" The Ice Queen Elona stated as the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra can finally be seen from her view.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra was a large beast that looked like a mixture of an elk and a bear. It does not have fur, but its body is made of ice and snow that hardened to the point that it glosses like steel. It is also as large as a mountain that is about two hundred meters tall. It is not something that an elegant queen of the north could handle alone but she will try.

The Ice Queen Elona that usually is stoic and does not show any emotion could be seen burning with ambition. She was there as a queen and as a promise to the being that helped them. The promise to not disturb its rest as it grew tired of the life of a primordial beast.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra charged through the snowy fields in a rage, but it did detect a presence that has the same energy as that of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra knows that this is not the enemy it has fought since birth but a being that claimed the power of its rival. It also distinctly remembers this being as she was there when it was sealed.

"Ice Witch!" The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra shouted as it released a powerful blizzard that swept across the area and covered everything in ice and snow.

The Ice Queen Elona was not fazed as this was what people called her back then when she was chosen as the power holder for the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. She was also not affected by the mere taunt and cold gust of wind that the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra released. The Ice Queen Elona raised her ice scepter and slammed it towards the ground.

"Icy Precipice!" The Ice Queen Elona shouted.

As soon as the Ice Queen Elona slammed her scepter, the ground suddenly got infused by her mana and large ice crystals suddenly sprang out from the ground. These ice crystals grew in such large sizes that some even reached a hundred meters. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra crashed against these ice crystals which derailed its speed and made it stop its charge.

The damage to the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra might not be big but that is not the thing that the Ice Queen Elona wants. She was there to only prevent the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra from reaching the kingdom in two days. She was there to stop the enemy from moving as they will definitely lose if she does not do so. She was there ready to sacrifice herself even when nobody told her to.

"This Ice Witch will kill you herself, beast. You have been asleep for far too long that you have weakened enough for me to kill you." The Ice Queen Elona announced which angered the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra.

"Such baseless confidence! A human like you will never be able to match the power of a primordial beast like me! I am the cold winds of the northern continent personified! I am

Kallvind!" The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra proudly proclaimed as it conjured numerous ice tornadoes to destroy the ice crystals that the Ice Queen Elona created.

"Did you think that I did not prepare a way to kill you when you are released? Humans always prepare for the inevitable! Let me show you the power of the Icy Abyss!" The Ice Queen Elona stated as her scepter suddenly exploded into ice that covered her entire body. The dress made of ice that she wore suddenly became sharper and the ice became coated in pure mana.

The dress that the Ice Queen Elona wore is usually adorned with crystals and snowflakes while having an elegant and gentle appearance. She looked like a beautiful ice fairy or goddess that graces you with her presence when the first snow hits. The dress that was regal and elegant suddenly turned sharp and overbearing as pure mana turned the white into a deep violet color.

The Ice Queen Elona suddenly changed her aura into a bitter cold that creeps into your body. A cold so powerful that it felt like you are trapped in an icy abyss with no chance of ever escaping. She was able to conjure up the power of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss into her body. Her hair became pure silver in color while her eyes became a deep black color.

"You managed to tap into the power of the Icy Abyss! A human like you actually dares covet the power of a primordial!" The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra shouted but it is only angry at the fact that it could not have that power.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra knew that it must defeat the Ice Queen Elona in order to fully devour the power of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. She was already an extension of the primordial beast and the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra knows it.

Chapter 2425: Fiery Combat in the Cold North III

"I am the Witch of the Icy Abyss." The Ice Queen Elona stated as her very being radiated primordial energy laced with ice elemental energy.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra became mad at the declaration of the Ice Queen Elona and immediately attacked her. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra suddenly inhaled a large amount of air and then shot it towards the Ice Queen Elona in full blast. The powerful air cannon was not just made of air but also has ice shards embedded on them.

The Ice Queen Elona did not look afraid as she merely gestured with her hands and tall ice pillars erected in front of her. The tall ice pillars were not like the ones she created earlier. These ice pillars were purer and also tainted with her own mana which turned it into a dark violet color. She only created one to block any projectiles in front of her as she is the only one present in the area.

The ice pillar did not break despite the attack of the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra decimating the area beside the Ice Queen Elona. Pure devastation could be seen as one air cannon shot from the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra managed to destroy a vast frozen land into dust. Even the snow itself was cleared up because of her attack.

The Ice Queen Elona did not stay passively defending herself as she created large ice lances that is filled with her own mana. It radiated such cold energy that even the air itself froze when it exposed to such a thing. She launched the ice lances towards the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra and also created smaller lances that followed up the initial large ones.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra roared and slammed the ground beneath it as it literally picked up the ice floor below. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra managed to create a shield out of the frozen ground it threads upon. The frozen ground became a powerful shield that blocked the ice lances that contained the power of the Icy Abyss.

The ice that was hit by the ice lances exploded to deal powerful damage that literally cracked it entirely. The ice is also transformed to have the characteristic of the Icy Abyss which made the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra drop the shield it used. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra knows that the Icy Abyss could erode its body if it was not careful. It has yet to fully recover from its power as the world itself is still restricted.

"You are lucky, wench! If I was at my full power, then you would have never stood a chance!" The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra shouted as it released a powerful blizzard to cover the entire area once again.

"Pathetic talks are only reserved for the weak! Glacio!" The Ice Queen Elona shouted as she created a blizzard to match the one that the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra called upon. The clash between the two powerhouses continued on as forces observed their battles as they waited for the chance to come for them to make their move.

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Frey headed towards what the northern people call the Holy Frost Mountain. The northern people always told of stories that this mountain is home to a goddess. People that would sometimes scavenge the mountain will talk tales about a beautiful woman aiding them when they are hurt. Some were even said to be nursed to health and that the cold itself was nullified while they descended it.

Frey understood that this was the mountain that she is supposed to climb. She needed to challenge the goddess that took this mountain as her home. She needed to overcome the power of a goddess alone with her own mettle. She cannot ask for help, and she must also climb the mountain without relying on her mount.

She has heard stories of this mountain and is often told by the people living below it to be careful and humble. The mountain may become your doom if you disrespect it as the mountain is mystical as they say. She actually felt it the moment she stepped foot inside the mountain as she already felt being observed. She did not know where the gaze was coming from as she felt it came from all directions.

Frey did not demand nor shout but continued on her journey as she did not need to grumble. She knows that the goddess that lives on this mountain already knows of her arrival. She is here for a challenge and the first step to earn that challenge is to climb the mountain and reach the summit. The fact that she is being observed is tantamount to the goddess checking her resolve.

"I must hurry. I need to reach the summit within a day." Frey stated as she used her mana to cover more snowy ground.

Frey needed to reach the summit but that does not mean she needs to do it without relying on her own mana. Mana is a part of a person's strength after all and using it effectively is also a challenge in of itself. She managed to reach the middle of the mountain in record time and proceeded to rest a little as she might have become too excited in using her mana.

When Frey resumed her climb, a powerful snowstorm suddenly happened. She would have stopped and take shelter, but she is shocked when she saw the area fifty meters away from her. The area far away from her did not experience any snowstorm. She tried to walk towards a safer area, but she noticed that the snowstorm itself was following her.

The snowstorm did not occur naturally, but it was artificially made. Frey already knows that it was the goddess of this mountain that created the snowstorm. It was an additional test as climbing the mountain itself was not enough of a challenge for the current Frey.

Chapter 2426: Soul of the Icy Abyss

"Greetings, Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss." Adrian greeted the small child that beckoned him.

Adrian immediately knew that this small child was the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss or rather contains the soul of the said primordial beast. The soul of the small child before him was far more ancient and terrifying which should be impossible for a body that looks like it is about

eight to ten years old. There is a possibility of shapeshifting, but Adrian could detect that the being before him only has the soul of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss and not the body age.

"So, the rule of the primordial beasts reincarnating cannot be circumvented even when sealed. The fact that you reincarnated as a mortal is quite shocking but why do you not activate your own heart to return to your former self." Adrian stated as he already isolated the area around them since the small child looked hesitant to speak.

"I am no longer the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. I am merely the son of a humble baker in this kingdom and my name is Svalr." The small child with the soul of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss declared as if he no longer wants to be associated with being a primordial beast.

"Such an interesting fellow. A primordial beast that no longer wishes to be one. The fact that the world itself even reincarnated you in the body of a mortal is shocking but you did not defy any laws. I guess the world does have their favorites. Well then Svalr, why have you called for me?" Adrian stated.

"I am merely here to strike a bargain with you." Svalr stated.

"What can you bargain me with when you are no longer the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss?" Adrian asked as his ears suddenly perked up.

"I want you to promise me to save Elona when she is in danger. I will give you what you are searching for in exchange." Svalr stated.

"I know it is a bit rude, but do you even know what I want?" Adrian asked.

"I may no longer have the body of a primordial beast, but my soul still resonates with the northern continent. The icy winds carry messages to me from time to time and you talk to yourself sometimes. I listened in because there was actually a being that generates primordial energy despite being mortal." Svalr stated which made Adrian shudder.

Adrian does tend to talk about his quests that are still on hold and are very difficult to complete. He does not remember if he spilled everything but another being knowing about it is not good for him. He suddenly looked at Svalr and emitted such powerful killing intent that the child actually stumbled to the ground.

"You do not want to kill me as you are not allowed to. I know that you cannot kill beings that do not have a karmic death attached to them. You can defend yourself, but I have never attacked which means you cannot do anything to me. Calm down and listen because I have the reward you really want." Svalr stated.

What the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss stated is correct as Adrian cannot freely kill NPCs as he wished. It is one of the secrets that even he does not tell is other guild members. He even kept this a secret to Frey as he knows that others knowing this will never be good for him. He is bound by the laws of the living and the dead when he became the Mediator. He can retaliate when he is attacked but he can never outright kill an NPC.

"Speak of the supposed information that you said that is beneficial to me." Adrian stated as he reeled in his killing intent.

"You once whispered to the icy winds that you are searching for a soul that carried the power of an Asmodian. I might have only met a few of them at the time as I barely interacted with them, but the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra devoured a fragment of one." Svalr stated which made Adrian's heart almost burst out from the shock.

"Do I have your attention now?" Svalr added while looking smug.

"Continue." Adrian replied.

Svalr basically gave a rundown of how he was really the apex primordial beast living in the northern continent back then. The Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss was the ruler of all primordial beasts that live in the northern continent. He was always a fair being that made it so that the primordial beasts do not endanger the life in the continent.

His reign was unchallenged but that ended when the continents fractured for the first time. He saw a blinding starlight show back then when the continents fractured. A few months later, a powerful primordial beast suddenly appeared in the northern continent that actually challenged the power of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss.

This primordial beast was none other than the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. It was not called this before as it was mere a primordial beast that was under the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. The Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss noticed a suspicious energy source back then that landed on the northern continent but paid it no heed. What he thought was harmless actually became the catalyst of disaster.

A weak primordial beast managed to devour this energy source and had its power amplified to the point that it grew as large as a mountain. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra was born from this anomaly and the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss knew where that power came from as the two first fought.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra was able to be beaten back then as it was yet to master the energy it suddenly ate but that is not always the case. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra also became hungry for the energy of other primordial beasts that it started to devour the others. An unstable power due to the absorption of a fragment of an Asmodian's soul.

Chapter 2427: Heart of the Icy Abyss

"A soul fragment of an Asmodian! Could it be?!" Adrian thought as Svalr suddenly clutched its chest and dropped on his knees.

"What is happening?! Are you okay?" Adrian asked as he helped the young boy up. He finally realized that the body that the soul of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss is truly purely mortal.

"Elona! She is in trouble! Quickly! We must go to the place where my heart is hidden. Shift space and transfer us there. I shall guide you with my memories." Svalr stated as he clutched Adrian's head and sent a vision and coordinates to the chamber that the heart of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss is being stored.

Adrian gave a command to the guild members that went to find the Primordial Beast of Gluttony. He halted the search for now and told them to go towards the direction where the Ice Queen Elona is. They already know the general location of where the ice queen is as they have been given the direction of the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. He also left Levin Cloud in charge while he is occupied with what is happening now.

"Let us go to your heart, shall we?" Adrian stated as he vanished from his location along with Svalr.

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The Ice Queen Elona fought against the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra fiercely. She utilized all of the power she can use and even created a powerful domain of Icy Abyss below her feet. She created a powerful icy zone that can generate all of her powerful spells and amplify the by 50%. The area where her and the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra fought is already a frozen wasteland that has marks of their powers.

Huge areas with piled up ice and snow while also having dark violet ice shards spread across. The battlefield was chaotic, but the two beings could barely do any damage against each other. They may have been unable to deal damage to each other significantly, but the Ice Queen Elona was visibly tired. She thought that she could at least be in combat for two full days but the strain and fatigue on her body made it difficult to focus.

"Impossible! I should not be this exhausted." The Ice Queen Elona stated as she knows her limits.

The Ice Queen Elona knows that she could use her current form for at most three days straight. She also factored in that she will use all the powerful spells that she can muster in that calculation. She is basically channeling the energy of the northern continent herself. She should be on par with a lesser god that has her domain active, but she is getting tired faster.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra, on the other hand, does not even show any signs of fatigue. It was even releasing more and more powerful moves against her, but she was the one becoming tired. The Ice Queen Elona then sharpened her senses as she mainly used it to focus on the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra before. As soon as she extended her senses, she immediately knew what was happening.

The Ice Queen Elona created a large snow crystal above her and then made it explode into shards. The shards of ice became projectiles that headed towards the locations that she thought of. Screams of death echoed as she was able to kill some of the people that were hiding deeply in the snow. Robed beings suddenly came out of their hiding spot as their presence was now detected.

"To think a proud beast like you became a lapdog of humans. It seems that you have sunken so low that you would need their help to even deal with me." The Ice Queen Elona stated but the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra did not react the way she hoped.

"Young girl! I am merely using all the tools that I have in my disposal. Their leader merely lent such disposable pawns for my use. Why would I not accept when they are just mere sacrifices to get what I want? That being awakened my desire and thought that it could use me, but it does not know that I know its plan." The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra stated as it is still an old primordial beast.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra already knew why the Primordial Beast of Gluttony awakened its desire. The Primordial Beast of Gluttony wants to absorb the powers of the

Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra when it devours the Heart of Icy Abyss. It was all too predictable to the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra as no primordial beast of its power level will help just to stir chaos. Primordial Beasts do not move for entertainment as they move for instinct as they are still beasts in the end.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra is confident enough that it will never be devoured once the power of the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss is combined with its own. Even the Primordial Beast of Gluttony that is slightly more powerful than the current Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra will not be able to measure up when it devours the ruler of the northern continent. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra believed that such power would make it be able to rule the world.

The robed individuals did not make any scene or reacted when the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra said the things it said. They already know that the effects of the Primordial Beast of Gluttony have already seeped deeply into the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra is already controlled by the Primordial Beast of Gluttony without it even knowing.

The robed figures are supposed to be assisting from the shadows, but their presences were discovered as nothing could be hidden from the eyes of the Ice Queen Elona in her current form. She could very well see even the dirt particles even if they were buried in the snow itself. The robed figures created a formation that sapped the vitality of those inside of it and it was their blood and life force used as a resource.

The beings that the Ice Queen Elona killed earlier were all the beings maintaining the formation. They were destined to be killed at some point, but it just came early when the Ice Queen Elona attacked. They could restart the formation again, but it was already pointless as their presences have been discovered. The remaining robed figures charged towards the Ice Queen Elona instead with their enchanted daggers.

The Ice Queen Elona now had more enemies that she can fight but she did not panic. She no longer feels that the drain in her fatigue doubling as the formation that affected her is gone. She merely commanded the ice and cold beside her and froze everything around her. All of the robed beings were trapped in ice and slowly died a painful death of their bodies freezing.

The Ice Queen Elona thought that the problem of the robed beings was already done but it seems there was another being that slipped through. A robed being that was dressed as a eunuch suddenly slipped passed through the ice she created with an enchanted dagger. The barrier that covered her body actually shattered as the dagger destroyed it when the tip touched.

The Ice Queen Elona quickly shifted her body to the best of her ability to evade the attack, but she was still hit on the side of her stomach.

"Argh!" The Ice Queen Elona reacted as the blade of the dagger burned.

"Freeze, bastard!" The Ice Queen Elona shouted as her graceful persona vanished since she was already hurt.

Before the robed being could stab once more, the Ice Queen Elona froze the entire area around her including herself. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra saw this happen and immediately made its move. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra lifted its large hoof and aimed to flatten the Ice Queen Elona as it knows that she was still alive inside that ice. As the hoof of the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra was about to crash down, a powerful blast of light suddenly fired from a nearby mountain cliff that hit the face of the beast.

"WHO DARES!" The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra shouted as it looked towards the direction the laser was fired.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra saw a strange being that is alive, but its body was a mechanical life form. A being that does not belong in the northern continent that even it does not know of. The being had the form of a lady that exudes some sort of regal aura. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra then blasted that being with a powerful blast of wind and snow.

"Be careful!" Kabrakan shouted as he suddenly dropped from the sky and changed his armor to its mountain form to block the attack of the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra.

Chapter 2428: Heart of the Icy Abyss II

"What happened? I sent us here as you wanted but I need to know why you suddenly became hurt. Is it a case of phantom pain?" Adrian as he is now in a secret room that is basically closed with a thick layer of dark violet ice.

"I got hurt because I am still connected to the Icy Heart that you see there." Svalr stated as he looked towards the frozen heart in the middle of the room.

The heart in question was different from a human's heart as it basically just looked like a frozen orb that is in a dark violet color. The heart itself is not even beating but it does give off a powerful freezing energy. So powerful that Adrian knows that he will get frozen himself if the boy he came with did not protect him from the effects.

"You can still control your heart when you do not have it inside of you?" Adrian asked.

"My soul may be in a different body, but the heart is still connected to me. It also means that the fate of my heart will be the fate of my soul. If the heart is devoured by the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra, then he will also devour my soul in the process. I know that I will lose that fight as the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra has a stronger soul compared to mine because of the fragment that I told you about." Svalr replied.

"It does not explain why you have taken some sort of phantom pain earlier. You are not bleeding yet you clutched this side of your stomach and growled in pain." Adrian pointed out.

"I felt that because it is not just me that is connected to my heart. Elona is also connected to my heart because of my blessing to her. She is also deeply connected right now as she is using the powers that I have given her when I wanted to be sealed." Svalr stated.

Adrian then remembered that the visions he was shown before did not result in the immediate death of the Ice Queen Elona. She was heavily injured but died after her entire kingdom was destroyed. He could hypothesize that the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra managed to devour the Heart of the Icy Abyss completely at that time.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra did not just devour the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss but also the soul of the Ice Queen Elona in the process. If the Ice Queen Elona did not get a proper burial or even a chance at reincarnation, then it would make sense for the Divine Blacksmith Aurgelmir himself to go insane. If the Ice Queen Elona could reincarnate then the Divine Blacksmith Aurgelmir could just reach out to Adrian himself and have the latter revive the dead.

"I would be breaking rules but with my current abilities I can do that. I just need something in exchange for that to happen and that would be something like the divine power of Aurgelmir himself. If he went insane because there was no other option, then this explains everything." Adrian muttered.

"You are muttering again but you did speak with the Great Star Gazer. Do not worry as I am unable to peer into her domain since it is sealed. But now is not the time for that! Go and help Elona immediately as she might actually die. She has been pierced by a dagger that has the poison of a god." Svalr stated as he started to cough out blood.

"I think I need to help you instead." Adrian stated in a worried tone as seeing a child get hurt is not easy on the eyes.

"This is just some pain that I can endure. If Elona dies, then I will die along with her or rather this body does. I will just reincarnate in another body, but I will have to leave my current family though." Svalr stated with a sad tone.

"Give me the coordinates then." Adrian stated as the coordinates that was given to him by his guild members were rather jumbled as if they were having some problem with their maps.

"Touch my heart. It should be able to guide you in detecting Elona. I know that your senses are much keener than other demons. You should be able to find her using your own senses as long as you have a connection." Svalr stated.

"Okay then. Stay alive while you can. I do not like to send you to your current family in a coffin." Adrian stated as he immediately touched the Heart of the Icy Abyss.

As soon as Adrian touched the heart, his fingers suddenly started to develop a small frosty layer. The frosty layer should have been impossible as Adrian's body is blessed by the Heart of the Vermillion Bird. The cold should not be able to bother him, but the freezing power of the heart is so potent even with the protection of the Vermillion Bird and the Primordial Beast of Icy Abyss. The literal owner of the heart is there and protecting him, but he is still feeling the danger.

"Focus!" Adrian muttered as he tapped into the primordial energy of the Heart of the Icy Abyss.

The primordial energy of the Heart of the Icy Abyss was different from Adrian's own which is why it took some time for him to bend it to his will. The primordial energy of the Heart of the Icy Abyss even created a protective mechanism. This protective mechanism was the same energy that permeated Adrian's hand but that was not enough to actually make him fail.

The primordial energy inside of Adrian surged and basically devoured the protections of the Heart of the Icy Abyss. The primordial energy of the Heart of the Icy Abyss suddenly became tamer as a result of its protections being destroyed almost instantly. When the Heart of the Icy Abyss no longer opposed Adrian, he was now able to tap into the links of the heart. In an instant, Adrian saw the Ice Queen Elona clutching her injured stomach.

"Found her. I am now going there but there is some sort of barrier around the area. It will take some breaking down, but it is doable. Take care for now." Adrian stated as he vanished from his location.

"Go and save her or else this entire kingdom is doomed. I just need to make sure that the rats that entered are taken care of by the ones that you have left to protect this place." Svalr stated as he connected with his own heart to send attacks to the rats that entered the kingdom.

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"Thanks for the save!" Amelia stated as she was protected by Kabrakan.

"No worries as we are guild members. We need to protect each other as much as we can. Also, only the two of us are currently here at the moment because we are the closest." Kabrakan stated as a swirl of ice suddenly manifested before them.

Kabrakan raised his shields and Amelia also created small drones prepared to attack. The swirl of ice vanished, and it was the Ice Queen Elona that appeared. They did not lower their guards though as the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra launched another attack towards their location. This attack was fiercer than before as the Ice Queen Elona was also located in their area now.

"Perfect Block!" Kabrakan shouted as his body suddenly glowed gold and completely blocked the attack.

"Can you spare me an antidote?" The Ice Queen Elona stated as she froze her wound, but she can feel the poison spreading.

"I got some, but I do not know if it will cleanse that. Please have them!" Amelia stated as she even gave a Legendary Tier antidote.

The Ice Queen Elona thanked Amelia, but all the potions only alleviated the effects of poisoning. Amelia looked like she wanted to do more but the Ice Queen Elona told her that it is fine. The Ice Queen Elona already expected this to happen when she asked for antidotes but the fact that all of them did not cleanse the poison is worrying her.

"I can slow down the poison creeping in my body, but we must retreat." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"I agree with retreating." Adrian suddenly stated as he suddenly appeared next to the Ice Queen Elona.

"You! Argh!" The Ice Queen Elona was about to say something but the poison in her body made her clutch her stomach.

"We need you to be treated immediately or else the old man will definitely have a grudge against me when I know that you are hurt." Adrian stated even though he knows that the Ice Queen Elona could feel the same primordial energy she has from the former's body.

"Do you think that I will let you leave!" The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra shouted as it created a powerful snowstorm that converged to their location.

Chapter 2429: Heart of the Icy Abyss III

The snowstorm converged towards their location, but the Ice Queen Elona easily created a solid dome of ice that protected them. The powerful wind and ice that ravaged the area did not even touch them at all. The only problem is that the Ice Queen Elona looked exhausted with just one defensive spell. She was feeling the effects of the poison in her body and Adrian had no choice but to forcefully create a teleportation circle around them.

"All units that are headed towards the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra should retreat. We shall prepare more against it in the kingdom!" Adrian announced as the enemy was in a full momentum because of its fight with the Ice Queen Elona.

Adrian also sensed the presence of other beings nearby as the Ice Queen Elona was not attacked by the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra but another enemy. He can make some conclusions that it must be related to the Primordial Beast of Gluttony but fighting against two powerful enemies will not go well with just four of them. They may have better odds if the Ice Queen Elona was not injured but she is barely standing from the pain.

"We have no choice but to retreat. Let us go." Adrian stated as he activated the magic circle to transport all of them back to the kingdom of the Ice Queen Elona.

All of them vanished from the area in an instant which made the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra go on a rampage. The proud primordial beast could not believe that its enemies were able to escape when no one has yet to escape its bitter cold clutches. The Primordial Beast of

Frozen Tundra roared out loud as if to deliver a message which is heard by the entire northern continent. It then proceeded to go towards its usual destination as the Heart of the Icy Abyss must fall into its hands.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra moved forwards and did not even bother looking at its path. It did not think anything of the ice tainted by the mana of the Icy Abyss that has been setup. As soon as it stepped onto the abyss ice as the Ice Queen Elona calls it, the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra suddenly had its hoof penetrate the ice and a quarter of its body sunk beneath it. True to what the Ice Queen Elona wanted; she was able to delay the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra even if the efforts were mere disturbances.

The Ice Queen Elona did not do many attacks earlier because she was preparing her surroundings for when she inevitably loses to the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. She already knew that she will lose against the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra if they were to fight which is why she did the best alternative. She created a path that even the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra will have difficulty moving from.

The abyss ice sapped the strength from the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra as well. It was a cold that permeated inside the body of another even if they are basically immune to the cold. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra felt a tingling sensation crawl upwards from its hoof that was caught. The tried to step onto the path where the snow was not discolored instead but the ice below it was actually soft as well.

The entire body of the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra suddenly sunk beneath the abyss ice. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra was slightly damaged, but it only felt frustration. The fact that a being such as it is unable to actually counteract a simple trap made it furious. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra suddenly exploded in rage and covered the entire area in a large icicle.

The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra created another ice mountain in a blink of an eye before proceeding towards its destination. Still, the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra threaded carefully as it was now wary of the road ahead. The Ice Queen Elona might not have been able to deter the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra for two days, but she managed to buy them a couple of hours due to the latter speed going down.

Inside the ice orb that the Ice Queen Elona created earlier to freeze the robed beings that attacked her, the robed being that look like a eunuch suddenly twitched. A powerful burst of energy exploded from the body that should have been frozen in ice. The eunuch was none other than the vessel of the Primordial Beast of Gluttony. He did not expect that a powerful spell

could affect him because the Primordial Beast of Gluttony prepared well against the Ice Queen Elona.

The Primordial Beast of Gluttony even used some of the relics of villages it has raided along the way in order to reduce and almost negate the damage of the ice spells used against it. The Primordial Beast of Gluttony was unable to protect the followers of the secret organization that commands it, but it could care less. The Primordial Beast of Gluttony only cared about itself just like the other Primordial Beasts of Sin.

"This vessel would no longer last a week at this rate. If that happens then my soul will be sent back to that relic that can contain the souls of primordial beasts. I must never return! I must take what I can and devour the north entirely! Only then that I can be free from the curse of bondage that affected us. With most of their people already dead, I can succeed in my plan of taking all of it for myself." The Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated as it vanished from its location and followed the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra.

The Primordial Beast of Gluttony actually concocted a plan in the northern continent and tricked the secret organization Kami that a powerful relic of a god is located in a kingdom led by the Ice Queen Elona. Kami believed or rather was inclined to believe what the Primordial Beast of Gluttony stated when they abducted an entire village and brainwashed them. The legends of the Ice Queen Elona were not fabricated as there are records in small villages about her power.

Kami believed that they would be able to steal and harness the power of the Ice Queen Elona for their own goals as the western continent proved to be difficult to raid. The gods of the western continent are already in full alert against them and the Primordial Beast of Wrath. In fact, the Primordial Beast of Wrath had to change vessels five times because it had to exert a lot of power to repel the gods of the western continent.

Kami might not show it, but they were desperate even if they said that they will lay low for a while. They themselves will lay low but will make sure that all their chess pieces will move as much as they can. If the Primordial Beasts of Sin get caught, then they can just pin the blame on them. All of them can just wipe their hands clean on any of the blame and stay as a secret organization.

The sudden passive movement of the secret organization actually benefitted the Primordial Beast of Gluttony. With the movement of the secret organization restricted, it could very well influence all the people that are assigned to guard it. It was not just the Primordial Beast of Gluttony but also all of the remaining primordial beasts. Each day they were testing just how

far they could assert their influence on the members of the secret organization now that their leaders were laying low.

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"What the!" Levin Cloud suddenly shouted as four beings suddenly appeared next to him with ice and snow covering them.

When the Ice Queen Elona saw the familiar walls that surrounded her, she immediately fainted in the spot. Adrian decreased the gravity on her body to make sure that she floated in the air and not hit the cold floor. Levin Cloud was stunned for a moment but immediately knew what he needed to do as he was already given a heads up. He did think that Adrian and the others would arrive at the gate and not in front of him, but he saw the severity of the situation.

"This might need my full attention for a whole day. Her poison is no joke as it contains such potent natural force!" Levin Cloud stated.

"Just do what you need to do in order to save her or else you might get pounded to a pulp by a hammer forged in the heat of the planet's core itself. The old man is actually watching from somewhere and I think I have a good idea to bolster our chances of taking down two primordial beasts." Adrian stated as he actually felt the gaze of Aurgelmir when he arrived at the kingdom.

Chapter 2430: Goddess of the Winter Hunt

While Adrian and the others took care of the preparations for the approaching primordial beasts, Frey managed to almost reach the summit of the mountain that she was climbing. It is not just the sudden snowstorm that impeded her on the way but also the terrain becoming unforgiving. The winds that blew on the mountain became harsher and harsher as she came near the summit.

If she did not stab her spear on the ground for stability, then she would have been blown away by the fierce winter winds. She even got some stab and cuts due to sharp blades of ice hitting her as hail became frequent as well. The hail that hit her was not normal as the shape of the ice projectiles was not even circular but looked like sharp bullets. Frey had to actively use her own mana to make her skin tougher in order to reduce the effects of the hail.

The climb up is not just perilous as she also gained some insights in how to use mana. She also learned to mix some of the divine energy she has with her own mana. This created a special armor that covered her body like a divine aura when she summons the Goddess Freyja to her body. This did make her quite exhausted by the time she could see the summit of the mountain.

"Just a little more!" Frey muttered to herself as she finally arrived with sheer determination and visible exhaustion.

Frey managed to reach the summit of the mountain where there is actually a flat platform with an engraving. The mountain itself still has a peak but there was a small place in that peak where an engraved platform is located. Unlike the entire peak that is covered in ice and snow, the engraved platform is clean from the effects of the cold. It was like it was a domain that can never be touched by the effects of winter itself.

[You have arrived at the Platform of the Winter Hunt.]

[The Goddess of the Winter Hunt has given you the blessing to rest in the domain that she is the master of.]

Frey looked at the messages that she received and gulped as she already knew who the Goddess of the Winter Hunt was. The Goddess of the Winter Hunt is none other than the Goddess Skadi. She already has her notions that she will battle a goddess of winter since the mountain itself was called the Holy Winter Mountain. The Goddess Skadi is somewhat different to some of the Norse Gods that she knows as she is actually a giantess as well as a goddess.

Frey herself is not confident in winning against a Norse giantess as they are said to tower humans as if they were the skies themselves. If Frey fights against a giant enemy, then even she does not know if she can withstand the pressure emitted by one. Still, Frey knows that everyone is counting on her to gain the favor of a goddess that once helped the kingdom of the Ice Queen Elona.

AWOOOH!

The howl of wolves suddenly echoed in the area as wolves suddenly surrounded the engraved platform that Frey is standing on. The wolves themselves did not possess any killing intent for Frey as they merely looked and observed her with interest. The wolves then showed themselves more and surrounded Frey as she noticed one that is slightly bigger than the others.

A wolf that has silver blue fur that glistened like ice stood before Frey. The silver blue wolf did not do anything to Frey and merely sniffed her. Frey remained standing still and did not even draw her weapon because she is now being tested by the wolf before her. This silver blue wolf

is a monster that has been blessed by the Goddess Skadi as Frey could feel the divine energy permeating from it.

"AWOOH!" The silver blue wolf howled which also made the other wolves howl in unison.

The melodious howl of the wolves calmed the snowstorm in the area that was not protected by the engraved platform. When the snowstorm vanished, the light of the sun finally shone and pierced the dark clouds above which revealed the detailed engravements of the platform. The platform is engraved with wolves and a mighty goddess leading them in a hunt.

[You have been acknowledged by the Winter Wolf King.]

[You have passed the Second Trial of the Winter Hunt.]

[You now have the qualifications to meet the Goddess of the Winter Hunt.]

As soon as the Winter Wolf King acknowledged Frey, it walked out of the engraved platform. The winds suddenly blew fierce for a moment, and the entire mountain looked like it moved. A tempest of snow suddenly converged onto the engraved platform to create a figure of a woman. The snow became ice, and the ice became flesh as the Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi appeared before Frey.

[You are now in the presence of the Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi.]

Once the notification appeared, all of the wolves including the Winter Wolf King bowed in reverence for the goddess that appeared before them. Frey bowed to the Goddess Skadi as well as it is only right to give it to the being that is respected in the mountain. The first trial was harsh, but Frey knew that she would be saved if she were to truly be in danger. The Goddess Skadi observed because she needed to know when to intervene should Frey truly be in danger.

"Greetings, Child of Freyja. Why have you sought for me?" The Goddess Skadi asked as her voice was beautiful but felt chilly like winter.

The Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi manifested in the form a beautiful woman with a light blue skin tone. She wore thick and furry armor that would protect anyone from the cold. Her armor has runes written on them that glowed in a silver blue light. She also wore a heavy and thick robe that would repel the cold itself.

The most striking feature of the Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi are her eyes that is the color of ice itself in its bluest form. Her hair also is a bit different as it is platinum blonde with white tips as it has been said that the Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi is part giantess, but some would translate it as Jotunn. The Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi looked like she had the blood of an Asmodian as Frey could feel that she has the same presence as Adrian.

"Hail and Joy! I greet the Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi. I am Frey, Valkyrie of the Goddess Freyja." Frey stated as she did the warrior's salute and showed her hand that she uses to hold her weapon.

"Your greeting is received well, Child of Freyja. You have passed my tests of getting a meeting from me. Still, I did not expect that the Winter Wolf King that I have blessed to have taken quite a liking to you. She usually does not like others, but she felt drawn to you and I now know the reason why. You have the scent of a Fenrir attached to your clothes." The Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi stated.

Frey suddenly remembered that she cuddled with Sirius when Adrian arrived as she missed the fluffy feeling. She does not want to say it, but she actually has a favorite amongst Adrian's soulbound. She always wanted another mount that can be used in land, but one player can only have one mount at a time if they are not a summoner.

"Is that so? One of my close acquaintances has a Fenrir for a soulbound. He is actually quite attached to me as well since we have joined each other to battle mighty foes. After all, battles make the bond stronger as it is one of the creeds of the sisterhood." Frey stated.

"Regardless of how easy you passed the second trial; you have earned the right to speak to me. Why did not ascend my mountain, Child of Freyja?" The Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi asked.

"We need your help in killing the Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra. The Primordial Beast of Frozen Tundra is now working with another primordial beast or rather is being controlled by it. We need your help in subduing the fiercest primordial beast of the northern continent." Frey stated with resolve as her warrior's spirit emerged contrary to the girl that spoke softly earlier.

"What you ask is not simple, Child of Freyja. You are asking me to interfere with the world of the mortals. Do you know the burden that will befall me should I do what you asked?" The Goddess of the Winter Hunt stated as the mountain itself suddenly became quiet, and the pressure exuded by her exponentially increased.

"I am aware which is why I am ready to engage in combat to have my wish be granted." Frey stated with resolve as she met the eye of the Goddess of the Winter Hunt Skadi.