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Chapter 281 - Christmas Event

After all the ruckus that Adrian made, he was logged out because he already exceeded the time one can play the game. He was so focused on the game that when he logged out it was already the most important day for everyone in his country which is Christmas.

Adrian's country basically breathes Christmas as they often start hanging decorations around late September. Christmas is not a day in Adrian's country but a season due to how long people start celebrating it. Nevertheless, the reason that Adrian logged out quickly because his time was shortened by his mother.

He did not need to know that though as he was immediately called upon the dinner table to feast. Adrian was already super hungry due to being in game for quite some time. He is greeted with a feast that is surely too much for four people.

He went to his room with a full stomach and browsed the forum for a while as it has become his nightly routine although it was already pass midnight. It seems that those that are online for Christmas has received a gift.

Adrian checked the update section to see if there was a surprise event and there was.

SURPRISE CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Spirit of Christmas has arrived at Pandemonium for a short visit. You will either be given a gift or a punishment depending on how you behave for the past days that you have been playing Pandemonium.

The reward given to you will be received once you log in during December 25-December 31 12:00 P.M. The reward can only be taken during this event period without any issues and will no longer be available after the deadline.

Those that received punishment should beware the playful wrath of Krampus. Be careful as he hunts down those that are naughty.

There is also a Two Times Experience Multiplier during the event duration.

"It seems that it is a reward system to check if you have been good this year. The only scary thing about it is that they did not indicate what they would be using as a measurement of good deeds. If they based it on the facts on how other people treat each other then I am practically screwed." Adrian thought to himself as he remembered what he did to the others.

There was a time that he did not indicate a friendly fire option in his Vortex skill so other players got swept up. He forgot if some player got killed because he did not get a PK warning if ever he killed some. He also did some shady things that are only slight offenses but could still get him listed on the naughty list.

Adrian could feel that he will end up in the naughty list but the experience multiplier is too sweet of a deal. He needed the levels right now as he will now focus on grinding them in order to challenge a world boss needed for Sirius evolution plus the Trial of the Dragon King that is popping on his screen every time he logs in.

It seems that other dragons have sensed Kanlaon as a worthy candidate because dragons with two attributes are rare. Another reason could be that the dragon lady from the east tattled on Kanlaon's existence.

Another reason is that Adrian has already tasted immense power and he wants to experience it again. He has not yet used all magic abilities a demon can do because he only knows a few of them. He wanted to imagine the thought of being to bend space easily with one's will but he needs to become an Arch Demon first.

Adrian also needs to tackle the first part of his mission to become an Arch Demon. He needs to absorb another energy and he already has the item for it but he needs an enclosed location for that. He needs to efficiently absorb the energy because the totem he got is not even full.

"I need sleep to even try what I will about to do anyway so I just hope that the thing waiting for me later would be a reward rather than a punishment." Adrian stated as he closed his eyes and fell asleep.

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Adrian logged in the moment he woke up. He did not even try getting breakfast because his stomach is still full from the food that he ate last night.

Adrian is greeted by the same screen that tells every person that they successfully logged in but he is also greeted by another one.

[You have been judge to be a good boy by the Spirit of Christmas. You have received a Merry Voucher that will spin the lucky wheel. Let us hope your luck is as great as your good deeds!]

Adrian breathe a sigh of relief because he did not have to do the penalty. It seems that his other deed were not judge as problematic as it seems it is judge based on the allegiance one is based on. If it were not then a lot of people who did quest for the dark gods would be punished easily.

"I guess it makes sense because of the nature of this game but still the Spirit of Christmas is very finicky. Anyways, it seems that the Infernofrost Ridge has disappeared and a temple has replaced itself on its area." Adrian stated as he is now in front of a tall pagoda looking building.

The pagoda is about ten stories tall with statues of the Vermillion Bird decorated all around it. It seems that there are also priests already there as it is them that greeted Adrian. He thought it was strange but the last sentence in the world message did indicate that the Vermillion Bird's followers are risen once more.

Adrian is led to the top of the pagoda where there are bells that continuously chimed. The shrine maides started to dance and the bells chimed for each time they clap. When the shrine maidens finished their ritual, the Vermillion Bird dropped down from the heavens with a blinding light. It showed the full dignity of a divine beast.

Chapter 282 - The Undead Preparing For War

The Vermillion Bird descended to the platform and greeted Adrian by manifesting seven rainbows behind it. It seems that the Vermillion Bird is now back to full strength but the territory they are in right now is still not back to its former glory.

"Thank you, Champion Equinox. You have returned me to my former glory. Do not worry of your compensation as I asked my followers to gather your compensation as you suddenly disappeared before I managed to hand it to you." The Vermillion Bird said using telepathy.

"Sorry about my sudden disappearance, I was flocked by mere flies and some dogs but I managed to repel them with the help of your patron gods. It is their help that made me return to my peak state." The Vermillion Bird stated through telepathy while it sent a telepathic transmission to his followers to give Adrian all the precious herbs.

Adrian is given a sack that is about the size of a volleyball. It might look like it is quite small but this is what other players use when their inventory is full. Adrian has unlimited inventory due to being of the Daemos race so other people has to improvise.

This sack is a spatial bag that is considered a rare commodity as it is only found in ruins. It is a rare commodity because only people who mastered space magic can create one using a special method. Adrian received the bag with delight as he knows how priceless those herbs are.

"Thank you for putting your trust in me. I hope you can rebuild the city of Shangri-La once more. It was the most breathtaking city that I visited in this world at least." Adrian stated in a half joking manner.

"I should be the one thanking you. You may not be welcomed in all parts of the eastern continent but the southern part of the east continent will always welcome you. You saved me so it is the least I could do if you ever want to train in the eastern continent." The Vermillion Bird replied telepathically.

Adrian bid farewell to the Vermillion Bird and to the others. He immediately teleported to the northern continent because he is now on a deadline of one day. Adrian arrived at the forge where the Ice Queen Elona is there once more.

"Do queens really have that much free time?" Adrian thought to himself as he entered the smithy.

It seems that Aurgelmir has already settled their differences and they have this aura that lovers emit that is toxic to very single people. The arrival of Adrian immediately startled and excited the Ice Queen as she is sure that the little demon has finally succeeded albeit a little too late.

Adrian did not stand in ceremony and got the spatial bag from his inventory and selected the Everfrost Flower. The Everfrost flower radiated a cold aura that will make anyone's bone feel cold. Adrian looked at the description and he is now sure that this flower will be used on the Great Star Gazer in the North.

Item: Everfrost Flower

Tier: Legendary

Type: Herb

Description: A flower said to be imbued with the power of immense cold and can only be grown in the coldest environment. It is said that with its immense cold property that it could even stop time for a person's body.

"She must be using the flower in order to slow down the effects of the sacrificed life force of the Great Star Gazer. Still, it would not be enough because the only way to reverse the effects of using a life force would be to become a god. At best, they would only be able to slow down the effects of her whittling life and be able to let her live until a hundred." Adrian thought to himself as he handed the flower to the Ice Queen Elona.

"Although you are a bit late, I still thank you for a job well done. I will return with your reward momentarily as the difficulty of the quest that I gave you is high. You even managed to arrive a day before the deadline so I will give you props for that." The Ice Queen Elona stated and she disappeared with a frosty breeze.

"It seems that you will have to wait for Elona for quite some time, brat. Why not help me out a bit while you wait? I also finished restoring one of the legendary weapons that you gave me.

Here it is but do not expect much as I only restored it until it is considered a weapon like you asked me too." Aurgelmir stated with a grunt because even he does not like half-baked products but the materials really stretched his blacksmithing capabilities thin.

"Thanks, old man. I only need a few more before my weapon can evolve into a legendary rank. The only problem now is my clothes." Adrian stated with a sigh.

[You have received the Flame Drake Broadsword.]

Adrian was about to keep the sword but then Aurgelmir told him something.

"Can I see how your gloves absorb the weapon? I am curious to see how it will happen." Aurgelmir asked and Adrian agreed to humor the old man.

Adrian held the Flame Drake Sword using his two hands and activated the feed option of the Twilight Demi-Gauntlets. The demi-gauntlets slipped away from Adrian's hand and formed some sort of mouth. The mouth then started to chomp on the sword like it has not been feed for quite a while.

The eating process of the demi-gauntlets really made Aurgelmir interested because he only picked up blacksmithing recently. By recently, he means he picked it up when he inhabited a fire giant's body which is perfect for forging weapons.

"Interesting! It seems like you weapon is alive but it has yet to awaken its sentience." Aurgelmir stated which Adrian took note of.

Adrian was about to ask Aurgelmir about what the latter stated but a world message has been announced.

[The War between the Undead will now officially start. All undead below level 100 will receive a ten times experience multiplier until they reach the first threshold.]

"It seems that the world would be turned around once more." Adrian thought as he knows that the camp of the Undead King is weaker compared to the Arch Lich' camp. At least now, Adrian knows that the Arch Lich managed to recover but it seems the vile thing wants to finally all living things.

Chapter 283 - Seed Of Origin

After Adrian is successfully dropped off Levin Cloud in Aflheim, Levin Cloud is summoned by Elder Danaya. Levin Cloud was led to the location of the tree of life in Alfheim. At the top most part of the tree is a table made of wood where the Elder Dryads, Elder Leshies, and Royal Faeries are gathered for a discussion.

Levin Cloud is now before the influential people of the Faekin. A dryad gave him her Seed of Origin which basically meant that she surrendered her soul and will be unable to regrow. A dryad can once again be resurrected as long as their Seed of Origin is planted in the soil of Eden.

Makiling though knew that the poison in her body will make her unable to do that so she gave her Seed of Origin to someone worthy. Levin Cloud was not the only candidate as all elves in the Church of Life are worthy and Makiling might have chosen Anastacia. Nonetheless, Levin Cloud became much worthy due to being Elder Willow's student.

"I ask the elders to open up the path to the Undergrowth. We need to let our young one inside in order to bloom his seed of origin." Elder Danaya stated.

"I agree with Elder Danaya's suggestion. It has been long since someone joined us as a seedling." An Elder Leshy voiced his opinion.

"Of course you agree because he will become a forest guardian. A leshy will become the new envoy of the twin gods. So kid, do you want to become like me? We have better powers than they do." A fairy asked Levin Cloud as the former flew close to him.

"I would like to honor the wish of the owner of the seed of origin and carry on her legacy." Levin Cloud replied.

"Too bad. You would have become a candidate for the fairy king title. Fine. Open the Undergrowth so that he can go for the trial. It is not like he will pass it with confidence anyway." The fairy stated wanting to make Levin Cloud regret his decision.

"Does anyone disagree?" Elder Danaya asked but no one raised their hand.

"Since it has been decided..." Elder Danaya stated and clapped the she and Levin Cloud disappeared.

The two of them reappeared at an area where there are numerous vines scattered across the surroundings. There is a hole in the ground that is filled with vines as thick as trees. The hole looks like it is quite bottomless as there is only darkness.

"This is the Undergrowth. You will tap into the power of the Seed of Origin here. It has been hundreds of years since someone last used it because it is quite rare for a fae to give up their being." Elder Danaya stated.

"So how am I going to activate the Seed of Origin?" Levin Cloud asked.

"That would be up to you because the seed is yours now. You will have to decide if your body can handle the pressure of becoming something different. If you die once then you fail. Good luck!" Elder Danaya stated and pushed Levin Cloud inside the hole.

"What did you DOoo!" Levin Cloud shouted as he fell into the Undergrowth.

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Contrary to his expectations, Levin Cloud did not fall but rather just arrived at the bottom of the Undergrowth. He then looked around and noticed that the air is fresh and clean without that earthy smell despite being below ground.

Before he continued on rather leave his location, his palm started to throb and the pain made him fall back in pain. The pain felt like someone is drilling your palm using a hand drill. The seed then started to sprout but it did not grow outwards but inside of Levin Cloud.

Vines could be seen spreading from his hand towards his body using his blood as a nutrient source. The vines were extra healthy due to Levin Cloud possessing the Blessing of the Goddess of Life Gaea but that is not always a good thing. The vines in his body spread fast and before long his whole body is covered.

[The First Stage Sprout has been completed.]

[Undergoing the next stage of the transformation.]

Soon the vines not just covered Levin Cloud's body but also touch the soil of the Undergrowth. Vines were not the only thing that started to grow from Levin Cloud's body. Branches started growing out of his body by piercing his skin from the inside but no blood has been drawn.

[The Second Stage Bloom has been completed.]

[Commencing the last stage of the transformation.]

Vines and branches started to twist and turn until his body finally turned into a lush tree with two shades of colors. Levin Cloud's tree form has the harmony of two colors as the bark is symmetrical. His tree form are both lush green and deathly gray due to him having both life and death energy in his body.

Unlike what everyone believes, there are forest guardians that are dedicated to the death of living things. Even the dryads or leshies that take care of the life of the forest know this as there are those that specialize in the death of the forest but they are not often mentioned.

The fae that are responsible for taking care of the death in the forest are few and rather secretive because of their work. One could only describe them as having a deadly touch but that did not mean that they are evil. In fact, they are the ones who are more caring towards life because they can feel the end of it.

The only reason that they do not show themselves to the world is because they often show up in monster like forms. They take on this form because the road to the death realm is not smooth so to speak. Now, history will be rewritten because a fae who has both energies in his body has finally arrived.

Levin Cloud did not notice but he is now in a pure white space when he opened his eyes. The last that he remembered is transforming into a tree and his sight filled with darkness. Inside this pure white space is just him and a sapling that is about one inch in height.

[Make the sapling grow!]

The system message that popped up in front of him made question the command. He looked around but there was no loamy soil nor was there water. Even just a pail of water would have been helpful to him right now but there is nothing in sight. In this vast white space, it was just him and the sapling.

He was in there for about an hour and still nothing happened. The elders of the faekin are all standing above the gaping hole waiting for Levin Cloud to emerge if he ever emerges.

"Want to bet on if he is going to live or die despite being favored by the twin gods?" the fairy elder stated.

"I will bet that he lives but there would be complications." An Elder Leshy stated as he observed the vines still not reacting.

The vines leading to the Undergrowth started shining which greatly impressed the elders as it signals that Levin Cloud has started the process. The only thing they need to do is wait for Levin Cloud to emerge from the Undergrowth.

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Levin Cloud started to pour all his mana and any type of energy he has on his body towards the sapling and it started to grow. The sapling finally became a tree bit by bit but Levin Cloud is also losing the energy necessary to grow it.

Levin Cloud was about to give up because he no longer has mana but the tattoo on his body that generated death energy started peeling of his skin. The pain was enormous but he still did not stop channeling mana on the tree.

The tattoo then reattached itself to the tree making it have black marks. The death tattoo attached itself to the tree and started supplying it with enough energy to finally make the tree big enough.

[You have finally completed the last stage Flourish.]

Levin Cloud received the system notification and his vision returned to black. His vision became dark but he felt like he could move so he moved forward. Levin Cloud emerged from a tree which is the one he grew himself and that same tree is now covering the hole of the Undergrowth.

The Elders of the Faekin all welcomed him to their family as he is the first one of his kind. Levin Cloud looked back as the tree that he emerged in is sent back down to the Undergrowth. It will be there as the Undergrowth is considered as another save point for the fae if their body gets destroyed.

[The Universe is happy that a new kind of life has been borne. The Fae has been granted the Blessing of the Universe for one week. Rejoice.]

Chapter 284 - Dimensional Teleportation

Due to the announcement that the undead war is coming, many players are either excited or afraid. They have seen the destruction that a marching legion of undead could do so many are afraid. It could be their main city that is targeted next so many are gearing up more and getting higher levels.

The most perilous situation has already arrived because the Church of Life is finally out of order. The higher ups that are left are middle ranking members. The Elders of the Church of Life are either dead or out of commission.

The major church that is still functioning is the Church of Light but Adrian does not trust that church that much. As he is thinking of a way to help even the odds for the war against the Lich King, Adrian got contacted by his best friend that he found news about the Church of Death.

Levin Cloud: I found traces of the Church of Death from the book that Elder Willow hid. Come to Aflheim after you are done with your business. I am going to need your help in getting there.

Equinox: No problem. I am still waiting for my quest reward so I will join you later.

Levin Cloud: Okay. I will search more about the place we are going anyways but come immediately when you are free.

Equinox: Roger

In a swirl of ice and snow, the Ice Queen Elona returned to the smithy to give Adrian the reward that he needed. Elona brought with her a unique orb that is a bit familiar with Adrian because he has seen an orb like that but different in color.

The orb that the Ice Queen Elona brought is releasing a frosty aura that is a cold mist. Inside the orb is a whirlpool of water that continuously rotates. The Ice Queen Elona handed over the orb towards Adrian and told him that it would be extremely useful to one of his soulbounds.

Item: Orb of True Ice

Tier: Legendary

Type: Weapon / Material

Effect: All water type abilities or skills will be boosted by 30%.

Description: Not much is known about this orb or how they are made. It is rarely seen in the outside world because water or ice type monsters eat this treasure to evolve and gain stronger elemental type abilities. Some theorized that it was naturally made by the world or that it is the god of water's tears that he shed during the War of the Gods.

"I am very thankful for the reward but do you not think this is a bit excessive?" Adrian asked as he feels that he is sure that this orb is precious.

"Oh! You do not need to worry. I have like ten more of that and it is quite easy to find in the far north. Also, your hard work must be commended as it still took you quite some time to even find the Everfrost Flower as I pointed you to the wrong place." The Ice Queen Elona stated in a serious but endearing tone.

"If that is your reason then who am I to reject your courtesy." Adrian stated but in his mind, "I would have haggled you for a mythical item but that would be too greedy even for me. Anyways, I will use my extra knowledge later when she asks something of me again."

"Thanks for the reward but I am needed elsewhere so I will see you later. Feel free to contact me when you need help." Adrian stated as he used the enhance version of teleportation that is now available to him.

Skill: Dimensional Teleportation (Daemos Version)

Tier: Legendary

Type: Movement

Effect: Channel your mana to interfere with the dimensional planes and traverse them with ease.

Can bring about a group of ten at most. Casting can be prepared in advance but the charge must be expended in four hours. After the charge has been consumed will the spell be on cooldown.

Mana Cost: 50% of Maximum Mana of the User

Cast Time: 10 minutes

Duration: 10 seconds or until closed

Cooldown: 2 hours

Adrian used this skill and it is unlike the effects of teleportation. As he was channeling the skill, he felt a resistance that he never felt before from using teleportation. He felt like he was pushing a door in order to breach the dimensional walls.

Adrian then pictured going to the realm of Alfheim where the elementals and the faekin live. He imagined himself at the gigantic tree that covers almost a quarter of the world of Alfheim. Unlike teleportation that just whisks Adrian away, Dimensional Teleportation conjures up a door or portal.

Adrian remembers this because this is what Ascalor often uses whenever he would send the former away on different worlds. Adrian could not believe that he could finally use a skill that he once dreamed of having. He is still an amateur at it though as Ascalor said that the mana cost would decrease upon mastery of the spell.

The portal that Adrian conjured liked directly at the skies of the giant world tree. He did not conjure it up in the town square because he knows that guards will flock to the location as the portal can be seen both ways. Adrian now knows why Ascalor made sure the portal it at the atmosphere but the old man could have at least made it closer to the ground.

Adrian entered the portal with wings spread as he will need to descend down.

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Adrian descended at the center of town with a commotion as he managed to attract the attention of the guards. Thankfully, he already sent word to Levin Cloud where he will land so he did not have to get interrogated.

"Why do you always have to have a flashy entrance?" Levin Cloud stated while shaking his head.

"And you now look different! Did you do something with your hair?" Adrian stated as a joke.

"Does it look good? It is new." Levin Cloud replied with a witty remark.

Levin Cloud now looks different but he still retained his elf like ears. The sides of his face now has vine like marks that glimmer like magic. His skin is now green like a leaf full of life. His hair though looks like dead vines as it was deathly gray in color. The major change would be to his attire as now he is wearing armor made of bark and leaves.

"What happened to your armor? Is your priestly robes, race specific? Is that why you are wearing that now?" Adrian asked as he is curious.

"Nope. This is a racial armor. A living armor if you I do say so myself. All dryads that turn into adults manifest their Nature Vest. You can consider it as a growth type armor." Levin Cloud replied.

"Yikes! I hope you are ready for the agony." Adrian muttered.

"Did you say something?" Levin Cloud asked.

"Nothing. I am just happy for you. So where is that clue you are talking about? I really want to go because all the other faekin are staring at us." Adrian stated as they walked towards the tree of life.

"Sorry about that. Since I am the first of my kind, the others are rather curious." Levin Cloud stated as him and Adrian hurried their pace towards their destination.

Chapter 285 - Prophets

"So what is the information about the Church of Death that you are talking about?" Adrian asked as it would help the Undead King's side if they were to find and revive the Church of Death in record time.

"Apparently, there is a hint in this notebook that the Church of Life has a Prophet. I also heard we have a prophet when the elders had a meeting but I have not met this prophet during my stay at the church.

"If you have not met the prophet then how would you expect that we would be able to find this person? All the elders of the Church of Life are either dead or disabled. It should be impossible to find an elder of the Church of Life that is able to speak right now.

Some are even at hiding so I am pretty sure that we will not have clues on where they are hiding this prophet." Adrian replied in frustration as he knows missions to find someone is very stressful and has higher chance of failing without clues.

"You did not let me finish yet. What do you think makes a prophet of the Church of Life special?" Levin Cloud asked Adrian while smiling.

"Let us just get to the part where you tell me because I am too lazy right now to guess." Adrian replied.

"Someone is sassy today. Let me give you a clue. The Goddess of Life Gaea is one of the twin gods right?"

"So your hint means that the prophet of the Church of Life also has a twin." Adrian replied.

"That is right and it seems that a prophet is the pillar of the Church of Life or any church to be exact." Levin Cloud added.

"I mean they could just get the prophet and get rid of the other twin if necessary. I mean it is dark if you think about that way but even the light casts shadows." Adrian stated in a realistic tone as he is not ignorant at the ways of the world.

"They cannot kill the other twin because the twins are connected to each other. They are kindred souls. When one dies then the other dies with it. The twins can also not be too far apart from each other for too long or else they will grow weak." Levin Cloud stated.

"So the twins are connected to each other but how do we find the twin responsible to be the prophet of the God of Death? I mean they should be in the care of their guardians and should be together. Do you have a way to track them?" Adrian stated while crossing his arms.

"Elder Willow has a badge that can locate the elders of the Church of Life. We will use that to track the whereabouts of the location of the prophets. The only problem is actually facing the elder in-charge of them." Levin Cloud stated.

"So you are saying that we will fight that elder that is assigned to the protection of the prophet? Well that is not going to be easy. There should be paladins that are guarding them and if the prophet is the most important then they would be the most powerful ones of the Church of Life." Adrian added.

"Yeah...Maybe we will need some back up because your make sense." Levin Cloud stated.

"Do not tell me that you were super excited to finish your mission that you did not think much through the end part of the actual mission. We might be able to find them but I am quite sure that the elder protecting the prophet will not just easily hand them over." Adrian stated as he went back and forth across the room thinking what he could do.

"Don't you just need to like see them then teleport them away before the elder guarding them could even protect them?" Levin Cloud asked.

"You really think that I am like an omnipotent being that could do everything with a snap of my finger, don't you? All people I teleport should be in acceptance or want to be teleported away else I would be suffering the consequence of doing that because it is one thing to move the body but the spirit is mightier than you think." Adrian stated as he remembered teleporting someone much more powerful than him forcefully.

"You could do something like make a plant eater to abduct them when we see them then I will cover for your escape." Adrian suggested as he remembers that plant eater that can eat anyone and transport them.

"I do have that skill but I have not mastered it yet. If you want to get wrongly bitten and your head separated from your body then be my guest." Levin Cloud stated.

"No to that. Being covered in plant slime is worse enough." Adrian said while shivering in thought.

"Let us find the prophets first and think of a plan. Creepysoo might need our help later on as the war between the undead has already started. The forums are already buzzing about it.

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The forums have been blazing because of the enormous cheers due to the Undead going to war. The experience boost that the undead are getting are a big help for new players. About 80% of the incoming new players are now Undead because it has been rewarding for them as they can easily catch up to older players.

This is not the only thing that blazing the forums because strange buildings are suddenly popping out from the ground. The buildings are basically the Necropolis of the Arch Lich fully risen from the ground. The soil became rotten and every dead living thing in that land became an undead.

The Undead King's Citadel is also now at the main world at the southwest of the central continent while the Arch Lich's Necropolis is at the southeast of the central continent. The other kingdoms near this structures are fortifying their defenses while the empire sent reinforcements to bolster those kingdoms.

Chapter 286 - Shadows Of War Part 1

The structures that have popped up on the main world signaled the start of the war with the undead. At first the undead players were confused because they did not think that there would be two factions of undead. They thought that the Undead War was about the war between the living and the undead but it was actually a literal war of the undead.

Another interesting fact was that Undead players could not easily join guilds allied with kingdoms since they are exterminate on sight kill order. Those who also changed their race to undead have been automatically kicked out from their guild as Undead are considered the enemy of the living.

This is also one of the reasons that Adrian is being careful of being recruited by a guild because his race would be automatically seen once he joins one. He would be able to get accepted but once he is accepted then he would be immediately kicked out because of his race.

The guild system is also adapted from the real world so people of a race that is in opposition of each other would not be able to be in one guild. The rules are laxer in the empire but they still do not consider demon, devils, and undead as people amongst other races.

Even if the demons are considered as neutral forces, they are considered monsters by other kingdoms due to the propaganda. Even the Undead faction of the Undead King are just considered as undead to be exterminated despite their faction not attacking the kingdoms near the citadel.

Due to the undead players being considered monsters, the Player Killer (PK) System does not apply to them but that also goes both ways because the undead players could kill them without punishment. The players that are killing each other are also getting experience points based on the level of the other party.

The undead are now building up their forces for the imminent clash that is about to happen but the kingdoms with living inhabitants are preparing as well. The kingdoms that meet halfway between the two undead forces are in a state of alert as they thought that the two undead factions are allied.

This rumor that the two undead forces are allied are soon erased because the spies and scouts sent have seen skirmishes between the two forces. They are not a hundred percent sure about this information because they think that the undead are being raised in a survival of the fittest scenario.

The kingdoms with living people would have not been in a state of alert if the holy churches were not attacked. The loss of the Church of Life took a big toll on the people because they are at the forefront when it comes to the battle against the undead. The Church of Life are also one of the most charitable religious factions as they give free medicine and heal sicknesses for free.

The damage on the holy churches are also not small so they are still reorganizing their personnel as of now. The weak living people are now at the mercy of the strong which is now lacking as some do not care if kingdoms get wiped out.

In a kingdom under alert that is near the Undead King's Citadel, a young boy with a dark blue hood can be seen with a huge person with four arms at his left and a floating ghost at his right. The guards stationed at the kingdom's walls immediately sounded the alarm once they caught sight of the three.

"Is it really necessary for us to form a working relationship with this human kingdom, Prince? They are rather trivial and barbaric to immediately label us as monsters despite not being under attack by us." Du'an stated as he does not like associating with close minded people.

"An alliance would be the best but a treaty that says they will not attack us just by passing by their kingdom would suffice. It is only human to fear what they do not understand as they do not know the blessing of eternal life. The blessing is not for everyone after all as some would like to return to the cycle of reincarnation after living a life of fulfillment." Creepysoo stated as he flexed his dignified aura.

"The prince is right. We do not need to be surrounded by enemies that will strike us anytime we are unprepared. Although I agree with you my prince, a treaty will not stop those greedy or scared people from attacking us. A piece of paper will not stop them from being our enemies." Valar stated as he crossed both pair of arms.

"We will not invoke a simple treaty Valar. We will invoke the Goddess of Justice's Oath." Creepysoo stated which greatly shocked the two as they know the ramifications of such oath.

"That is too risky my prince! Has the king agree to what you are planning?" Du'an asked as the Goddess of Justice's Oath is not simple.

"It was my father who suggested it but do not worry. The oath will not be eternal but will have a time limit. We just need to become more powerful than the other faction or else we will lose this war.

The Daemos will not interfere unless a dark god will be present on the other side. Plus, this is our war to begin with. We must recover the dignity of the undead." Creepysoo stated in a serious tone as he knows the Undead King's faction lack fire power.

If they managed to get a treaty of non-aggression with this kingdom then they would have bigger hunting grounds. The thing that they lack the most is resources to level up new players. Creepysoo aims to fix this using a diplomatic approach.

If the kingdoms next to them agree then they will help in their problems but if not then they would not care of their plight. The undead follow a code of honor. They lift those that accepts their hand and turn away to those that ignore it.

Chapter 287 - Shadows Of War Part 2

"STOP! This is the Kingdom of Blackheart! Move one more step and you will be fired upon." One of the soldiers announced to the three undead.

"My name is Creepysoo, Prince of the Undead. I wish to speak to your king. We are not here to start a war but to talk about diplomacy." Creepysoo stated which greatly shocked the guards.

The guards were shocked because they were taught that undead were mindless beings that hate and prey on the living. The only known intelligent undead are liches because they are wizards that became undead through magic but the undead in front of them is not a lich. He just looked like an ordinary pale boy that lacks nutrition.

"What should we do, Captain?" the soldier asked.

"Open Fire. We cannot trust the undead. They are scum of the earth. They want to meet the king? They probably want to kill our royalty." The captain of the knights stated in a cold tone.

"Wait! Do not become aggressive. Cease fire!" An old man in robes stated.

"Royal Wizard! Why are you here and not protecting the king?" The captain of the knights asked.

"Giving them hostility will be the death of our kingdom. The Prince there might not be much of a threat for me but the other two beside him are a colossal headache." The royal wizard stated in a panicked tone.

"What do you mean?" the knight captain asked.

"If they really wanted to attack our kingdom then why did those three bother to even show up in front of our gates? They could have just flooded the whole kingdom with undead as the holy churches are paralyzed right now." The royal wizard stated.

"You do not expect them to really meet with the king. They might try to assassinate him." The knight captain argued.

"That wraith over there could have easily blew apart our kingdom's walls if it wanted to but it did not. I will give them the benefit of the doubt and talk with them. If they really are hostile then they will attack me when I talk to them." The royal wizard stated as he conjured up wind magic to bring him in front the three undead.

Du'an noticed the magic cast atop the walls but did nothing because it was mere movement magic. The old man which is the royal wizard of the kingdom of Blackheart arrived before the three. Creepysoo looked at the old man and checked his attire. He could tell that this wizard is someone important because his robe is decorated with jewels and golden pins.

"Greetings, I am the Royal Wizard of the Kingdom of Blackheart Boreas. We did not expect visitors at the time of crisis so please do not be offended with the reception." Boreas stated while bowing to Creepysoo's group.

"I will introduce myself once more, I am Creepysoo. The Prince of the Undead. The one in-charge of the citadel west of this kingdom. I have come here to talk about diplomacy." Creepysoo stated in tone of royal dignity.

"Forgive me for not immediately succumbing to your wishes immediately as we need to assure that all of you will not bring harm to the royal family. Living beings have an immense fear of the undead so please be mindful of that." Boreas stated with another bow.

"Need I remind you Royal Wizard Boreas that you are not the only kingdom that is in our path. It does not matter to us if your kingdom be swept up in the war with the other undead faction. Undead we may be and the passage of time do not affect us but we offer only once." Creepysoo stated while the other two beside him are quiet.

The Royal Wizard Boreas could feel the truth about the words of the Prince of the Undead. If he interpreted the words correctly then the undead has two factions that are about to go to war. The faction closes to their kingdom wants to have a mutual relations agreement.

Boreas thought about the situation and the undead are correct. They are offering something much more to them other than bloodbath. Even the Royal Wizard Boreas could see that the alliance with the undead that do not seek bloodshed is much more optimal.

For royal wizards, the search for magic of powerful potency is the utmost importance. Boreas could feel that he would get access to magic that was previously unavailable to him. Boreas could see that they would be losing out in this deal if they do not accept it but the problem would be the empire.

Due to the empire stating that undead are all evil because the empire primarily worships the Goddess of Light, it would be very difficult to convince the royal family of the Blackheart Kingdom to accept the deal.

Creepysoo then took a scroll from Du'an which the latter got from a pocket dimension. Du'an's pocket dimension spell is made to be seen by Creepysoo's instruction because every royal wizard covets that magic. Creepysoo then threw the scroll towards Boreas.

"Take it as a gesture of good will. That scroll contains the grand magic that can cover your entire kingdom in a barrier to protect it from aerial threats." Creepysoo stated but before Boreas could speak someone else already spoke.

"I thank you, Prince of the Undead." Said by a young man in regal attire with black hair and accompanied by ten strong looking guards.

"Prince Lazul! Why have you come here?" Boreas asked and Creepysoo scanned the prince from head to toe.

"It is only right that another prince must invite a prince to the castle even if the other is a foreign one so to speak. Come in please. My father is expecting you." Prince Lazul stated as the gates of the walls opened up.

"It seems Blanche successfully sent the message to the King of Blackheart." Creepysoo stated as they marched towards the castle but the streets of the kingdom are empty due to fear. The Undead King's faction has taken a step towards diplomacy while the Arch Lich' faction continues the slaughter at the south east to increase their numbers.

Chapter 288 - Semperhiems

Adrian and Marlon (Levin Cloud) have been teleporting to parts of the central continent for the past day in hopes that the trinket that Elder Willow held to find the prophet. Since Adrian's teleport has a one hour cooldown, they have only been able to go to ten places at the north part of the central continent.

Adrian would have used Rewind to immediately cancel the cooldown but he might need to use it if they encounter the elder that guards the prophets. So far, Adrian and Marlon have checked all the northern part of the central continent.

If they go by the speed of their search then they will have searched the entire central continent in four days as long as there are no mishaps. Though four days may seem short, to Adrian it is still quite long because he wants to reinforce the side of the Undead King.

"It takes too long for us to even finish up the search in the central continent. We also cannot trust the range of the trinket. We need an absolute guide that can point us in the right direction." Adrian stated.

"How are we even going to that? Is not like Elder Willow can point us in the right direction because he is still in coma despite his injuries fully healed." Levin Cloud asked Adrian.

"I think I have an idea where we can seek the answer. How do leshies feel about the cold?" Adrian said as he used teleportation to reach the northern continent with his best friend.

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The two best friends reappeared at the smithy of Aurgelmir where the frost giant is currently busy hammering something. Aurgelmir saw that the young demon brought with him a peculiar person that is not usually seen at the north.

"It seems that you have brought a friend here and a type of person rarely seen at the north to add. It has been years since I have seen a forest guardian in the north. The forest guardian that tends to the north usually just hibernates like forever." Aurgelmir stated while still tempering the metal.

"I am here to get an audience with the Great Star Gazer, old man. We need her help so that we can find someone or rather two people." Adrian stated while he wandered his gaze to see if the Ice Queen Elona is in the premises.

"Even if you ask Elona, it is quite difficult to have an audience with the Great Star Gazer. She is basically the most guarded person in the northern continent if not the whole world. You are plenty good in the act of searching, young demon. Why do you need the help of the Great Star Gazer?" Aurgelmir asked as he still continued his task.

"I guess I already used up all my luck in searching for the Everfrost flower because the trinket that we are using to locate someone did not even light up even once." Adrian replied.

"If it is finding people then the Great Star Gazer would be your best bet but still getting her help will be difficult. She only divines those that need to be seen so that the world be warned of the upcoming major dangers. She even divined the upcoming war of the undead." Aurgelmir stated while still continuing his work.

"If that is the case then finding a prophet would not be difficult for her. It would be basically cakewalk." Adrian stated which made Aurgelmir stop hammering the metal.

"Do not tell me that you are going to kill a prophet?! Even something as blasphemous as that cannot be easily forgiven by other gods even if you are a champion of the highest order gods." Aurgelmir nagged Adrian.

"You are thinking of something scary, old man. I am not that kind of person." Adrian hurriedly reply as even he knows that killing an important person of a religion will be basically a death sentence to him. The twin gods already told him that the other gods are not best friends but are in a work like relationship.

"Well, it is not like demons have not did that before. It is not like the other churches dislike your kind just because of being powerful. Some demons have assassinated envoys or higher echelons of the churches so their anger at you is justified." Aurgelmir stated as he tossed the ruined metal away and picked up a new ingot.

"Seeing as the former envoy of the twin gods became perverted with power. I am pretty sure that is the case with the others. I mean for all we know it is the faceless ones that replaced those people. I mean the churches are weak right now because of the attack of the faceless ones with other followers of dark gods." Adrian replied as a counter argument.

"Anyways, we need to find the prophets of the twin gods in order to restore the church of death. It seems that the trinket is not reacting because their presence is being cloaked. Their guardian might have hid them much better due to the news of the church' undertaking." Adrian surmised.

"If you need the help of the Great Star Gazer for the restoration of the church of the death then I will lead you to her. Though I will not promise that she will help you." The voice of the Ice Queen Elona is heard behind them.

"Greetings, your majesty." Adrian stated and Levin Cloud followed suit.

The Ice Queen the greeted the frost giant before summoning a swirl of ice and snow that covered Adrian and Levin Cloud. When the two best friends regained their vision, they were greeted with a fantastical kingdom with structures made of ice.

The skies are greeted by an aurora shimmering in seven different colored lights. The people in the kingdom though have different skin tones compared to normal humans. The skin tone of the people in this icy kingdom were light blue and they wore light clothes as if the cold did not bother them.

"Welcome to my kingdom, boys. The kingdom of never ending winter, Semperhiems." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

Chapter 289 - The Great Star Gazer

Adrian and Levin Cloud arrived at the kingdom that is controlled the Ice Queen Elona. Despite the outside of the kingdom being in constant blizzard, the inside of the kingdom is only snowing with snowflakes. The inside of the kingdom is about the bearable level of cold.

"The temperature here at the kingdom is maintained by me. The blizzard outside is also our defensive mechanism that is used to shield our kingdom from the outside world." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"Do the people not want to explore the outside world? I am pretty sure that there are some who have adventurous spirits." Levin Cloud asked as he started shivering.

It seems that Levin Cloud's physiological constitution does not do well in the cold. Adrian summoned Kanlaon in his human form in order to warm up Levin Cloud to some degree. Kanlaon's human form did not change but two orbs are now circling his body.

"It seems that you have made great use of the orb that I have given you. For your question young leshy, the outside world is not as welcoming of someone different from them. I am pretty sure that you have noticed this because the young demon has always used a disguised in the outside world." The Ice Queen Elona stated confidently.

"Since you are now one of the five races, you should know a transformation skill or a Glamour spell like me. It is quite difficult being hunted. Even the late Dryad Makiling had to hide from the world as they do not like someone different from them." Adrian stated as they followed the Ice Queen Elona to a place that is surrounded by a clear lake.

They were led to a structure that looks like an observatory on the middle of a clear blue lake. There are no bridges or any type of vehicle to help cross the lake. Before Adrian questioned, the Ice Queen Elona created a platform of ice beneath them and used that to carry the group towards the observatory.

The lake was clear and Adrian could feel that it seems enchanted in some way. Since Levin Cloud is now more attuned to nature, he could sense something in the lake that is pulsating with life.

"If you are curious about the lake then it is a special lake with healing waters. Legend has it that the Goddess of Life Gaea herself made this lake using her tears. If the forest guardian can feel the energy of life from the lake then it must be true." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"But it seems that you do not use its healing properties. I think you use these waters to aid the Great Star Gazer." Adrian asked.

"You are correct, young demon. The water here contains valuable memory and my people do not get sick so we do not use its healing properties. I have said before that water contains memories and the lake is utilized by the Great Star Gazer as the stars could foresee different events. It also lessens her use of life force for every divination." The Ice Queen Elona answered as they landed.

The observatory was just a simple structure made of white marble with a glass ceiling in order to have a clear view of the stars. It seems that the glass roof is special because it can pierce through the blizzard enveloping the outer kingdom.

At the center of the observatory, there is a person standing there with a long white gown and hair that is as long as her gown. She turned towards the guests that is in her observatory and the two best friends saw the state of the Great Star Gazer.

The Great Star Gazer cannot see clearly because she was blind. She was blind but if felt like she was staring at the guests deeply as if peering into the souls of those inside the observatory. Adrian felt her gaze struck him and it felt like an Anubis or a godlike entity is staring at him.

The Great Star Gazer smiled at Adrian as if she knew what is on his mind. Adrian used his evil eye towards her but it was repelled for the first time. It was a complete nullification of an ocular skill which greatly shocked Adrian. The Great Star Gazer is mightier than he thought but it seems her great powers came at a great cost.

The Great Star Gazer is said to be young according to the Ice Queen Elona but wrinkles could be seen from her face. The signs of visible aging could be seen from her visage. It seems that it is life force that she pays to perform great divinations that could determine the status of the world itself.

"She exudes some of the essence of the Everfrost flower. It seems that I was correct in guessing that she was the one to be given the potion made from it. Although I could feel her life force slowing down, it seems that she can only last for about half a century at most." Adrian stated.

"It also seems that the Goddess Gaea is not happy with her." Levin Cloud stated as he received a prompt saying that the Goddess of Life is a little bit unhappy of the Great Star Gazer's status.

"The Great Mother should be very disappointed in me because I prolonged my life that is to be fated to die. The God of Death is probably unhappy with me as well but I shall beg for their forgiveness when I truly die. This world is will be on the brink of destruction had I died and be unable to tell the prophecy." The Great Star Gazer stated in a nonchalant tone.

"Pay no heed to what they are spouting Delphi. They are young and know little about the state of the world." The Ice Queen Elona stated as she glared fiercely at the two.

"It is true though, my dear friend. The twin gods are just unhappy because I extended my stay at the mortal realm. I already foretold my death and it was not at that time so do not worry. The aspect of death never fails to get the souls of the dead." Delphi replied.

"As long as you are not offended then I will not give them trouble." The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"So why are two of the cherished children of the twin gods here?" Delphi asked.

"I thought that you will know because you are a seer and everything." Levin Cloud stated.

"People like the both of you are special because you have been blessed by the twin gods. Your future is not set in stone and is ever changing which is why I cannot divine your future but I can see your past exploits using the memory of this world." Delphi stated.

"We want to know where the prophets of the twin gods are being held. If you help us then maybe the twin gods will not be unhappy with you anymore." Adrian stated.

"If that is your question then it is quite easy to answer as they are in a place shrouded from the normal eyes of the world. In a pocket dimension of the main world, Nebulon. A place called the Grove of Vitaemortem. The trinket you bear is a key to that place but it will take considerable time to get there as it is hidden." Delphi answered easily as she already knows of this place.

"Where is it exactly?" Levin Cloud asked as they are pressured with time.

"It is in a place where two peaks meet. A place both lively and dead. It is at the northwest part of the central continent. The young demon should be able to sense it as his kind is more in tune to finding pocket dimension. Is that all you wish to know?" Delphi answered.

"Yes. Great Star Gazer Delphi. Thank you and we are sorry if we have been rude in some way. We will head out first as we are pressed for time. The Arch Lich must not win the war of the undead." Adrian stated as he teleported away with Levin Cloud and Kanlaon.

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"I thought that you will tell them something important about the impending doom coming to this world?" The Ice Queen Elona stated.

"They are not yet ready. We still have time as the signs have yet to manifest. I will ask for your help in fetching them once more when I feel a disruption of the veil that separates the realities." Delphi stated as she once again looked up towards the stars.

Chapter 290 - Searching For Twin Peaks

Adrian and his group appeared at the northwest part of the central continent. Adrian then rolled up the map that he has obtained about the central continent. They looked at the northwest part of it to see if there is a mountain where its two peaks meet.

They looked for this special type of land form but to no avail as nothing is indicated in the map. There are mountain ranges but there was no indication of there being a place where two peaks meet. There are a lot of mountains at the northwest part of the central continent though.

"What if the phrase 'where two peaks meet' is not literally a place where two peaks meet? But if seen by the naked eye then it would form the illusion that the two peaks of a mountain meet?" Levin Cloud suggested and Adrian could not agree more.

"Seriously! I really hate people who speak cryptically. I mean can you just like point us in the right direction immediately!" Adrian said in a frustrated tone.

"If they did that then any player would easily find the places where dungeons and treasures are hidden. It would take out the sense of adventure and using one's head to solve problems. There is a reason why gamers are faster in solving problems in real life at least that is what a case study that I read stated." Levin Cloud argued.

"Fine. So from the map, where do you think is the likeliest part of the northwest of the central continent would that be? We should check each part of the map where there are two or more mountains. There are basically three spots if we use that deduction." Adrian stated as he pointed at the three areas.

"The elder guarding the prophets would surely use a guard to protect the entrance. It would either be a hermit or they would be pretending as a family that lives near there. I learned that from watching many kingdom type shows." Levin Cloud stated.

"That might be possible because one of the Daemos could pry open the pocket dimension as long as they are powerful enough. The trinket would be something like a key so it makes sense that it did not react despite teleporting all over the place. Kanlaon will be our mount as one of the areas is near here." Adrian stated as Kanlaon shed his human form and became a dragon.

The monsters in the area were only in the range of early hundreds so they steered away from Kanlaon as he flew through the air. Kanlaon's aura itself made the temperature of the surroundings either drop or rise up. The trees below either had signs of a burn or frost whenever Kanlaon passed through them.

They reached the mountains but their peaks did not touch in a sense because they were all straight. Adrian imagined that the peak would be at least curved like a half circle in order to meet each other. They passed by some players on the way because there are some towns on the way to the second set of mountains in the map.

The players could only look up at the flying dragon while others foolishly tried attacking him. Kanlaon did not retaliate as he moved faster than the projectiles and magic spells hurled towards him. Adrian wanted to teach them a lesson but he must preserve his spells in case of emergencies. He remembered the thunderbird that suddenly swooped in and killed him when he tried using Orion's Wrath for the first time.

"We are moving quite fast but it seems that the wind pressure is not getting to us." Levin Cloud commented.

"Oh! It is because Kanlaon is using a spell to control the heat of the wind blasting us so it only feels like we are getting hit by a breeze. If the flying mount is not magical in nature then the rider would have a full blast of wind pressure. I read that in the forums from people who only used giant eagles and giant hawks as flying mounts." Adrian replied.

"Stop! Look!" Levin Cloud suddenly shouted.

Adrian hurriedly gave the order for Kanlaon to stop and he saw two peaks of adjacent mountains overlapping each other. He told Kanlaon to fly a bit to the side to see if the mountain peaks would touch from a different point of view and it did.

The two peaks of the mountain form an oval when they do not intersect. Adrian told Kanlaon to go closer to the first mountain peak in order to see if there was a pocket dimension there. When they got near the mountains, Adrian noticed that the forest below was like a mixture of life and death.

The forest in the middle of the two mountains was lush and lively. But as the trees reach the mountains, the trees became withered and some even outright rot. Adrian could also feel a fluctuation of space in the vicinity of the forest but does not know where it is exactly.

"Let us investigate that forest. I can feel a spatial disturbance but I cannot get a lock on it. I might sense it much better if we go lower." Adrian stated and they started to descend.

Kanlaon received the order to descend and it did but ten arrows made of different elements suddenly came out from the forest. Kanlaon would have easily dodged but some arrows were made of the light element which suddenly pierced him faster than the other elemental arrows.

The pride of a dragon is tested as Kanlaon did not dodge but just accepted all the damage. He was healed when he is shot by fire and ice arrows but he got damaged more by other elemental arrows. Adrian used his evil eye to see how many people were attacking them and he counted ten souls.

Kanlaon reached the ground but his health still diminished by a quarter which is a shock. Out of all Adrian's soulbounds, Kanlaon is the most durable since Charon does not count as it could ignore damage completely. Levin Cloud immediately jumped towards the ground when they landed and disappeared like a plant going inside the earth.

Adrian had to protect Kanlaon using the Quantum Spacemines. The spacemines pretty much lost their effectiveness in the late game but Adrian found a way to make it useful as a defensive mechanism. He would use the spacemines as a contact mine where a spell or projectile touching it would make it detonate.

This was very effective in the hail of spells and arrows that some foolish people randomly fired towards Kanlaon. Soon screams can be heard from the forest and the arrows reaching Adrian and Kanlaon became less and less. After about ten minutes, Levin Cloud sprouted from the ground with a tired expression.

"Becoming a part of nature really takes a toll in one's body. I only have about 15% of my stamina left due to dealing with the archers." Levin Cloud stated.

"I could have summoned Sirius to take care of them. They attacked us so I have no qualms killing them. Even the goddess of life will agree with that notion but you want them to stay alive so you only bound them." Adrian stated in a monotone fashion.

"The Church of Life is struggling enough. We need the numbers for the upcoming war. I only bound their bodies in the trees and knocked them out. It will probably hold them off for a few minutes so start finding the pocket dimension." Levin Cloud stated in an exasperated tone.

"Yes, Boss! At least we know that we are at the right place because we were attacked." Adrian stated as he summoned all his soulbounds to help look.