

O Summoner 341

Chapter 341 - Deed Of The Land

"No way!" Adrian suddenly exclaimed as he did not believe that something like this was given to him.

[You have obtained the Deed of the Land for Timber Village.]

Adrian managed to get the most important reward because the territory expansion system has finally been implemented. After the Valor Guild obtained the highest contribution group reward, the territories that are polluted by the undead war became up for grabs.

The catch of owning those territories though is cleansing them of the miasma and buying them from the territory owner. It was not also applicable for anyone person to buy it as a player must obtain a title of a noble of that kingdom or empire to govern a piece of land. In other words, you would have to jump through dozens of hoops unless the king or emperor has given you that territory.

"I mean it seems that they are entrusting this land to me albeit small but if is very remote and rather safe for other races to hide to. Should I accept Emrys' request?" Adrian thought as the half demons are under persecution now more than ever.

According to what the elder's taught him about Daemonios, they do not look like demons but look like the other race they were born to with a slight variation in their looks. The only thing consistent is that Daemonios inherit the cat's eye look of the Daemos and their hair on top of their head is always in a shade of blue.

"If I provide them this place then I would have villagers already that I can tax. Besides the ones that Emrys is talking about are not really pure Daemonios but their descendants. Some might even be non-combatants and I could not afford to actually guard them." Adrian thought but he would need to have the permission of the elders first.

If Adrian helped the Daemonios then that would also mean that the Daemos have forgiven them from the sins of their forefathers. Adrian does not really care that much but the elders seem to bore quite the resentment against them.

"Anyways, I would ask the elders later and activate the deed now. No point in selling it because this land would become dirt cheap due to no actual roads and extremely far from civilization." Adrian thought but if he actually sold this deed now then he might have gotten an offer of a hundred thousand gold at the very least due to the high demand of top guilds for land.

Item: Deed of Land to Timber Village

Tier: Common

Type: Territory Expansion Item

Effect: Whoever uses this item will become the owner of the uninhabited land hidden south of the central continent.

The tier of a deed does not correspond to how difficult it is to get because all deeds are very difficult to obtain. The tier of a deed is equivalent to how many people can live in a territory.

Adrian's common tier deed can accommodate about a hundred or so people but that does not mean it is always fixed because a territory could be expanded with resources.

Adrian activated the deed as it glowed in a green light that also encompassed the whole territory. Adrian then felt that he could see everything inside his territory as if he had a bird's eye view of the whole place despite the small territory.

[Congratulations to Player Equinox for becoming a land owner.]

[Please name your small territory.]

Thankfully, the system prompt that Adrian received was not a world message because he remembered that the Valor Guild triggered a world message when they unlocked their territory and Ain receiving a noble title. As for the name of his newfound land, Adrian already found a proper name for it as it was the first thing that popped up in his head.

"This small quaint place will be my very own safe heaven where I do not need to hide from the persecution of the world. Where I would not be hounded by others trying to take advantage of me." Adrian muttered.

[Too long to be registered as a village name.]

Adrian became rather shocked with the reply of the system prompt. He only said those words because he wants to become rather sentimental about owning his own territory despite it being inside a game. It is every man's dream to own a piece of land exclusive for himself.

"Avalon. I will name my territory, Avalon." Adrian stated.

[Congratulations! You have named you own territory Avalon.]

[You can now access the Territory Management Tool. You can only manage your territory when you are physically there yourself.]

Adrian named his new territory from one of the tales that he read when he was a child. He saw that the name Avalon is something like a hidden paradise as the hero of that story recuperated there. The land also can be translated to land of apples as it was described that apples would grow on the land every time regardless of the season.

"Let us check the state of the territory then." Adrian muttered as he opened the Territory Management Tool.

Territory: Avalon

Size: Village

Level: 1

Owner: Equinox

Population: (1 / 150)

Security: (1 / 100%)

Food Storage: Not Applicable

Specialty: None

Tax Collected: None

Total Gold Invested:

Description: A newly owned territory by the individual named Equinox. Not much has been done because he was left with this abandoned territory by the grace of the spirits of the past dwellers. Huge investments need to be poured into this territory to make it functional and habitable once again. Expect to invest a lot of coins.

"I do not know if the AI of the game is praising me or insulting me with that description. Is there any chance for me to immediately sell it? I do not think I can even revive this ghost town with my financial power." Adrian stated as he knew that only guilds can invest in territories because of the financial power of a group of individuals.

"I should probably start a guild as well. Might as well get some investors. Hehehe..." Adrian thought something devious but he needed to bond with the axe psyche armament first.

Adrian then held the axe psyche armament and he was immediately sent to his subconscious. Sirius and Kanlaon made it their priority to protect their master while the bonding of the last psyche armament. The intense energy that came out from Adrian attracted some rather powerful monsters to his location. The monsters are attracted because they need to consume powerful sources of energies in order to evolve into something more powerful.

Chapter 342 - Perfect Assimilation

Inside of Adrian's subconscious, he was now in front of the axe psyche armament but it was still not changing form. It only means that this axe psyche armament has yet to fully accept him as its new master.

Adrian then focused all his concentration on the axe and the memories of the past owners of the axe started flooding his mind. The memories appeared all around Adrian like the whole subconscious became a giant television broadcasting the memories of the axe.

The memory that stood up the most for Adrian is the one where a man wearing the pelt of a bear with deer antlers used the axe to clear a whole area in one strike. With just one swing of the axe, the sea of trees was cleared and that area became the start of Timber Village. That man later ascended to godhood using his own strength but never left an heir.

Adrian then saw the axe transforming bit by bit as he immersed himself with the emotions of the past axe wielders. Adrian did not dismiss the scenes he was shown because it also become a basis of some of the moves he uses when wielding the psyche armaments. After absorbing all the knowledge he could the axe psyche armament finally transformed into the theme of Adrian's psyche armaments.

The axe became double edge instead of a single edge and it also grew in size as it is almost as big as Adrian. The middle of the axe features a demon eye that once again looks at the surrounding. The

handle became purple colored scales. The sharp edge of the double edge axe is glowing silver while runes are engraved on it.

Adrian now had completed the acquisition of all the psyche armaments but something bothered him. What bothered Adrian is the sudden reaction of his psyche armament in the eastern continent where the supposed village of ninjas were. Adrian thought that it might be connected to one of the remaining missions that he has in order to advance in job class. He decided to see the next mission objective.

Requirements for Twilight Summoner job class advancement:

1. Reach Level 150 (Complete)
2. Collect All Seven Psyche Armaments (Complete)
3. Obtain the Pure Spirit Bead (Incomplete)
4. Unlocks when the previous requirement is fulfilled
5. Unlocks when the previous requirement is fulfilled

Adrian knew that it was a shot in the dark but his gut is telling him that the bead is located in that village. He just hopes that he could successfully sneak inside of the mountain without being detected. He would basically have to beat the masters of concealment using their own methods and he knows just how to do it.

Adrian then exited his subconscious and was surprised with the scene before him. About twenty or so monster bodies were lying on the ground. Adrian inspected them and they were not higher leveled than Kanlaon or Sirius. His two soulbounds though look like they wanted to be praised so Adrian did so generously.

Adrian then sent a message to Piggy Bank. Adrian needed to sell off the things in his inventory that he did not really need and even sell off some of the rare tier herbs that he has in his possession. Adrian applied Glamour and met Piggy Bank at the capital of the empire.

"Ohohoh! Hello my friend! It is good to see you once again. It seems you have become much stronger than ever." Piggy Bank stated with utter glee.

"Let us proceed to a secret location as we do not want anyone to see what I am about to give you." Adrian whispered as he knew that merchants are the type to sugarcoat their words so flattery does not work on him.

"So what is it that you need for me?" Piggy Bank immediately changed atmosphere and Adrian was not shocked because great merchants adapt to their customers.

"This is the list of items that I want you to sell for me but the skill book on the bottom is what I really need right now. If you can get it quickly like right now then I would give you 10% of the profits that the items I want you to sell." Adrian stated which made Piggy Bank's gaze shift to the bottom of the paper.

"Perfect Assimilation!" Piggy Bank suddenly shouted because this was an epic tier skill book.

"Can you do it?" Adrian asked with haste because he needed that specific skill book to at least easily infiltrate the mountain.

"You are lucky that we have one on hand but it will be at the auction five days later. I can arrange for it to be bought but you will have to buy it at about twice the expected bid price." Piggy Bank stated.

"If I provide you with an epic tier herb, will you be able to get me that skill book now?" Adrian suddenly asked which made Piggy Bank to start palpitating.

Piggy Bank wanted to know more if Adrian has more than one epic tier herb because every guild is looking for it. Since the east continent was opened, a sub job class called Apothecary was found. This was not like an alchemist that brewed potions but made pills that can give a person a permanent passive skill.

This sub job class was not that easy to get though as an exam is provided to anyone who wants to become one and that exam is insanely difficult to pass. The sub job class might be difficult but the reward was well worth it because a job class but also very expensive.

"So will you get me the skill book?" Adrian asked and Piggy Bank nodded with enthusiasm because the former offered something more precious than a skill book.

"I already informed someone of the matter and they are delivering the skill book as we speak." Piggy Bank stated and Adrian gave him the epic tier herb which greatly made the former's face bright.

"Sir Piggy Bank, the thing you requested has arrived." A servant entered the room and was told to give the skill book to Adrian.

Skill: Perfect Assimilation

Tier: Epic

Type: Summoner Possession

Effect: Combine with one of your soulbounds. Gain the skills and abilities of the soulbound during the duration.

Duration: 10 minutes

Cooldown: 24 hours

Cast Time: 5 seconds

Mana Cost: 5,000 Mana Points

"This would be perfect!" Adrian stated with a smile as he gave all the items that would be up for trade after signing a contract with Piggy Bank.

Chapter 343 - Heihudie Clan

Adrian teleported to the south part of the eastern continent as it was the only location where he is actually welcomed. Thankfully, the hidden ninja village is located in this part of the eastern

continent. It was actually the Vermillion Bird that told Adrian about the inhabitants of this hidden village.

The Vermillion Bird has a specific title that lets it see all forms of fire inside his territory which is the reason why it could peer into hidden locations as long fire is used. This title is the Supreme Ruler of Fire title which is the enhanced form of Kanlaon's Ruler of Fire title.

Adrian asked the Vermillion Bird on how to enhance the Ruler of Fire title but even the latter does not know as it already came to have that title upon birth. Adrian also found out that the Vermillion Bird and the other divine beasts came to be due to the faith of the people which is why they are very magnanimous to their followers.

"You best be careful, my dear friend. Despite me being able to see what is going inside their village, I cannot ascertain their strength levels. Seeing as they do not visit me despite my rebirth, it only means that they are confident that they can live without my protection." The Vermillion Bird stated.

"Thank you very much for your help once more. Saena, let us go now. Do not bother the Vermillion Bird too much." Adrian stated as he collected Saena who was snuggling up to the Vermillion Bird as it seemed to remind her of her own mother.

Adrian then used teleport to go near the location of the hidden village. It is located at a mountain with the entrance being a cave hidden by the natural rock formations. The only indication of the actual path of the cave is a small inscription which can only be seen if you are one foot away from it. The first time that Adrian inspected the mountain, he used Sirius to become his eyes and ears.

This time it is Adrian who want to enter the mountain but he needed to be sneaky about it because there are guards at the entrance. The cave entrance might look unguarded but it seems that the real guards are ninjas. From what Adrian collected from the forums, ninja is a second job class advancement which is reported that only one player has obtained.

Since ninjas are a second job class advancement, Adrian became very wary as he might get killed easily with how much attack and speed that a ninja has. The NPCs guarding the village is also about level 150 and they are much more dangerous compared to monsters according to Adrian's point of view. There is a reason why the more intelligent species are more powerful.

"Okay. Time to execute the plan. Let us just hope that it works. Thankfully, it is night time and the shadows are more apparent." Adrian thought as he sealed the rest of his soulbounds except for Sirius.

"Perfect Assimilation!" Adrian stated while putting his right hand on Sirius' head.

Sirius' body then turned into a shadowy silhouette as a magic circle appeared below Adrian. Perfect Assimilation is different from the Common Summoner Skill Book Assimilation because the user will be able to have the skills of the soulbound chosen and use them with 100% effect. The Legendary version of this skill is called Pinnacle Assimilation which also gives the Summoner a 50% stat increase for the duration of the fusion.

Adrian and Sirius' body started to fuse together as Adrian's ears became wolflike. He even had three scar marks on his cheeks which are like whiskers. The most noteworthy thing is that Adrian is

physically emitting an aura silhouette of a wolf. He also grown a wolf tail that he can freely wag using his thought.

"Wow! So this is what Sirius could see using his senses." Adrian stated as he marveled with the new world he could see.

Adrian's senses are multiplied by ten and his demon senses are already far more sharp compared to a human. Adrian could even see small details of the ground like the dust. His sense of smell was so sharp that he could smell the scent of another living being a few meters away. His sense of hearing could even pick up the soft tweet of a bird a hundred meters away.

"I better hurry up as I can only maintain this form in under 10 minutes. Shadow Domain: Shadow Walk" Adrian stated as his figure sunk on the ground and became a shadow.

Inside the shadow realm, Adrian could only see black and white. The white part is the location where light shines while the black part is where it is covered in shadows. He would traverse the black path because he does not lose stamina when he walks there because whenever he walks on the white trail would make him lose 1% of his stamina per second.

It did not take long for Adrian to reach the cave entrance of the village and he could smell two different scents that are incredibly hidden. Their scent was not that apparent as well because it was only Sirius' nose that could easily sniff it out.

Adrian then continued on inside the cave entrance and it felt like he did not enter a mountain because a small village was inside. Adrian could not really express the beauty of the village because he can only see it in black and white but one thing stood out that made him shudder a bit.

A mark of a butterfly could be seen marking every building inside the village. There are even children playing which means that they are very confident of the guards stationed at the cave entrance. Adrian could feel that the butterfly insignia is very familiar and it finally hit him.

"Heihudie!" Adrian suddenly shouted which immediately made all the people in the village increase their guard. Even the children playing brought out kunais.

Chapter 344 - Pure Spirit Bead

Just the mere utter of the word Heihudie made every person in the vicinity raise their guards. Adrian did not know what to do as he just suddenly screamed involuntarily because it was his habit when he remembers something that he thought so hard about.

"I should just make my way out the exit and try this again a few days later." Adrian thought to himself as he made his way out of the hidden village.

"Who goes there?!" Someone shouted with a strong female voice as a restricting aura that looked like a flurry of butterflies spread out that locked Adrian in place.

Adrian could not move from his position because he was locked in place. He did not know that he was actually locked in place due to a skill call Shadow Stitching. He was not able to move because the effect of the skill is locking every shadow in place and every being casts a shadow even the dead.

"It seems that our intruder is more skillful than I thought." The strong female voice stated as she revealed herself.

She was wearing a beautiful eastern style clothing that had the motif of a black butterfly. One might say that she wore those clothes because she was mourning but in fact it was just in fact her style. Adrian saw her face and could only say that she looked exactly Diao Chan. Their resemblance is almost uncanny.

It did not take long for the duration of Adrian's skill to end. The transformation ended and they split which meant that Adrian and Sirius could now be seen by everyone in the village. All the villagers then pointed their weapons at Adrian whose shadow was no longer rooted because the binding spell was dispelled when they split apart.

"Identify yourself and how do you know the name of our clan." The beautiful woman that wore a black butterfly dress stated.

"It is best of you answer truthfully right now or else your life would be forfeited." A ninja stated as he pointed his blade against Adrian's neck. He did not even noticed how the ninjas were suddenly near him as he did not feel their presence.

Adrian did not bother to answer but instead took out the insignia that was given to him by Diao Chan. The others became wary as an item appeared on the hands of the intruder but their mistress says otherwise. She had her gaze on the insignia held by the intruder because not just anyone can be given that insignia.

"How did you came into the possession of that? Answer truthfully or else you would lose your head." The beautiful woman with a black butterfly motif stated.

"I got this from your ancestor." Adrian replied.

"You are lying! Even the Daoist can only prolong their lifespan by a few years." The ninja holding a blade against Adrian's neck stated.

"You might think that I am humans just like you but I am not." Adrian stated as he undoes his Glamour to show the whole village what he really looks like.

"A demon!" The villagers suddenly exclaimed because there have only been one account in their entire village history that tells of a demon and that was when their clan was saved by one.

"I guess that Diao Chan decided to have a more secretive village. I always thought that she would once again open a teahouse or something but the southern part of the kingdom did fall." Adrian stated which made their mistress' suspicion vanish.

"Are you the one who helped our late clan head escape from the forgotten capital?" the beautiful woman asked as clan heads were always told that their savior could come to them one day. Should that day ever arrive then they would help that person without question.

"If you are doubting me then feel free to inspect the insignia that was given to me. I am pretty sure that this insignia could not be faked as I have been told." Adrian stated as he handed down the insignia to one of the ninjas beside him.

The ninja took the insignia and gave it to their mistress. She inspected it and could not believe that it was real. There are remaining traces of the power of a clan head on the insignia. She immediately ordered everyone to stop the hostilities and welcome their most esteemed guest.

"I am rather sorry for the rude welcome as we thought that you were an intruder as there have been some who could get themselves inside our hidden village." I am Diao Ziyun, the current head of the Heihudie Clan." Diao Ziyun exclaimed as she bowed with courtesy and the other villagers did as well.

"Do not worry. I think that it is proper to protect the village but I do remember dropping off Diao Chan and the others in a forest. Still, I am quite pleased that my efforts to save your ancestors was not for naught. You can call me Equinox." Adrian stated as he bowed in response.

"May I ask why you are here in our village, my lord? You could have easily entered our village if you have shown the insignia at the entrance." Diao Ziyun asked.

"If I had known that this was your clan's village then I would have done so and not sneak my way in. The Vermillion Bird only told me the rough details of this village." Adrian replied.

Diao Ziyun was surprised because not anyone could easily speak to a divine beast. It just made Adrian's claim of being their savior but one thing still bugged her. She was just like her ancestor that is incredibly blunt.

"Why are you so weak, savior? The stories of you stated that you are all powerful and could easily cross time and space." Diao Ziyun asked and Adrian almost vomited blood.

"I could cross time and space because I am a Daemos after all or demons as the common man refers it as they have long forgotten the real name of our race. I am weaker now because of some circumstances and I was hoping you could help me restore my power." Adrian replied as he just did not want to say that he was over buffed during that time.

"We were told by the previous clan head to aid you in one thing without question. So please tell me what you need?" Diao Ziyun stated.

"Do you know of an item called the Pure Spirit Bead?" Adrian asked but he already knows that the location of the said item could be here in their village.

Chapter 345 - A Real Treasure Is Often Hidden Amongst Trash

"Pure Spirit Bead? I do not believe that we have that kind of thing in our treasury." Diao Ziyun stated as she thought long and hard.

Adrian did not believe that Diao Ziyun was lying to her because it was a decree to help him without question once. He could only think that they could not identify the treasure and it is rotting in their treasury.

"Can I view your treasury?" Adrian asked which alerted all the aides of Diao Ziyun.

Even if the person in front of them is a guest, they should not just blatantly say something like that. Adrian just basically told them that he does not trust them and therefore he should check their treasury to make sure that your mistress is not lying. It is the blatant disrespect for their mistress that ire's them and not Adrian's manners.

The aide wanted to voice out their disagreement, but their mistress was not acting haughty or angry. She took her time trying to dissect the words of the guest that they have and concluded that he did not say so out of ill will but of confidence that he can find it if is presented the location.

"If our esteemed guest says so then I would not hinder you from looking at our treasury. I must say though that I have not really heard of the item you speak of. So, if you are sure that the item is at our treasury then I would implore our guest to prove his claim so that my people would not judge you harshly for entering our treasury." Diao Ziyun stated in a clear voice that managed to convince her people.

"I got to admit that she is a capable leader. She noticed the disagreement of her people and he even managed to say it to me in a nice way." Adrian thought.

Adrian nodded and summoned his mirror psyche armament. He did not want to summon the other armaments because they might think he would attack them due to how lethal looking the others are. Diao Ziyun then saw the mirror and she was shocked for a split second but returned to her casually smiling face.

"This mirror should be familiar with your clan because it is what I requested to find when I asked you late clan head." Adrian stated as the mirror psyche armament started to glow in a bluish white light.

The mirror psyche armament then darted away to a certain location without Adrian's control as if attracted by something. Adrian then asked Diao Ziyun to follow it with him because he does not want to be rude and act like he owns the place. He rode Sirius while Diao Ziyun conjured a butterfly made of shadows to use as transport.

The mirror looked like a monster because of the demonic eye that keeps looking around. It scared some of the residents, but they did not dare attack it for fear for retaliation and that their mistress is already following it. The mirror then naturally flowed towards the grandest structure inside the mountain.

"That is my abode. I think it really is going towards the treasury." Diao Ziyun stated and Adrian nodded.

The mirror then went inside the manor and only Adrian and Diao Ziyun followed while the aides guarded the entrance. They wanted to come with their mistress but only she is allowed to go inside the treasury unless she permits other to come inside. The mirror psyche armament stopped in front of a large wooden door sealed by four large pillars.

"This is the treasury door. Wait as I open it." Diao Ziyun stated as she moved in front of the treasury door.

Diao Ziyun then conjured up four butterflies with four different colors. The four butterflies also had different attributes symbolizing fire, wind, earth and water. The red butterfly symbolizing fire flew up to the highest beam. The blue butterfly symbolizing water flew towards the second beam. The gray butterfly symbolizing wind flew towards the third beam. The green butterfly symbolizing earth flew to the last beam.

When the butterflies touched each of the beams, they scattered into flickers of light, but the beams glowed into the four different colors corresponding to the butterfly that landed on them. Each of the beams then started disintegrating as the elements ate them up. After one minute, the door is no longer blocked, and it opened in a slow manner.

Diao Ziyun then led the way inside with Adrian following behind her. The treasury of the Heihudie Clan is nothing to scoff at as all manner of different artifacts are just scattered about. The artifacts are not even organized if they are below epic.

"It has been this way for ages as the list of the items has rotted away after being mishandled. I just hope that you can find whatever it is you are looking for." Diao Ziyun stated.

Adrian then tried to expand his senses, but he could only feel a faint tug. His mirror psyche armament then glowed brighter than ever. Something a little bit far away then resonated with the mirror psyche armament. The light came from a faraway pile that was just full of rubbish artifacts according to Diao Ziyun.

Adrian then carefully searched the pile and found a bead with a butterfly insignia. Adrian then inspected the bead and he smiled immediately because he found the thing that he was looking for.

"Who knew that the thing I needed the most is actually hiding in a pile of garbage." Adrian muttered as he appraised the item.

Item: Pure Spirit Bead

Type: Quest Item

"I remember that bead because my mother invited me inside the treasury once and told me that it is considered junk because they could not even harness its power. It was just given as a gift to us because of the butterfly insignia that reminds every person of our clan." Diao Ziyun stated.

Adrian touched the bead and a shockwave of energy was released with his body as an epicenter. All of his psyche armaments then came out of his body and rotated around Adrian as the Pure Spirit Bead collected mana from Adrian.

Chapter 346 - Demi-gauntlets No More

The seven psyche armaments rotated around Adrian as his figure floated up in mid-air. Diao Ziyun tried to help Adrian because she thought that the item was possessing her esteemed guest. The Pure Spirit Bead then became bigger and bigger until it absorbed Adrian's body.

The butterfly insignia then covered Adrian's body. The butterfly was always a sign to signify the spirit or souls. Many cultures associate the butterfly with our souls. The Christian religion sees the butterfly as a symbol of resurrection. Around the world, people view the butterfly as representing endurance, change, hope, and life.

The Psyche Armaments then entered the huge sphere one by one in order of the arrangement that Adrian got them. Each time that an armament entered the sphere, it would glow in a brilliant light. Adrian is aware of what is happening to his body, but he could not actually move his body.

Requirements for Twilight Summoner job class advancement:

1. Reach Level 150 (Complete)
2. Collect All Seven Psyche Armaments (Complete)

3. Obtain the Pure Spirit Bead (Complete)

4. Combine All the Psyche Armaments to awaken the hidden power of the Pure Spirit Bead (Incomplete)

5. Unlocks when the previous requirement is fulfilled

Adrian is now trying to activate the Pure Spirit Bead with his mana, but it was more voracious than he thought. Adrian ran out of mana and used his Soul Essences. The Pure Spirit Bead greedily devoured the soul essences as Adrian supplied it. When his Soul Essences was also depleted, the bead took on another source and that was his Nether Energy.

The Nether Energy was so nutritious to the bead that it only consumed half of it but that is also what made it unstable. The instability of the Pure Spirit Bead did not bode well for Adrian because it became uncontrollable. But luck has shined on Adrian once more because his Transformation Rune activated as it has finally become full.

[Your Transformation Rune has finally been complete. It will now undergo evolution.]

The Transformation Rune attached to the demi-gauntlets absorbed the Pure Spirit Bead. The rune that was previously blank became a rune with a butterfly as a motif. Adrian dropped to the ground powerless and Diao Ziyun immediately cast whatever healing spell she could.

Adrian's demi-gauntlets suddenly became erratic like it became alive. The scales suddenly started pulsating that it would suddenly contract to the point that it would hurt Adrian. Adrian forcibly took off his demi-gauntlets. Usually when a weapon is unequipped by the owner, it would return to the inventory, but his demi-gauntlets did not.

Adrian's demi-gauntlets started to float, and it fused together into something like a box. A few moments later, the demi-gauntlets or rather the box started pulsating and releasing the energies it absorbed. A wave of time attribute element that paused the whole world for one second. A wave of spatial attribute energy that disconnected the space around the main world from the other minor worlds. A wave of Soul Energy that made everyone in the vicinity feel calm. Lastly, a wave of Nether Energy that made all of the people in the main world feel dread for 0.1 seconds.

The feeling of dread that the players felt was so intense that they got the Fear Resistance (Minor) Passive skill despite it only affecting them for 0.1 second. The players just thought that it was something like a bug but that 0.1 second was very important to some players that they committed a mistake and paying for it dearly.

Adrian could finally see what happened to his demi-gauntlets and it is no longer a demi-gauntlet. His weapon is no longer classified as a normal weapon because it awakened an ego. Adrian might not know this but the ego that was inside his new weapon is the super AI that controls the game Deus or rather an offshoot copy of it.

The Luck stat was a very unpredictable stat because it was programmed to be so. So much so that the Super AI Deus decided to send a request to make it a bit more predictable so that something like Adrian's weapon should not be born this early. If one would actually see Adrian's weapon, they would tell that the developers are showing favoritism to a certain player.

Item: Cube of Paradox (Growth Type) (Character Bound)

Tier: Unknown (Upgradable?) (can be upgraded by assimilating better weapons?)

Type: Summoner Weapon

Effect:

-All Stats + 150

- Soulbounds summoned get 30% damage buff

- 5% of the damage dealt by Soulbounds will heal the summoner

- A 1% chance to restore 50 Soul Essences when successfully landing an attack

-A 1% chance to stop time for three seconds when receiving an attack

-A 1% chance of reducing the cooldown of skills by one minute when successfully landing an attack

-A 0.5% chance to summon nether sprites that attack the opponent dealing 150% of the user's total attack damage.

-Skill: Call of the Soul

- Damage Modifier:3000

Slots:

1. Rune of Explosive Force

2. Empty

3. Empty

4. Empty

Description:

Used to be a Soul Glove forged by the God Arts and Craft, Haephaesto, at the request of the Twin Gods that is destined to be worn by the Champion of the Twin Gods. It is now transformed into something that is not of this world and has changed into a living weapon or ego weapon. It has a mind of its own and only heeds the orders of its master.

Skill: Call of the Soul

Type: Summon

Effect: Call upon the Psyche Armament stored in the Cube of Paradox for the user to use. The Cube of Paradox will not disappear when a psyche armament is taken out. Only one Psyche Armament can be called out at a time.

Cooldown: None

Mana Cost: 5000

Cast time: 1 second

Adrian was utterly amazed by what happened that his brain almost passed out. Nevertheless, he started to dance in celebration as he forgot that he was not the only one in the room.

Chapter 347 - Battle With An Anubis I

Adrian's newly forged weapon finally materialized fully and shown its full brilliance. Even Diao Ziyun is astounded by the raw power coming out from Adrian's weapon. Adrian could now see the previously unknown rating.

Item: Cube of Paradox (Growth Type) (Character Bound)

Tier: Legendary (Upgradable?) (can be upgraded by assimilating better weapons?)

Type: Summoner Weapon

His weapon was already legendary tier which made Adrian cry tears of joy because he can now steadily save up some gold coins. If the player base knew that someone had a legendary weapon, then they would surely hound that person because Epic tier equipment was still difficult to get despite higher drop rates beyond level 100.

Most of the player base are still using rare tier equipment since epic tier items sell for quite a lot as they are much more difficult to find. Legendary tier items do not even exist in the market because who would be foolish enough to even sell things like that and not use them for themselves.

"Thank you very much for the opportunity of letting me enter the treasury. With this, the debt that your ancestors owe me has been repaid." Adrian stated.

"It is our pleasure to aid the great benefactor of our clan. Even though the debt has been repaid, we are still going to be friendly towards our great savior and ask that if we are ever in trouble in the future that you would help us also like what you did for the past clan head." Diao Ziyun stated as she knew how powerful and mysterious the person in front of her is.

Adrian did not bother replying with words but smiled instead. He knew that if he made a verbal promise right now then it would haunt him in the future. Seeing as their whole clan is in seclusion would either mean that they are hiding from someone or decided to lay low for a while. In other words, there is a reason for their seclusion that Adrian did not want to even know.

"I thank you once more for helping me." Adrian stated as he teleported to the Paradox Planes with his new weapon.

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Adrian found that he was performing much better than he expected. He only has one task remaining in order to change job class, but it was also the most difficult one. The first four tasks would be completed with time and effort with the help of a few connections.

Adrian now realized that having connections could be very beneficial to a person. He would not easily find the Pure Spirit Bead if he did not have a connection with the Heihudie Clan. The last task however will be a test of his collected battle experience.

Requirements for Twilight Summoner job class advancement:

1. Reach Level 150 (Complete)
2. Collect All Seven Psyche Armaments (Complete)
3. Obtain the Pure Spirit Bead (Complete)

4. Combine All the Psyche Armaments to awaken the hidden power of the Pure Spirit Bead (Complete)

5. Battle with a Judge of the Dead and succeed (Incomplete)

The last task would be the most difficult thing that Adrian will have to accomplish. The Anubises are basically like gods of the underworld that is arbitrating limbo. Adrian also knew that they were masters of combat and each Anubis specializes in a different weapon.

[Do you want to go to Limbo for your last job advancement requirement?]

"Should I already challenge one just to test the waters? I want to at least know what I need to prepare for." Adrian thought as he can challenge as many times that he needs in order to obtain victory.

"If master would go to Limbo now then the chance of victory will be determined by how prepared you are." A robotic sounding male voice suddenly stated which surprised Adrian.

"Where is that sound coming from? Am I hearing things now?" Adrian questioned himself.

"It seems that I have awakened to a rather foolish master despite being born due to pure coincidence." The robotic sounding male voice once again stated but now Adrian could pinpoint the location of the voice after looking at all directions.

"Did that voice come from you?" Adrian asked as he tapped on his floating weapon.

"Obviously, is there any other intelligent being in our area besides me?" the robotic male voice stated in a condescending tone.

"Did my own weapon just insult me?" Adrian asked himself and looked at his new ego weapon.

The Cube of Paradox is really a cube, but it looks more like a Rubik's cube that is only one color which is purple. The middle of each face of the cube is a golden demon eye that looks alive. The weapon also exudes the characteristic of a legendary weapon in which it has its own aura. It emits a combination of a light blue haze and nether mist.

Adrian inspected the weapon thoroughly...very thoroughly. He even licked it to see what the reaction of the weapon be. This is the first time he owned an ego weapon that even insults its owner. He took his time engaging in conversation with the Cube of Paradox. He even named the weapon as it does not want to be called you.

"I shall call you Paradox because that is what you really are." Adrian stated and if a cube could blush then it would have. The system prompt once again popped up to see if Adrian was ready for battle.

[Do you want to go to Limbo for your last job advancement requirement?]

"Fine. Send me to Limbo for the last challenge." Adrian replied and his figure vanished from the Paradox Planes.

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When Adrian regained his vision, he was inside of a giant ruined colosseum which made him think that he was sent to the wrong location. The only thing that he could ascertain that he was really in

Limbo is the sky that looks like dusk is approaching. The Anubises that surrounded him also made him sure that he was really in Limbo.

"I did not know that we would meet so soon, Shephard of Lost Souls." An Anubis stated with a rather pleased tone.

"For you, it might have been a short time but for me it has been quite long since I was summoned here in Limbo." Adrian replied.

"I see. Immortality can really mess with someone's sense of time. This time though it is your whole body that is sent here as you seem to be much stronger than before. Are you ready to surpass your previous self both in body and spirit?" The Anubis with a spear asked.

"Ready as I will ever be." Adrian replied rather half determined.

"If you are ready then it is time to start battle. Do not worry as we will be fair and match your exact power level." The Anubis stated as its unknown level became the same as that of Adrian.

Chapter 348 - Battle With An Anubis II

Adrian received a couple of system messages once the battle commenced.

[All skills unrelated to the Soul Summoner Class will be locked.]

[You cannot revive once you are killed during this battle.]

[No penalties will be given upon dying in battle.]

"Crap." Adrian muttered involuntarily as he tried to dodge the incoming spear that is about to skewer him.

Adrian jumped back in order to avoid the spear that would have impaled him from the head down to the floor. The arena that he was standing in looks like it has not been maintained but the spear did not even make a crack on the arena floor.

"Master!" the Cube of Paradox state in order to wake Adrian up.

Adrian could control the Cube of Paradox telepathically and it could act as a projectile. The only problem is that Adrian will not be able to summon psyche armaments when the Cube of Paradox is one meter away from him. Adrian took some distance against the charging Anubis and noticed that he has cheerleaders in the stands.

The cheerleaders were his soulbounds but Charon was not included because he was still asleep which bothered Adrian because undead do not sleep. Sirius would howl every time Adrian dodges perfectly while Kanlaon cheered with words. Saena is doing something like a dance but Adrian could not identify what dance because he is not a bird expert.

"Paradox, summon the bow psyche armament!" Adrian commanded.

"Yes, master." The Cube of Paradox replied.

The Cube of Paradox suddenly pulsed blue electricity as the bow psyche armament is delivered to Adrian's hand. Adrian immediately fired an arrow while he maintained distance, but the Anubis was

unrelenting. The Anubis was unrelenting and easily blocked Adrian's arrows that is made up of mana.

"If normal mana arrows would not work then how about some piercing ones." Adrian stated as he activated the second skill of the bow psyche armament.

The mana arrows that were easily deflected using the spear are now passing right through it and directly hit the Anubis. The Anubis has no other choice but to dodge the incoming piercing arrows. Adrian was about to fire a 'Shooting Star' when the Anubis disappeared in a puff black of smoke.

Adrian immediately tried to cancel the skill, but the Anubis appeared behind him. Adrian managed to rotate his body as a quick response, but he felt his muscle twitch.

"Damn super realistic game." Adrian stated as the muscle in his waist became stiff.

The Anubis did not hit Adrian due to his quick response. Adrian's bow psyche armament was blow away instead which made him unarmed. If Adrian could use Blink right now, then he would easily escape but he cannot. Adrian got hit by the follow up swing of the Anubis and he was sent flying opposite where he dropped his bow psyche armament.

"Paradox, summon the sword psyche armament." Adrian commanded and one would think that he lost his marbles, but it is far from it.

The bow psyche armament disappeared into blue smoke and is absorbed by the Cube of Paradox floating closely to Adrian. The Cube of Paradox emitted blue lightning spars once more and in Adrian's hand materialized a sword. This was the new ability of the Cube of Paradox from absorbing all that Soul Essence.

Adrian can now utilize all his psyche armaments without using all three skills. He would still consume mana for each summon of the psyche armament. Still, Adrian could now have more flexibility on the battlefield due to this new feature.

"Twin Fang Form! Geoforce" Adrian immediately stated once he was in possession of the sword psyche armament.

The sword psyche armament broke into two swords and grew into 1.5 meters long due to the Geoforce rune skill. Adrian wanted to even the odds because the Anubis still had superior stats compared to him despite being restricted to the former's level.

The Anubis was impressed with Adrian's sudden change in battle style because not everyone could adapt that quickly. Each blow that Adrian did would inevitably be blocked by the Anubis, so the former is at a loss on how to win the battle.

"I only have 30 essences less due to overusing my skills." Adrian thought to himself as he used his newfound agility to deal bits of damage against the Anubis as best, he can.

The Anubis sensing Adrian's worry used that as an opportunity. The Anubis slammed his spear on the ground and hundreds of ghostly hands tried to grab towards Adrian. The whole arena was covered so Adrian had no chance to even evade.

The hundreds of ghostly hands tried to lock Adrian in place, but he could easily uproot himself. The only downside though is that the time he tries to uproot himself would be the time that the Anubis

would use to deal Adrian with heavy damage. It did not take long for Adrian to disappear in particles of light due to his defeat.

"No fair! You used magic while I can only use my psyche armaments." Adrian called foul play, but the Anubis only laughed at him.

"You do not need to tell me that Champion Equinox. You should be proud that you actually managed to make me use magic. The last Soul Summoner did not last as long as you during his first match." The Anubis stated with a hearty tone as it reminisced of its first fight against the Soul Summoner.

"You mean even my predecessor did not achieve victory in his first match?" Adrian asked as he was curious.

"Of course, we Anubises are not only judges but also guards of the death realms. What do you think would happen if a strong evil spirit manages to climb to Limbo and wreak havoc on the world of the living? We are masters of using our very own weapon and magic." The Anubis stated with immense pride.

"How many tries did my predecessor do in order to succeed?" Adrian asked because he wanted a reference.

"If I remember correctly then he had a total of 40 tries." The Anubis answered honestly but it only made Adrian's sink.

"I am going to be here for a while." Adrian stated as his shoulders slump. Unknown to him that the Cube of Paradox is closely observing his behavior.

Chapter 349 - A Ryujin's Tale

In a secluded lake in the east part of the eastern continent, the lake's water started bubbling. The water of the lake looked like it as boiling but it had not even changed temperature. The water bubbling was just a prelude to the strong gush of water shooting upwards into the heavens like a dragon.

The huge geyser finally settles, and the lake is finally serene once more. Someone is now standing on the surface of the lake as if it was her who made the water erupt. The person standing on top of the water has horns of an eastern dragon called Loong on the top of her head. She also had a noticeable thick dragon tail coming out from her pelvis.

"Well done my apprentice. You are now an ascended being that is much more powerful than your pitiful Gnome boy. A gnome's body could not easily handle all the elements that I have taught you." A woman looking like her but more mature and refined stated.

"The test was difficult and tricky, but I managed to hold on due to my perseverance. The skills that you thought me served me well during the rebirth process. I am very thankful for that master...I mean Sister Nu Wa" Peridot stated as she is now a different race.

She was subjected to a ritual that transformed her into a being that can handle more immense energies. Her previous race could not handle the elements due to Gnomes not having a great affinity for all elements. Her changing her race into a Ryujin made her entire being become easily attuned to the elements of the world.

Name: Peridot

Race: Dragonkin

Species: Ryujin

The horns and tail are not the only significant change that she experienced. Her skin might look like that of a human but if one looked closely it is actually scaly in texture. Her eyes also changed into serpentine slits like that of a reptile.

Peridot did not achieve this easily because she had to complete the task her master gave her upon arriving to the eastern continent. One of the tasks she was given was scaling a waterfall through physical strength alone without relying on magic. Another one of her tasks was gaining the Intermediate Mastery on all the four basic elements of water, wind, earth, and fire.

You could say that she earned her race change as she experienced numerous difficult tasks that would make anyone give up. Not everyone would be given the chance to ascend into a Ryujin because their race is celebrated or rather venerated because they are descendants of a dragon. This is true for the east part of the eastern continent because their divine beast is the Azure Dragon.

"With your new body constitution, you can now handle the four basic elements with ease. I am expecting great things from you my disciple. You are free to do as you please once again. I am inhibiting your growth by keeping you locked up in my arms." Nu Wa stated with a warm smile on her face.

"I am going now mas...I mean Sister Nu Wa. May we meet again." Peridot stated as she immediately went to the docks of the east part of the eastern continent because not everyone could easily travel. Some people must use the conventional means of transportation to get to another continent.

A Ryujin is not a simple dragonkin species because they are not like the traditional dragonkin species that is available for character creation. Also, the Ryujin do not have wings but that does not mean that they cannot fly. Since they are descendants of the eastern dragons, Ryujins possess the ability to walk on air like what eastern dragons do when their element is not air.

There is also another point of difference for Ryujin's to normal dragonkins. Ryujins have a more delicate touch due to their ancestors being more deity or protector figures. Ryujins care for the environment like a mother unlike western dragonkins that are greedier and more prone to fits of rage.

That does not mean that eastern dragons are always benevolent as they could be fierce if need be as there have been depictions of them conjuring up storms or floods to teach the people a lesson. The Ryujins have inherited these characteristics just as the western dragonkin inherited their traits from their ancestral dragons.

Peridot's master did not even bother to teach her of her new body abilities because it is up to Peridot herself to see what she is capable of. She must see what her body is capable of herself in order for her to know her limits and strengths.

Peridot went back to her room in the hidden villa near the lake to collect her belongings. Books, stones, and all sorts of charms are scattered about as proof that she was not idle the whole time that she was in the eastern continent. She already absorbed as much knowledge and practice all that she can. All that is left for her now is for a practical test to see what she can really do.

All her racial abilities from being a gnome are erased from her skill list and was replaced with ones that a Ryujin must possess. She feels rather sad that she was no longer a gnome because she was attached to being one despite only choosing it because she wanted to look cute.

But Peridot also knew that if she did not do this then she would be left behind. She was not as clueless to the world of Pandemonium like Adrian because she knows insider news and gossip as she likes hearing gossip because there is some truth to it. She knows all about how her two childhood friends are all what the top guilds rave about.

She did not feel disheartened that her two friends are famous, but she was disheartened about the fact that they were slipping farther away from her. She wanted to be on equal terms with her friends and stand beside them not behind them. She promised herself that she will be more active in Pandemonium. The money she earned from selling the elemental stones she made were also a great incentive for her.

"A diamond is a girl's best friend after all." Peridot muttered to herself as she boarded the ship back to the central continent.

Chapter 350 - A Bull Beastkin's Tale

"What have I gotten myself into?" Kabrakan questioned as he ran for his life.

Kabrakan chose to embark on a journey to the world of the beastkins. He was very welcomed to that world as he always felt the judging gazes of the NPCs in the central continent. Plus, he can finally know of Adrian's feeling a sense of adventure whenever he visits other worlds.

Kabrakan is currently being chased by a gigantic bird with a snake as a tail. He was currently doing his mission of surviving in the jungle for ten days without the aid of his inventory for food and water. Everything was going swell until he had the hunger debuff due to eating a strange mushroom on his last day.

He wandered deeper into the jungle to find a cure for his hunger. He no longer trusts the fauna or any other vegetation inside the jungle despite seeing other wild creatures eat it. He did not have a great appraisal skill, so he had to improvise by eating what other creatures eat.

What he did not thought of was the tolerances that the creatures have gained due to continuously eating wild vegetation. The jungle could be very unforgiving especially to those not prepared or those who cannot adapt quickly to the surroundings.

As he was wandering to soothe his hunger, he found a nest of eggs that were the size of an ostrich. He surveyed the area to see if the mother was there, but the mother was not in the area. So, Kabrakan did what anyone in a hungry and desperate state would and that is stealing one of the eggs for his consumption.

As he moved to grab one of the eggs, the mother returned to the nest as if to pour more misfortune on his way. The mother of the eggs was non-other than a Cockatrice. A high leveled monster in the 200s that has the body of a chicken and a tail of a snake.

Each head of the cockatrice has autonomy and could attack. The chicken head is in control of the overall body and has the Eyes of Petrification that turns those who gaze upon it for too long into stone. The snake head can release acid attacks and smog that can poison anyone just by being exposed to it.

As he was already busted, Kabrakan did a Hail Mary attempt and just went for one of the eggs. As he grasped one egg, Kabrakan immediately bolted which made the cockatrice chase after him. Hence, his current situation where he is being chased by an enraged cockatrice.

Kabrakan could outrun the cockatrice because he could outmaneuver it inside the jungle because of the latter's big size. A cockatrice is normally five to six meters tall and about ten meters wide if you include its wingspan.

A bigger size is often not great for jungles but the current jungle that Kabrakan is in is different to a normal one as everything is supersized. Though everything is supersized that does not mean that bigger creatures could traverse easily as even vines and grass are overgrown. Kabrakan used his small size to hide in the most delicate spots.

Soon enough, Kabrakan saw a thicket of thorny vines and decided to use that to try to escape from the cockatrice. Kabrakan dove headfirst into the thicket of thorny vines while protecting the egg as it would be all for naught if it would break now.

The cockatrice did not think twice of jumping into the thicket of thorny vines as it was enraged. The cockatrice suddenly squealed in pain as the thorns pierced its body. Kabrakan was not harmed much due to him using a skill to decrease stabbing damage by 90% for two seconds.

The cockatrice was enraged as it was entangled but also for having its egg taken away. Kabrakan escaped one more from the thicket of thorny vines and left the enraged cockatrice alone. He celebrated his victorious escape by boiling the egg in a hot pocket of water locate somewhere in the jungle.

"Ahh! That hit the spot! Who knew cockatrice eggs were so delicious? If only these eggs are in real life, then I would not grow bored of its flavor. Its taste would be like a steak if it became an egg." Kabrakan stated as his hunger debuff dissipated. Kabrakan just laid low as he waited for the end of his mission.

[You have successfully cleared the mission 'Call of the Wild'.]

[You have gained the skill 'Call of the Wild'.]

Skill: Call of the Wild

Tier: Legendary

Type: Passive

Effect: The longer you are in location then the higher your stats become. Your resistances will also increase as you stay in an area for a long time. Every ten-minute interval will increase your stats by 1%. Every five-minute interval will increase your resistance by 1%. Every twenty-minute interval will increase tenacity by 1%.

Max Stat Increase: 30%

Max Resistance Increase: 20%

Max Tenacity Increase: 15%

Cooldown: None

Cast Time: Instant

Mana Cost: None

Kabrakan is shocked upon seeing the details of the skill that he obtained. This was the last mission that an Elder Selvaggian Terramorph has given him upon seeing that he was too civilized. He was powerful but he did not smell or have an aura that all Selvaggian's have.

The aura that Kabrakan was lacking is the natural ferociousness that a Selvaggian has. This is also what makes them be feared by other races as they live to adapt. The Selvaggians follow the law of the jungle to heart as weakness is a sin in their race.

Even mouse beastkins were very ferocious from Kabrakan's view when he met them. He was like a domesticated cow compared to the other bull beastkins. Still, Kabrakan was given the chance to prove his worth and he was not insulted for being different but for being lacking. Kabrakan has now gained what he is lacking and is now ready to return to the main world.