

## O Summoner 381

### Chapter 381 - Getting Recruited

Adrian continued to search for the fanged deer with Rollin's group. Thanks to them, Adrian now knows that there is a real alpha that is building up forces that is potentially planning to overthrow Duke Lycaon or initiate war with the vampires.

Finally, after another two hours of searching, they managed to find a fanged deer grazing. The fanged deer is actually male due to having antlers that are a meter long which means its overall height is five meters.

"Wait for the signal before attacking. We need to corner it so that it could not escape if we suddenly damage it. Be careful as it could launch the spikes on its antlers." Rollin whispered to the other two and he instructed Adrian to just observe for now.

Rollin's group surrounded the fanged deer in a triangle formation, and they took out their bows first. Adrian watched with intent of studying their formation as he lacks things like that. If he can coordinate his soulbounds to create a formation, then hunting boss level monsters would become easier.

The three werewolves did not transform as they retained their human form, and Adrian could not even feel a sliver of killing intent from them as they drew their bows. The moment they let go of the arrow is only when their killing intents flared up.

The fanged deer immediately went into high alert due to the sudden rush of killing intents. It wanted to run away but it was surrounded by killing intent in all corners which made its instinct to run in a safe direction useless. Adrian must admit that their formation is perfectly suited for nimble and instinctual monsters.

The arrows that they released hit three different legs of the fanged deer. They perfectly aimed at the joint so that the fanged deer will not be able to escape even if they became negligent for a second. The fanged deer roared, and a funny sound came from it like if a seal and a deer were to have the same growl.

Rollin and the others then revealed themselves and got closer to the fanged deer slowly. Just because the fanged deer could not run away does not mean it would not fight to survive. The will to survive has yet to fade on the fanged deer's face.

Rollin is the first to attack as he charged at the right side of the fanged deer. The fanged deer reacted and swung its antlers to Rollin's direction. When Rollin caught the attention of the fanged deer, Amoux and Lowe did not stand idle by as one attacked the back while the other aimed for its neck.

The fanged deer immediately stood up upon detecting the danger it sensed on its neck. Using the uninjured leg, it tried to stomp Lowe that aimed for its neck. Adria wanted to use Chrono Lag to intervene, but he already saw Amoux redirect his attack towards the fanged deer's shoulder.

The fanged deer squealed in pain and its attack on Amoux never connected due to the latter reacting immediately. Rollin and Amoux used the chance give to them and attacked the fanged deer's neck with full force.

They managed to pierce the fanged deer's neck successfully, but the monster still had energy and thrashed about. Adrian sneakily used Chrono Lag to slow down the movements of the fanged deer and make it bleed even more. The three werewolf hunters used the chance of the fanged deer slowing down to finish it off.

The light on the fanged deer's eyes dimmed as its body dropped to the ground with a loud thud. Adrian immediately went closer to them as he must do his job as a porter. The three werewolves are already dismantling the corpse quickly as there are other predators in the forest.

"We scored a great deal today as male fanged deers are usually lively and puts up much more of a fight." Rollin stated as he dismantled the usable parts of the fanged deer.

They took all the meat as it would be used in the festival and it was stored in the bag that Adrian is carrying. The sack that Adrian is carrying immediately became full of just one fanged deer meat. It weighed about a hundred pounds which Adrian acted like he is having a bit of difficulty carrying it.

The horns and fangs of the fanged deer is also collected due to those parts being extremely useful in alchemy and potion making. The fanged deer horns are even said to have the ability to increase the vitality in men. It was Rollin that is hugging the horns with Amoux shaking his head due to his friend's antics.

"We are quite lucky today because it is a male fanged deer but a female one would have been much better as their meat is much more tender compared to their male counterparts. The horns would fetch for a high price so you can expect that you would be paid more." Amoux explained as Lowe just nodded in agreement again.

They then returned on their way to the village as the three hunters have a code to not overhunt even if it is for the festival. The bounties of the forest must replenish itself which is why they left the organs of the fanged deer in the forest for other animals to consume. It also makes other predators full which makes deters them from hunting the travelers inside the forest.

Adrian accompanied them on the way to the village, but his other two companions returned to his side because they noticed that someone from the other group that they encountered has followed them out the forest. It seems that this was the person that followed Adrian the other day.

After getting his share from the adventurer's guild and parting with Rollin's group, a hooded individual suddenly appeared in front of Adrian. He faked being surprised as he is not strong right now.

"Tell me young wolf, are you satisfied with your life now? Do you not want to get revenge on those bandits that killed your parents?" the hooded individual asked, and Adrian knew that he was being recruited right now.

## Chapter 382 - First Howling

"Uhhh...I am sorry, but I am quite busy right now. I think you have the wrong person." Adrian replied as he must play hard to get because it would be suspicious if he agreed right away.

"Do not worry as I will not harm you. I heard the story that you told those has-beens and I could not help but notice the deep sadness you portrayed when you told your story." The hooded individual stated as she showed her face to Adrian.

The hooded individual is actually a woman who has short unkept brown hair. She also has brown eyes and the aura of ferocity that every werewolf possess. It is further accentuated by the small scar on her eyebrow and a horizontal scar on her nose.

"My name is Nikita, and I was once like you, but I succeeded in taking my revenge with the guidance of my Alpha. You are now a lone wolf without direction, and you need an Alpha to guide in the right path." Nikita stated.

"But those three that I went hunting with are doing fine despite not having an alpha." Adrian replied.

"That is why I told you that they are has-beens. They will become old and die in this small village, but you are still young. You can have a glorious future and become a figure that many like you can look up to." Nikita proudly stated.

"Wow! She is like those networking scammers that praise and tell you of the future but in the end, it would be you who do the hard work." Adrian thought as he kept a straight face.

"I know that you came to me with good intentions, but I cannot trust someone without proof arbitrarily. I want to know that I am not being led astray because the three hunters before told me to be careful of your group." Adrian replied.

"I know that trust is not earned in a day so let me tell you that we will have a gathering this evening. Even our Alpha will be there to see our progress. It will be held deep in the forest so meet me here after the sun sets. If you become one of us, then you will not need to endure humiliation of being a servant boy." Nikita stated as she bid farewell.

Adrian and the other two went to the inn to discuss what they are going to do next. They can finally verify if the Alpha really does have intentions of starting a war between species. They gathered at the room that Adrian rented.

"What did you guys observe from their hunt earlier? I am sure that you noticed something strange right?" Adrian asked as he does not want to go in blind.

"It seems like they treated the hunt earlier as training. They did not look very powerful as they are in the early hundreds, but I noticed that they did not stop despite being injured." Solstice commented.

"I also noticed that it was odd that they were pushing themselves to the point that they do not care about their injuries. I know that we werewolves have amazing regeneration, but it is still slow to the point that we need respite every time we are heavily injured." Lycan added.

"The way her recruitment sounded is very alluring though as she is focusing on the point that I can be better but the only way she proposed for that to happen is joining them. It reminds of those people who do pyramid scams. They tell you the supposed future but not the process to get there." Adrian replied as he has experience talking to those types of people.

"You have nothing to lose anyway as you will just be there to see if they are really planning an uprising." Lycan stated.

"I am not afraid, but I am a bit concerned because she had that confident look that I will join their group no matter what." Adrian replied."

"That is because unlike your race, those above us are rather magnetic to the common people of our race. I noticed it as for vampires, it is the purebloods while for the werewolves it is the Alphas." Solstice commented.

"It seems that werewolves and vampires coming from the same ancestor is becoming true. Our two species might be more identical than we thought." Lycan stated as he grabbed Solstice's hand.

"I am actually surprised that you two have yet to go on an actual date." Adrian replied as he stood up and activated Soul Form Transformation on the two once more before heading out to meet Nikita.

Nikita stayed true to her words and waited for Adrian. Both entered the forest without any hindrances and Adrian did not have to have his head covered so that he does not know where they gather. It just goes to show that Nikita is extremely confident that Adrian will join their cause.

Soon, a light from afar could be seen and they arrived in an area where there is a relatively large campfire. There was about twenty people surrounding the campfire and they all bowed towards Adrian's direction. They did not bow before Adrian but to the person next to him which is Nikita.

"It seems that she is quite special in this group of people. She could even be one of the betas that the alpha trusts seeing as she basically worships that person." Adrian thought as he introduced himself to the others.

"It is nice to meet you all. My name is Fang and I hope you treat me well. I am still not sure if I should join but Nikita told me that this group can make me powerful. I hope it exceeds my expectation." Adrian stated. The other people did not speak to Adrian and just nodded to acknowledge his existence.

"Do not worry. They will warm up to you once you really decide to join us. Welcome to your First Howling. Here you can just be yourself and become free from the judgement of society." Nikita said to defend the cold welcome that Adrian received.

### Chapter 383 - Not A Normal Alpha

The Howling as what the werewolves gathered here would call it is just like any other gathering. Adrian as his introverted self just stood in a corner of the campfire just observing. Solstice and Lycan waited a few meters away from him and situated themselves on top of the trees.

Adrian noticed that all the werewolves here now are young like him. It seems that they are really going for people they can mold early on so that loyalty would be ingrained. It was then that Adrian noticed that two powerful auras coming towards them.

Adrian just blended in the back to avoid arousing suspicion as he is just there to observe. Adrian saw that the two of them are female with the other one having the ferocity that is the same as Duke Lycaon. The other one feels the same as Nikita but is too cheerful with a smile plastered on her face.

Adrian could see through that smile though as it was not even genuine. It is a smile that is somehow off-putting due to how fake it was, but the others do not seem to notice that.

"It seems that everyone here is naive about the true nature of their leaders. Nikita is not bad per se, but she is too much of a fanatic of that Alpha." Adrian thought.

NPC: Eirene

Tier: Legendary

Title: Alpha

Level: 200

NPC: Elara

Tier: Epic

Level: 180

Adrian could see that this 'Alpha' is indeed an as her title say she is, but he could see right through her. This is a first for Adrian because his evil eyes say that her real name is Eirene, but the color of her soul is different. Adrian could see the true color of her soul and it is not the color of a Legendary Tier NPC's soul but an individual that serves the dark gods.

Eldritch' soul is the same color of Eirene's which is pitch black that Adrian feels disgusted to look at. Adrian liked seeing the souls of other NPCs especially the good one because it calms him down. The first time he was disgusted in seeing a soul would be when he encountered the soul of a Faceless One.

"It seems that I now know why this Alpha does not have the mindset of a normal werewolf because she is not a true one. It seems that the bigger problem right now would be on how to expose her. If she is a faceless one, then she is one at the top." Adrian thought as he thought more deeply why the other werewolves could not sniff it out.

The only possible way that the other werewolves could not sniff out the fake one among them would be that the shapeshifting is flawless. Even Adrian would be fooled if he could not see the soul of this other Alpha.

[You have found a clue pertaining to your mission 'Those That Plan in the Dark']

[Bring the information you got to Duke Lycaon safely without getting found out that you are actually a spy.]

Adrian is thrilled upon knowing that he already got the mission half done. All he needed to do now is act like who he is right now which is a low-level werewolf.

"Should I silently fade into the background and disappear? But that would be too predictable for a spy. I must keep up the façade until the meeting ends." Adrian steeled himself as he needs to become the best actor that could win an award right now.

"Good evening everyone! I hope I did not make you wait for too long. I was caught up with something due to our members continually rising." Eirene stated in an amiable tone unlike what a fierce Alpha should.

From what the Duke of Arkadia told their group, the Alpha should be a strong leader and not someone who is soft-hearted. Even Duke Lycaon does not become soft from the sight of Lycan who he considers as his own son.

"Have you all been doing well? I hope that you do not overexert yourselves to the point that you cannot move. We might be werewolves, but we are not tireless. I expect that you my little darlings would take better care of yourselves and be ready when the time to execute mission comes.

The vampires that devastated your homes will forever be regretful that they made you live because you will show them what it means to be powerful. I as your guiding mother will help you in strengthening yourselves and will protect you until you can take care of yourselves." Eirene stated with the aura of a loving mother.

Adrian thought that no one should buy that act but the werewolves are all smitten. It was as if she has imprinted on them. Adrian could see the look that the young werewolves have when they look at Eirene. It was the look of a child looking lovingly at their mother.

Adrian is not falling for it though as he knows that it is fake. Adrian's indication of how a good an NPC is would be their soul. The clearer the soul then the better the person and that person in front of him is not a good person.

She might show the face of an angel right now but behind close doors would be different. Eirene ended her speech and talked to every werewolf and even hugged them like a mother would. Soon she talked to her executives and then Adrian noticed that they are going to his direction.

"This must be the young one that you have just told me about, Nikita. My name is Eirene. It is nice to meet you." Eirene stated as flashed a smile towards Adrian.

"It is nice to meet you too. I hope I am not intruding too much though I can feel that I am not much welcomed. I am sorry if I feel that way." Adrian stated to test how well Eirene could keep up her mask of being an amiable mother.

"They are not bad people, so you do not have to be sorry. Everyone is like that the first time that they meet someone. I am sorry if you feel left out in anyway. They are just shy towards strangers as they have a rough past just like you." Eirene stated.

Adrian was about to reply when he suddenly felt an immense bloodlust coming from Eirene's direction. The bloodlust was not from Eirene herself but from Elara. She still had a smile plastered on her face though despite the malevolent aura coming from her.

"I asked him to come here because I heard his story and he reminded him of myself. I just want him to have a group where he belongs." Nikita stated.

"I see. I am proud that you can now see the value in people, Nikita. As for you young one, if you really want to know how we treat others then you must go to our meets more often." Eirene stated.

"I am more of a drifter myself since I have no home to return to. I want to see the world that my parents always told me during bedtime. I want to see how big the world is which is why I am sorry if I cannot join you. If our fates cross again then that would only mean that I am fated to join you." Adrian replied and a frown could be seen on Eirene's face.

"I think that the brat that you took here has shown too much disrespect to our leader, Nikita." Elara stated with anger in her voice.

"If I am somewhat disrespectful then I am sorry. I am not used to dealing with other people that much because I am wary. I am still gradually getting used to the company of others. I have been a lone wolf since the time that my parents died." Adrian stated as he bowed deeply.

"You do not need to worry about it, my child. Elara is just the one who usually gets mad for me because I do not get mad easily. Excuse her behavior. We have activities planned for tonight. I implore you to stay today and experience what we do." Eirene stated as she excused herself and interacted with the other werewolves.

Adrian bowed at the leaving figure of Eirene while Elara glared at him fiercely. It seems that Elara has now planted a grudge against Adrian. He can only feel sorry to the person that he borrowed his face from.

"I am sorry about Elara's attitude. She is overprotective of Eirene because she was the first one to be saved by her. You can rest now if you like as the activities would only be team bonding exercises. You can also stay if you like." Nikita advised Adrian.

"Thank you for the advice, but my parents also told me that rest is important. I hunted earlier and I am still tired even though I did not do much." Adrian stated as he walked away.

"If I do not walk away now then that Elara person would definitely tear me to shreds." Adrian thought as he went to regroup with the others.

#### Chapter 384 - Reporting The Details I

Adrian safely returned to the inn with the other two, but they also noticed that they were being followed. It seems that they are more secretive than Nikita thought they are. Adrian is sure that the ones following him do not harbor ill intent and are only checking if he would probably tattle about their gatherings.

"It seems that one of them returned upon seeing you enter the inn. The one who remained seemed to be observing if you do anything while staying here." Solstice stated.

"I should show them that I will leave this village tomorrow. I think I overused this face too much that they might mistake the real owner of this face for me." Adrian stated as he worried that an innocent NPC would become hurt because of him.

"You do not have to worry much about the person that I took the hair strand from as he is the son of the chief of knights." Lycan stated as he noticed that Adrian is worried about the person whom he borrowed the face from would get in trouble.

"Nevertheless, what did you find out? We just got a notification that we cleared the first part of the mission." Lycan added.

"Yeah, you barely talked to the alpha. You even cleared the first part before speaking to the alpha. What did you even see?" Solstice asked as she was paying attention the whole time that Adrian was there in the gathering.

"I found out something more troublesome than an alpha that wants to wipe out vampires." Adrian replied.

"Well, spill it! We need to hear the details before lunch time. It seems that Grandpa is here thanks to someone inviting him." Solstice stated.

"Ohh! I have this odd feeling that Grandpa is not a stranger at all. It feels like I met him a couple of times even though I only met him on my birthday. Anyways, the other Alpha's name is Eirene. She is an Alpha but not really a werewolf." Adrian stated.

"How can she be an Alpha if she is not even a werewolf. Even I am confused, can you please elaborate?" Lycan stated in a confused tone as only werewolves can possess the Alpha title other than wolf monsters.

"She is like me. She is borrowing the body of that Alpha except she does not use an item like me. She is the real deal. A Faceless One and a high level one at that. Only Faceless Ones could perfectly mimic another person." Adrian stated in a deep tone to increase the suspense.

"So, the real Eirene could still be alive?" Lycan asked as he only supplied a strand of hair in order for Adrian to transform.

"She is most likely dead already. The faceless ones do not transform into someone who is still alive from what I know because I have seen the rituals they have done. They offer up the bodies of someone to an altar and this odd thing would consume it whole. Scary stuff if you ask me." Adrian replied.

"Makes sense that the real Eirene is no longer alive. It would be a risk for them if someone powerful is under their noses or rather featureless faces." Solstice added.

"I only wanted to prove that another alpha is after the duke and plotting against the vampires, but it suddenly became more of a headache." Lycan stated as he felt drained just from imagining the immense headache that he will encounter.

"Welcome to my world. This is the reason why I did not want to come here in the first place. Someone just promised me something which is why I came here." Adrian muttered as he fell backwards on the bed.

"Hey! You said that you need funds for creating your village. You must promise to help us until the end, or I will not give you any money." Solstice warned Adrian.

"Yes...I will hold up my end of the bargain but why do I feel like I am losing out on this deal." Adrian muttered quietly to himself.

"You let your brother extort money from you like that? I am pretty sure that he has a lot of money from getting quest exclusive items. Why do you need to pay him? Is there no sense of gratefulness from taking care of him when he was small?" Lycan asked Solstice but it was Adrian who replied.

"Huhuhu! From the words of my great stingy sister, 'Never let yourself be extorted for free. You must always say your price upfront whenever someone is in need of your service'. In this case, it is your quest. My time is not free especially now as I am very busy. Also, she is also going to get something out of this deal." Adrian stated.



"I will get 20% of all the earnings that his village will get. I am basically a stock owner." Solstice stated as she made a money hand sign.

"What about you? Do you want to invest in my village? I can give you 10% of the total earnings if you become an investor today. I will only offer this to you once so better think about it while I am still tagging along in your mission." Adrian stated as he also made a money hand sign with his right hand.

"I cannot believe this too. I totally forgot that my own girlfriend is a business tycoon and retired early from working life." Lycan thought as he shook his head.

"So, what are we going to do with this Faceless One then?" Lycan asked.

"What do you mean by the word we? I am only tagging until this mission. The mission given to us is not even a chain mission so it would immediately end once we report it. All the troublesome stuff would be passed onto you." Adrian stated.

"But you said that you will help us until the end?" Lycan asked.

"I did because this mission has not ended yet, so I am at your service until this mission ends." Adrian stated with a sneaky laugh.

"Are you going to accept this?" Lycan asked Solstice but she was already brooding over it.

"I see. I guess I should have worded the contract much better. It seems that he noticed that this is not a chain mission. I only hired him for this mission and the clause that I put included chain missions. I cannot believe that I was outwitted by my own brother. Have I gone soft since I no longer make investments?" Solstice muttered to herself.

"Anyways, I can still help you if I feel like it but the initial investment needs to be adjusted. Kekeke" Adrian stated.

## Chapter 385 - Reporting The Details II

"Is this game...?" Gerard stated.

"Pandemonium." Adrian stated with his mouth full.

"Yes, Pandemonium. Is this game really that popular? You see I am not that updated in the entertainment industry as I never really understood it much because it is sometimes a niche market." Gerard stated after swallowing his food.

"Well, it has been the most popular MMORPG since I was born. MMORPGs usually die within a year or two because of its repetitiveness but the lifelike features of the game make it refreshing and exciting." Adrian replied.

"I see. The only form of entertainment I had when I was young were outdoor sports and women." Gerard added which made Richard almost choke on his food.

"Dad! We are eating. Please observe basic manners. Was it not you who taught me that?" Richard stated after he drank a glass of water.

"That would be your mother. She was a stickler for the rules, and it is even a wonder on how I tolerated her. We were complete opposites." Gerard stated with a smile.

"At least you are not back to your old self ever since she left us. She would badmouth you by telling how degenerate you were back then. She even joked about being your leash and said that once she was gone, you would become like a wild dog once more." Richard said with a pained smile.

"Anyways, she lived her life with fulfillment and went off with a smile. Let us change the topic to a more interesting one. I did come here to learn more about my grandkids." Gerard stated with great energy.

"Have my older brothers not marry yet?" Richard asked.

"Do not even get me started on those two. They are almost forty but still do not want to tie the knot. They treat marriage like a business agreement which is why I cannot really stand them. Why don't you inherit everything, Adrian?" Gerard stated and this time it was Adrian who choked on his food.

"Dad even jokes need to have some boundaries. I left the inheritance claim because I am tired of fighting with my brothers." Richard stated in a passive aggressive tone.

"You should try the game, Grandpa. Pandemonium is absolutely fun, and I heard that a lot of old people play the game too. Although, they do play at their own pace so not many old people are famous players but there are some." Adrian stated as he wanted his grandfather to experience something new and exciting.

"Are there a lot of hot babes there?" Gerard asked.

"There are a lot, but you might get reported if you do sleazy behavior though." Adrian answered honestly.

"If you play with grandpa then I might consider playing the game." Gerard added.

"If you really do decide to play the game then I will help you in getting used to it. I am done eating now. I will head up again." Adrian stated as he cleaned up his plate and put it in the sink before returning to his room.

"I am done as well." Mina stated and did the same actions that Adrian did.

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Back in the game, Adrian got ready for departing. At first, they debated on just teleporting back since Adrian could do that but the one with the skill stated that they could still be under observation. With that in mind, the three decided to use teleportation after they are no longer being followed.

Adrian paid for his stay at the inn and departed from the village. He did not even stay for the festival as his mission is already done. He also stated to his two companions that there might have been a hot head beta werewolf that is irritated by him.

"Is someone following us?" Adrian whispered.

"There is but they are about twenty meters away. It seems that they are only checking if you really are leaving as they stopped once you are no longer in the village borders." Lycan stated.

"Let us walk away a little more and then we will teleport back to Arkadia." Adrian muttered but he suddenly felt killing intent closing in on him.

Adrian is familiar with this killing intent because this was what he felt from Elara. Adrian immediately told the other two that they use the forest as a cover. They went inside the forest and Adrian immediately activated Mass Teleportation to escape after doing precautionary measures.

They disappeared into particles of light and a group of three people with Elara in the lead arrived at the location they were a few minutes later. Elara followed Adrian's scent here, but the trail ends there.

"It seems that he suddenly vanished. I may be out of line in saying this, but it seems that he picked up on your killing intent." One of the individuals that came with Elara stated.

"He also abandoned his clothes on the way, so he managed to divert our attention away from us. From the pool of water there, he must have bathed himself in perfume that can erase someone's scent." The other one stated.

"I barely remember the brat's face because I am not that great with faces. I will maul that brat the next time we meet." Elara stated in irritation, but her face is still smiling.

"I bet she will forget about him in a day or two." The other two thought.

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The Duke of Arkadia is in his office finishing up some paperwork before going for his regular training session when Adrian (still in disguise) appeared with only underwear appeared. Solstice and Lycan undid their transformation while Adrian took off the faceless mask.

"For a second there, I thought Lobo is up to no good again, but it was actually you three who came in here. It is amazing that you managed to teleport directly in my office though as I hired a great wizard to erect the barrier. It seems it is not demon proof." Duke Lycaon stated.

"Sorry about that. We...I mean I was being hunted down by a murderous werewolf, so I panicked. Do not worry as the barrier is working well. It even drained all my mana just by transferring all of us here." Adrian commented but the Duke is still not happy with that.

"So, what have you three learned from your covert mission?" Duke Lycaon asked and the three looked at each other before disclosing what they learned.

Upon hearing the details, Duke Lycaon frowned. The details of a servant of a dark god that can turn itself into an Alpha werewolf is a recipe for disaster.

[You have succeeded in your quest 'Those That Plan in the Dark'.]

[You have gained one level.]

Chapter 386 - Becoming A Chain Quest

[You have delivered news of a servant of the Dark Gods to the Duke of Arkadia.]

[Since he is a member of the five races, even they know of the danger of a dark god follower.]

[The quest line has been transformed into a chain mission.]

"What the fudge!" Adrian stated as he knows that a major headache is about to ensue. His sister, Solstice, is actually doing a victory dance as having Adrian help (basically do all the work) on a quest is much easier for her.

"I know that I am asking a lot but even the demons do not like followers of the dark gods. You must find a way to lead them to a location where we can save those poor werewolves." The Duke of Arkadia Lycaon stated with utmost conviction.

[The quest 'Those Who Plan in the Dark' has been upgraded into a chain mission.]

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#### \*QUEST NOTIFICATION\*

##### Save the Young Ones

The Duke of Arkadia wants you to hatch a plan in saving the young werewolves that are under the fake Alpha. You must succeed no matter what.

Difficulty: S

Condition: Save as much of the young werewolves.

Reward: 5% experience points per werewolf saved.

Failure: Unknown. Level -1

Time Limit: Five Days

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"As per contract, you must help us, my cute little brother!" Solstice stated in a teasing tone.

"Haha! Did you not read the last line in the contract, dear sister? You will pay me 50% more now as it became an S rank quest." Adrian stated with him having the last laugh.

"What are they doing?" Duke Lycaon asked Lycan.

"That is just their playful banter. I got used to it when we were on the road." Lycan replied.

"Even if you tell us to gather the young werewolves, we have no idea how. They already imprinted on that monster masquerading as Eirene. The most devious thing is that she is not even encouraging them to have revenge.

She is using the loving mother tactic so that she can brainwash them early. She is using their weaknesses and their pain so that she can mold them into the perfect killing machine. She is using their anger and guiding them into mass slaughter. In other words, they creepy as hell." Adrian argued.

"Be that as it may, we cannot let them do as they please now that we know that a servant of the dark god is with them." Duke Lycaon argued.

"Fine. I cannot consult this with the elders since it is only one servant. Plus, they are currently too busy to entertain me anyway. I really wanted to learn time magic now." Adrian stated as he ducked down and started drawing circles on the floor as he accepted his fate.

"Will we get some reinforcements from you, Duke Lycaon? You do know that we cannot round them all up as we are just three people." Solstice argued.

"I am with her on that one. They are almost as powerful as us and the betas that surround her is much more powerful than us. They also move as a unit and each unit consists of a beta." Lycan stated as he noticed how their group moves when hunting.

"They could have also moved by now. They are nomadic in nature, but I think they are targeting nearby villages with werewolves. They are currently filling up their numbers." Adrian added to the conversation.

"It makes sense that they are recruiting again. A lot of werewolves attacked that vampire hideout, and they were basically wiped out as one of the Vampire Dukes was visiting there at the time. Even a beta werewolf of that level would not survive when confronted by a Vampire Duke." Solstice explained.

"You three would be too little if a group of ten attacks you. You need more people, so I am assigning the Shadow Wolves division to you. They are five werewolves that work as my intelligence unit so them not being here would not take a toll on my manpower. If you could also kill that fake Alpha, then I would increase your reward." Duke Lycaon stated.

[The hidden condition to your quest has been revealed.]

"Killing her would be difficult though. You could also incur the wrath of the young werewolves that imprinted on her." Adrian commented.

"You are thinking way ahead. Let us do this step by step." Solstice stated.

"Anyways, Shadow Wolves!" Duke Lycaon called out loud.

"Assist my son and his friends in capturing the young werewolves that they will gather. I want them alive but incapacitate them if they are not cooperating." Duke Lycaon commanded and the intelligence unit all nodded in unison before becoming invisible once more.

"If the Duke of Arkadia is letting us use his intelligence unit then that means he is serious." Lycan stated as they headed to the outside.

"Are the Shadow Wolves the most powerful groups under him?" Adrian asked as there is no main intelligence unit in the Daemos Corps. The demon eyes scattered in all the world is basically the intelligence unit minus the manpower.

"They should be toe to toe with the Duke's personal knights in terms of levels, but they are more akin to spies than warriors." Lycan replied.

"Then that lessens our burden as it would be inefficient with just three of us rounding each werewolf that is part in that group." Solstice stated.

"I hate to break it to you guys but servants of dark gods like the faceless ones do not move alone. Eirene might have only been that we identified but I am sure that there is more. Faceless Ones are a hive mind type of monsters.

When I destroyed their altar, I also destroyed every faceless one created by that altar. Although the altar that I destroyed then is not powerful because I was higher level than the faceless ones that it created. I am not sure if I can even destroy an altar that spews out a level 200 faceless one." Adrian stated as he told them how he defeated a group of faceless ones before.

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"Is there anything else that you have not told us about the faceless ones? Remember clearly as we cannot enter blindly." Solstice asked.

"They can shapeshift, hive mind, altar destruction equals all dead, and what else? Oh! I think that they cannot operate too far from their altar but that is just a guess." Adrian stated.

"Why do you say so?" Lycan asked.

"Their altar is basically their heart and they die when it is destroyed. It only makes sense that they must protect it at all cost. Also, I guess that they also need to feed their altar." Adrian stated.

"Feed their altar? How can they feed an inanimate object?" Solstice asked as it is no longer in the realm of logic.

"I read on their description that faceless ones are more like a part of the dark god that they worship but they also act as servants. They need some form of autonomy in order to do tasks after all." Adrian replied.

"I guess it makes sense that they perish once you destroyed the altar as it is their connection to their god. The altar basically acts like a cell tower and the faceless ones are the phones. No connection means no will to carry out what is needed." Solstice stated as she correlated faceless ones with a phone.

"We could also say that their dark god acts as a puppeteer and the faceless ones as the puppets." Adrian surmised.

"So, what do we need to do then if we want to capture the werewolves that they recruited." Lycan asked as he is more muscle than brain.

"One option would be to show them the real forms of the faceless ones but that would entitle us finding an item that could reveal the true form of a being." Solstice stated.

"The other option would be to try and capture every group that is out for training. That would be much easier in the beginning but harder as time passes by. They would likely group up when we managed to snatch three or four groups depending on the composition of that group." Adrian stated.

"We should go to Moonshine Village then so that we can check if there are still remnants there." Lycan suggested and everyone agreed.

The leader of the Shadow Wolves then appeared beside Lycan as Adrian is preparing the spell. The three almost forgot about them because they are too good at their job. Mostly, they are too focused in their discussion that they forgot they have helpers.

"Call me Shado, young master. It seems that you are departing to Moonshine Village. We wish to join you there in travel." Shado stated as she bowed.

"If we are going as a group of eight then I need to use Dimensional Teleportation as I would get burnt out if I used the regular Mass Teleportation." Adrian stated as he proceeded to create a portal by ripping the fabric of space.

"After you!" Adrian gestured and they warily entered the portal.

Adrian used Glamour on himself as he needed to look human. He entered the portal and just like that his vision changed from that of a mansion to a forest clearing.

"I have got to say that your teleportation thingy is extremely useful. It beats travelling by carriage for days." Lycan commented and the Shadow Wolves melded into the background once more.

"So, any idea what to do now?" Adrian asked as they needed to find traces of the werewolves.

"You should go by air and I will release my familiars." Solstice told Adrian as she cut up her palm once more and made small red bats using her blood.

"What will I do then?" Lycan asked.

"You will be the one to intercept them once we find them of course. Apply that form changing magic to Lycan, dear brother. We will use the chat to alert of their positions so always keep an eye on it." Solstice stated as she turned towards the village.

"Fine. The magic does not erase your scent though and only fool the eyes of others." Adrian answered and cast glamour on Lycan to change his face and hair color.

"Greater Summon: Sirius. Greater Summon: Kanlaon." Adrian casted as he summoned two of his soulbounds.

"Sirius, blend into Lycan's shadow and assist him in catching our prey." Adrian commanded and Sirius did as he is told.

Adrian then rode Kanlaon to the air and started their search. Solstice searched the village while Lycan searched the nearby forests. They searched for the werewolves for hours only to find nothing. They regrouped back to the location that they arrived from.

"Find anything?" Adrian asked.

"I found out that the people were not hunting out in the forest for a few days because of the festival." Solstice stated.

"We searched the forest and there were traces of battle from a day ago. The campfire was just freshly extinguished. If they were in this location, then we are already too late. They have already moved on to the next village." Lycan stated.

"What are the nearby villages to Moonshine Village then?" Adrian asked.

"The next two villages would be five days of travel from here if they go by carriage. If they are using their own speed, then they could lessen that to three days." Lycan stated as he has a full map of the territories near Arkadia.

"I will head to the other village with two of the Shadow Wolves and you two will head to the other one with three of them." Adrian suggested.

"We shall do that then. If the other sees their group, we must send a whisper. You cannot take them down on your own." Solstice ordered.

"If you cannot take down the betas then just abduct the young werewolves while retreating. I am pretty sure that your group can do that." Adrian stated as he gestured two of the Shadow Wolves to ride Kanlaon as they will be the former's guide.

## Chapter 388 - Greater Faceless One

Solstice and Lycan headed to the other village next to Moonshine Village called Moondew Village. They headed there by running with the three members of the Shadow Wolves with them. They chose the closest one as the only one of them who has a mount is Solstice.

Adrian and two of the Shadow Wolves rode Kanlaon to the next village that is about five days away. The two Shadow Wolves were a bit uneasy at first, but they easily adjusted after ten minutes of flight.

Adrian did not command Kanlaon to fly at its highest speed but in a moderate speed because they could miss the group mid-flight. Adrian is looking using his evil eyes to see if a group of souls are moving in unison. He will then report it to the two Shadow Wolves in order for them to check.

The Shadow Wolves will be teleported to the ground by Adrian as the height they are flying is not safe to land without tools. So far, Adrian's group only saw groups of players but suddenly Adrian saw a soul that is so dark and murky that he believed that they finally encountered one.

Adrian also saw ten other souls that is of normal color with the tainted soul. Adrian reported it to the two Shadow Wolves, and they prepared for battle. Adrian did not teleport the three of them to the ground as they were too close to the group. They were hovering just above them.

Adrian unfurled his wings and carried the two members with him. He asked for their names, but they refused to answer because only their master could know their true names. They even told Adrian that the name that their leader gave earlier is also a codename and not her true name.

Adrian did not flap his wings, but they slowly descended on the group as the group in question is not moving. When they were about ten meters away from a tree, the two members of the Shadow Wolves released their grasp on Adrian.

The two members of the Shadow Wolves descended on the trees without even making a slightest sound. Adrian is very impressed and could only relate them with the ninjas that he saw on the eastern continent. He then hovered just above them to assess the situation.

He could not just show himself to the young werewolves. He must think of a plan to isolate the one with the disgusting soul. He wanted to use his Nether Domain skill, but he is afraid of becoming crazed and not be able to control his character once more.

Adrian even reported that his skill might be bugged but the reply he got stated that nothing is wrong with his skill. Due to this, Adrian decided to not use Nether Domain or Netheros True Form for the time being.

"I told the two members of the Shadow Wolves to wait for my signal before they round them up. I need to separate them from the one with a disgusting soul. They should give me a sign if they really are werewolves." Adrian thought and he just thought of the simplest way while waiting for the Shadow Wolves' sign.

As if Adrian's thoughts are read, a beam of light suddenly hit his face. The beam of light came from a small mirror that one of the Shadow Wolves possess. This sign meant that the group are indeed werewolves.



The Shadow Wolves know that the group before them are werewolves because of the scent that they give out. Young werewolves are not yet trained enough to hide their scent from other mature werewolves. It is also the Alpha's duty in training their young members to hide this scent.

Adrian immediately activated his evil eyes upon receiving the signal and used the Quantum Concave skill to target the ten souls that is not tainted. He just waited for the time that the skill finally activates before swooping down to battle the one with a tainted soul.

Adrian learned that beta werewolves are official members of the pack which means that they can somewhat control their shapeshifting abilities. If this was true, then werewolves in their wolf form will have a 50% increase in stats. Lycan even told Adrian that the transformation has no duration. The werewolf's stamina would decrease a lot faster while transformed though.

Suddenly, a loud ruckus could be heard from below as the ten werewolves are suddenly pulled towards each other. All the young werewolves were pulled except for the beta that is leading them. The young werewolves could not pull away with their strength as it was gravity that pulled them.

The ten young werewolves all crashed against one another. Before they could adjust themselves, two shadow figures descended near them. The two individuals that descended took a straw out from their clothes and blew on it.

From the straw, five needles came out per individual. The young werewolves who were still disoriented could not dodge the incoming needles and they were cleanly hit on their necks. The needles that pierced them were hardly painful, but they suddenly felt weak.

"What did you do to us?!" One of the young werewolves weakly stated as he mustered all his strength to stand up.

The other young werewolves tried to muster up their strength as well, but they could not do so. Their limbs became soggy noodles as no force could be channeled through them. Adrian who saw this immediately surmised that it is Wolfsbane.

The book in the Duke of Arkadia's office stated that Wolfsbane is a special type of herb that can mess up the mana circuits of a werewolf. For powerful werewolves, the herb would not have that great of an effect as they have inhaled it a couple of times to strengthen themselves as training.

Young werewolves however are a different situation as they are sheltered from this herb because they could accidentally consume it. The consumption of Wolfsbane is not deadly to werewolves but there have been cases of werewolves dying after consuming the herb due to wild monsters or assailants. This is the reason why elder werewolves heavily controlled Wolfsbane from circulation.

"Aspen, help us!" One of the young werewolves stated as they are being tied up by the two strange individuals that suddenly showed up before them.

Aspen, the beta with the tainted soul leading the group, suddenly charged towards the young werewolves. A look of fury is written all over his face which made his eyes glow orange. Aspen is furious but that uncontrolled rage is suddenly gone like the emotion that he portrayed is a lie.

Adrian who saw Aspen's emotion suddenly die down is shocked upon this discovery. For a moment, the tainted soul of Aspen became distorted and almost split apart. He just let this thought for a second in his mind though as he needed to deal with the enemy.

"Greater Summon: Sirius," Adrian stated as a magic circle appeared below Aspen.

Sirius emerged from the magic circle and tried biting the beta werewolf, but Aspen had great reflexes. Aspen kicked Sirius' head and used that to jump backwards.

"Kanlaon, use your breath." Adrian commanded as Kanlaon who was just hovering above them released his Soul Form and blasted Aspen with his breath attack.

Aspen could not immediately react with a great beast appearing before him and is hit with the breath attack in full swing. The weird thing is Aspen did not even utter a scream of pain upon being hit by two opposing temperatures. The normal reaction would be to scream upon getting one's skin burned and frostbit.

"ASPEN! You monsters!" the young werewolves shouted as they saw their group leader burning and freezing to death.

"Monster?! Now that is an understatement. Have you people not realized that your group leader is not even screaming from the pain?" Adrian stated as he descended to the ground.

"You attack us from nowhere and expect us to believe that you are not monsters!?" One of the tied-up werewolves shouted weakly.

"I see. Then foolish ones, let this demon before you break the illusion that you have been subjected to." Adrian stated as he summoned his other soulbounds. He decided to summon them all as the enemy before them is not normal.

Monster: Greater Faceless One

Level: 190

Health: 95% / 100 %

Mana: 90% / 100%

Description: A monster created by a dark god who goes by any faces. It has perfected its shapeshifting ability to the point that it could copy some of the targets, memories upon transforming into them. They could utilize a 100% of the transformed individual's abilities but are still subjected to the weaknesses of a faceless one.

Adrian who read the description can only curse his luck as the faceless one he encountered is a perfect mimic. The ones he battled before have reduced abilities due to being low rank faceless ones. The fire and ice burning Aspen finally ceased and they were greeted by a mannequin looking individual with patches of burned skin.

"Aspen!" The young werewolves cried.

"Sorry to disappoint you but that is not Aspen. That is the real form of a faceless one." Adrian stated and the faceless one once gain morphed into Aspen's form.

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The Greater Faceless One showed its true form and then reverted to Aspen's form. The young werewolves who saw how Aspen became an individual of pure flesh and back to his usual self with clothes even on became utterly speechless.

"Did I not tell you that the one that is leading you is a monster? Do you really think that a werewolf could do what he just did right now?" Adrian stated as his soulbounds surrounded the Greater Faceless One.

"Aspen might have used an ancient artifact! That must be it!" One of the young werewolves commented although there I still a look of disbelief written in her face. Even she is having a difficult time believing what she just said.

"I hope that you believe what you just said but then again your face says otherwise." Adrian pointed it out and the young werewolves who were noisy became sullen.

"You are not human!" The greater Faceless One stated.

"You think? Paradox, Summon Primordial Psyche Armament: Scythe" Adrian stated as he summoned his Primordial Armament: Scythe.

The scythe is the same as before but the runes on the blade became golden in color rather than its silver color. The scythe basically became more eye-catching and cooler looking but the skills are the same with half the cooldown per skill.

"Shadow Reaper!" Adrian muttered as his body melded into the shadows and vanished.

The Greater Faceless One became wary because the scent that the enemy was giving off completely vanished as if they disappeared from the world. Even the Shadow Wolves that are great in espionage were startled due to how perfect the invisibility that Adrian casted.

Adrian's Shadow Reaper skill is not just invisibility but true invisibility. True Invisibility does not get detected by even true sight gems as everything vanishes. Not even Adrian's evil eyes will be able to see the soul of someone who has a skill with True Invisibility.

The Greater Faceless One transformed its nose and eyes to that of a wolf in order to detect where Adrian will come from. Adrian then commanded Sirius and Kanlaon to attack the enemy as he approached. Despite being having True Invisibility, Adrian will become visible the moment he connects a attack.

If Adrian just suddenly appears after attacking, then he can get brutally attacked by the enemy. The damage in his next attack might be amplified but it is not able to burst down the Greater Faceless One. Sirius used his agility to try and attack the Greater Faceless One's legs while Kanlaon disabled the opponent from jumping high.

Adrian positioned himself behind the enemy and he immediately attacked when the perfect opportunity came. He swung the scythe so that he cleanly hits the neck of the Greater Faceless One. He was aiming for a critical strike for his 1000% damage amplified attack powered by the remaining Soul Essence and Nether Energy.

The Greater Faceless One did not eve see or react to the attack as this was an effect of True Invisibility. Even emotions that one projects will be erased to the point that killing intent will not be detected. Werewolves are an Erebian species that is dependent in their instincts but that is also their weakness.

The scythe cleanly chopped off the head of the Greater Faceless One like butter. Even Adrian felt something wrong because it felt like he only sliced through flesh and no bone. There was no feeling of resistance like when you chop bones using a knife.

The head of the Greater Faceless One flew off a few meters away but the body did not fall. The head that is cleanly cut off started to bubble and melt into nothing. The neck of the Greater Faceless One suddenly sprouted a new head with no defining features.

The young werewolves who saw this either puked or fainted with what they just witnessed. Those who did not faint could not believe their eyes as they suddenly realized that their life is a lie.

"From the look in their eyes, they are still clinging to the faint hope that everything that is happening now is a dream." Adrian thought as he immediately used Blink to gain distance from the Greater Faceless One.

Adrian's quick reaction made him dodge the quick swipe that the Greater Faceless One made. Adrian glanced at his previous position and saw that the arm of his enemy became hairy and grew sharp claws.

"Why is it not fully transforming? I thought beta werewolves could fully transform at his level but maybe being a Greater Faceless One is being a hindrance." Adrian thought.

Adrian immediately charged back in and the claws of the Greater Faceless One clashed with the blade of his scythe. The sound of metal hitting another object could be heard during their battle. Adrian with the aid of his soulbounds are battling the Greater Faceless One toe to toe.

Seeing the perfect opportunity, Adrian used the second skill of his scythe.

"Burning Souls!" Adrian casted as a black phantom came out of his scythe in a straight line.

The black phantom then hit the Greater Faceless One and it became stunned. The Greater Faceless One's shadow suddenly rose and started hitting it. Adrian did not miss this opportunity and told all his allies to bombard the Greater Faceless One.

Kanlaon spewed his breath attack, Sirius used shadow spikes to impale the enemy while the two members of the shadow wolves threw daggers with wolfsbane. The Greater Faceless One could not evade as it was stunned in place with its own shadow damaging it.

The onslaught of attacks made the Greater Faceless One helpless and its health dipped to 20% in just a matter of seconds. It was then the instinct of a werewolf became much more prevalent than the control of a faceless one.

A howl of pain is heard, and a shockwave is released with the Greater Faceless One at the epicenter. Adrian saw that the soul of the Greater Faceless One became distorted much more than ever. The soul of the Greater Faceless One now has a wolf head biting off the human silhouette of its soul.

The physical body in question however became mad and feral. The Greater Faceless One turned fully into a wolf human hybrid. Adrian could see that the Greater Faceless One has lost all reason as there are now two entities fighting for its soul which means it has no control of its body.

The wolf soul might have been dominating at first, but the owner of the body is still the Greater Faceless One. Adrian must finish off the enemy before it gains full control of the body again. The Greater Faceless One charged towards the tied up young werewolves.

"Sirius use Phantom Rush. Kanlaon use your full power." Adrian commanded as he jumped into the fray and tried to finish off the enemy.

The two members of the Shadow Wolves did their best in protecting the tied up young werewolves, but they are getting pushed slightly. Even if Sirius attacked with all his might, the aggro did not switch to him. Kanlaon could also not be careless as all his attacks are area of effect which means he could hit the young werewolves.

"Soul Eater!" Adrian uttered as he spun in a 360-degree motion and the feral werewolf suddenly got light on its eyes one more. Adrian actually separated the spirit of the Greater Faceless One and Aspen with his own skill. He did not even know that he could actually do that, but he needed to finish off the enemy now.

"Paradox, summon Primordial Armament: Daggers!" Adrian commanded.

"Yes, master." The Cube of Paradox with a robotic voice.

The scythe in Adrian's hands immediately became twin daggers. The dagger also had an upgraded image as a gold shine could be seen radiating from its blade. The visual update made the dagger more exquisite looking but that did not mean that it was not the deadliest weapon in Adrian's arsenal.

"Soul Seeker" Adrian uttered as he pierced the right dagger on the Greater Faceless One's chest.

Adrian then used the other dagger immediately to pierce the same location that the first dagger pierced. A howl of defeat came from the Greater Faceless One and its health finally became depleted. Dozens of pale blue lights then scattered in the area and Adrian recognized what it was.

"The souls of the dead." Adrian muttered and it was not only him that could see them.

The young werewolves saw familiar faces from the ghostly entities that suddenly appeared before them. Some of the young werewolves started crying because it was their very own family that showed up. They all died due to a vampire attack or what they have been left to believe.

"Lost Souls of the Deceased. You must now rest for your soul has been trapped for too long in the material realm. Any longer and you will become evil spirits." Adrian stated but it was the AI of the game that is controlling him to say this. He also revealed his true form which made the restless spirits gather towards him.

## Chapter 390 - Truth Of The Faceless Ones

Adrian's battle with the Greater Faceless One ended in a good way as he did not need back-up. Adrian was a bit confident since there is only one enemy. If he is not able to incapacitate the ten young werewolves then he would have asked for help from Solstice's team.

The faces of the ten young werewolves are in disbelief because they were following a monster. Even though each of them shared sentiments with Aspen, the fact that the Aspen they knew was a lie took a big toll on them. There are also the souls of their love ones that they are now seeing.

The souls of their family are currently before them and is currently speaking with them with Aspen's soul in the mix. The human that killed the fake Aspen suddenly changed his appearance to what they know as Demons of legend.

"Lost Souls of the Deceased, you are no longer welcome in the material plane. You must cross over to the other side or else you risk becoming evil spirits. As Shephard of Lost Souls, it is my duty to guide you." Adrian stated as his voice powerfully echoed unlike his usual calm voice. The voice he has now carried authority.

The souls that the Greater Faceless One devoured all came towards Adrian's soothing yet authoritative voice. Adrian chanted a few words and a skull suddenly manifested itself from thin air. The skull then lit up in a golden fire.

The skull blazing in golden fire opened its jaw and the golden flames outlines a door. The deceased souls were enamored by the place beyond the door and not the door itself. The young werewolves who have family members among the dead souls shouted for them not to enter.

"You may say your farewells. The world owes you at least that much." Adrian stated but he told this without being controlled by the AI. He already regained control of his body upon saying the first sentence.

Adrian used his remaining mana in order for the spirits of the deceased to materialize. They hugged their families tightly as they could for it will be the last time that they will be able to do so. Tears rolled down the faces of the young werewolves and if their deceased family members could cry then they would do so as well.

After an hour of them caressing and feeling the love with each other, Adrian once again reminded the souls of the deceased that they must cross over now. The young werewolves tried to stop them, but Adrian already stopped supplying mana to them which made them incorporeal once more.

Bidding their farewells, the souls of the deceased finally entered the gate to limbo where they will be judged. When the last soul entered, the skull collected its golden flames and disappeared like it was never there. The young werewolves are solemn, yet they now look much different than before. The defiant attitude that they showcased earlier was no more.

"Will they go to a better place?" The youngest of the werewolves asked. She looked like she was only twelve or thirteen.

"They will go to a place much more peaceful than our land but that does not mean we should go after them immediately. What would they say to you if you were to follow after them when they gave up their lives for you?" Adrian stated as he knew that telling them a simple yes would not suffice.

"As for you ten, I will send you to the Duke of Arkadia's mansion where you will be in good hands." Adrian stated and some of them froze.

"Eirene said that the Duke of Arkadia eats children and will puts us in leashes to sell as slaves." One of the young werewolves stated.

"Why should you listen to the words of another monster that may have been the source of your grievances? Like the one masquerading as Aspen, Eirene is also one of them. Monsters that feed on the soul of the living and offer their bodies to their malignant god." Adrian asked the young werewolves.

"You have no proof! Aspen or that monster might have took him when he was vulnerable when the vampires attacked." One of the young werewolves stated.

"You have yet to truly believe me, yet I only speak the truth. You people never really met the real Aspen. The real Aspen was already dead, and that monster feasted on his soul in order to look like him. If you saw Aspen's soul earlier then you would have noticed that it was weak and thin." Adrian stated as he realized how the faceless ones transforms into other people.

The faceless ones are basically a husk with only a will given to them. The faceless one would then wait for days maybe years for its first victim to arrive. The first victims are the foolish magical practitioners that think that they could summon a god.

The foolish magical practitioners would then be able to summon a breach into the dark god of the faceless ones. Since the dark god could not breach the dimensional barrier, he sent his inferior copies as a substitute in order to break the dimensional barrier.

The first sacrifices would be the magic practitioners as the dark god of the faceless ones would consume the bodies and souls of its summoner. The dark god of the faceless ones would then use the identities of the sacrificed in order to gather more. This was how the faceless ones operate which one of the souls that Adrian freed told him.

"It seems I managed to kill one of the original faceless ones but that would also mean that they might know my location." Adrian thought as he knew that the faceless ones were a hive mind, but he does not know how far their telepathic capabilities could reach.

"Anyways, all of you will be taken to Arkadia. This is no discussion. You people are basically prisoners of war." Adrian stated as he used Dimensional teleportation to open a fracture in space that leads to Arkadia.