

## **O Summoner 411**

### Chapter 411 - The Golden Mummy

Adrian, who accepted being damaged by the disaster that he caused himself, is shocked by the golden mummy that he summoned. When Kanlaon used his fire and ice shields to protect them, Sirius also used his shadows as a shield to reinforce their defenses.

The sand disaster hit their defenses and it easily breached the first shield which is the fire shield. The fire shield managed to turn some of the sand into glass, but the force of the raging sands immediately shattered it within seconds.

The sands that managed to reach the frost shield melted due to the heat transferred. The sands might not be hot enough to melt the intense cold that the frost shield, but the constant collision of the shield and sands created friction. The friction made it possible for the frost shield to slowly melt and it slowly collapsed under the bombardment of the sands.

The sands soon reached the shadow shield that Sirius made, and Adrian is about to use Soul Keep in order to protect them for a couple of seconds, but the sarcophagus of the mummy suddenly opened. Numerous bandages suddenly shot out of the sarcophagus and added another layer of defense in which not even a grain of sand slipped through.

The added layer of defense managed to stop the sand from reaching them. The only thing left to do is for them to weather out the storm. After a few minutes, Sirius reported that there is no more force colliding with his shadow shield and Kanlaon said so as well but they also reported the weight of the sand covering them.

"We managed to get by without taking damage. Thank you all of you." Adrian thanked everyone.

The golden mummy did not respond but Adrian could feel that it nodded at him in agreement. He is still bamboozled with what he summoned because of the description.

NPC: Forgotten Golden Mummy

Level: 162

Description: A forgotten ruler in the distant past that suddenly died at the golden age of his empire. Due to no heir chosen, the queens and concubines fought for the dominion of the kingdom that ultimately led to the decline of the glorious kingdom.

Adrian only received this status card in his system notification and nothing more. He did not receive one attack command as if it were telling him that he is beneath his summon or is of equal standing. Nevertheless, the summon can only remain for three more minutes before returning.

The sands that were calm a moment ago suddenly started shaking once more. Adrian knew that the enemy has found where they were buried and wanted to attack them while they were unaware. The golden mummy suddenly shoots out the bandages in its arms while the bandage shield receded back to its sarcophagus.

[The golden mummy has restrained ten enemies.]

Adrian knew that the golden mummy used a skill from the system notification. He then ordered Kanlaon to make a fire twister so that they could escape from being buried. Upon doing so, Adrian's group greeted the golden emperor.

The golden emperor then ordered its remaining archers to fire at Adrian's locations. The arrows suddenly became ablaze and is shot towards their location.

"Quantum Dispersion!" Adrian chanted as all the arrows aimed at their location became blown away due to him suddenly expanding the space above them.

"Sirius, Phantom Rush!" Adrian commanded and Sirius became freed from the restraints of time and space.

"Kanlaon, Elemental Meteor!" Adrian commanded Kanlaon to use his new skill.

Skill: Elemental Meteor

Tier: Epic

Type: Active Area of Effect

Effect: Summon meteors made of different attributes depending on the user's own personal attribute. The whole area will be bombarded with the elemental attributes dealing damage over time. Cannot use another skill or move for ten seconds after the user uses the skill.

Cooldown: 3 hours

Cast Time: 5 second

Kanlaon flew to the sky and suddenly disappeared into the clouds. Soon, meteors with two attributes started to descend into the battleground. The meteors are either flaming balls of fire or pure white due to being made of ice.

The golden army soldiers hit by the flaming meteors immediately melted while the ones hit by the giant ball of ice were affected by the biting frost. The meteors that do not hit an enemy either left the area ablaze or low in temperature.

"Charon, use Life Siphon!" Adrian commanded.

Charon looked at the whole army and shoot out chains from its casket. The chains were not physical in nature but ethereal in nature. The chains shot out in a whole area and attacked themselves to the golden soldiers. Charon started to siphon the life from the soldiers and started sharing it with the others.

Saena waited for the moment someone becomes low health so that she could heal them immediately. Dodu is just being cute sitting on Adrian's head. The golden mummy though did not become idle as the sarcophagus that it left open suddenly shot out bandages.

The bandages soon swirled with sand and created mummy soldiers that the golden mummy then commanded. The mummies created numbered a hundred with fifty being foot soldiers. It also created ten cavalries that rode on ten desert lion mummies.

Next that were created are the thirty mage mummies that could control sand. They used this sand to trap the incoming army or hardened it so that their allies could traverse the environment easily. The

mummy army is not in the direct command of Adrian as it was the golden mummy that commanded the mummy army perfectly.

"Summon Primordial Armament: Axe!" Adrian chanted as he needed to deal with lots of enemies.

Adrian who summoned his axe wreaked havoc in the area. The battle would be called a stalemate if not for the fact that it is the sphinx that is controlling the golden army. Adrian who is battling and is focusing his thoughts during battle so he could not block against mind reading.

"Oh! I see. He wants to use the Sands of Time to revert his mentor back to a state that he could move again or else he might die. If it is this boy then I could have someone claim vengeance for me. But he might not comply with the task if we do not make an unbreakable oath." The sphinx stated as he observed the situation.

"Emperor's Divide!" The golden mummy suddenly stated about ten seconds before he disappeared.

The hundred mummies that he summoned suddenly fused together to become one giant entity. The hundred mummies became a giant sphinx that measured fifty meters in height. The golden mummy then floated to the head of the sphinx and seated at the throne present at the sphinx' headdress.

[The Forgotten Ruler of the Sands has awoken due to fighting a past version of himself. You have made a great achievement in making him remember.]

#### Chapter 412 - Power Is Not Enough

A huge sphinx mummy is created using the skill Emperor's Divide that the golden mummy cast. That is not the only surprise as the giant sphinx mummy is summoned just before the golden mummy returned to the death realm it was summoned from. Its vanishing figure is suddenly anchored back to the mortal realm.

[The Forgotten Golden Mummy has used its pinnacle skill that it used back when it was alive.]

[The Forgotten Golden Mummy will not disappear as long as the duration of the skill Emperor's Divide is up.]

The golden mummy is now wreaking havoc to the golden army. The golden emperor could also feel it that him and the golden mummy is the same but in different timelines. The meeting of the past and present should not have been possible, but a relic made from the body of a dead god could make that possible.

If the place they are in is not a special place, then space and time continuum would have been destroyed. In Pandemonium, a demon must never meet with their past self because the universe would exert its power to delete one of them.

As Adrian is about to use the last skill of his axe primordial armament, time suddenly stopped. Adrian did not know that he is already been read like a book by the sphinx and the trial was just an excuse. Adrian's soulbounds is not able to move but he was spared from the full effects of time stopping.

Adrian moved 50% slower than he could move. It made him amazed that a relic could almost invalidate his demonic characteristics. He is now absolutely sure that the Sands of Time could actually save Ascalor's life.

The sphinx suddenly descended unto the ground. Upon its landing, all the golden army and even Adrian's summon are sent back to where they came from. The golden army returned to the sands; the golden mummy returned to its death realm while Adrian's soulbound is sent back to his Soul Chamber.

"You have done enough, little demon. I have already discerned your reason on wanting to use the relic that I am guarding. I thought that you would use it for your own selfish gain like an asmodian that used it back then." The sphinx stated but its last sentence caught Adrian's attention.

"Why did you change our mind after reading my memories?" Adrian asked as he is told that guardians are always strict when it comes to their trials.

"I am to give you a deal. In exchange for me giving you usage of the Sands of Time, you must complete a request from me." The sphinx stated.

"A deal. I really want to accept but I know that it would be a pain in the ass. Deals with godlike being never really pays off well for me but I need to save Ascalor immediately." Adrian thought as he deliberated on whether to accept the deal.

"I already answered your riddle and even passed your second test. Can you just give me the relic, please? Is it not unfair that I have to make a deal that the others before me had only needed to answer a riddle while I have to do double the effort?" Adrian grumbled.

"It is only fair because if you use the relic that I guard to revert the damage done by a god then I will lose power for a thousand years. If you want the other option, then get me a hundred thousand souls and then we will talk. Not just any souls! The souls must be of trained and powerful individuals." The sphinx replied.

"Okay then. So, about this deal, what does it entail that I do?" Adrian suddenly asked as he is now in a deal making mood.

"I just need you to retrieve something from the dark god that destroyed the previous Curator of Time's body. I believe that you have met before. His name should now be Cristobal." The sphinx stated which shocked Adrian.

"Cristobal? But he is a warlock is he not? He should not be a dark god." Adrian replied as he knew that Cristobal is just a Mad Warlock not a reincarnation of a dark god.

"Have you not been in his lair? That lair is made of the dead body of a dark god. My eyes do not deceive me as that fellow consumed the dying heart of the dark god Gi-Hoveg. That dark god took the other half of the god Aion." The sphinx stated.

"Aion? Who is that? I was told the gods of time are just gods who operate like a machine. They also exist in a dimension that cannot be accessed by even the greater gods." Adrian stated as he anted to know more of the god Aion.

"Aion is called the Curator of Time but he is also a god that controlled time. When the dak gods attacked, the first gods they struck down was non-other than the gods of time and space.

Due to this, the remaining gods decided that the gods of time and space be sealed in a separate dimension that constantly shifts in time and space for their protection. The gods of time and space wanted to object but if they perished then time and space would become erratic in every world.

Do you not wonder why the time in every world is different? That was also a counter measure so that the dark gods could not access them when the gods of time and space split up the main world." The sphinx stated which greatly blew Adrian's mind.

"Are you saying that the minor worlds were once part of the main world?" Adrian asked just to be sure if what he heard is correct.

"You are correct. It seems that the demons have yet to tell even the Champion of the Twin Gods on what the world used to be. Have your patron gods not told you that before?" The sphinx asked.

"I am probably too weak learn about that because when someone usually brings up stuff like that then a grand world changing quest would ensue. Anyways, I will kill Cristobal and retrieve the item that you want." Adrian replied.

"You would need that item if you were to use the Sands of Time to cure your demon mentor." The sphinx suddenly replied.

"You said that in exchange for my cooperation then I could use the relic on Ascalor. Were you lying about the thousand-year weakening?" Adrian asked.

"At the relic's current power, you can only try and slow down the ailment of this Ascalor you speak of. The Sands of Time is only half of the real relic. When the Curator of Time died, his body split into two creating two relics. The Sands of Time and the Sun Dias.

The Sun Dias would be able to boost the power of the Sands of Time so that your beloved Ascalor would be able to be restored. I was forcefully awakened after all. The monsters and people that I used to power up the relic are only caught for about a month after all.

Even the relic needs to be powered up. Thanks to you, I can no longer do that so our only option would be the Sun Dias. Do not worry as you could still use the relic to slow down the corrosion of that old demon's body." The sphinx stated which made Adrian sigh with relief.

"Can you locate the Sun Dias though?" Adrian asked as the other relic could be in another location and not inside Cristobal's lair.

"Do not worry." The sphinx stated as it suddenly made itself smaller. The sphinx now looked like a small cat with tiny wings with a regal looking headdress.

"In this form, I could accompany you and find my sibling." The sphinx stated in a cute tone as its voice changed with it becoming smaller.

"You are saying that the other guardian is another sphinx like you. Great! You are like the riddle brothers or sisters. Do you even have a gender?" Adrian stated sarcastically.

"My sibling should have failed to awaken as it was devoured by the dark god. You can only hope that the Sun Dias is not corrupted by the dark god.

That Cristobal fellow could know its location as I felt him use it when he confronted you. His sudden appearance in his lair is not due to teleportation or transportation skills but due to the Sun Dias." The sphinx

"In other words, I have to fight Cristobal in order to obtain that Sun Dias. Well, that is reassuring." Adrian replied as the Sphinx tapped its cute paw on the sand and sent them out of the dungeon.

Adrian suddenly saw himself on top of the floating pyramid with the small sphinx beside him. They were standing on air and the guards all saw them. The alarms sounded but the guards could not even fly towards the top of the floating pyramid.

"First stop would be the Paradox Planes. I need you to slow Ascalor's time so that we will have enough time to stop the erosion." Adrian stated as he used Dimensional Teleportation to return to the Paradox Planes.

### Chapter 413 - Momentary Relief

A rip in space appeared in the Paradox Planes. From the rip in space, Adrian and the sphinx came out. Adrian immediately headed to Ascalor's abode as he knew that time is of the essence. They reached the room where Ascalor is being treated and Adrian is shocked with what he saw.

Ascalor's body is already half covered in this poison like substance. Elder Danaya did not look any better as she looked dried up and about to die from malnutrition. Adrian is shocked upon seeing this but Koronn who was there explained the situation.

The elder dryad told Koronn to give Adrian a month to get the relic but that was a lie as they knew how difficult it is to get a relic. The best-case scenario would be for Adrian to get the relic in five days and at most ten days. Elder Danaya is hell bent on curing Ascalor that she would give her life force just to heal him.

"Now that you got the relic, we can finally save him." Koronn stated as he put his hand out in order to gesture to Adrian to give the relic.

"We actually have a problem. I do have the relic, but it is not enough to cure Ascalor." Adrian stated with a slightly disappointed tone.

"What do you mean the relic cannot heal him!?" Koronn stated angrily and Elder Danaya suddenly looked as if a piece of her soul is chipped away.

"I brought the guardian with me so let it explain." Adrian stated as he pointed to the winged cat beside him.

Koronn just thought that the cat is just one of the new soulbounds of the young lad, but he was mistaken. He would have no problem if Koronn is not tired, but he is. Once Koronn no longer felt the resistance when he cast temporal magic, he immediately rushed to Ascalor's room and cast it on the unconscious individual.

He tried again and again but the mysterious poison on Ascalor's body kept his magic from affecting the Arch Demon. He cast multiple temporal spells that tried to reverse Ascalor's time, but it did not take effect. It only led to him becoming unable to use legendary tier magic and above for the succeeding days as his mana circuits became overloaded.

"It looks much worse than what your memories have projected. The only way to save would be the Sun Dias." The sphinx stated as it looked at Ascalor's condition.

"You are lying guardian. The Sands of Time is akin to someone casting Divine tier magic." Koronn stated with a frustrated tone.

"At my current strength, I can only cast Mythical Tier spells. Divine tier magic...do not make me laugh. The reversal of time is godlike magic to ordinary men but to demons it is a mere snap of their fingers." The sphinx stated as it moved towards Adrian.

"The best that I can do right now with my power is to freeze him in time for about ten days." The sphinx told Adrian.

"Then that means that we only have ten days to get the Sun Dias from Cristobal." Adrian stated as he messaged all his friends that could help him.

He even messaged the members of the Evergreen Guild because he is that desperate. Ascalor is more than a bundle of code to him because the time they spent together could be called a bonding experience. This is actually true because cases of people taking their own life has been reduced and it started when Pandemonium became a famous game.

"Where is this Cristobal guy! I will help you deal with that soon to be dead guy." Koronn stated but a greater demon suddenly rushed inside the room.

"Elder Koronn! We have urgent news! The capital of the Empire is on flames! Come and look!" the greater demon stated but Koronn did not want to leave.

"Go and monitor the situation. I will observe how the relic will affect Ascalor and report it you." Adrian stated as Koronn nodded.

Stuff like these situations are usually handed by Ascalor but he could not so the responsibility is given to Koronn. The situation seemed grave as the imperial capital is said to be on fire. A few seconds later a world message suddenly arrived for all players. It even arrived to all those that are not in the main world.

[The Dark God of a Thousand Faces has descended unto the world. Beware of looking to its hideous form as it will lead you into insanity.]

[The gods did their best and locked the dark god's activity to be centered on the imperial capital.]

"What the actual fudge!" Adrian stated in absolute shock because of the announcement.

A wave of malevolent energy then reached the Paradox Planes. When Adrian felt that energy, he immediately felt like he would vomit because it was not something that was natural from the universe. This energy even made Elder Danaya faint as he was already weakened from healing Ascalor.

"A dark god has awakened. We must hurry and help that old demon. From my understanding, it is him that maintains the space or dimension. He should help in sending that dark god to its dimension." The sphinx stated as it jumped in the air and transformed into an hourglass.

The hourglass had no decoration whatsoever and just looked like a generic hourglass. If it was placed beside a normal hourglass, then no one would suspect that it is a relic. The sphinx already taught Adrian the way to use the relic.

Adrian held out the hourglass on top of Ascalor's body and flipped it over until all the sand on the upper glass fell on the bottom glass. The sound of a glass shattering and then being formed is heard. The sphinx told Adrian that this was a normal scenario as they bended the rule of time.

A pale blue aura then covered Ascalor's body and he became frozen in time like what the sphinx has stated. The poison like substance stopped spreading into his body and even Elder Danaya's healing skill stopped working as well.

"He will remain in suspended animation for ten days. After that time period, time will once again flow for him." The sphinx stated as it reverted back to its small, winged cat form.

#### Chapter 414 - Mission From The Gods

Adrian managed to stop Ascalor's time using the Sands of Time relic. He is about to head towards Koronn when he suddenly received a mission. The mission itself was shocking because it came directly from the gods.

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#### \*EMERGENCY QUEST NOTIFICATION\*

##### Cast the Dark God Out

The Gods of Pandemonium have given the sacred mission to all residents of Pandemonium. Find a way to vanquish or send the Dark God of a Thousand Faces. The Gods of Pandemonium has locked the Dark God in place in the imperial capital of the central continent using their powers.

Difficulty: SSS

Condition: Vanquish or cast out the dark god locked in the imperial capital of the central continent

Reward: Favor of the Gods, Unknown

Failure: Destruction of the Central Continent and the freedom of the Dark God of a Thousand Faces

Time Limit: 100 days

Additional Info: The longer the dark god is left unchecked, the more faceless ones it creates.

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The first triple S class quest has been given to every player in Pandemonium. The rewards are so great, but the failure effect is also so bad. The destruction of the central continent is not something that is to be treated lightly.

The freedom of a dark god is also not something for everyone to say that it is a normal thing to happen. Adrian immediately checked the forums for what the players are saying, and he was baffled. Half of the player base could not be bothered with what is happening but the guilds who have gotten a territory are already mobilizing their entire guild in order to combat the dark god.

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Pandemonuin Forum:

Forever Single: Hah! The destruction of the central continent. Yeah right! That will not happen because there are godlike NPCs in the central continent. I am pretty sure that they will solve it without a problem.

There are also godlike NPCs in the eastern continent so they could just invite them over and threat vanished.

Burger Lover: Are you an idiot?! The godlike NPCs from the eastern continent cannot leave the eastern continent. I would know because I am currently in the eastern continent.

We even have the same quest as you guys, but it stated that the divine beasts are sending us to the central continent to take care of the threat. We are goners if we do not seal that dark god. Forget about killing a god, even sealing it is already problematic.

Rice is Life: Even us in the western continent have been given a mission by the gods that we venerate to go and kill the dark god in the central continent. Sucks to those in the central continent. I hear that every kingdom is already being sundered by those creepy shapeshifters.

Pizza is Superior: They are called faceless ones and they are creepier than my aunt who like to lick her toes. They creep up on you pretending to be your teammate. When they get close, they immediately kill you on the spot. It managed to kill me in one strike, and I am slightly tank because I am from the warrior job class.

Forever Single: Welp, the game developers will not let the game go downhill right. I mean this is my only past time.

Rice is Life: I feel you bro. Maybe if we help in sealing the dark god, we could finally graduate from being sages.

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"The players still think that the developers are going to save us, but this terror will happen if no one could solve the quest. Just like what happened with Neo Alfheim when I failed that quest. Due to my failure, the elves are weakened by 10% permanently and the elven race' birth rate declined." Adrian muttered to himself as he headed towards Koronn's location.

The sphinx requested to rest on Adrian's hands, so he carried it to the location. It seems that the sphinx needs to gather energy to use his powers again. Koronn is currently in the observation room where the crystal balls that each demon eye is kept.

Adrian entered the room, and his face became dark. The faceless ones are basically rampaging now that their god is in the mortal plane. He could see the scenes of carnage and chaos. It breaks his heart seeing innocent people dying because of the choices of a players.

He read in a survey that about 35% of the player base is actually siding with the evil faction. 53% are siding with the good faction and the remaining is the neutral faction. It actually shocked him but it seems that some people are releasing their inner grudges in the game world so that they will not resort to crime in the real world.

"Should we do something? No! We have to do something. It is our duty to protect the world from the dark gods." Adrian stated as he could not sit still and look at the screen projections.

"Look at the demon eyes for the imperial capital." Koronn stated as he pointed to blank screens.

"They are blank. Did they manage to find the demon eyes and destroy them? But we hid them inside small pocket dimensions." Adrian stated as he knew that it is no normal feat to destroy the demon eyes. If that was easily done, then the faceless ones no longer needed to shapeshift just to hide from the demons.

The faceless ones were not shapeshifting to avoid the eyes of humans but the eyes of demons. They knew that they will not be able to bring their god in the mortal realm if the demons could see their activities.

"Play the last recording of the main demon eye in the central continent to the brat sulking over there." Koronn commanded and a greater demon gave Adrian the demon eye.

"Did you not say that the demon eyes are no longer working?" Adrian asked as he wondered what Koronn wanted to let him view.

"Look at it and see why we are not deploying anyone right now." Koronn stated and Adrian inserted his mana into the demon eye receiver. Upon seeing the last clear recording, Adrian could only think that the central continent is doomed.

#### Chapter 415 - The Imperial Capital's Downfall

Different envoys of every kingdom came to the imperial capital in order to celebrate the crowning of a new emperor. The people were merry, and fireworks are getting set off in order to make it livelier. The visitors of the celebration did not know that they were walking into a trap.

"Greetings to everyone!" The voice of a dignified old man stated.

The dignified old man is none other than the current emperor. He spoke to something like a microphone, but it is made with magic stones and not metal.

"Today, I, Apollonius III, shall hand over my crown to my son, Apollonius IV. From this day forth, he shall be crowned the new emperor." Apollonius III stated as he crowned his son.

Cheers erupted from the crowd as a new emperor is crowned. The newly crowned emperor then took the hand of his wife, Fausse Luxar. She was the new emperor's childhood sweetheart and have met each other in a twist of fate.

As the new empress took the hand of her husband using her left hand, her right hand turned into a blade that cut the new emperor's head off. The crowd became silent as no one expected it to happen. Apollonius IV's reign came to an end and so did his head as it rolled down the podium.

A few seconds later when blood is already spraying from the neck of Apollonius IV, screams erupted from the gathered crowd as their brains now processed what happened. The guards immediately surrounded Fausse as she killed her husband.

Apollonius III, who is still in shock, went on his knees as his world suddenly blacked out. Rage filled his eyes as he pulled out a sword made of fire and charged towards Fausse. He was about to cut her head off, but he did not notice that he too started bleeding.

The guards that surrounded Fausse pierced their spears on Apollonius III's body. The old man spat out blood from the sudden attack. He was then finished off by the prime minister that was beside him which in fact is Fausse's father.

"You dare betray me, Prime Minister Luxar!" Apollonius III stated in his dying moments.

Apollonius III's body slumped to the ground as the light in his eyes dimmed. The last thoughts on his mind were why did he fall for the Prime Minister's schemes. The previous Imperial Sorcerer Emrys was sent to the battlefield and is currently unavailable due to the wounds he got from fighting the Arch Lich Malus.

Emrys overexerted his powers which is why he was almost assassinated. He is now currently missing due to escaping from his assailants. He was pronounced dead due to him not returning for a long time which is why a new imperial sorcerer is appointed at the behest of Prime Minister Faust.

This new imperial sorcerer however is now using his magic on the visitors of the capital to conduct a killing spree. All the faceless ones in the capital are now conducting a mass killing spree. Fausse took of her disguise and returned to her faceless one form but she is a bit different to a normal faceless one.

The form that she had is only the same to a faceless one head wise. Her true form is a blank face without features and just all skin. The thing that is different is her body as it looked like she is wearing fleshy robes. The skin on her arms hanged while her body skin stretched to the floor that give the illusion of her wearing a robe.

She then ripped a mouth for herself as her normal form does not have a mouth. She then started singing from the mouth that she ripped from her head. The song is actually a magic spell chant that made every faceless one faster and stronger.

The song that she is singing is not only giving strength to her allies but a preparation for their god to descend. The dead bodies inside the imperial capital are used as a catalyst for the spell to work. Each dead body created a magic circle that enlarged to a circumference of five meters.

This continued on until all the visitors of the imperial capital perished. The mountains of dead bodies became the perfect offering for the faceless ones to bring their god unto the mortal realm. Each dead body made the spell stronger and better.

The power of souls is what made the barrier that separated the mortal realm and the divine realm. So, it makes sense that the power of souls would also be the thing that could pierce the barrier. The priestess looking faceless one stopped chanting and then killed itself.

Upon the priestess looking faceless one's death, a hundred thousand souls became free and incorporated their powers into the spell. This was the only measure for a faceless one to become close to the imperial family is by making one of them eat a hundred thousand souls.

The demigod protecting the imperial capital has such keen senses that even high-ranking faceless ones could not escape his sights. The faceless ones had no choice but make their ultimate warrior which is the Perfect Faceless One.

The Perfect Faceless One evaded the identification powers of the demigod in the imperial capital that is protecting the imperial family. They made the ultimate version of their race but that also meant that this perfect being could not live long.

The life of the Perfect Faceless One is twenty-five years as holding a hundred thousand souls in one body is too much even for a perfect being. The perfect faceless ones bided their time and waited for the right moment to strike.

Their patience finally bore fruit as their god is finally descending to the mortal plane. The demigod protecting the imperial family is now being held back by the other Perfect Faceless Ones which is why no one could protect the people getting killed in the imperial capital.

The sound of breaking glass could be heard by all inhabitants of the main world as the barrier between the mortal plane and the divine plane is breaking. Soon a rip in space could be seen and a being with numerous eyes peered into the rift.

#### Chapter 416 - What Lies Beyond

Numerous eyes peered into the rift as the entity on the other side started to extend a tendril unto the mortal plane. The entity on the other side showed hesitation as if he has done this sort of action before and was damaged.

Once the first tendril managed to emerge from the rift, numerous tendrils then flooded the rift as if the entity is excited to step onto the mortal plane. It was not only tendrils that flooded the rift as an amalgamation of the faces of both human and monster came with it.

The amalgamation of the faces looked like the ones from the visitors of the imperial capital. The dark god has finally arrived in the mortal plane. The Dark God of a Thousand Faces, Nyarlathotep, has arrived at the mortal plane.

The dark god could not believe that he has finally step foot once more in the mortal plane. He relished the moment as he used his thousand changing faces to see the beauty of the mortal realm.

Nyarlathotep's form could be describe as nightmare personified. His pure form is that of a monster with a humanoid upper half and its lower half is that of a three-legged crustacean. The upper half has arms with claws.

The torso has the faces of people and monsters on it that is ever changing. The head of the dark god is just a long tendril with hole for the nose and mouth with the remaining parts being featureless. The dark god stood in a height of a hundred meters.

The dark god towered over the imperial capital as its large form made even the air stood still. The faceless ones that are present in the imperial capital bowed in reverence of their god. They were created and lived for this very moment.

Nyarlathotep sucked all the air present in the capital in its mouth and released a terrifying roar. The roar echoed out into the world and even managed to reach all the mini-worlds and pocket dimensions. The roar was filled with the intent of boasting as if the dark god is saying that "I am here!".

The roar came with such powerful intent that the kingdoms just outside the capital reported mass fainting of citizens upon hearing a weird sound. The imperial capital is the location that took the hardest hit as everything rumbled with just one roar.

The buildings turned to dust with just one roar from a dark god. Even the faceless ones that is owing in reverence became dust and the dark god did not even felt remorse upon killing it own followers. The dark god Nyarlathotep is about to move when a wounded old man suddenly showed up before it.

This wounded old man is none other than the Great Sage that has been protecting the imperial capital for about four hundred years. He saw everything that happened and how his family members died without him managing to even protect them.

The Great Sage Mihir used up all his quasi-divinity in order to try and cut off the arm of the dark god responsible for the imperial capital's demise. The great sage burned his own divinity and life force and created a giant flaming sword.

The Great Sage Mihir charged with his giant flaming sword with all his might, but he was swatted just like a mosquito. The dark god did not even notice that it flicked someone from the air. The Great Sage Mihir died without even doing damage upon the dark god.

The other demigods in the world that have observation powers who saw this could only shudder. They are mere flies compared to a real god. The demigods prayed for the first time in a long time and their prayers were answered.

The clouds on the destroyed imperial capital suddenly darkened as lightning rolled. The Gods of Pandemonium decided to act but decided not to descend because if they did then the barrier between the realms will collapse completely.

The Gods of Pandemonium could not kill the dark god from their divine realms, but they could lock the dark god in place for a few days. The lightning came down upon the dark god, but it dealt no damage to it. The lightning containing the magic of the gods bound Nyarlathotep to the ruined imperial capital.

The Dark God of a Thousand Faces rampaged upon being bound to the ruined imperial capital. If the Gods of Pandemonium descended, then the weakened barrier between realms would collapse thereby making other dark gods descend upon the mortal realm.

They decided to let the inhabitant of the mortal realm deal with the dark god since the relics that could seal and kill the dark gods are still in the mortal plane. The gods did not take the god slaying and god sealing relics when they ascended into the divine realm. This was their contingency plan if a dark god manages to descend.

The Gods of Pandemonium sent the mission to every living being in the world to search for a way to kill or seal the dark god. The gods believe that the mortals would band together to help each other. Some of the gods even blamed the demons for not doing their task because they let a dark god breach the realms.

"You dare blame this on the demons when you let your followers condemn them as evil and destructive." The Goddess Gaea stated, and it immediately shut up the gods who were putting blame on the demons.

"If they have done their job correctly then that dark god would have not descended." The Goddess Luminaria rebuked while some gods also voiced the same opinion.

"You say that but is it not in a location where you are mostly worshipped? Did the imperial capital have you as their main religion? If you did a better job in closely observing your followers, then the people of the imperial capital might not have been swapped." The God Abaddon stated in his cold and disinterested voice.

"We can only hope that the champions that some of you chose could actually be of use." The Goddess Gaea stated and it made the other gods clamp up as they know that their champion is nothing compared to the twin god's champion.

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Adrian who saw the demigod being flung like a bug shuddered as he knew not even Pann could hold a candle against the dark god. If Pann is sent there, then they would basically be sending them to his death. Even worse, Pann is currently weakened. He will not be able to exert his full power.

"Is that how powerful a god could be?" Adrian asked as he saw the recording.

"That is not even half of its real power. The dark god has yet to fully materialize and control its power. If it did then the land it is standing on now would have already terraformed to become the dark god's domain. A god could only exert its full power at their own domain after all." Koronn stated in a grave tone.

"If that is the case then how are we going to fight it? Even if a hundred demigods joined forces, it would still be lacking to kill that dark god." Adrian stated.

"We only won the war back then because of the sacrifice that the Asmodians made. There are no more Asmodians left in the world. Well, we have you even if you are just half, but you are still useless at this point in time.

I will try and contact all the demigods that are currently alive. Let us just hope that they are open to teaming up against that dark god." Koronn stated but Adrian felt offended and helpless.

"I should focus on helping Ascalor first as he can bend dimensions easily. He might be able to send the dark god back to its divine realm with the help of all the Daemos." Adrian stated as he turned back and prepared for his battle with Cristobal.

"I hope you can easily beat that punk. If I could help, then I would have but the emergence of a dark god is irritating." Koronn stated as he looked at the approaching Bronx.

"You could have said it at a much lighter tone than telling him that he is useless. Even we could not locate where the Asmodians died. If we did then he might have become a pure Asmodian by now." Bronx stated as he knew that the young demon is already doing his best.

"You do know that I do not like sugar coating words because it is unnecessary. I am not the type to worry about that brat's feelings given the state we are in now." Koronn replied.

"You say that, but your tone was full of care when you told him that. You know that the dark god would send out a kill order for him if they knew he was half Asmodian.

The dark gods still fear them because of the havoc they caused upon them. The very blood of the Asmodians is the bane of their existence as it is from the primordial god where the Asmodians come from." Bronx stated.

"That is why we need him to get stronger and opt to get Ascalor back in shape. If we fail, then our only hope would be the brat and that is too much to bear for someone just born." Koronn stated as he gazed upon the projections once more.

"You do have a soft and caring side." Bronx stated as he chuckled a bit.

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Adrian sent whispers once more to his friends because facing Cristobal alone would be suicide. Levin Cloud immediately agreed. Kabrakan also agreed as he is now missing fighting with his friends. Peridot also agreed but she needed to be picked up from the east part of the central continent as he just arrived from the eastern continent.

The father and daughter duo, Vayu and Soleil, immediately agreed once they heard that they would subjugate Cristobal. They owe Adrian for helping them with their mission with rescuing Lauma and now they could pay him back. Creepysoo also joined as he said he was bored as nothing exciting happens when he is just by himself.

Solstice and Lycan could not join as they are busy with the subjugation of the remaining faceless ones that are masquerading as vampires and werewolves. They are also considered nobles of their respective kingdoms, so they are joining the punitive force to stop the dark god.

The guild master of Evergreen, Anastacia, is having second thoughts as she needed to heal her master and restore some of her guild's power. They are still considered a top guild, but they could not compete with the other guilds as their base of operations were Neo Alfheim.

The Evergreen guild would have been the first guild to become the owners of a territory if Neo Alfheim did not fall. The Evergreen guild's contributions to Neo Alfheim are already high and they only needed to do a few more guild missions to earn a plot of land but fate is cruel.

Adrian decided to not hide the details of his quest to Anastacia and told her that they will face a warlock who consumed a part of a dark god. This immediately made her weigh her options because this warlock could be a clue in defeating the dark god that spawned.

Adrian also told Anastacia that he would help them in any quest that she wants in exchange for her help. Anastacia would have agreed to that terms, but she told Adrian that twenty epic talismans of differing effects would be a better compensation. She did not know that she will regret her choice later but agreed to finally help.

"So, my group has me, Levin Cloud, Kabrakan, Creepysoo, Peridot, Vayu, and Soleil. Anastacia would come with ten of her guild members. We have eighteen fighters in total. That is still a small

number compared to a real raid team, but warlocks excel at killing off groups. We cannot come with a large force." Adrian stated as he knew that he could keep everyone alive if their group only numbered below twenty.

He used Glamour on himself and decided to pick up each of his friends. They are now in a race against time because it is not on their side right now which is ironic.

#### Chapter 418 - Cristobal Raid Group I

Adrian first used the spatial fractures in the Paradox Planes to fetch Peridot as the others would be able to reconvene on their own. The only ones he needed to get are Peridot and Kabrakan as they are far from other group members.

Adrian set the meeting location near the kingdom where the current Evergreen guild resides. Levin Cloud and Creepysoo are currently together, and they could have Du'an teleport them to the location. Vayu and Soleil have mysterious ways of traveling that Adrian does not even know.

Adrian appeared in a coastal kingdom at the eastern edge of the central continent. This kingdom also has a diverse culture where the east and central continents culture combined which makes it have a unique ambiance compared to other kingdoms of the central continent.

Adria arrived the Kingdom of Shiziburg. The locals never changed the name of their place despite it having its olden name when it was just a small village. This made them remember that their kingdom is the result of two different cultures combining in harmony.

Adrian told Peridot that he already arrived in the kingdom, but he could not spot her. He was looking for a gnome but then remembered that Peridot is raving about her new race. She told everyone that she became a Ryujin which is a different species for dragonkins.

Adrian is looking for his friend and he was shocked because there is suddenly a crowd forming at a certain direction. He did not know why the crowd is forming and he did not care as he is only there to fetch his friend.

The reason that the crowds are forming is the presence of a beautiful lady that wore a red qipao with golden linings and an eastern dragon embroidery insignia. She had a hairstyle that is called ox horns with two eastern dragon horns coming out from her head. She also has a tail of an eastern dragon.

The people of the kingdom of Shiziburg are clamoring because of this girl because they can feel it in their blood that she is special. It is what spirits feel when Adrian is near them as they both feel fear and reverence. The citizens of the kingdom could not stop their curiosity from showing itself.

Peridot then saw a familiar figure a few meters away and called out to him.

"Equinox! I am here!" Peridot shouted as she headed for Adrian's location.

Adrian is shocked upon seeing the new form of his friend because she became sexy. When she was a gnome, she was more of the cute type, but her new race made her appeal more mature. Adrian could not help but feel pity for his best friend as he needed to swat future flies buzzing around.

"You look vastly different." Adrian stated as he closely observed Peridot's skin as it resembled scales if one looked closely.



"My race changed, and I increased by job class. So, I am more powerful than before." Peridot stated as she puffed her chest.

"Fine. Let us get out of here as we still need to meet the others. Kabrakan is at the south of the central continent as there is a portal there that leads to the Wilde. Let us go now." Adrian stated as he teleported both of them out of there before he got pierced by dagger by the people of Shiziburg.

The two of them arrived above a forest located at the southern part of the central continent. Adrian spread his wings and Peridot shouted at him that he did not even warn her.

"Sorry. If we teleport to a location that I have not been before, I usually teleport myself high in the clouds to avoid unfortunate incidents." Adrian stated in a sorry tone.

"You could have told me that before you actually sent us to the location." Peridot shouted but she then took out her weapon that is now three gems of different colors.

A gem that has the breath of the wind glowed which made Peridot step on the wind itself. She consumed mana for each step that she made but she looked like a dragon walking on air. Adrian smiled as his friend has become stronger and assured himself that everything would be fine.

When Adrian looked below, he saw a figure waiting in a clearing. He immediately dove down like a drill to lessen the effect of air pressure. He did make it flashy as he rarely did tricks in the air even if he could fly.

Kabrakan saw this and could only feel envy that he could not fly but he has confidence that even a dragon could not easily pick him up the ground. He was shocked by the other person he saw as it was none other than the tigress. He did not bother to comment as he knew better and just waited for the two to reach the ground.

"Well, someone is excited." Kabrakan commented.

"I just needed to blow off steam because I am pretty stressed about the situation right now." Adrian replied.

"You can't be serious that you believe that the central continent will fall. I mean the developers will not let that happen just because of some players. There must always be a balance between good and evil." Kabrakan stated as he is one of those players that this was just an event.

"I have seen that dark god fling a demigod like some fly. The destruction of the central continent is the least of our worries." Adrian stated as he used Rewind to reverse the cooldown of his teleportation skill. He will not be able to use it anyway in the presence of a relic that can control time.

Adrian then teleported with the two of them to the location of the others. Levin Cloud already informed him that the others have already assembled and are waiting for the three of them to arrive. Adrian could only hope that the members he recruited will be enough to subjugate the Mad Warlock.

Chapter 419 - Cristobal Raid Group II

Adrian cast Glamour on Kabrakan before teleporting with him and Peridot. A beastkin is a rare sight on the central continent and he might be mistaken for an invader. The state of the central continent is not exactly ideal for other races to be walking in plain sight right now.

The tension in the middle of the central continent with kingdoms associated with the empire is now high. The coronation of the new emperor was not only broadcasted in the empire but also to all the kingdoms in the central continent.

The kingdoms of the central continent immediately used all their communication channels to make a disaster council. The whole world is now invested in stopping the dark gods but that also made them wary on who to trust.

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Adrian's group arrived at the exact location where they would meet with the others. They appeared in a flash of light in the location which surprised everyone that was waiting for them to arrive. The ones who are most surprised are the members of the Evergreen guild.

The members were surprised because of the teleportation spell that they just witnessed. If any of the top guilds were to get that power, then they would have cleared hundred of dungeons in a span of days. Fortunately for the guild members, their guild master already briefed them about the mission and she even labeled it as top secret.

"Did you guys wait long?" Adrian asked.

"Not really. The Evergreen guild might have waited here longer than us. Me and Creepysoo arrived about two minutes ago. The only ones who have not arrived are the father and daughter duo." Levin Cloud replied.

As Levin Cloud said that two twisters made of fire and wind spawned before them. From the fire and wind twisters, two silhouettes can be seen forming. The Evergreen guild became ready for battle while Adrian and the others were at ease.

The Evergreen guild members thought that Adrian's group are just late in preparing but they really had no intention of preparing for battle. A man wearing a mixture of a samurai's cloth with monk clothing inspiration materialized from the wind twister. A little girl in a gothic dress with a red hood materialized from the flaming twister.

"Sorry, we are late. Lauma had to give us something when we told her that you asked us to subjugate Cristobal. It seems that she really wanted her revenge. She was smiling but her surroundings became dark with how much she wanted revenge." Vayu stated.

"That is fine. We also just arrived." Adrian stated in order to assure them that they were not late.

"I guess greetings are in order." Adrian stated as he proceeded to make everyone familiar with each other. He then proceeded to give the details of the quest with them even if he could not share it with them.

"My quest involves me defeating a Mad Warlock named Cristobal. Me, Vayu and Soleil have already encountered him before, and I could say that we were lucky to be alive. That was when we were still weak though, but Cristobal is still a level 250 NPC." Adrian stated.

"Then that Cristobal NPC should have become stronger then." Mariposa interjected.

"I doubt that. If that were the case, then I would not have gotten the quest. Cristobal is a warlock so he excels in scale battles so a smaller force would be ideal to combat him." Adrian added.

"I see. You are wary of the Life Split that the rank one warlock player has obtained. It does unfairly distribute the health of the caster with everyone in the area after all." Anastacia concluded and Adrian nodded.

"Before we go, I would like everyone to tell me their job classes. I will also seal the area we are in so that spies will not hear or see our conversation." Adrian stated as he proceeded to lock the space that they are in. The others were not as shocked because they have encountered skills like this albeit rare.

The Evergreen guild members looked at Anastacia before they spoke. It is not advisable to tell the people your own job class because they can research about it and find your weaknesses. They waited for the others to speak first.

"I am a Neo Necromancer. It is different from a necromancer because the undead that I summon can be healed by healing spells from the Church of Life." Creepysoo stated.

Anastacia, who heard what Creepysoo said, is in utter shock because that essentially made his undead holy in a sense. She shared a look with Mariposa and the latter nodded as they understood that they can use that job class for their guild members who are mage undead. What Creepysoo did not tell is that he is not an ordinary Neo Necromancer.

"I am a Childe of Gaea. I mainly use group healing spells." Levin Cloud stated.

Adrian did not react as he knew that his best friend is only one step away from becoming an envoy. Levin Cloud's final quest requirement is to build a physical temple where both the Church of Death and Church of Life will pray to the Twin Gods. He decided to also use this chance for Anastacia to help him.

"I am a Mountain Splitter. I can use the damage I receive as damage. I also get stronger the more I get damaged, but I mainly focus as my role as a tank." Kabrakan stated.

"I am a Gem Master. I can use special rocks to cast different tier spells depending on the rock I use up. I am more of a mage because I mainly use long range spells." Peridot stated.

"Excuse me for asking this but what is your race? I am simply curious, and it is fine if you do not want to answer me." Anastacia asked.

"It is fine since eastern continent players know what my race is anyway. I am a Ryujin which is a different species of dragonkin." Peridot answered.

The members of the Evergreen guild are shocked because they thought that a Ryujin is not a dragonkin but a different race. They know of the Ryujin but there are few of them in the eastern continent. They are also treated like kings and queens which made other players thought that they are a different species.

"Thank you for answering." Anastacia replied.

"No worries." Peridot replied.

"I almost forgot that I did not undo our Glamour." Adrian stated as he undid the spell.

His form and Kabrakan's form change to what they really look like. Kabrakan's beastkin features which are his bull horns appeared. Adrian applied his former orc look for him, so the members of the Evergreen guild are shocked to see a beastkin.

Adrian's form is also shown to them and they could now see a demon up close. Adrian's form looked badass since demons are usually depicted as destruction incarnate. His flaming demon horns also added to that effect.

Levin Cloud also stopped applying his shapeshift ability and returned to his dryad form. Anastacia and Mariposa already knew that Levin Cloud is a dryad due to the reports of their undead guild members. They also know of Creepysoo because the undead NPCs were always praising their prince whenever someone brought his name up.

"Still, I always thought that a dryad should look lush, but his form is like a mix between a dead tree and a lush tree." Anastacia thought as she is a bit envious because dryads are the servants of the Goddess of Life. What she did not know that Levin Cloud is a Leshy and not a Dryad.

Seeing that the others let go of their human forms, Vayu and Soleil did the same. Soleil's red hood became engulfed in red flames. Vayu, on the other hand, had his body turn incorporeal every few seconds.

"This group of friends are monsters." Mariposa whispered to Anastacia and the latter could only nod.

"It makes me want to abandon my role as a guild master and travel with them. I might get a jackpot and get a new race. It is already shocking enough that one or two of them are different but all of them!" Anastacia whispered back to Mariposa.

Even the members of the Evergreen guild are dumbstruck. They are basically witnessing a group of friends monopolizing the questlines for other races. Famous statistician even said that only one in a million people could uncover a new race if they were lucky enough.

In the minds of the Evergreen Guild members, their Vice Guild Leader is already blessed because she was able to unlock a different race. Because Mariposa is of a different race, she was supported with all the guilds' resources so that she can become stronger which she did.

Mariposa is now the highest rank summoner player with a level of 180. If Lycan and Solstice also joined, then the Evergreen members would have puked blood because of the unfairness of the world.

### Chapter 420 - Cristobal Raid Group III

"Anyways, it seems we have been sidetracked. I am a Storm Blade. I am mainly a swift warrior type of damage dealer. Also, I am what you call a half elemental." Vayu stated as the conversation suddenly went to a different route.

"I am a Flare Child. I am a burst mage that can deal large amounts of damage both area of effect and with status ailments. I am also a half elemental." Soleil stated.

"I am an Eclipse Summoner. I am a summoner that uses various weapons. As you can see, I am a demon.

"I think it best if I am to speak now. I am a Saint which is a healer that specializes in area purifications and single target healing." Anastacia stated.

"I am summoner also and my exact job class is Insect Queen. I mainly command bugs or insects." Mariposa stated.

"I am a Great Witch. I mainly deal damage over time spells and debuffs." Cersei stated.

"I am an Elemental Sniper. I can enchant my arrows with elementals that I have contracted." Alder stated.

The remaining Evergreen players are three more tanks which are Paladins. The other two are dual sword wielding warriors with a job class of Feather Blades. The last two are assassins that can deal large burst damage to feeble single targets.

"Where is the Mad Warlock located? Is he in a dark cavern in the central continent?" Anastacia asked as she wanted to know if they would travel to that location first. If they encounter enemies on the way, then they could build up teamwork.

"Paradox, pull up the dimensional map." Adrian commanded as he noticed a feature that his Cube of Paradox obtained.

The dimensional map is basically all a collection of areas that Adrian has been to. The sphinx that made itself invisible to the other people, pointed at a dark planet that is the size of a marble. This dark planet is none other than Cristobal's Canyon.

Cristobal's canyon is basically huge because its body is made up of the fallen dark god. The earth and soil that formed around it is the result of debris like rocks being flung from outer space and into the body of the fallen dark god. Adrian pointed to the dark planet in the projection.

"We are going there." Adrian stated.

"Where is 'there'?" Alder asked as he has yet to actually travel to a different world.

"We are going to a miniature world of course. If Cristobal is in the main world then he would have been subjugated by the demigods here. He is not as strong as a god after all. He might have fused with one but eating a dead god will not make you a god." Adrian stated as he started to chant the Dimensional Teleportation spell.

The Cube of Paradox went to accept the origin energy that Adrian is supplying. Adrian's weapon started to fluctuate with energy that could only be described as a black hole.

"Dimensional Teleportation!" Adrian stated as the Cube of Paradox exploded with origin energy.

The Cube of Paradox became the gateway itself as the cube broke into smaller cubes. Each smaller cube is connected by a purple lightning string. The rift is much more stable than when Adrian just rips the fabric of space apart.

"Let us enter then." Adrian stated as he entered first.

Due to the rift being stable, Adrian could enter first since it is the Cube of Paradox maintaining stability not Adrian himself. The others soon followed inside the portal despite the Evergreen guild members being apprehensive.

When the members of the Evergreen guild stepped inside of the portal, they were shocked as the place they are in is not the world they were in earlier. The sun is not present, but five moons are hovering in its place. The place they are in is desolate and only canyons and other stone platforms are present.

Adrian clasped his hand and the Cube of Paradox returned to its original form. Anastacia saw this and could only surmise that the weapon that Equinox is using must be at least legendary tier. Even though her weapon is also of legendary tier, she can observe that Equinox' weapon is far better than hers.

"Woah! We are in a different world!" Alder stated in wonder as this was his first time outside the main world.

In fact, only Anastacia and Mariposa have been to a different world. The Evergreen guild members that joined are in awe that they are in a different world. There have been stories in books that there are different worlds, but this is the first time they have been to one.

"I get that you are excited but be your best self. This world is full of undead spirits so they can only be affected by magic attacks." Adrian stated as he listened to what the sphinx is whispering in his ear.

"My sibling relic is here but something is strange. Now that we are much closer to the Sun Dias, I can feel that it was corrupted somehow or is being injected with a foul energy. We must hurry and get him back." The sphinx stated with a slightly worried tone.

"How are we going to the labyrinth? The last time that we entered that god awful place was with Lauma's help." Vayu asked.

"Lauma did not really give us a way to go back to the labyrinth but a one time use spell that could turn the tides of battle." Soleil stated like she was in a television show.

"Sorry about her. She is watching this new show that made her addicted. She even loses an hour of sleep just to watch it." Vayu apologized.

"Does the location not remind you two of anything?" Adrian asked with a smile.

"This is the exact location where we fought Lauma when she was scary." Soleil answered.

"Correct! Now let us get to business." Adrian stated as he told the Cube of Paradox to summon his primordial axe armament.