

## **O Summoner 461**

### Chapter 461 - Stele Of Everlasting Time

"We do have someone who is a high-level priest in the Church of Light, but he is currently in the front lines. They are tasked to support the vanguards if I am not mistaken.

They attacked the fallen imperial capital when we started the dungeon earlier. If I could see what is happening in the outside world or even get messages, then we might have information on how they are faring." Anastacia stated as she tried to open the messaging function, but it is still disabled.

The dungeon prevented messages from the outside to reach them, but they can still contact each other inside.

"Should we search this area first? We do not know what is in here or they may be a secret stash of spell books or something. The one we fought is a warlock after all which means there is a good chance that he has spell books lying around." Alder suggested and everyone agreed.

They knew that the places of magic class NPCs usually have a hidden door or room to keep important stuff. Even though the items they got in this dungeon is already top tier, they still hope that there could be more. Even the magic circle did not appear for them to exit the dungeon which means there is a hidden exit.

Adrian did not join the search because the two relics in his hands started to glow. An unidentifiable sound could then be heard from all throughout the area. They could not find the source of the sound, but the two relics started to float in the air. The two relics can now be identified using his evil eye.

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Item: Sands of Time

Tier: Mythical

Type: Relic

Effect: Able to disrupt the flow of time in an area or for one person. Can only be used by the one acknowledged by the relic's guardian.

Description: The mythical relic that is said to be able to freeze the time of the world. It is said to have been lost but it just changes locations through time travel. It is said to never show up in a timeline that it has already used its powers in. Drops upon the player's death.

Cooldown: 1 Year

Restriction: Can only be used by the one acknowledged by the relic's guardian or the relic would be no more than a decoration.

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Item: Sun Dias

Tier: Mythical

Type: Relic

Effect: Able to make time flow faster in the world by utilizing the stored power it has. It can also be used to turn back time to a certain point for a person without affecting the world. Can only be used by the once acknowledged by the relic's guardian.

Description: The mythical relic that is said to be able to make time go faster or return a person back to a point in time by himself. All of this are just stories as no one has yet to know the full extent of the power behind this relic. Drops upon the player's death.

Cooldown: 1 Year

Restriction: Can only be used by the one acknowledged by the relic's guardian or the relic would be no more than a decoration.

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The two relics do not look grand despite them being mythical tier. If a normal person were to place them in a pile of antiques, then no one would know if they do not have any type of analyzing skill. The Sands of Time looked like a normal hourglass with old wood as its bases while the Sun Dias looked like a miniature sun dial made of bronze.

The two relics then glowed in a bronze light as they made a circular motion. The silhouettes of the two sphinxes then manifested mid-air as the relics circled around each other. Suddenly, the Sands of Time and Sun Dias clashed with each other and the silhouettes vanished.

A bright light filled the whole room, and everyone could see that there is only one relic floating in the air. The Sun Dias and the Sands of Time has combined to become something different. They became a different relic that is more powerful than both relics combined.

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Item: Stele of Everlasting Time

Tier: Transcendent

Type: Relic

Effect: Able to create an event that could change the flow of time without incurring the animosity of the Gods of Time. The change done by this relic is absolute and cannot be reversed by relics of lower tier or Chronomancy spells below its tier.

Description: An ancient relic that is said to be formed from an actual body part of a god of time. It is unknown what the extent of its powers are but even the gods of time acknowledges its power bring superior. It is said that whoever holds this relic will have power over time itself. Drops upon the player's death.

Cooldown: 100 Years (Can be voided depending on the guardian's permission.)

Restriction: Can only be used by the one acknowledged by the relic's guardian or the relic would be no more than a decoration.

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The relic that is newly created became a stele or stone slab. The material that made up the stele looked like ordinary stone, but the writings and illustrations glowed in a red violet light. The

engravings on the stele themselves would make anyone who gaze upon them would be sucked in a powerful trance.

The Stele of Everlasting Time floated down, and it transformed into the guardian. The guardian is still a sphinx, but it looked like a godlike being. Even the mere presence of the sphinx brought immense pressure upon those inside the dungeon.

The sphinx now had a centaur like body with armor made of gold adorning it. It even had flowing robes while the wings are now more accentuated. The sphinx now had armguards as it now has the upper body of a man but the body of a lion. An ankh is even floating behind it giving the effect of a halo.

The sphinx now held a sphere that is longer than its gigantic body and is adorned with jewels. Adrian could not believe that the simple looking sphinx now became something like a final boss looking character. The sphinx' name also changed to a different one as it is not a normal sphinx.

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NPC: Ultima Sphinx

Tier: Transcendent

Title: Relic Guardian, The Timeless Sphinx

Description: The ultimate form of the sphinx that is said to transcend time itself. It is not an aggressive being but rather helps those it deems worthy of help. It is also said to punish those who try and pervert the order of nature. It is said to be the guardian of a relic so powerful that the Ultima Sphinx has been given the power to ward off gods or goddesses.

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"Champion Equinox! We are thankful for your assist in piecing us back together. You did not stop or feel the need to retreat despite the odds being stacked against you. For that reason, we will give you permission to use the power of our relic once.

Call upon the relic when you will need its power. The relic will stay in your heart until you are ready to summon its power. Remember that you can only use our power once as is any chance in life." The Ultima Sphinx stated, and everyone could hear that it spoke with two voices at the same time.

The Ultima Sphinx then vanished, and the Stele of Everlasting Time appeared before Adrian. Adrian managed to see the engravings on the stele and noticed that the image of a sphinx is carved on the stele. The stele then shot towards Adrian's heart as a Transcendent relic is very eye catching or its power signatures could be sensed by the gods.

"What was that!?" Mariposa exclaimed in shock because her soulbounds cowered when the Ultima Sphinx showed itself.

"Were those the sphinxes earlier? Did they just combine? Awesome!" Alder and Creepysoo both exclaimed simultaneously.

"Yeah! That is the new form of the sphinxes when they fused together or rather their real form when the true relic appeared. The two sphinxes are mainly just their forms when the two relics are split

up. The thing that I wanted to learn is why is the Stele of Everlasting Time become two different relics?" Adrian stated as he pondered on the mystery.

"Maybe it was too powerful to be one entity, so the gods split it up. Even demigods cannot split a Transcendent relic apart. Even demigod blacksmiths have an astronomically low chance in creating a Transcendent tier weapon." Levin Cloud stated as he once again tried to search for the exit.

"What are relics?" Anastacia asked as she was curious. Adrian answered her because she already promised to help him gain information about Abelpport once they are out of the dungeon. Even the other members of the Evergreen guild got shocked when they learned about relics.

"So...you mean the relics are like godlike items that can only be used once and dropped upon death? Ae those not broken? I mean the relic you obtained can basically reforge time." Mariposa stated in shock.

"There is a downside though as only the one acknowledged by the relic can use it. If others try to use it then it would just be a piece of stone or a normal item. Gaining one should be extremely difficult." Cersei added while Adrian silently excused himself to find the exit.

The Evergreen members started to praise him without end, and it became awkward just accepting the praises. Adrian wanted to find the exit fast as he could no longer take the eyes full of admiration.

#### Chapter 462 - Cristobal's Collection

Vayu felt the air currents inside the dungeon and noticed that there is a shift in air direction. He followed this and managed to find a section of the wall that is porous. He immediately hacked the wall, and a hidden room is located on the other side of the porous wall.

"Everyone, I think I finally found our exit. There is a magic circle in this room. It is also filled with scary looking stuff." Vayu stated as he entered the room first to see if there are traps.

"We got to hurry then. We only have little time left before we are forcefully logged out of the game. The hour limit is almost up. Search what you can." Adrian stated as he also entered the room while the rest followed.

The inside of the room felt more like a lab than a study of a mage. Mages would usually have a separate room for their magical experiments and their library, but Cristobal has it in one location. The magic lab and study are not even separated by a barrier.

"Either that Cristobal guy is lunatic or very confident in his experiments. If a failure resulted into an explosion, then his study would also catch fire. There is not even a wall that could separate the two." Alder exclaimed as he just put everything he can in his inventory.

"If magical explosion then I think it already happened. Look at the section of the wall on that side. It is charred despite the wall being made of the flesh of a dead dark god. Whatever resulted in that explosion would have been powerful given that it did not regenerate." Adrian pointed out as he also just picked everything he can and put it in his inventory.

"He is more like a mad scientist rather than a warlock. Look at those giant domes pasted on the wall. It seems like it is an incubator of some sort. It pulsed weakly but the life inside of it is still barely alive." Peridot stated as she tore off one of the domes with ease.

The small creature inside of the dome dropped to the floor and immediately wrinkled before eventually dying. Vayu and Soleil knew what that creature is as it is a newborn elemental. They immediately started bursting the domes in order to free the elementals from their captivity.

"I think that Cristobal fellow did not do it in his own. I doubt just the High Elemental Sylphis could help him achieve this. There might still be a mastermind to the capture of these poor elementals. I mean even Lauma, who is an elemental queen, has been captured." Adrian stated as he joined in breaking the domes.

"Are you saying that an elemental king has betrayed its own kind? That would be impossible because elementals are products of nature." Vayu stated as he knew that the elementals were a tight knit group. They treated each other as family despite not having the same parents.

"Just because nature birthed the elementals does not mean that they would not become twisted. Whenever an entity achieves individuality then it could branch to a path where it no longer sees nature as an ally.

I mean, even the dragons are not benevolent. There have been cases of evil dragons that are sealed by heroes and demons. Even the demons have some who think differently thus became villains. Each intelligent race has a capacity to do great good but also great evil." Adrian rebutted as even the Daemos have demons that did not align with keeping the world in check. Although, those demons are no longer alive because they were hunted down by their own kind.

"We should check upon it then. It might lead to a quest. I am pretty sure that Lauma also knows as she would jump at the chance of joining us if it is meant to kill Cristobal. She did look like she is worried about something. At least with Cristobal gone, there will no longer be experiments on elementals." Vayu stated as he cut the last dome.

"Anyways, did anyone find something interesting? All we managed to find are books on hexes and sorcery. I feel like I would get cursed just by hanging in this place. It is filled with bad mojo." Levin Cloud stated as he suddenly felt cold.

"It is not because this place is filled with bad mojo, but it is a place where life was desecrated. The life energy here is basically twisted. A leshy like you is just sensitive to the twisted life energy. Even the death energy here is foul that Creepysoo is also having a difficult time walking." Adrian stated as he noticed that his nether gauge halted regenerating.

"Anyways, we have already cleaned this place up so we should go out of here. We might become abominations just staying inside a dead dark god's body. I want to experience the beauty of the main world again." Kabrakan stated as he walked towards the teleportation circle.

"Let me just remind you that a dark god that is alive is currently roaming the main world as we speak. The allied kingdoms imposed a gag order which is why the ordinary citizens are not aware of what is happening." Cersei stated as she stretched her body as she felt stiff.

"Not even gossip? How could they keep the mouths of others shut? I want to know their technique. It could be useful for my mother who yaps about how I do not help in the house." Kabrakan stated to lighten the atmosphere.

"What chores? You are basically a freeloader in your house which is why your mom nags at you." Peridot rebutted.

"There would not be rumors unless there are no people to tell the rumors. All the envoys and royalty of other kingdoms that were present in the imperial capital at the time were basically obliterated. Some may have escaped if their guards are like super strong, but I doubt they could freely speak about it." Mariposa stated in a serious tone.

"All this serious talk is already making me gloomy. Let me remind you guys that all the items we collected are epic tier or higher. We should focus on the positive and not on the negative." Creepysoo stated.

"I agree!" Soleil added which made everyone smile.

Since there are no longer anything valuable inside the lair, they decided to head outside. All of them stepped inside of the magic circle that transported them outside of the dungeon.

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When all of them got out of the dungeon, the Evergreen guild members started to get assaulted with numerous messages from their guild members. They received the news that the allied army has been decimated by the dark god in the fallen imperial capital. The next news became even much harder to stomach as they were warned of character deletion if they experience numerous deaths from the dark god.

"It seems we are urgently needed elsewhere. I am sorry that we need to go away early." Anastacia stated as she once again put up the items for roll. The others of the Evergreen guild have done so as well since they are pressed for time.

"It seems that something happened with the dark god that is not within your calculations." Levin Cloud stated as there is worry written on the faces of the Evergreen guild members.

"Yes. Apparently, if you get killed by the dark god a few times in a short span of time then you risk your character being deleted." Anastacia stated which shocked everyone.

"If that is the case then that would deter the players from using human wave tactics to wear down the dark god. Character deletion is not laughing matter especially for players that think this is using the game as their livelihood." Kabrakan stated as he himself is getting money from trading items inside the game.

"Did the system notification mention about the soul of the player getting damaged?" Adrian asked which stunned Anastacia as he is exactly on point.

"How did you know?" Anastacia asked as this should be the first time that Adrian heard of this information.

"I managed to know of the story of the War with the Dark Gods. Their attacks are said to tear even the souls of their victims which is why even the Goddess of Life was not able to revive those who fell in battle. We players have numerous chances but for the NPCs...they can only pray they could still reincarnate." Adrian stated as he started to think of hastening his plans.

Adrian thought that he could take his time with gathering information about Abelpport but it seems that is not the case. Leaving the dark god to constantly gather its power to terraform the world is risky. He looked at the countdown timer and it said: 94 days left.

"Let us hurry and get out of here then." Adrian said as he used Dimensional Teleportation to rip the fabric of space for an entrance to the main world.

When all of them left, a huge eye suddenly opened on where they were previously. Adrian and the others did not notice that the remnant will of the dark god managed to escape with a small amount of energy. It managed to repossess its body, but it is still decaying.

"I will have my revenge, but I need to build my strength first!" A voice that came from the planet itself stated. It started to break down its own decaying body as nutrition for its slow revival.

"It might take a few years, but I will have my revenge." The voice stated as its area started to shrink by a centimeter.

#### Chapter 463 - Ascalor Awakens

When the group finally returned back to Nebulon, the Evergreen guild members went to their temporary guild headquarters. Levin Cloud went with them as he still has business with the Anastacia. He also told Adrian that he will need his help when they are going to fetch the other prophet from captivity.

Alder wanted to go to the eastern continent immediately, but he was needed for guild matters. His trip with Peridot to the eastern continent is put on hold. Peridot did join Levin Cloud as she wanted to see what he will do.

Kabrakan said that he will find missions that he can partake in so that he can become stronger. Creepysoo then invited Kabrakan to go hunting with him since that is what he does in his free time. His only royal undead responsibilities are basically show himself in the castle every once in a while.

The two half elementals, Vayu and Soleil, returned back to Alfheim to ask Lauma about their worries of a traitor among the elemental kings. The words that Adrian told them sort of make sense, but they want to believe that it is not happening. They disappeared in a flash of fire and wind after saying their farewells.

Adrian is then left by himself as he waited for the others to be on their way. He now has the power to save Ascalor. With the remaining time he has left, he immediately teleported to the Paradox Planes. He did not want to waste any more time as Elder Danaya looks like she is about to pass out from exhaustion.

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Adrian returned to the Paradox Planes and noticed that the number of Daemos Corps patrolling has significantly lessened. He asked about it so that he could get the rundown of the situation and learned that the Daemos Corps is now on alert as some dungeons started overflowing with monsters.

Adrian is told that the presence of a dark god might have influenced the mana productivity of the world as a god does produce a lot of mana. The barrier surrounding the fallen imperial capital is also a large lump of mana. As time passes, the barrier weakens and the mana it has dissipates in the world.

Mana created by the gods themselves are not difficult to control but the collection of mana from multiple gods to form a barrier is different. For example, if a lightning god were to influence the world using its mana, then there might be an increase of monster or individuals that can use lightning magic. This is also what happened when the twin gods descended as their mana seeped to the soil of the dungeon.

Adrian learned another useful tidbit of information regarding the how a god's mana influences the world. He thanked the guard that answered him and immediately ran towards Ascalor's home. He saw Elder Danaya inside Ascalor's room, but she is not in the best condition. Elder Danaya's bright green glow seemed to become dim.

"Are you okay, Elder Danaya?" Adrian asked as he checked if she could hear him.

"You finally came. Did you succeed? The poison started spreading again after two days. It even dispelled the power of the relic." Elder Danaya asked weakly.

"I succeeded in getting the two relics that could save the old man. You should rest and stop applying healing magic to him. You look like you are about to pass out from severe exhaustion." Adrian stated in a worried tone. He treats Elder Danaya like that kind auntie you buy snacks from and gives you extra because you always buy from her.

"I leave it up to you then." Elder Danaya stated as she relinquished the spell that prevents the poison that is infecting Ascalor's body.

Adrian took a good look at Ascalor's body and noticed that the poison has almost covered 75% of his whole body. It seems that the efforts of the elder dryad have been stressing her out to a large degree. If the poison has spread despite her effort and the magic of the sphinx then this poison is far more tenacious than they thought.

"I, Equinox, request the aid of the Stele of Everlasting Time to help me rewind the time for the individual Ascalor. Rid him of the time he was poisoned and return him to his former state before that." Adrian shouted and his request has been heard.

The Stele of Everlasting Time shot out from his chest and glowed. Elder Danaya saw the relic and could only be amazed by its sheer power. It is not only her who felt the power of the relic as everyone in the Paradox Planes did.

The Stele of Everlasting Time burst out into millions of particles. Adrian thought that he failed until he saw what really happened. Time has stopped moving except for him as he saw Elder Danaya not blinking even once.

The time in the Paradox Planes is not the only thing affected as all the time in the universe is put to a stop. The only ones that are not affected are demons with perfect control of time or beings that time cannot control. One such being is in the fallen imperial capital and noticed the surge of temporal power in the world.

If there is not a barrier restricting the dark god's movements then it might have used the frozen time to its advantage. Unfortunately, the barrier that is holding it back is made from the power of gods which is why it cannot use the frozen time to its benefit. The dark god did not idle as it sent out a



powerful warrior it created to find out the source of the disturbance, but it got frozen in time as well despite having the blessing of a god.

Koronn, who is in a meeting with the delegates of the other races, noticed that time suddenly stopped. He immediately disappeared from his location and appeared inside of Ascalor's home. He noticed the power behind this magic as even the Daemos froze which should not have happened.

Koronn then saw a giant figure appear above the Paradox Planes. It was none other than the Ultima Sphinx hovering above the Paradox Planes. It threw its gigantic spear above it and it suddenly became a large clock hand.

A giant clock is also summoned when it did this and this clock expanded until it reached the end of the universe. The Ultima Sphinx then uttered words that seemed absolute.

"Reverse the time to undo what has been done. Reverse the flow even though it is something that must not be done. The words of the Guardian of the Stele of Everlasting are absolute. Let time move backward for this individual.

Let it be so that the time that has passed for him was but a dream and not a reality. Even the gods could not undo what the Stele of Everlasting Time has done. It is absolute for time is absolute." The Ultima Sphinx stated with its two simultaneous voice.

It reverberated throughout the universe as if it is rewriting what has transpired. The only thing that it rewrote is that Ascalor was never afflicted by the poison of the dark god from another dimension. Adrian could see that Ascalor's pained face started to get better, and the signs of the poisons disappeared.

"The deal has been delivered and the promised kept. To the Champion Equinox, the guardian of the Stele of Everlasting Time will be forever grateful. If fate brings you once more to us, then you will no longer be tested for being worthy. Farewell great benefactor." The Ultima Sphinx stated.

The Ultima Sphinx then retracted the huge clock it spread throughout the universe and retrieved its spear. Time once again flowed, and the people could now move again. The Daemos saw the Ultima Sphinx hovering above the Paradox Planes and the guards started to mobilize.

The Ultima Sphinx did not stay long as it waved its spear and tear in reality opened to which it jumped in. The guards heaved a sigh of relief as they knew they cannot take down that behemoth with the elders. Koronn's eyes are filled with immense admiration for the powerful temporal magic that he just witnessed. He even cried a little to show his deep appreciation for it.

Koronn himself can stop time but it would be more synonymous to slowing time to a vast degree. He immediately rushed to Ascalor's room to see if the effect of the relic is effective. Even he got shocked that Ascalor is totally fine like the time before he left to hunt the Star Spawn.

Koronn even noticed that there is no lingering effect of temporal magic from Ascalor. As if what the Ultima Sphinx is the truth that it would be as if it never happened. It managed to rewrite phenomena to the point that the Gods of Time will not come to smite Ascalor from existence.

"Amazing!" Koronn stated as he finally had an epiphany on how he would progress to the next level.

Chapter 464 - An Evolution Predicament

Ascalor finally awakened from his sleep and his body recovered to its peak condition. Adrian and Elder Danaya is ecstatic as the Daemos elder has finally recovered. Elder Danaya suddenly pushed herself to immediately hug Ascalor and share a steamy kiss with him.

"Well, let me just excuse myself for a few seconds. I have system logs that needs to be attended." Adrian told himself as he went out of the room. He did not like the exhibition he is seeing especially from two grown men. He feels like he is seeing his parent show public affection. It is heartwarming but cringy at the same time.

[You have successfully cleared the quest 'Find the Sands of Time Relic'.]

[Claim your reward from the quest giver, Koronn.]

"Now all I need to do is find where the other old man is currently located." Adrian thought but he suddenly saw Koronn appear in front of him. He even got shocked and almost fell down as Koronn appeared before him in an instant.

"Who are you calling old man? I am still in my early thousands. I am much younger than the old man that fell sick in that room there." Koronn stated as he viewed himself being a young hunk.

"Ascalor told me that you are just one year apart though. Also, I have been meaning to ask...why choose the appearances of old men? Also, hand me my reward. I had to kill a being that was possessed by a remnant will of a dark god to save him." Adrian stated as he is curious about the whole old man appearance.

"Hoh! If that is your question, then it takes me back to the time the first council of elders was established." Koronn stated but Adrian suddenly intervened.

"You just do it to appear more respectable, don't you? I mean us, Daemos, do not grow old past a certain age after all. Sometimes being old can easily garner more respect because it has been taught in society that those older have more experiences in life." Adrian stated which greatly amazed Koronn but also made him blush.

"You are correct but that is not the only reason. You do know that our real forms are very bothersome to unleash and walk with. I have giant clocks swirling behind me. Have you seen Ascalor's true form? How could he enter his home with those wings of his? Anyways, here is the promised spell book. Learn it well." Koronn answered and humored Adrian.

[You have obtained the spell book Time Stop.]

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Skill: Time Stop

Tier: Mythical

Type: Crowd Control

Effect: Freeze time for the expected duration. Only the user of the skill can move in this world where time is frozen (Some unique individuals can also move depending on the strength of the caster).

Duration: Dependent on the mana consumed

Cooldown: 1 hour

Cast Time: Instant

Mana Cost: 10,000 Mana Points per second

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Adrian could not believe that he managed to learn a mythical tier skill. The only problem he has now is the enormous mana cost. With his current mana pool, he can only freeze time for two seconds and that is if he has full mana.

He knew that getting a powerful skill will have severe limitations. He is still very grateful as the cooldown is only one hour. With Adrian's current cooldowns, he can cast the skill within 30 minutes. He now has a new goal and that is to find items that can decrease the mana cost for skills.

"By the way, how is Ascalor? I should go check so I can push all the responsibilities back to him." Koronn stated as he started to walk inside the room.

"I would not go there if I were you. They are eating each other's faces right now which is why I excused myself. Feel free to watch if you are into that kind of stuff." Adrian stated with a small chuckle. Koronn immediately stopped walking and made a 180 degree turn as he did not want to see what is happening in that room.

"Ehem...seriously. They are all adults and to act like that in front of a child is indecent." Koronn stated.

"You are just jelly because you are a bachelor, old man." Adrian stated with a serious face but Koronn just smiled.

Adrian saw that smile and instantly had shivers. He wanted to run away or teleport away, but a black hole suddenly appeared below him. He immediately used Time Stop to stop himself from falling in the hole. The world froze but Adrian forgot that Koronn specialized in temporal magic.

"Hoho! You managed to perfectly use the spell without even practicing. I guess desperation does bring out the best out of everyone." Koronn stated but that sentence only made Adrian feel bitter as the black hole suddenly sucked him in despite resisting.

"Curse you, old man! This is why you are still a bach..." Adrian shouted but he is already in a perpetual torture of continuously falling.

"What was that? I could not hear you?" Koronn stated as he even put his hand near his ear in front of the black hole.

"Do not bully the kid. He probably is just venting out stress from the difficult task that you sent him in." Ascalor stated as he exited his room.

"Do not worry about him. A minute would teach that brat a lesson. We have bigger problems that we must face." Koronn stated as his tone became serious.

"It seems that you have been busy during my absence. Danaya managed to fill me about the general details but I assume that you need to report some things that the others have yet to know." Ascalor stated as he and Koronn vanished from the room.

They went to the council as Koronn suddenly left without much explanation so they must be distraught by now. Danaya is currently resting in Ascalor' room as she pushed herself too far. She even used her own life force to stop the spread of poison in Ascalor's body.

A few minutes later, a black hole appeared in the vast plains of the Paradox Planes. Adrian then fell out that black hole with an irritated look. He vowed to take revenge against Koronn once he becomes more powerful than the elder.

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Adrian logged back in the game the following day. Messages that his friends have told him are not optimistic. It seems that the dark god is proving to be much more difficult than it ought to be. The guilds also started to race on finding this God Slaying Weapons that he is hearing much about.

The fierce competition even led to guilds brawling it out just for a sliver of information. The non-aggression agreements between guilds have become mute. This only led to more headaches as they are fighting over something when they should help each other find it for better chances.

"Seriously, the threat of the dark god is real. They should help each other and not start guild wars over some information that could not even be proven true. NPCs can lie in this game after all. I have much more important things to be concerned of." Adrian stated as he cannot decide what evolution path should Dodu take.

After the fight with the Asmodian Abomination, Dodu finally broke through level 100 and that prompted his evolution list to have substance. The previous empty list is now filled with eight different slime species. He did not know what to pick because just basing of descriptions is vague.

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Baby Slime Potential Evolutions:

1. Sticky Slime
2. Red Slime
3. Blue Slime
4. Acid Slime
5. Giant Slime
6. Demon Slime
7. Predatory Slime
8. Black Ooze Slime

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"Something scary is on that list but I want to pick it. It makes me very curious on what it could possibly do." Adrian stated as he pondered on what Dodu should evolve into.

He did not want to pick the Sticky Slime because all it could do is create a sticky substance using its body, but it does make the slime more flexible. The red slime and blue slime are elemental slimes

that could use magic. The red slime can use fire attribute magic while the blue slime can use water attribute magic.

The Acid Slime is basically a slime that can digest anything with its body that can easily melt metal. The Giant Slime is basically a giant version of Dodu that reaches up to five meters. It might be great for tanking, but it would limit Dodu's mobility. It would make the cute Dodu into a giant cute Dodu though.

Demons Slime must have been influenced by the blood that Dodu got from Adrian. It is basically just an enhanced version of a regular slime with unknown abilities. The Predatory Slime is basically a huge glutton slime that can eat anything but that remains to be seen. Last but not least is the Black Ooze Slime that sounds ominous but cool.

"I can already evolve Dodu. I just need to pick what type of evolution." Adrian pondered as he checked each of the benefits for the evolution once more.

#### Chapter 465 - Dodu Evolves

Adrian narrowed down his choices to the Demon Slime, Predatory Slime and Black Ooze Slime. The three of these evolutions are his best choices based on the descriptions that he read.

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Species: Demon Slime

Special Abilities: Hardened Body, Insane Regeneration, Mana Control

Height: 0.5 meters

Description: A rare species of slime that has special qualities of the first slime ever created. It has a fluid body with the properties of metal. It can also utilize mana in order to cast spells to either buff itself or cast protections on others. It also does not let go off its prey as soon as it is attached to it. It gained the name Demon Slime for its unrelenting attitude.

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Species: Predatory Slime

Special Abilities: Predate, Digest, Size Alteration

Height: One meter

Description: A rare species of slime that is said to have been influenced by the Sin of Gluttony because its ancestor has somehow managed to absorb the blood of the Sin of Gluttony. It is said to be able to eat anything and digest anything if given ample amount of time. It is said to be one of the bigger slime species that inhabit this world. It is unknown if its connection with the Sin of Gluttony is true.

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Species: Black Ooze Slime

Height: 0.5 meters

Special Abilities: Size Alteration, Fluidity, Dark Poison Body

Description: A rare species of slime that is said to be the bringer of sickness as its body is made up of a special type of poison. The special type of poison that consists of its body is unique to itself and cannot be replicated by easy means. These types of slimes are often exterminated since rumor has it that it decimated an entire country once by carrying a plague in its body.

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Adrian is picking these three because the other species either adds an elemental attribute upon evolution or makes the slime an auxiliary skills user. Adrian is focused on making Dodu his primary tank that can tank damages for himself.

Adrian noticed that the enemies he is facing are getting tougher and tougher. Bosses like Cristobal could easily kill him if he gets focused on. The summoner's weakness would always be himself as the soulbounds would get unsummoned when the summoner dies.

He needed a pure physical tanker since Charon could tank magical attacks perfectly. Thankfully, the baby slime's evolutions enhance it rather than make it a new monster. Adrian wants to go for the traditional route of Demon Slime, but he feels that Predatory Slime and Black Ooze Slime would be better.

"If I choose the Predatory Slime then it could potentially learn skills from eating monsters, but the problem is the digestion time. It would also give him lots of chances to gain skills at a small chance as long as slimes are compatible with the skill.

The Black Ooze Slime is also interesting as its body is said to be unique like me. A special poison that can affect anything it touches. It is basically similar to a plague carrier and is great for countering short range classes that come to attack me." Adrian thought as he pondered.

The Predator Slime is powerful but takes an enormous amount of time to become strong. It also needs constant feeding from its name. Adrian did not feed his soulbounds as much because they also use mana to sustain themselves, but the Predatory Slime seems different. It needed to eat prey as large as it every day.

Adrian even heard of rumors that soulbounds would become more individual. It seems that there have finally been complaints of summoners being able to easily sweep dungeons as long as they have a great team composition. The summoners then argued that they sacrificed experience for the ability to clear dungeons by themselves.

The solo clearing of dungeons has been a hot topic since Necromancers have been unlocked as a second job advancement for dark mages. Necromancers can basically do what summoners do but in a faster rate as long as they have numerous corpses at their disposal.

Adrian is fearing this balance patch as there are rumors that the mana of the soulbounds will disappear and would take mana from the summoner as a power source. This would not work because soulbounds are still different entities from the summoner. Adrian believed that the nerf would be soulbounds needing more maintenance.

"If my prediction is true then Predatory Slime would just be difficult to sustain. The Black Ooze slime's merit is that it has no requirement to eat in a sense. The Demon Slime and Predatory Slime have the word prey or eat in their descriptions which would mean they must be fed.

But what about the Black Ooze Slime? It only has vague descriptions that says of the victims of its unique body constitution. Descriptions are basically the game telling you what the basic concept is of the individual or thing." Adrian thought as he held Dodu in his arms.

The players of Pandemonium have started to become more studious and careful. There has even been reports of the reduction of scams or phishing because people started to read between the lines and read the lines carefully. The study shows that teens started to become more careful when it comes to text which pointed out that it could have been an influence of the game Pandemonium.

The 'experts' in that field of study refuse to accept that as a proposition because people still view that games are just hobbies that do not affect your life. Yet, they always point to a negative stereotype that games that have battles somehow promote violence but in turn is the opposite.

Adrian finally made up his mind and decided to evolve his soulbound, Dodu. He reevaluated his choices, but he chose the thing that would help him the most in the end. He just hopes that he is not making the wrong choice because if he did then there is no turning back.

Dodu, who is currently in Adrian's arms, is placed on the ground. Adrian even went to Pann's farm just to evolve Dodu because the old man passed by him when he was contemplating. Pann did not try to pry in Adrian's business because he knows that soulbounds for summoners are like their children.

Even if the parent is raising their child to become a spoiled brat, the other parent cannot say that the way their raising their child is wrong. In the perspective of parents, they either know what they are doing or do not know what they are doing at all. But their ego prevents them from hearing the critique of other parents.

Dodu, who is only one feet tall, suddenly started to grow in size until it reached the height of one meter. Pann, who is observing from the sidelines, has his eyes glowing from excitement despite the stoic expression of his face. The cute slime started to change form from a cute round ball into a wave like body shape.

The cute size of Dodu disappeared and from it appeared a huge slime that looks like it has a huge jaw. The cute Dodu turned into a cute frightening one-meter-tall slime monster. Adrian chose the Predatory Slime as Dodu's evolution since he wants to build upon the slime's strength by feeding it different types of monsters.

[Your soulbound, Dodu, has successfully evolved into a Predatory Slime.]

Dodu still retained its cute eyes but it now has jaws that can open wide. Even Adrian could see that he might get swallowed inside of the stomach which seemed like a bottomless abyss. Dodu's attitude did not change as it is said that evolutions could sometime change the character of the soulbound.

Adrian finally checks the new special abilities that Dodu has. He can only see the name of the special abilities but not the actual function of the abilities.

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Skill: Predate

Tier: Racial Skill

Type: Active

Effect: Able to eat the body parts (even the whole body) of the monsters or any organism that lives. Damage is dependent on the size of what is predated. Can fail if the prey manages to escape before getting bitten or locked in the user's jaws.

Cooldown: 20 minutes (Failure: 10 minutes)

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: Dependent on the size of the prey.

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Skill: Digest

Tier: Racial Skill

Type: Absorption

Effect: Recover health upon the digestion of the substance that is eaten (Health is recovered per second). Health can only be restored if herbs that can restore health is eaten, or monster/ monster parts are consumed. Has a 5% chance of obtaining a skill that can be learned by the Predatory Slime. Also has a 0.1 chance of learning a skill that cannot be normally obtained by any slime species.

Cooldown: Dependent on the Size of the prey

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: Instant

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Skill: Size Alteration

Tier: Epic

Type: Body Modification

Effect: Change the size of the body of the skill bearer.

Minimum Size: 1 inch

Maximum Size: Twice the user's height

Cooldown: 10 minutes

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: 5 seconds

Chapter 466 - Asmodian Purity

Adrian decided to use his time strengthening himself and his soulbounds. The information that he wants to obtain from the Church of Light seemed to be more troublesome than he anticipated.



Anastacia even stated that even she did not expect that tight guard on the information that he wanted.

The holy churches might not openly show their friction, but a battle is happening behind the scenes. Each of the holy churches are gathering information about their competing church. Some of them are hiding holy relics of each other's churches so that one will not become more influential than the other.

The tight guard in the information about Abelpport even made Anastacia curious about the reason why a small city is being well guarded by the Church of Light. Abelpport is not even the area where the Church of Light is founded or an area where a holy relic is found.

He started to jump from dungeon to dungeon in the level 150s for Dodu. The predatory slime is more powerful than he expected. He saw Dodu swallow a whole goblin in one bite. The only damage Dodu can get is from magical damage which is why he can bulldoze dungeon stages without magical attacks.

Adrian also found the weakness of the slime species and that is damage per second magic damage. The damage per second of magical attacks is doubled due to the slime's homogenous body. Still, Adrian managed to collect one passive skill from a boulder type monster from a dungeon. It seems the small chance of getting a skill is not something to be happy about.

Dodu managed to collect the skill 'Stone Skin'. This skill made Dodu's liquid body turn into a pile of rocks. It does not even hurt Dodu if his rocky body takes physical damage in this form. The predatory slime just becomes a large boulder that rolls and flattens his enemies to death.

Adrian did find a cool interaction when a boss of a dungeon shattered the rocky form of Dodu. Dodu's body became numerous rocky spikes that death damage to the boss. Adrian thought that Dodu died because his body became shattered into pieces. When Dodu cancelled the skill, the slime just became its plasma like consistency once more and reconstructed its body that split up.

Adrian managed to get Dodu to level 150 thanks to his continuous farming. Adrian tried letting Dodu eating the boss of a dungeon once but found it to be very difficult. The dungeon boss would use all its strength to break free from Dodu's stomach. It got ripped in numerous pieces each time the slime did this.

He also found at the chance of getting a skill from a boss monster is much more difficult than he imagined. The chance of acquiring a skill becomes abysmal when it is not in the nature of the slime to even get that skill. Adrian is still finding out what kind of skills can a slime learn anyway since not much info has been left of slimes.

While Adrian is busy leveling up his soulbounds, he also paid attention to the second raid attempt at the boss monster. He suddenly noticed that the vial that the Pope of the Church of Light is somewhat familiar. Adrian might have a better feeling if he could have seen in face to face.

Adrian is taking a break while he is watching the recorded broadcast of the second failed attempt of conquering the dark god. He monitored the behaviors of the monsters and the dark god itself since it would not be long when he would attempt the raid with his friends and the army that Koronn gathered.

Adrian suddenly paused the video when he remembered that he still has the small vial of Asmodian Blood in his inventory. He wanted to consume it when the time is right, but it seems he forgot. He forgot because all his attention shifted to Dodu which even made his other soulbounds a little bit jealous.

Item: Small Vial of Asmodian Blood

Tier: Transcendent

Type: Consumable or Alchemy Binding Agent

Adrian does not believe that this vial would increase his blood purity by 25% like the first bottle that he chugged but an increase is still welcomed. It would increase his chances of negating a negative status effect or status ailments if his Asmodian Blood purity increases.

[You have drunk the Small Vial of Asmodian Blood.]

[Your Asmodian Blood Purity has increased by a small amount. It has increased by 10%.]

[You have passed the threshold of being a Half Asmodian. Passive cooldown reduction has increased by 5%. You also obtain a 5% Mana Cost Reduction for each of your skill or spell cost.]

The system notifications came bearing good news as he got unexpected benefits from the increase of his Asmodian blood purity. Adrian did not notice but his hair started to turn a whiter shade. He even leaked some sort of regal aura that his soulbounds naturally picked up.

Since the change is towards Adrian's physical body, his soulbounds did not get any benefits. Adrian also used the Night King skill book for Sirius. It seems that it greatly boosted the demon wolf's strength as it always has his Shadow Domain active. Sirius would get the full effects of the passive skill as long as his domain is active.

Adrian wanted to find two more soulbounds to add to his army, but he could not decide which monster to pick. Adrian wants a soulbound that can use super long-range attacks, but he does not know monsters that fit that description.

Adrian decided that he also needs an aquatic type of monster for his soulbounds. He also has plans for a monster that can self-sustain. He started thinking of numerous possibilities but cannot pinpoint which he should focus first. Adrian also wants to add another soulbound to lessen the burden in fights.

Adrian knew that his defenses and support type of soulbounds are already good enough. What he needs now is extra firepower. While he is looking for different types of monsters in Pandemonium, Levin Cloud suddenly messaged him.

"We need your help in getting the Prophet of Life." Levin Cloud sent.

Chapter 467 - The Old Elven Lady

"We need your help in retrieving the Prophet of Life!" Levin Cloud sent via message.

"He said 'we' in the message which means he got Anastacia on board." Adrian thought as Levin Cloud sent another message.

"Meet us in Bright Orchid city. The city is strict, but you do not need to worry about the security checks as long as you teleport inside anyway." Levin Cloud sent via message.

"Ok. I will go there now. It seems that it is important." Adrian stated as he sealed all of his soulbounds and exited the dungeon.

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Adrian arrived in Bright Orchid city and it is evident that the city is run by elves. The aesthetic of the city is not like that of the past Neo Alfheim but it still has lush greenery. The words to describe this city would be a mix of urban and garden style.

The buildings in the city are quite modern but each building has a generous amount of plants planted in front or covering the buildings. The elves in the city are more modern compared to the elves living extremely close to nature.

Adrian managed to get inside the city when he passed the inspection at the gate. It seems his Glamour is effective on low level guards, but he wants to know the Polymorph skill that the Daemos Elders use. Even if he uses his evil eye, Ascalor, Koronn, and Bronx still look like their old versions and not their real forms.

The elders did tease him saying that it can only be done by Arch Demons. Adrian needs to get level 200 first as that is the imposed basis in becoming an Arch Demon. The one who fetched Adrian is Levin Cloud himself after the former contacted him that he is inside the city.

"I checked on Elder Willow yesterday." Levin Cloud stated as he guided Adrian to the other edge of the city near a forest.

"Elder Danaya told me that woke up and is no longer in danger of dying." Adrian stated as he received news of Elder Willow's awakening from Elder Danaya. She apparently likes to talk to Adrian a lot.

The conversation would always move to flowers which is why Adrian got dumped with new info of flowers in Pandemonium. He thought the conversation is boring, but he endured for information about unknown things in Pandemonium.

"Thankfully, he can now eat properly and regain his strength. I did tell him the current state of the Church of Life and even he thought it is hopeless to just reclaim Neo Alfheim. The number of elves is also decreasing because of the absence of a world tree in the main world. The elves have weakened." Levin Cloud stated in a serious tone.

"Elder Willow is recovering faster in Alfheim because a world tree is there but the elders that are recuperating in Nebulon are not recovering fast enough. That is my presumption, but I am guessing it is true." Adrian commented and Levin Cloud nodded.

"Anastacia's mentor has regained consciousness, but her body is still frail due to slow recovery. The other elders are dead while the location of those who managed to escape are unknown. There are not many players that are students of the elders. From my understanding, it is only Anastacia and I that are players with elder mentors." Levin Cloud stated.

"Then that would be the reason why you wanted her help. Both of you have the same problem then. I get it but why do you want to get the other prophet?" Adrian asked.

"The last step in me ascending to becoming the Envoy of the Twin Gods is reestablishing their faith in them. The Church of Death already agreed to the merge as long as the Church of Life also agrees. Elder Willow has accepted but the problem is the other elders of the Church of Life." Levin Cloud stated as they reached a dainty shack in the woods.

Adrian noticed that the house might look normal but the gardeners tending to the garden outside are not. Adrian could feel that the two gardeners are actually more powerful than him. His senses became enhanced when he increased his bloodline purity.

"Those two are not gardeners, are they?" Adrian asked.

"You are correct. They are the exclusive guards of the elder residing in the house." Levin Cloud answered.

The piercing gazes of the two elves in the garden could bore holes in Adrian's body but they did not bother him. They recognized that Levin Cloud is with him, so they did not talk to him but just observed. Levin Cloud knocked on the door three times before Anastacia's voice answered.

"Come in!" Anastacia stated and the door opened by itself.

The house only consisted of one floor, but it is wide, and the ceiling height is great. Adrian even thought that he is inside of a giant plant or fruit that was turned into a house. They were greeted by two individuals. One of which is Anastacia and the other is a frail looking elf lady that has wrinkled skin.

"Sorry for intruding!" Adrian stated as he went inside the house.

"You are finally here!" Anastacia stated as she took two chairs and placed it beside the bed where the old elven lady is currently sitting on.

"To think that a demon would be friends with an elf. I guess, I am already too old for this." The old elven lady stated.

"Pleased to make your acquaintance. I am Equinox. I think the better introduction would be that I am..." Adrian stated but the old elven lady suddenly intervened. He also took off his Glamour as per Levin Cloud instructions.

"The Champion of the Twin Gods." The old elven lady stated which shocked the three players. Levin Cloud only told her that the demon they are acquainted with might change the elder's mind.

"How did you know?" Adrian asked as he is stunned.

"I can feel the Goddess of Life's blessing upon you, but I also sense another terrifying force that is opposite to it. I am not ignorant of the twin gods but to think that they will choose a demon as their champion is unprecedented." The old elven lady stated.

"Then the Church of the Twin Gods is actually very real, master?" Anastacia asked as she was often told the opposite whenever she asked.

"I thought that you two were just making up stories since you two are elves that have encountered the Church of Death in our church' lowest times. No wonder that fence sitter Willow agreed to the merge. He must have seen the will of the twin gods when he saw this demon." The old elven lady grumbled.

"Two elves? Did you not reveal yourself to her yet?" Adrian asked Levin Cloud and the latter just sighed.

"I thought that she might not trust me if I were to show my true form to her." Levin Cloud stated as he took off his transformation and revealed his true form. A loud gasp from the old elven lady soon followed which prompted the two elves outside to burst inside of the room.

Chapter 468 - A Forest God?

"A forest god!" The old elven lady gasped in shock while the two elves that barged in suddenly prostrated themselves upon seeing Levin Cloud's true form.

"What the heck is happening?!" Adrian uttered as he suddenly became shocked by the difference in treatment. He then remembered that the Dryad Makiling was once revered by the elves that served her. He thought that is only true because she protected the world tree, but it seems that it is different.

"What are you doing, my student? You must show respect to the forest god." The old elven lady stated but Anastacia is suddenly looking at her funny.

"Yes, Elder Narra." Anastacia answered but Levin Cloud stopped her before he was going to bow down.

"You do not need to bow down. It is only making me uncomfortable. Please rise." Levin Cloud stated in an awkward tone. He did not expect that level of respect since Adrian got lowkey bashed.

"Let them grovel for a bit more for being rude to me." Adrian jokingly commented as he did not like the difference in treatment.

"Unlike your race, the forest gods have been protecting life and treat it as their sacred duty. You, demons, always leave a large amount of destruction in your path." Elder Narra stated as she once again showed appreciation towards Levin Cloud by gently asking him to sit down.

The two elven guards are also looking at him with great respect. Levin Cloud did not like the feeling of being watched with eyes filled with adoration. He looked at Adrian to continue the conversation as if signaling for help.

"Calm down, old lady. We are here for one thing only. We need you to agree with the merge of the two churches. Only the elders of each church can make it valid as it is a covenant. A covenant can only be made by both the leading figures of a religion and the gods." Adrian stated but the elder's expression suddenly became serious.

"I would have no qualms in accepting that demand, but the other remaining elders of the Church of Life will not easily agree." Elder Narra stated.

"The Church of Life does not have a pope because we believe that the lives of others are as important as your own. This is the reason we have a council of elders that facilitate every viewpoint possible." Anastacia stated but Adrian could not agree.

"In my opinion, there should have been a pope. Your church is one of the biggest religions in Pandemonium, yet they are still scattered until now. If there was a leader then your followers would have started flocking to that person. The reason the Church of Life is scattered is due to no chain of command." Adrian argued which even Elder Narra could not reply.

"He likes watching those Legal dramas. All he is saying probably comes from those." Levin Cloud whispered to Anastacia.

"Even if you say that. My vote alone will not be able to change the minds of the other elders." Elder Narra stated.

"It would be a great help if you do your best. This is to help that forest god there. He was tasked by the twin gods themselves to accomplish this feat. Are you going to let the object of your admiration down?" Adrian stated.

"I did not know that the esteemed forest god has been tasked with such an honor. To hear the voice of the goddess through your ears. It must have been a pleasant experience." Elder Narra stated with a tone of admiration.

"It was not pleasant because they kept pushing my reward." Levin Cloud stated as he thought that his job class change would always end in failure.

"If I am not wrong, there is no Envoy for the Church of Life as of now. If you help us and your student help us, then we could make your student the envoy. The goddess could probably hear what I am saying right now since I am his champion." Adrian stated which made Elder Narra's ears perk.

Anastacia even became shocked with Adrian's declaration. She has read about the Envoys as they are on par with the pope of the churches. The envoys also excel in divine skills and is said to be taught by the gods themselves.

"You cannot fool me, demon. Only the Prophet of Life can pick a person to go through the trial of becoming the Envoy of Life." Elder Narra stated but she was very tempted of what Adrian said. She is already old, but she could become one of the highest elders if her student becomes the Envoy of Life.

Just as Adrian said that, a mission is suddenly given to Anastacia. The mission details shocked her because it was from the Goddess of Life herself. The reward is just increased favorability with the Goddess but that in itself is huge. She will get tons of Devotion if the goddess favors her.

"Elder Narra, the Goddess Gaea has given me an oracle. She wants me to aid in the merging of the two churches." Anastacia stated and it shocked her mentor.

Elder Narra's jaw dropped upon the oracle that her student received. The Goddess Gaea never really bothered giving oracles to the church elders except for Elder Willow from time to time. The Goddess Gaea is never really hands-on in leading her church because one of her doctrines is 'Every Life has autonomy and freedom'.

"For the Goddess Gaea herself to give you that sacred duty!" Elder Narra stated but she almost fainted from ecstasy of her student receiving an oracle.

Elder Narra is one of the elders in the Church of Life that is very devoted to the goddess. She loved that the goddess does not impose a hierarchy on other beings unlike the other churches. She once was an orphan that got kindness from one of the elders of the Church of Life when she was a kid.

The other elders shunned the so called 'cursed children', but she did not. She even accepted to train one and she does not regret it one bit. When Neo Alfheim was burning down, her other students fled without even thinking of her, but Anastacia did not. She values Anastacia like her real daughter now and only wants the best for her.

"I agree to the plan then. It would be much better if I were in a fitter state unlike my current condition. The other elders of the church see weakness as unfitting. I really want to help you, but two votes will not help our case." Elder Narra stated as she had a look of disappointment.

"If you just need to recuperate faster, the solution is rather easy. Elves regenerate faster near the world tree do they not?" Adrian stated as he proceeded to channel Dimensional Teleportation on the Cube of Paradox.

Adrian opened the portal and willed his weapon to pass by all of them. He even swept the bed that Elder Narra is currently sitting on. The next thing the others knew is that they are suddenly in a foreign place filled with mystical looking plants.

"Welcome to Alfheim!" Adrian stated but the two guard elves and Elder Danaya fainted at the sight of the faekin.

Anastacia smiled which she rarely does and had the look of a child visiting the amusement park for the first time. The fairies, leshies and dryads that gathered due to the sudden appearance of the portal dispersed upon seeing that it was Levin Cloud. All of them know him because the elders of their race currently favor him.

"Are they fine? Did they just faint?" Adrian stated as he picked up a stick below him and poked Elder Narra's arm.

Levin Cloud began explaining what happened to the guards that investigated the commotion. Elder Narra suddenly woke up from fainting and pinched herself as she questioned if it was all a dream. She was about to faint again when Adrian poked her with the stick. She did not faint, but she did get mad at Adrian.

"It seems that my walk to the park is not boring this time around. My student has returned to Alfheim and is even accompanied by one of the elders." A voice of an old man is suddenly heard.

"Teacher!" Levin Cloud shouted as he checked up on Elder Willow.

"Anyways, do you agree in wholeheartedly helping us, Elder Narra? We need an answer because the future of the Nebulon depends on it. We have a better chance of driving that dark god away if we have the help of the Envoy of the Twin Gods." Adrian stated in a serious tone and even let his Asmodian aura radiate.

Elder Narra, who thought that the champion was weak, suddenly felt intimidated by the aura he is releasing. She felt that the Champion of the Twin Gods before him is towering over her. This is the first time that an individual weaker than her exerted pressure just like that of a demigod.

Chapter 469 - Ephemeral

Elder Narra could not even say her reply and just nodded her head. She felt like she is looking at her ancestor when she looked at the brat before him. The elven guards have finally recovered from their great shock.

"Seeing as Elder Narra promised to do her best, we should make it so that she will recover much earlier than the date she foretold." Adrian stated as he let Levin Cloud do his thing.

Levin Cloud called upon some guards and told them about the circumstances of the old elven lady they brought. She is put in a facility that is near the tree of life so that she could absorb more life energy near it to recover herself.

"My cutie Equinox!" Someone suddenly called.

Adrian noticed the voice calling to him and is about to teleport out, but he is stopped. Adrian's feet are suddenly tangled in vines which rooted him in place. He had no choice but to submit to his fate.

"Were you thinking of escaping?" Elder Danaya asked as she hugged Adrian.

"Nope. I just suddenly thought of something that I forgot and is about to get it." Adrian replied but Elder Danaya did not let him getaway.

"Do you really not want to be my child? Ascalor is already treating you like his own child despite him always saying he does not want one yet. If that is the case, then you can call me mother." Elder Danaya stated but Adrian suddenly blushed.

"Oh! It seems that Levin Cloud is here. There is also an elven woman. Is she your girlfriend?" Elder Danaya asked Levin Cloud.

"No! Seriously, Elder Danaya must choose your words wisely despite you being the strongest elder next to the Fairy King. You must show great qualities for being the best." Levin Cloud stated but Elder Danaya never really cared for those things.

"You do know that I became the strongest so that they cannot boss me around here. You are the only one that is telling me these things which is quite refreshing. The others are just scared to voice their opinion but as long as I have my cutie here and Ascalor then all is fine." Elder Danaya stated as she squeezed Adrian.

"I concede. Cannot breathe." Adrian stated as the rich mountains is suffocating him. This did not happen when he was below the adult age. It is not like he disliked it though but Elder Ascalor might hit him or punish him if he gets whip of what Elder Danaya did.

"Is she the candidate that you say that would be the Envoy of Life?" Elder Danaya asked as Levin Cloud already given her the details about the plan.

"She is the best choice that can be the Envoy of Life as she is devoted to the Goddess Gaea. She even saved her mentor when her other students just ran for their lives." Levin Cloud stated with great assurance.

Elder Danaya then looked at Anastacia from head to toe. Elder Danaya seemed to release a fierce aura from her body when she looked at Anastacia. Anastacia did not cower and met the elder's eyes head on. Elder Danaya then smiled as she felt the strong will of the candidate that the future Envoy of the Twin Gods chose.



"It seems that she is close to becoming a High Elf. She has yet to unlock her Ephemeral, but she is close." Elder Danaya stated which made the three players curious.

"What is an Ephemeral?" Adrian asked as this was new information.

"Ephemerals are basically the talent of the elves. It also makes them evolve into High Elves once they manage to unlock. It can only be unlocked with the help of the world tree though." Elder Danaya answered.

"What does an Ephemeral do?" Levin Cloud asked as he was once an elf.

"It is like a talent for elves. It is split into three categories. The first is Elemental Sense. The second would be Nature Sense. The last and rarest is the Nature Spirituality. If you are curious then your master has the last one which is why he is strong despite being a High Elf." Elder Danaya stated which made Anastacia suddenly excited.

"If it is not rude, can you please elaborate, elder?" Anastacia stated as she bowed before Elder Danaya.

"You do not need to bow child. Since you are a friend of these two then I would elaborate. The two also seems curious despite not being able to unlock it.

Elemental Sense is an elf unlocking deeper understanding of the elements. Some signs of elves having this is the elementals gathering before him. It could make understanding the elementals and the elements easier and faster. It is an innate talent." Elder Danaya stated.

"Alder should have this talent. The elementals like to gather around him. He might not yet unlock it but with a world tree then he might." Adrian commented which Anastacia took note of. She did not know but she started to believe all Adrian is saying is true.

"Nature Sense is the ability to be one with nature and be able to extend your senses using the environment before you. It works like an extra sense like when Daemos could feel the shift or change in time and space.

High Elves that master this could immediately know that you enter their forest. The whole forest could become their senses. It is not a domain, but deep concentration is needed for this aspect. The other High Elf that you brought seem to have that talent." Elder Danaya stated.

"If they can tap that power while fighting then they could evade attacks that they cannot normally see. It also makes them the perfect hunter because no prey could elude their sight." Adrian commented.

"The last and most powerful talent is Nature Spirituality. Willow has this talent and is very rare for someone to have great mastery in it. It might be powerful, but it is difficult to train.

Nature Spirituality lets you control the natural environment before you. It can make an entire forest bloom in just a day. It is also called the Forest Guardian Ability because high elves who have this skill would be so powerful in a natural environment. I believe Levin Cloud has this talent which is why Willow took you as his student." Elder Danaya stated.

"Too bad that I have change to a Leshy. I would no longer be able to unlock it." Levin Cloud stated in dismay.

"Who says that you cannot unlock an Ephemeral?" Elder Danaya stated which made Levin Cloud flinch.

"Does that mean that I can still unlock my talent?" Levin Cloud asked as he wants any type of power up that he can.

"The elves are our descendants which means their talents came from us. For the faekin, there is something even much stronger than Nature Spirituality. It is called Nature Dominion which can only be unlocked once someone unlock Nature's Spirituality. I have this very skill which is why I am the strongest of all the faekin on par with the Fairy King." Elder Danaya stated proudly.

"Can you help us unlock it? Please!" Levin Cloud stated as he bowed. Anastacia also did the same as she wanted to become a High Elf. Her teacher is supposed to help her become one when she is ready, but tragedy struck. She did not want to waste this perfect timing that she is given.

"Since you two are very sincere, I guess I should accept. Should I accept my cutie baby?" Elder Danaya asked Adrian.

"She added baby this time. She is really determined." Adrian thought but also bowed before Elder Danaya to help his friends.

"Fine. Since Equinox wants me to help you then I will accept. The training would only start once you save the Prophet of Life though. If she blesses the world tree here, then the chances of it hastening your waking would be faster." Elder Danaya stated.

"Has there been a faekin that managed to unlock one or more Ephemerals?" Adrian asked as there should be some very talented individuals that can have more than one talent.

"Very good question. There have but the only one alive today would be the Fairy King. He has both the Elemental Sense and the Nature Sense. He is the reason why the Elementals live at the other side of Alfheim. He is also the reason why we have friendly relations with the elementals despite them being more of the free spirit king and do not like others not of their kind." Elder Danaya stated.

The three then realized that the Fairy King must be powerful to even be on par with Elder Danaya that has Nature's Dominion.

"He would have been the perfect king if he did not like playing pranks. He sometimes acts like a child and even transfers children to Alfheim. The term 'Spirited Away' is created because of him." Elder Danaya stated with a heavy sigh.

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"I should be off now as my personal guards are already on their way to come and get me. Feel free to ask me any question about your awakenings after getting the Prophet of Life." Elder Danaya stated as she fled from the scene.

"It seems she is avoiding her responsibilities again." Adrian stated as he saw Elder Danaya scurrying away with her guards chasing.

Adrian then shifted his gaze to the two and they seem to be in a trance. He could more or less guess what they are thinking. They seem to be busy thinking about their Ephemerals which Elder Danaya just talked about.

Adrian is a bit jealous that elves seem to have an innate power and even wondered if other races have this as well. It seems that the innate talent is something to even the playing field for the starting races. He now knew that the loss of the world tree is a much greater blow to the elves because they cannot unlock their innate talents without it.

Adrian then clapped his hands which woke the two from their daze. The two then focused their attention on him as Adrian suddenly clapped his hands.

"Do you have the key to enter the Grove of Vitaemortem?" Adrian asked as Levin Cloud informed him that they need to go back to the grove.

"I do but do you think that they are still in that pocket dimension?" Levin Cloud asked as he is not sure if Vitae is still in the pocket dimension.

"If she moved and transferred to the main world then Mortem would have noticed it. Creepysoo would then inform us of the possibility because he treats Mortem like a younger brother. He is practically spoiling the Prophet of Death." Adrian stated as he told Creepysoo to keep the former updated if Mortem says something about his sister.

"We are going to a pocket dimension?" Anastacia asked because she is not really ready. She is about to get aid from her guild members, but Adrian stopped her.

"We are not going to need back up. We might be fighting a high level NPC but they are mostly priest classes. Also, I would not be able to rampage if I need to mind my surroundings. There is a new skill that I want to test." Adrian stated as he took out a scroll.

"A scroll?" Anastacia stated in shock.

"I cannot use Dimensional Teleportation, so this is the only way getting out of this place. Faekin and the Elementals have other ways, but I do not know of those ways. Can everyone get close to me in a one-meter radius? This will take us straight to the location of the entrance to the pocket dimension." Adrian stated.

Levin Cloud and Anastacia did just that and Adrian tore up the scroll. Anastacia observed this scroll with great interest because this item is extremely rare. Only two or three of these precious scrolls will be up for auction every month. Those scrolls go for about ten thousand gold coins each because it is a lifesaving item.

Flashes of light flooded their eyes, and they are now in a different location when they regained vision. They arrived in a location where life is both lush and dreary. They are also in the location where the two peaks meet.

Adrian is about to ask for the key as he needed to find the entrance to the pocket dimension when they are suddenly attacked. Numerous arrows suddenly flooded the skies and all of them are aiming at the trio. Levin Cloud immediately activated Sanctuary which made them invulnerable to the attack but immobile.

"We are under attack! Can you see our opponents?" Anastacia asked as she does not have Far Sight.

"We are under attack by elves. It seems they are players, but I do not know why they are in this location." Adrian stated as he knew that this place is rather hidden from the view of others.

Adrian and Levin Cloud are in their true forms as they are in a hurry and did not bother to hide. Adrian even thought that he no longer needs to hide when only a few people could see him. The players have seen the amazing array of different races that Koronn has gathered.

"I am Anastacia, the Guild Master of Evergreen Guild. If you continue hostilities, then do not blame my guild for targeting you in this place. They are coming as we speak." Anastacia shouted.

The warning made the other attackers stop but it did not deter the others. Adrian did not mind because he already casted Quantum Cascade. After a few seconds, all the people hiding in the targeted area will come flying together. He likes that Anastacia is buying enough time for them.

"You cannot scare us by pretending to be a big shot of a guild. Why would a big shot of a top guild be here anyways? They are all busy dealing with that huge monster in the fallen imperial capital." A female voice shouted back, and another volley of arrows is fired.

"Quantum Dispersion" Adrian stated.

All the arrows heading for them suddenly shifted courses as Adrian spread them apart. The numerous volleys of arrows started hitting everything around the three. Adrian cannot control how Quantum Dispersion affects a target as it just pushes them away from the epicenter of the target location.

No more attacks are fired when Adrian dispersed the arrows. The archers all dived for cover when they saw all their arrows coming back towards them. A few seconds after the rain of arrows stopped, the archers once again pulled their bowstrings, but their bodies suddenly experienced a pulling force.

Those that were caught unaware of the pulling force were not able to hug a tree or grip a tree. Some were even unfortunate to hit their head on large branches. The numerous elves are then clumped together and dropped to the ground. They did not know what happened because everything went too fast.

"Hello and Goodbye!" Adrian stated as numerous tendrils from his shadow bound the group he managed to capture.

"Wait! Do not kill them. We need them for information." Anastacia whispered to Adrian, but the tendrils still bound the elves.

"Surrender now or else your friends will be done for." Levin Cloud shouted and the attacks subsided for now.

"The demon!" The crowd murmured as they finally see the demon player that is being talked about.

"The guy next to him looks like an elf but his hair and skin is different. He looks like a plant human hybrid." Another murmured.

"Why did you suddenly attack us? More importantly, how were you able to find this place?" Adrian asked and activated his Asmodian aura that he normally suppresses. If Adrian did not suppress it then low-level monsters would still clear of him.

"We are not going to tell you that. Kill us if you dare!" A female elf stated with great intensity.

"I am Anastacia. The guild master of Evergreen. I told you to stop yet you dare try and offend me. We have no hostility against you, yet you dare to attack us suddenly. Would you like it if I asked my guild members to attack you out of the blue whenever we encounter you?!" Anastacia stated in a chilly tone that scared the other players.

The Evergreen guild might be the most down to earth guild but that does not mean they are pushovers. They are good to those who are good to them, but they always avenge their comrade that is bullied. The elven players knew of this because some of them dream of being recruited by the Evergreen guild.

"We are sorry. We did not know. We are only completing our daily mission to protect this area from anything." One elven player stated.

"I am just like him. We are only faithfully accomplishing our mission. It is free 10 gold just by guarding this area. We barely have anything to protect which is why we accepted this task." Another elven player added.

"You guys are the first ones to suddenly appear in the area which is why we attacked. We also received a system notification that someone has entered the perimeter. If you did not appear suddenly then we might not have attacked and strike up a conversation first." Another stated.

Anastacia heard all of their excuses but that is what all they are. She decided not to press for more answers because the results would be the same. The one thing that she learned is the 10-gold reward just by guarding the area for a day.

"The Church of Life does not cling to materialistic possessions because we help those who need to live. Where did they get the gold to reward players when the treasury is buried with the dead world tree?" Anastacia thought but Adrian did not agree with accepting their answers.

"Greater Summon: Kanlaon" Adrian chanted as his dragon soulbound appear in his full size.