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Chapter 471 - Dark Gamers

"Greater Summon: Kanlaon." Adrian stated as he summoned his draconic soulbound.

Adrian summoned Kanlaon in his full form which is now forty meters long. For the average person, Kanlaon could swallow them whole as its head is the size of a regular human's height. Kanlaon almost blocked out their view of the sky due to how colossal he is.

The players that were captured suddenly felt something is wrong. They started to voice their distress as they could feel that they would be killed. If they are killed now, then it would not be considered as PK because they are the first ones to engage.

"What is he doing?! We agreed to surrender!" One of the elves shouted as he did voice his surrender. The others who were caught did so as well, but Adrian could see that they do not really mean it.

Adrian just smiled as he told Kanlaon to greet out guests. The ones before him might have surrendered but he could still see some who are looking for a way to attack. He could feel about three elves gathering energy from afar. Adrian could also see invisible elven scouts using his evil eye.

"They are using the whisper function of the chat. I can see their mouths moving slowly. If someone is not paying attention, then their plan would have succeeded." Adrian thought as he started observing the players, he gathered using Quantum Cascade.

Adrian found it odd that they seem so calm despite attacking them earlier. He even saw some players blocking one of their own from the line of sight of Adrian's group. The one who is blocked would then issue some type of verbal command and smile slyly.

Adrian could more or less tell that the group before them is not a roundabout coalition of people. They are a well-trained group that is synchronized enough to fool anyone that they are not a group. Adrian was trained by her mother to spot people like them because they are rampant in the streets of his country.

"Maybe I should set an example first? They seem awfully confident on their hidden team members." Adrian thought.

"Kanlaon, aim your breath at the loud one when I give the order." Adrian commanded via their soul link.

"Yes, master." Kanlaon replied via their soul link.

"You say that you surrender but you have yet to release your grip on your weapons. You were also using the chat to whisper to someone that is in your party." Adrian stated which made some of the elven players jerk for a quarter of a second. That reaction was enough for Adrian to see that they are not ordinary players.

"Then again, ordinary players would not be able to come to this place easily. I also refuse to believe that the elves hiding in that pocket dimension would hire players. They are not that desperate to seek help from others." Adrian thought.

"Is your head on straight? You are being paranoid. We are already caught so why else would we try and concoct a plan to kill you three. I just told my party members to not go near us because you might go back on your word and slaughter all of us." The male elven player stated.

"I agree with my friend here. If you were not bound right now, then you guys might have continued your attacks." Levin Cloud argued.

Anastacia does not like threatening other people but even she found them suspicious. The others hiding should have shown themselves to make an agreement with their group. She gave them the chance to surrender and go away but it seems that they have other plans. She then noticed that Adrian's floating cube weapon is not beside him.

"If you surrender right now willingly then log out one by one. Let us start with the blabbermouth over there." Adrian stated but that is just the bait he needed for them to make a mistake.

Adrian told Sirius to loosen the binding on the blabbermouth. The male elf player then looked like he is clicking the system interface to log out, but he actually took out an orb. The orb is white in color and is radiating some light.

The male elf player suddenly smashed the white orb onto the ground, and it released a burst of light. The shadows binding them suddenly loosened and some disappeared. Those that managed to escape immediately took distance away from Adrian's group.

The attacks that were being channeled are also released as the orb of light is a signal. Numerous spells of different elements are fired towards the location of Adrian's group. The elven players that managed to escape cheered as they knew that the spells would immediately kill anyone as long as they are hit.

About half of the elven players were able to escape while the other half should have activated their life saving skill. They were already oriented on the plan.

"Do you really think that we, the dark gamers, will surrender to trash that just got lucky. It was worth it bullying that elf player for this location. We even defeated the famous demon and a guild leader. You can only blame yourselves for being too proud of the strength you achieved through luck." The male elven player stated as he laughed.

The dark gamers are basically players who make a living through gaming, but they do not just resort to farming. They do farm but they liked farming player's more because they sometimes hold their items captive in exchange for real life money.

Their modus operandi is killing the player with either a monster horde or PK. They would then first offer the item to the player that is killed. If the PKed player could not buy back his or her item, they would then sell the item via the auction house. They would do anything for money like repeatedly kill a player as long as they get paid for each kill.

Upon looking at the party roster, those that were caught up in the attack are still alive, but their health bars are red. They would just compensate them with the dropped items of the three people. The drop for PKs is high especially for items. They are sure that the three have very rare items that has yet to be known.

The items that the three dropped will become their money. They are sure that the three would have dropped a legendary tier weapon or armor. Just with a legendary tier weapon would make them properly fed for two months. They could even enjoy pricey dishes like lobster and steak every day.

The smoke finally cleared but the scene is different from what the dark gamers imagine. A strange looking undead that is holding a coffin is in the location where their three targets were. Their other teammates are also still bound again but they are buried halfway on the ground.

The dark gamer's teammates are stuck in black pool that seems to be the shadow of the strange undead carrying a coffin. They wondered where their three target players were, but they cannot be found. All they can see is an undead glaring at them with its blue soulless eyes.

"Help us! We are stuck!" The players who were unfortunate enough to endure the attack shouted.

Even their teammates that activated their life saving skills did not know how they became stuck. All they knew is that their vision is flooded with light, but something pulled them. The force of the pull has double the strength of what bound them.

The trapped dark gamers also saw the strange undead as soon as they regained their vision. The thing that worried them the most is that the undead before them did not get damaged by the numerous magical spells hurled at them.

"Let us go and help them." One of the dark gamers stated but they stopped on their tracks.

The dark gamer's saw that the strange undead's coffin started to open. Three figures then came out of the coffin with big smiles on their faces. Their smile has an underlying anger beneath it though.

"To think that you guys would attack us despite me giving you the chance to escape. I do not know if you guys are acting dumb or just plain stupid." Adrian stated in a mocking tone.

"I, Equinox, sentence those of you here to die by my dragon's breath." Adrian stated and Kanlaon who is waiting for his cue opened his mouth wide.

The players stuck on the shadowy ground suddenly panicked and shouted that they will really surrender. Their pleas did not reach Adrian's ears though as he already told Sirius to gather the rest. Thankfully, the area they are in is rather gloomy and dark. The effect of the Night King passive skill started to take effect.

"Attack them! They will not be able to kill all of us if we attack together!" One of them shouted as they hear the screams of their burning and freezing party members.

Chapter 472 - Primordial Stance: Sword Form

The members of the dark gamers that is caught are burned to cinders or died of frost. The dark gamers that tried to save their companions changed attitude and went for the kill. Their suffering would not be in vain if they can kill the three people in front of them.

The only problem for the dark gamers is that there are no high-ranking officers or high leveled members with them today. They still have the confidence that they can easily win as they still outnumber them. There are still twenty of them remaining which is why they are confident.

"Greater Summon: Dodu"

"Greater Summon: Saena"

Adrian summoned his last two soulbounds that he needed. The enemy is now serious in dealing with them, but he is confident. Kanlaon could easily tank the spells that is hurled at him and Charon is covering the team from magical damage.

Dodu is now summoned so that he can protect the two healers from physical damage. Adrian wanted to try his Primordial Stance passive that he finally unlocked. He did not yet try in the dungeons he visited because he wanted for his soulbounds to gain experience battling.

A post in the forums hinted that soulbounds could learn from repetitive movements. Some soulbounds could even unlock skills from this repetitive movements but Adrian did not unlock any for his summons. His summons did increase when it came to response and battle as their AI is becoming smarter the higher level they become.

"Aim for the two priests. If they fall then the summoner would also fall." The person who seems to be the current commander shouted.

The dark gamers already knew that they should target the priests first because they make the battle more difficult. The problem for them is that the strange undead is soaking up the magic spells hurled at the two priests. They are getting infuriated because they are basically just wasting mana.

If somehow the priests get damage, then the white bird soulbound would automatically heal the priests. Adrian is now ready to deal with the players surrounding them. He finally recalled the Cube of Paradox as he needed it for summoning his armaments.

"Paradox, Summon Primordial Armament: Sword." Adrian commanded.

The Cube of Paradox released a purple electricity and the sword armament manifested in front of Adrian. Once Adrian touched the sword, his attire suddenly changed into an armored battle suit. His previous battle suit made him look like a noble, but he now looks like a noble knight. The cloth of his battle suit became metal, and he even got a notification.

[You are currently in Primordial Stance: Sword Form]

[Your defenses are increased by 20% in this form.]

[You have a 5% chance to block incoming physical attacks.]

[You have 1% chance of blocking incoming magical projectiles.]

Everyone in battle saw that the demon player suddenly changed attire. He also brought out a sword, but the elven enemies thought that they are the ones with the advantage. If they kill the summoner then all his soulbounds would disappear.

This is one of the reasons why the summoners like to prioritize getting bows or staves. The weakness of the summoner is the summoner itself. The dark gamers waited patiently for the demon player to charge towards them. Even with the support of two priests, he cannot withstand attacks from them. Summoners are very squishy after all.

"Dang, bro. You look cool." Levin Cloud commented as he started preparing the traps around them.

"I agree. It becomes you." Anastacia commented but she is still vigilant.

"I never knew that my whole armor would change. If I have a helmet and a cloak, then those might transform as well. The problem is cloaks are like the rarest armor while helmets are only produced by blacksmiths." Adrian stated.

Cloaks are the rarest form of armor not because of their scarcity but because of the effects. Cloaks are only made by people with the tailor profession and tailors with high mastery are only employed by the royals. Tailors are basically exclusive workers for royals and no player has crafted a good cloak before.

Shabby cloaks are for sale but the stats it gives are basically just an effect. Cloaks are also notoriously easy to tear which is why people opt to use back ornaments rather than cloaks. Helmets are easy to get but there is no blacksmith in the Paradox Planes.

Adrian could not commission one because his head needs to be measured and his horns are different from a dragonkin. He would immediately get chased out or even imprisoned if he goes to a blacksmith in the city.

"Anyways, my fashion problems should be solved later." Adrian stated.

"Twin Fang Form." Adrian stated as his sword split into two.

Adrian held his two swords while the dark gamers waited in anticipation. The dark gamers are waiting for Adrian to leave their protective ground. Contrary to their expectations, Adrian did not run but he suddenly vanished from his location.

"AAARGHH!"

A scream is then heard as one of the elven warriors burst into particles of light. Adrian basically one shot the dark gamer.

[You have successfully executed the enemy.]

"It finally activated. I always thought that the developers nerfed my execution chance, but it is just really low. It probably is lower when it comes to higher leveled opponents." Adrian thought as he used Blink once more to a nearby mage.

Adrian did not one shot the mage, but his empowered attacks easily tore through half of the mage's health. He immediately followed it up using his Soul Searing Crescent Wave as the tanks came running towards the mage. The Soul Searing Crescent Wave killed the mage and slowed down the tanks that are trying to stun him in place.

Adrian once again used Blink. The dark gamers that looked down on a summoner that can fight in melee range suddenly wished that he did not leave his previous location. They started dropping like flies once he did.

While Adrian is rampaging, one of the elven assassins came very close to Anastacia. Even Sirius did not detect the elven assassin. She brandished her two daggers and stabbed Anastacia at the back, but no blood came out of her.

[You have dealt 0 damage to the Predatory Slime Dodu.]

"What!" The elven assassin reacted but it was too late.

Dodu made itself two times bigger and swallowed the elven assassin. She tried to break free, but she cannot. Dodu is immune to physical attacks which means she entered a death trap. What made her even more afraid is that her skin is starting to blister and melt.

[You are being affected by the skill Acid Body. You will receive 0.1% health damage per second.]

Adrian hunted down Acid Slugs for a few days until he could gain that skill for Dodu. He basically cleared the whole area of the Acid Slugs just to get that one skill. It took awhile because Dodu had to fully digest one Acid Slug for two hours. The monsters are giant one-meter slugs with a body made of corrosive acid.

[You soulbound, Dodu, has started his digesting process.]

"Which unlucky soul managed to get devoured? I hope that person would not get traumatized at least." Adrian thought as he received the system message. He could see the sheer terror in the eyes of all of Dodu's prey. The inside of his slime must really be terrifying.

"Archers and Mages focus the dragon. Tanks and Warriors aim for the priests." A male elven dark gamer commanded as he also sent an SOS for backup. He wanted to buy enough time so that their reinforcements would arrive. He already judged that they would lose more even if they killed their three enemies.

Kanlaon is currently hovering above Levin Cloud and Anastacia per Adrian's orders. He basically became one of their protections but even a dragon cannot do everything by itself. If Kanlaon is a hundred levels above the enemies then he could but he was not.

"Sirius, start the slaughter." Adrian commanded via their soul link.

From Charon's shadow, Sirius finally appeared. The demon wolf that is now the same height of a human growled at the incoming warriors and tank players. Adrian is busy chasing the nimble archer players so that he could ease Kanlaon's burden.

The dark gamers thought that the wolf soulbound would be the easiest of the enemy summons. They have numerous experiences in killing wolf type monsters since they are basically entry level enemies. The dark gamers still have their guard up because a wolf that huge is usually a boss monster.

The dark gamer even thought that the demon player managed to tame a boss monster which is said to be impossible. They started charging towards the priests, but the large wolf suddenly vanished. The next thing they knew is one of their members have their arms bitten off. Shadows is suddenly spread out and bound them. The loud cries of the melee dark gamers echoed throughout the area.

Chapter 473 - Unstable Portal

The battle between the dark gamers did not last long as they were weaker compared to Adrian's party. To people, fighting summoners without the information of their soulbounds is dangerous. A summoner's soulbound is basically just a tamed wild monster that has increased intelligence.

The remaining five members of the dark gamer party is currently bound by Sirius. They refused to tell them why they really attacked but that is no longer needed.

"We remember your faces! We have seen your ID's. We will have you hunted for the rest of your life in-game until you return to level 10." The male elf dark gamer shouted but Adrian could care less.

"Soul Avenger" Adrian casted.

A giant sword materialized above the heads of the dark gamers. They panicked as their threats hold no effect on the three. Adrian could care less because he does not even frequent the kingdoms in the central continent. Levin Cloud also does not care because he no longer enters kingdoms as well. Anastacia has her prestige as a guild master of Evergreen which is one of the top guilds.

Adrian plunged his sword onto the ground and the giant sword above the dark gamers copied the action. The faces of indignation seen from the dark gamers as they turned into particles of light. Their items also dropping. Each dark gamer dropped two or three items which is testament how many player killings they have done.

"They dropped so many items that it could already fund a small guild. The items are all epic tier and below which is shocking despite their low levels." Levin Cloud commented.

"You should not underestimate them because there is not a high-level player in their group. The dark gamers are notorious for being petty with revenge. They might not be a solid group but more like an association where likeminded individuals gather.

Their threats earlier should be real and should be taken seriously. With your strength, I doubt normal members of that group will be able to harm you. You should be careful of the stronger members as they operate like a business firm. They will not take lightly those who interfere with their business." Anastacia warned and Adrian took it to heart.

Adrian already knew of these dark gamers as they have been reported in the forums. The developers do not warn them because they are not doing things illegally. They might be doing bad things, but they are not doing it in the real world. PKs are normal in games, but Pandemonium also punishes PK players harshly if they die.

"Still, it feels good to trample on arrogant individuals. It just leaves a sweet taste in my mouth." Adrian commented which made Levin Cloud irk.

"You have been spending too much time with your sister again." Levin Cloud commented but Adrian acted like he did not hear it.

"Anyways, how should we split the loot?" Adrian asked as he got a total of 48 items from the dark gamers.

"I barely did anything so you can both split it." Anastacia stated as she barely did anything and is even fully protected. She even admits that the slime and undead soulbound are even better than average tanks she has partied with.

"I also just healed you and your soulbounds. Plus, those items have no effect on me anyway. They did not have a priest so you can have those items. You are already helping me with the quest. This job class change is very important for me." Levin Cloud stated as he told Adrian to keep all the items.

"Great! I can use these to get funds for my territory." Adrian suddenly stated as he was elated of their generosity.

"You have a territory?!" Anastacia asked in shock because her guild has yet to acquire one.

"Ah...I do actually but it is more like a ghost town than a real territory." Adrian replied awkwardly. He forgot that Anastacia is probably looking for a territory as well. She did say that her guild has yet to find one as their contributions were mainly focused on Neo Alfheim.

"If you do not mind, can you tell me how you acquired it?" Anastacia asked as she knew that Adrian could have no possibility of accumulating fame in a territory in the central continent. Kingdoms loathe demons as they are heavily advertised as destructive and maniacal.

"I got a deed of land from a hidden quest. It was a hidden reward for completing a quest. I basically helped ghosts passed over and they gave me their deed. The area is severely underdeveloped though." Adrian stated as it was not that much of a secret. He even told his friends about it.

"No. The information you have told me is very crucial. To think that you could get a deed from a mission. If the other guilds knew of this then they would search for uninhabited lands or villages with scant population." Anastacia stated as she bowed with gratitude.

"You have to check certain boxes for that to happen though. Familiarity is difficult to acquire after all." Adrian stated as he knew lands without nobility are basically owned by land gods.

"Anyways, here is the wreath. Do your thing and open the entrance." Levin Cloud stated as he passed the item to Adrian.

The small light that is flickering in the field is suddenly locked on by Adrian. He accurately tossed the wreath towards the small light. The wreath suddenly expanded, and a portal is immediately opened on the location.

"Is there any chance that I can change race to a demon? Your race seems to have great racial abilities." Anastacia commented as she got goosebumps every time Adrian opens portals like it is nothing.

"Trust me. The way I studied the demon race's magic would probably make me enter a prestigious university. Do you know how troublesome it is to remember every specific detail of the magics? I always get a headache just by memorizing the formula." Adrian commented which greatly shocked his two companions.

"You mean...all the magic you cast is self-materialized without the aid of the system AI?" Anastacia asked in shock.

"I mean every magic caster does that right? I read in a forum post that it makes spells faster and more powerful. Even the Daemos elders told me that relying on predetermined magic circles would make the spells have predetermined damage." Adrian stated as if it was natural to memorize spell formations and such.

"Was the post that you read created by someone called, Magic Fanatic?" Anastacia asked as she remembers the post very clearly. She thought it was absurd because of the intricacy of the magic circles or magic formulas.

"You mean to say that the whole time you were releasing spells, you did so without the aid of the guidance system AI? Is that the reason you can just chuck your spells and designate targets easily? Should I be doing that too? I knew he had a great memory, but I did not think it was this great." Levin Cloud commented while the last sentence is just mumbled for himself to hear.

"A monster." Both Levin Cloud and Anastacia thought as they gazed upon Adrian.

In actuality, Adrian's great memory is a combination of genes and great effort. He already had a great memory but not to the point that he can memorize intricate details. After the accident, Adrian got bored since all he can do is watch stuff or play games.

He decided to explore the beauties of patterns when two peculiar butterflies landed on his windowsill at the hospital. He wondered why the patterns on the wings were so perfect and intricate yet different. This made passing time very easy for him but also extremely sharpen his mind.

He became enamored by these patterns that he became slightly obsessed with mandalas. Adrian even has a pendant that has a mandala crafted on it. He attributed the magic circles as mandalas and treated it as a fun activity. He treated the headaches as a side effect of studying too hard.

"Let us go in." Levin Cloud stated as his self esteem might drop if he asks anymore.

"Wait." Adrian stated as he felt the portal's energy being unstable.

The portal being unstable could only be attributed to two things. The space itself on either side of the portal is unstable or something of great force is attacking the portal on either side. The portal back then was also unstable but not to this degree.

"Why? Is something wrong?" Anastacia asked as the portal seems fine. It is holding its shape which is why she questioned if something is wrong.

"The portal is unstable and might collapse anytime. We might end up in different areas if it is like that. The other theory is that the pocket dimension is collapsing." Adrian stated. Just as Adrian warned, Creepysoo suddenly sent him an urgent message.

"Mortem said that her sister is in grave danger. It seems the dimension is collapsing. He just received this plea for help from her sister just now." Creepysoo stated.

Adrian narrowed his eyes as he knows that this is not a coincidence. Mortem immediately heard his sister's cry for help just as he opened the portal.

Chapter 474 - Collapsing Pocket Dimension

"We have an immediate problem." Adrian stated as he read the message that he just received from Creepysoo.

"What did he say?" Levin Cloud asked as Adrian's face is filled with worry.

"It seems that the pocket dimension is collapsing. The Prophet of Life is still trapped in there." Adrian replied which also made Levin Cloud somewhat panic.

"What would happen to those inside if the pocket dimension totally collapses?" Anastacia asked.

"I do not know exactly because even the demons do not stay in a collapsing dimension to see the aftermath. Those that tried are said to be lost in the vast space freely floating somewhere in between

dimensions or they probably just died. No one could certainly say for sure." Adrian replied which made him concerned of going inside the pocket dimension.

"Take these." Adrian stated as he handed out teleportation scrolls to Levin Cloud and Anastacia.

"These are teleportation scrolls." Anastacia gasped in shock.

"Those two scrolls are my last one. It should be able to get you guys out of the dimension should we get separated. Even I do not know how a collapsing dimension looks like. The elders only described it as a distorted land where universal laws could barely apply or are reversed." Adrian warned the two.

"So basically, this is insurance. If we ever get separated once we entered, we should still continue the mission. The safety of the Prophet of Life is our top priority. If she dies, then the Prophet of Death dies as well." Levin Cloud stated in a serious tone.

Anastacia nodded in agreement as she would bet her life to save the Prophet of Life. Thankfully, Levin Cloud managed to take a picture of the prophet so Anastacia could see what she looked like. They resolved themselves to carry out the mission even if it gets them killed. They will respawn in a town they previously visited anyway.

"Do you not need scrolls to ensure that you can get out?" Anastacia asked as the scrolls seemed to be a top tier item.

"I could just breach the portal by tearing the space itself." Adrian stated but deep inside even he is not sure if he could.

The Daemos elders often warned him that a collapsing dimension is a doomed dimension. They explicitly warned him to stay away from it and immediately report it. Adrian had no time to report back as the life of the Prophet hangs on the balance.

"Let us go inside. Be careful." Adrian stated as he entered first.

The rest followed and Adrian's soulbounds entered last. They lost their sight upon entering the portal as if all they see is total darkness.

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Adrian regained his vision and noticed that the beautiful Grove of Vitaemortem is no longer intact. Rivers were flowing backwards while numerous small islands floated in the air. The small islands seem to be from the land that has been torn apart.

Adrian looked behind him to see if the other two are with him, but they were not. The only one behind him is his soulbound, Saena. He waited a few more minutes to see if they just took their time but that is not the case. Adrian's hunch came true, and it was a good call from him to hand them the remaining teleportation scrolls that he had.

Adrian opened the messaging function, but it only said unavailable. Thankfully, Adrian could feel his other soulbounds but they are in a peculiar range. This is the first time for Adrian to feel like his soulbounds are near yet far at the same time.

His soul link with his soulbounds is often used by him to locate his summons. He uses it like a beacon to locate them when inside a difficult area like an underground dungeon.

"Is this the effect of the collapsing dimension? Even my spatial perception is messed up." Adrian stated to himself as he told Saena to come with him and explore. They might find the others if they start early to find them.

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Levin Cloud opened his eyes and he noticed that his two other companions are not with him. The most intriguing part about his location is the fact that he is standing on an inverted island. He got weirded out at first because he thought he was upside down but that is not the case.

His hair did not freely fall downwards but stayed fix in a position as if he is normally standing. He immediately thought that gravity has shifted in his area. At first, he thought it was cool but erased that fact because he was separated from his teammates.

He tried to call the others, but the messaging function is disabled. He cursed the devs out loud because they were making it hard for him to regroup with the others. Fortunately, he is not really alone because two of Adrian's soulbounds are with him.

He got stranded in this location with Kanlaon and Charon. He awkwardly smiled at the two soulbounds as he ever really interacts much with them. He has always seen his best friend cuddle his virtual pets but never really tried it himself. He did not even possess a pet or a mount.

He is not much of a leader himself and more of a follower. He steps up from time to time because of necessity but he rarely leads because he thinks it is a hassle sometimes. He then remembered that Adrian told him that summoners could command their soulbounds via a special mental link.

"Kanlaon, can you find your master?" Levin Cloud asked the dragon as he knew that it could talk. Or at least, he can from his memory of it being able to transform into a small boy.

"Master is inside the dimension, but I cannot pinpoint what location. This place is weird. Everything is reversed." Kanlaon commented as dragons are perceptive of the area that they are in. Dragons make the area around them bend to them not the other way around.

"This whole place is wonky. What about Charon? Can he speak?" Levin Cloud asked as he wanted to know just in case.

"Charon is quite shy and rarely speaks using his mouth. He only speaks to master." Kanlaon replied which made Charon transform into its chibi form.

Kanlaon also transformed into his human form because he started to get dizzy upon trying to fly in a dimension with unstable forces. Kanlaon would sometimes fly backwards or sideways suddenly without even meaning to.

"If that is the case then we should head out and find the Prophet. Your master should be doing the same as well. You might even hear his voice if we act quickly." Levin Cloud stated as he wanted an answer from his best friend's soulbounds.

Levin Cloud knew that he cannot control the two soulbounds but they could still listen to reason. They are still in the same party which means they are treated as allied. He actually thanked the almighty for sending him the one who can talk.

He thought of two different things while they are traversing this collapsing pocket dimension. The first thing he thought up is that they could have all split up. The second is that it could only be him, Sirius and Charon that are split up from the group.

"Will you be able to sense your master if he is really close? If yes, what is the maximum distance." Levin Cloud asked.

"We can find out our master's location as long as it is within a fifty-meter radius. But I am assured that master is with us in this pocket dimension. I can feel his faint connection with me." Kanlaon stated.

"If that is the case then we better move. We are in a mission to find the prophet anyway. Find the prophet will make us reunite." Levin Cloud stated as his group started to march in a certain direction.

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Anastacia opened her eyes and noticed that Equinox and Levin Cloud are missing in action. She already experiences traps like these as they are common in a dungeon they once dived. The only difference is that they have their chat functions open during that crisis. This situation is vastly different.

She checked her surrounding for enemies and are fortunate that the area seemed to be fine. The only ones she saw is two of Equinox' soulbounds which is the large wolf and giant slime monster. She may not look like it, but Anastacia liked cute things and her definition of cute is cool looking monsters.

She wanted to pet Sirius so badly or pinch Dodu to see if it really is soft but resisted. She is in a dangerous situation right now and needs her full concentration to survive. She wanted to tear the scroll but remembered that Sirius and Dodu are still in this dimension.

"If Equinox' soulbounds are not unsummoned then he is still in this pocket dimension. Can you two speak?" Anastacia asked as she wanted to know if the two soulbounds could converse. She always sees Mariposa talk with her soulbounds but she uses her antennae.

Sirius waved his head sideways signaling that he cannot. Dodu on the other hand only jiggled his body. It seems that the slime does not even have vocal cords to say anything.

"While we search for your master, can you protect me from danger? In turn, I will heal you if you both sustain injuries." Anastacia stated as she at least confirmed that the two soulbounds could understand her.

"Let us find that prophet. They are probably thinking the same thing." Anastacia stated as they exited the cave they are in.

Chapter 475 - Another Calamity

While Adrian's group is fetching the Prophet of Life, two other individuals are currently searching for something. The two individuals are none other than Hou Yiwei and Eldritch. They are currently looking for the God Slaying Weapons.

The players might not know this but there are only four God Slaying Weapons in the whole games. Items could grow to rival these weapons, but those weapons cannot replicate the bonus damage

done to godlike beings. The effect even affects demigods which is why they tried to bury or seal any information regarding them.

The people might not know this because the demigods buried the information, but these four weapons are also seals. These four weapons are characterized by a sword, a bow, a spear, and a staff. Each weapon sealed what other call a calamity that even demigods fear.

The weird thing about these four calamities is that they are naturally occurring so even the gods do not like them. These calamities could only be described as powers that can affect the will of man. These calamities cannot be controlled that even the gods sealed them using the four God Slaying Weapons that the Insurgence created.

People believed that the God Slaying Weapons were created by the God of Crafts but that is not the case. The God Slaying Weapons were created by the will of mortals that felt the gods were unjustified. Some gods were arrogant as they did not care of the lives of mortals which prompted the mortals to stage a rebellion.

The rebellion is short lived as someone from the camp betrayed them. The betrayer was handsomely rewarded while those who wished to rebel became punished as their souls are torn to pieces. The God of Death and Goddess of Life or gods that are caring were not present at that time, so the punishment are carried out by a minority of the arrogant gods.

The souls of the mortals that planned a rebellion were scattered in the air while the God Slaying Weapons were sealed by the arrogant gods. The arrogant gods thought they themselves could wield these weapons, but they get hurt just by touching them.

They decided to seal the four completed weapons without some of the gods knowing. A few years later, the invasion of the dark gods began. The gods who sealed the go slaying weapons gave them to warriors they could trust.

The warriors managed to wield the weapons but at the cost their lives because the weapons are far stronger than they imagined. The God Slaying Weapons also sensed the person's will to trample on the gods and strive to succeed without divine intervention. Basically, the God Slaying Weapons formed egos and those egos choose the master they serve.

Despite the hate for the gods that the egos of the God Slaying Weapons possessed, the egos hated the invading dark gods more. The God Slaying Weapons were created to protect mortals from the abuse of the gods which is why the egos agreed to deal with the dark gods.

The egos of the God Slaying Weapons chose to be wielded by great mortals to combat the dark gods but that does not mean their hate for the arrogant gods of Pandemonium diminished. As if resonating with the emotion of the egos, the wielders of the god slaying weapons resonated with the hatred coming out of them.

The wielders managed to survive through the war with the dark gods, but the cost is the lives of mortals. The gods that participated barely had any casualty and the gods that died were the decent ones that the egos do not bore resentment.

As if afraid that the wielders of the god slaying would turn upon them, the arrogant gods slaughtered the four wielders of the weapons. The four wielders did not even think of killing the

gods because of their last shred of respect. Despite their fear, the arrogant gods still let them wield the weapons which is why they decided to give them another chance but that was a mistake.

Even the egos got pacified a bit, but the betrayal became the last straw. The four souls of the wielders of the god slaying weapons awakened into something different after fusing with the lingering shredded souls of the mortals that created the weapons. They became the four calamities that plagued the world.

The four wielders also turned their back upon the mortals as they did not even question the gods when they judge them. The mortals just cowered and even had greed in their eyes for the weapons. The four-wielder transformed into four horsemen that symbolized the end of gods once they cover the world with their power.

The transformation of the four could be called a coincidence. The energy they gave off and the energy that the souls of the mortals that rebelled against the gods awakened the will of the universe. They were transformed into being that rivaled even the gods despite not being gods themselves. They were referred to as the four calamities.

"We shall circle the world. Once we reconvene together again, the age of gods shall finish and the age of man reborn with just their own fate will be born." The four horsemen stated as they darted off in four directions which were north, east, west, and south.

The arrogant gods feared what they said as it sounded like the universe itself willed for the gods to perish. The arrogant gods managed to persuade the other gods that these four came to slaughter them and the mortals. The gods were already weak at the time, but they needed to protect the last bit of mortals left.

The Asmodians were no more which means the gods had to move themselves, but the twin gods already erected the divine barrier. They have limited time to defeat the four horsemen, so they only decide to seal them. The arrogant gods wanted them eliminated because they might spill their misdeeds but decided to go with it.

The gods managed to seal the four horsemen but their god slaying weapons were not sealed with them. The god slaying weapons are instead utilized by the gods as another seal to stop the echoing emotion from the orbs that sealed the four horsemen.

The gods scattered them in four different locations and sealed them in secret areas. The areas might be secret but the details about the weapons are not. The gods left the mortal plane and ascended to the divine realm but the long-lived races that survived could still remember everything well.

The information is not entirely accurate because even memories get fuzzy after a hundred years. The information that the elder dragons could only recall is a god slaying weapon was used in the war with the dark gods. They did not know that the god slaying weapons are in fact one of the seals for the four horsemen.

Hou Yiwei wants to find the weapon because he wants the recognition of killing a dark god. Eldritch wants the God Slaying Weapon to threaten the other gods to submission or just outright kill them. The players did not know that them searching for the god slaying weapons will lead them to another situation that might be much worse than the dark god in the fallen imperial capital.

The first seal has already been unleashed as a player has already attained the God Slaying Weapon that sealed the First Horseman of the Apocalypse. The player might have attained it, but she was just ordered by an NPC to fetch it which means the current owner is an NPC. This is the reason why there was no world message that stated that a God Slayer has descended.

The sealed god slaying weapons look no different from an antique item and needs the use to be fully connected with it to awaken it. The first god slaying weapon discovered is a staff that looked like a balance scale. For the player that obtained it, it looked like some antique decoration which does not exude the radiance of a god slaying weapon.

The same could be said to the weapon before Hou Yiwei. He has found clues of the god slaying weapons that pointed him to the eastern continent. His trip to the western continent is rather a waste of time but he gained increase combat abilities, so he did not view it as a total waste.

"Finally, after days of searching, I finally have the God Slaying Weapon before me." Hou Yiwei stated as he gazed upon a bow that seemed to become crumbled with a slight tap.

He found the God Slaying Weapon hidden in a complex cave behind a waterfall where it is enshrined. He thought it is enshrined but reality is different. The God Slaying Weapon is hidden so that no one could find it. Hou Yiwei even defeated a Water Spirit Serpent just to reach his destination.

Greed and thirst for power filled his head as he reached out for the antique looking bow. He could feel that the bow is resonating with him.

[Do you really wish to unseal this weapon?]

"Yes" Hou Yiwei answered without care of the consequence.

As soon as he grabbed the bow, a white light shot out from the shrine. A world message is then delivered to everyone.

[The Second Horseman of the Apocalypse has been released.]

Chapter 476 - Prophet Of Life

Equinox, Levin Cloud and Anastacia are still trapped in the collapsing pocket dimension. They have been trapped for about one hour. With each hour, Adrian could feel that the pocket dimension is becoming narrower.

The natural laws started to become weirder and stranger the more time that they stay in the collapsing pocket dimension. A lot of smaller islands started to form as the land became twisted. Each floating island had different orientations. The orientations are tilted, upside down or just straight up floating.

Adrian wanted to fly to make things faster, but he would suddenly get pushed by the shifting gravity of the area. He could not even find monsters that he had encountered her as if they perished. The trees on each island could have been monsters but he did not check. He needed to find the Prophet of Life fast as the dimension is collapsing.

The three of them were actually flung to three different corners of the collapsing dimension. The area that Adrian is in is not full of monsters, but he was flung the farthest of the three from the

current location of the prophet. Despite his apparent impatience, he took the sight of the collapsing dimension to heart as his curiosity flared up.

He decided to take note of everything happening around him as he can be caught off guard. Some plots of land that he stepped on either rose in the air or just crumbled into the abyss. The sun did not shine but the whole area is illuminated by some sort of light source.

The thing that Adrian is worried about is black hole in the distance that seems to be eating away the dimension. The black hole did not seem to have the same properties as the black hole generated by his Vortex skill. The pieces of land and water were all heading towards the black hole though.

Adrian also realized that the only way forward is actually going closer to the black hole. He is trying to sense the type of energies inside the collapsing dimension, but he could not pinpoint the location of life energy. Adrian became more sensitive in perceiving energy but even the energies inside the pocket dimension are all over the place.

He wanted to pinpoint the location of the Prophet of Life since she radiates a vast amount of life energy but that is impossible to do given the situation. He just picked up his pace despite his stamina dropping faster. It seems that the collapsing dimension also has an effect to increase stamina consumption.

"I must hurry and find the prophet! She might be in danger. Who knows who started the collapse of this dimension?!" Adrian thought as he used Polymorph on Saena to make her smaller. He then carried her in his arms as he ran through towards the black hole.

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The area that Levin Cloud is flung to is closer to the area where the Prophet of Life is located but it is crawling with monsters. Fortunately for him, he had Charon and Kanlaon with him as back up. The monsters in the grove are either ents or large insect type monsters which are very weak against Kanlaon.

Also, the levels of the monsters are lower than they imagine so Kanlaon would sometimes one shot them. The only thing that made them slow in progressing is the fact that the area they are in is constantly changing. Small plots of land would sometimes move in different direction and send them to a different island.

Due to the shifting plots of land, Levin Cloud had to ask Kanlaon for a ride across. He did not know whether his instinct is correct because they are heading towards the black hole in the distance. He could feel a source of life energy in that direction which made him deduce that the Prophet of Life is there.

"I do not know where those two are, but I hope that they are heading where I am heading." Levin Cloud told himself as he moved with Adrian's soulbound towards the black hole.

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The area that Anastacia is sent to is close to the Prophet of Life, but she is still farther than Levin Cloud. Every ten minutes, she would ask Adrian's soulbounds if they could sense their master, but they would just shake their heads.

The soulbounds, Sirius and Dodu, could still feel their connection to their master but they could not pinpoint his location. This is one of the reasons that they are not unsummoned. Anastacia is even glad that Equinox has yet to resummon his soulbounds to his location.

It is not that Adrian did not choose to resummon his other soulbounds but it is because he cannot. The connection is alive, but he cannot recall them to his side. It seems that the collapsing pocket dimension is considered as both a small area and a large area at the same time.

She is quite lucky that the area she is in is rather stable but even she feared the black hole that she sees in the distance. She has no idea what direction she should be heading towards, but she also observed the peculiarities of the black hole in the distance.

She had a hunch that the Prophet of Life should not be in the borders of the pocket dimension but at the heart of it. Anastacia has keen observational skills when it comes to the smallest details and even great deduction skills that make her terrifying as a leader. If she became evil, then her ingenious brain would make her the best scammer ever.

"We should head towards that direction. I think even the others are doing the same. We cannot turn back now so can you please help me on the way?" Anastacia stated as she directed her questions to the soulbounds.

She herself has no attack power but she has great healing magic. She knew that Equinox' wolf soulbound has great speed and attack and the slime soulbound is a great physical tanker that even mitigates damage towards it.

Anastacia felt assured that she is not traversing this collapsing pocket dimension alone. Sirius even offered her to ride him because of his excitement to regroup with his master. Dodu made itself smaller like a basketball and let Anastacia carry it.

"It is surprisingly soft!" Anastacia thought as they blitz through the area.

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The Prophet of Life, Vitae, is now running for her life with the help of the elven sentinels that were meant to guard the elder 'protecting' her. The elder protecting her suddenly started acting strange about a month ago.

The elder no longer cared for the lessons or about her in general as the elder started to develop odd mannerisms. The elder would often look at the mirror for six hours straight without even blinking. Vitae even managed to catch the elder talking to the mirror or rather his reflection.

A few days after that, the elder would often just twitch involuntarily. Even the elven sentinels guarding them started to feel this eerie vibe that the elder is generating. They thought that stress is getting to the old elf because of living inside a pocket dimension for a couple of years.

Even the elven sentinels wanted to get out of the pocket dimension to visit their loved ones, but they cannot. They could only send one person to return every month as per regulation since entering the pocket dimension is an arduous task.

It was at that time that the last scout should have returned made them worry about the outside world. The scout did not return for a week which led them to believe that he fled but that should not be the case. They were under an oath whenever they get outside.

They would die if they do not get back at the appointed time because guarding the Prophet of Life with their life is not an understatement. They also sent the scout to send a team to find the twin brother of the prophet, but no news has reached them. It was supposed to be the last scout that delivered the message, but he did not return.

They wanted to go outside desperately which is why the elven sentinels begged the elder, but he vehemently refused. They did not raise much of a fuss because even the elder seemed to also wants to go outside but the prophet needs to mature before she could venture out in the dangerous world.

The elven sentinels thought that the elder is stressed but that is not the case. The elder in fact is starting to get tired of his or rather its façade. When the elder opened the portal for a brief moment, it felt the energy of its real god present in the main world.

The elder wanted to rush out and glorify its 'real' god but it is told to wait for the moment. It was ordered to kill the prophet, but it found it difficult with the elven sentinels always protecting the prophet. It is then granted a chance when its 'real god' ordered it to utilize the 'item' it was given.

As soon as Vitae entered the learning venue with the elven sentinels, they saw the real face or identity of the elder. The elder that they were with is none other than a faceless one holding a dark cube. The faceless one immediately threw the dark cube on the floor as soon as its real form is discovered.

The dark cube activated and exploded which made the pocket dimension suddenly started collapsing. The faceless one then charged towards Vitae, but the elven sentinels managed to take her and run. Five of the twenty elven sentinels died as they tried to stop the faceless one pursuing the prophet.

Vitae used all her might to send a message to her brother that she is in grave danger.

Chapter 477 - Escape The Pocket Dimension I

Vitae is now running for her life as the elder that kept him in the pocket dimension is actually a monster. She always believed the elder was a monster because it separated her from her brother. She does not have battle experience to kill a monster.

All her life is all about mastering the magic to give life to others. She is tasked with learning the greatest magic in the Life elemental system. She is tasked with learning the spell that could bring the dead back to life.

After a few years of hard work, she finally learned it, but she could only revive small animals at first. She wanted the ability to revive the dead as she fears they might kill her brother. She finally learned Resurrection which could bring back a person from the dead and retore them to peak condition, yet she could not use it at the time.

She is running for her life while being protected by the elven sentinels. Only five are left from the mighty thirty that should be protecting her. She cried tears of sorrow as she saw the elven sentinels sacrificing their lives just to keep her safe.

She prayed to the Goddess Gaea, but it seems her prayers could not reach her. Even she could feel that the power of thought that she is sending to the divine realm is not ascending this plane of existence.

Prophets are not prophets just because they can talk to their respective gods or goddesses. They are prophets because of the fact that they can sense the power of thought being delivered to their gods or goddesses.

They also make use of the power of thought to make themselves perform miracles in the name of the god or goddess. The power of thought is a type of energy that the gods receive from their believers to strengthen themselves. The massive energy for the power of thought does not entirely reach the domain of gods as it needs to breach the two realms.

This is why Prophets are more powerful if their religion is also large. They could utilize the enormous power of thought, but Vitae could not do it now. She is still learning to harness this power and pocket dimensions tend to have low amount of energy.

She wanted to utilize the energy to Resurrect the fallen elven sentinels, but they stopped her. They argued that the prophet must conserve her energy should they fall. They kept escaping and finally she felt the entrance open. She immediately sent a cry for help to her brother.

Vitae did not expect her brother to actually rescue her but the demon she saw back then would probably hear her plea. She is told that demons were dangerous and evil but the demon she saw is different. She saw that the demon's life energy is clear and serene.

The demon also has the same energy as her brother which is why she felt that he is familiar. She felt that she could trust the demon unlike the elder that took her and her brother captive. She always liked the idea of a savior that will free her from this prison.

"Get back here!" the faceless one shouted as it hurriedly approached Vitae's group.

It would have been easier for the elven sentinels to escape if they did not protect the prophet, but the world would be doomed should she die. Prophets are difficult to come by and are rarely born. They must save the prophet no matter what for the prosperity of the Church of Life.

Two of the elven sentinels nodded their heads and charged at the faceless one. The elven sentinels have the ability to escape but winning against the faceless one is another thing. They might be faster than the faceless one, but they are not stronger than it.

They are also having a difficult time maneuvering across the land that is consistently shifting. The faceless one is also having difficulty adapting to the new landscape which is why it has yet to catch up to Vitae.

"We should help them! There is a much better chance if we all work together!" Vitae shouted but the elven sentinel countered her argument.

"You would be put in danger if we fought, Prophet Vitae. Do not let their sacrifices be in vain. Life is precious and they decided that your life is much more precious than theirs." The elven sentinel that carried her stated as they started to get farther away from the faceless one.

The faceless one suddenly transformed into a weird monster with sickle as hands. The sickle hands suddenly elongated and launched towards Vitae. The two elven sentinels located beside their leader blocked the two sickle hands with their weapons, but the force is much more powerful than they expected.

The two elven sentinels that blocked the sickle hands were knocked back a few meters while the sickle hands reached the elven sentinel leader. Due to being somewhat blocked, the sickle hands injured the elven sentinels two shoulders. The force of the attack is still decent enough to outbalance the elven sentinel leader.

He crashed to the ground but managed to place Vitae on top of her so that she would not be crushed by his weight. Vitae immediately sat and channeled healing magic with her hands to heal the injured elven sentinel leader. The remaining four decided to clash with the transformed faceless one.

The transformed faceless one then grew two more sickle arms at its back. It used one arm each to deal with the four elven sentinels attacking it. The elven sentinels could not believe that the monster somehow has sword techniques using its sickle like arms.

The wounds on the elven sentinel leader might not be deep but he became poisoned. The wounds on his shoulders started to foam and even signs of necrosis started to appear. Vitae could see that just healing the elven sentinel leader is not enough. She had to purify the poison first so that he could walk again.

While the four elven sentinels were busy with the four arms of the transformed faceless one, it suddenly opened its mouth and the tongue lunged towards Vitae. The tongue looked like a muscle at first but sharp thorn like bone suddenly extended from the tongue.

The four elven sentinels could not block the tongue, but Vitae suddenly saw the elven sentinel leader rise up. The elven sentinel leader got up and aimed to take the attack for Vitae. Vitae froze on the spot because she knew what the elven sentinel leader is about to do.

"No!" Vitae shouted as the pointy tongue has reached the elven sentinel leader.

Just as the pointy tongue is about to pierce the chest of the elven sentinel leader, a pillar of golden light descended upon him. The pointy tongue that should have pierced the elven sentinel leader suddenly hit the wall of light that descended upon him. The pointy tongue got deflected as it hit something indestructible.

"Sanctuary!" A male voice sounded in the distance.

A fury of flame and frost then descended upon the transformed faceless one. A chain is also suddenly attacked to the faceless one and it started to absorb its life energy. The elven sentinels got some much-needed distraction and immediately created distance from the transformed faceless one.

The elven sentinels looked at the source of the voice and saw what they call 'Forest Gods'. A leshy is actually before them and it also used spells from the life elemental category. Some of the elven sentinels even remember this leshy as it was the one who took the prophet's brother.

The elven sentinels still put their guard up as the leshy might be an enemy. Their wariness is reduced by a bit as the leshy protected their leader. The spell the leshy used is another indication that it might be on their side as Sanctuary is a spell learned by Childe of Gaea.

"Vitae are you alright?" Levin Cloud asked as he surveyed the situation.

Kanlaon and Charon is now in battle mode as the enemy is none other than the faceless one. Levin Cloud immediately took out the teleportation scroll in hopes of immediately getting out of the pocket dimension but the faceless one stopped him. The faceless one seemed to notice the scroll and charged towards Levin Cloud with the intel to kill him in one strike.

"Bramble Armor!" Levin Cloud shouted as a bunch of thorny vines covered his entire body.

The faceless one collided with the thorny vines and screamed in pain. The elven sentinels then soon followed up their attacks on the faceless one. Charon could only try and suck the faceless one's health bit by bit as it only released physical attacks which he is vulnerable from.

Levin Cloud used his unique constitution and turned into vines and escaped via the ground. He then appeared a few meters away which prompted Kanlaon to fire of its breath towards the faceless one.

"I always wanted to do this." Levin Cloud stated as it is now time for him to use the skill unlocked by his weapon.

"God's Agent!" Levin Cloud stated as his weapon that is a pendulum suddenly transformed into a sword made up of holy energy.

Chapter 478 - Escape The Pocket Dimension II

Levin Cloud managed to reach the source of the enormous life energy. He only sensed it when he got close, and he felt the energy of life being used in a particular area. He immediately told Kanlaon to fly towards the area he pointed.

The dragon also trusted his master's friend as he is trusted by their master. Kanlaon picked up the pace and carried both Levin Cloud and Charon. By the time they arrived, Levin Cloud immediately activated Sanctuary to save an elven sentinel.

Levin Cloud also saw the faceless one attacking the group which made him shocked. He thought that his group would fight the elder and the elven sentinels protecting the prophet but that is not the case.

He could more or less deduce that the other elven sentinels were wiped out by the faceless one. He decided that escaping more of a priority which is why he took out the teleportation scroll but the faceless one intervened. He dropped the scroll as he protected himself with a skill that summoned a shield made of thorny vines.

Since the teleportation scroll is no longer in his hands, he had to change to another plan. The pocket dimension is still collapsing but the faceless one is making their escape impossible. He also lost the teleportation scroll somewhere as he could not find it.

"I do not have any other choice but to fight." Levin Cloud thought to himself as he asked for the cooperation of elven sentinels.

"God's Agent!" Levin Cloud stated as a pillar of light descended upon him and his pendulum weapon turned into a sword made of light.

Skill: God's Agent

Tier: Legendary

Type: Awaken and Buff

Effect: For a given duration, your Devotion stat will become the Devotion Gauge. Your attacks will become long range and will inflict holy attribute damage to those affected. You will also have 100% increased mana regeneration and health regeneration.

The user will also be immune to status ailments for the duration of the transformation. The duration can also end early as soon as the gauge is completely used up. If the bearer of the skill manages to hit an enemy for three consecutive strikes, the enemy will be rooted for 0.5 seconds.

Duration: 10 minutes or Devotion Gauge is completely used up.

Cooldown: 48 hours

Cast Time: 1 second

Mana Cost: 15, 000 Mana Points

Levin Cloud has about 75,000 in terms of Devotion because of the two gods he worships. Since he has yet to become the Envoy of the Twin Gods, he still gets half the Devotion from doing quests for the God of Death. He still managed to reach the 75,000 Devotion stats though because of his hard work.

He is 75,000 Devotion stats away from gaining the access to the synchro skill that they received as a reward from the twin gods. Levin Cloud's form is something akin to a heavenly being as he is coated in a bright gentle light. He also has a halo floating above his head, but it is more of the style of a wreath.

His weapon that is a pendulum became a sword made of light with the handle having a guard for his hand. With a swing of the sword, a wave of holy light came out to strike the faceless one. The faceless one's body became seared by the sword wave as the holy element is detrimental to it.

The faceless one screamed in pain as the damage took 2% of its health. Levin Cloud used 1000 Devotion Gauge points for that attack, and it is worth it. He could finish off the faceless one with less than forty attacks since it is already damaged.

The problem is that Levin Cloud is not used to using this skill because he usually uses support characters. He did use a Paladin once on an old game but the Paladins gameplay that he knows does not use long range attacks. The elven sentinels and the soulbounds did not idle as they supported Levin Cloud in killing the faceless one.

The faceless one is now embroiled in a battle against the group which it did not expect. When it tries to attack the prophet, the dragon would use that chance to catch it off guard while the undead would suddenly transport her to who knows where.

Since Levin Cloud's attack speed is not that fast, his succeeding attacks could barely touch the faceless one since it is quite fast. The elven sentinels could follow its movements, so Levin Cloud

managed to land another attack. Each of Levin Cloud's attacks applies a sharp cross wound on the faceless one.

When his third attack landed on the faceless ones, the cross shaped wounds glowed in a bright light and suddenly rooted the faceless one in place. The 0.5 second root might be short in duration but that is enough for the elven sentinels to get a few attacks in. It also made Levin Cloud hit another sword wave at the faceless one.

The faceless one started to get agitated as it could not overwhelm its enemies using speed. Its body started to change in mass once more and a hulking figure replaced his sickle armed transformation. The faceless one now has four gigantic muscular arms, and its body is also large.

It became easier to hit due to its increased size, but it could fling an elven sentinel with one swing of its arm. Levin Cloud and Vitae took on a supporting role due to the increased damage that the team is getting. They thought that they would certainly die here but something emerged from the shadow of the faceless one that bit its shoulder.

The faceless one is bitten by none other than Sirius. The bitten area is bleeding profusely, and it could not heal immediately. Sirius is affected by the buff of the Night King which is why his attacks are very hard hitting.

The faceless one managed to catch Sirius and pin it to the ground. The faceless one tried to pummel Sirius to the ground, but it noticed that the large wolf is not getting damaged. The damage that Sirius is taking right now is being soaked by Dodu that is a few meters away.

Another healing light is then released, and the target is Anastacia. It seems that she is closer than anticipated but Sirius is one of the reasons they arrived faster. If one looked at Anastacia, the clothes she is wearing, and her hair has a look that she travelled using an open cabin train at full speed.

"Sorry, I am late. Is Equinox here?" Anastacia asked as she healed the elven sentinels.

"He is still not here. He must have been sent to a faraway area. Good thing that you manage to arrive. Can you support us with healing magic? My skill would be wasted if I used the gauge points in heals." Levin Cloud stated as he focused on the offensive.

"No problem. We have no hard hitter right now so we need all the damage we can get." Anastacia replied.

Anastacia looked at Levin cloud and saw that he is covered in light like a film. Anastacia then situated herself beside Vitae as Levin Cloud went closer to the faceless one. Levin Cloud managed to land three more hits which rooted the faceless one in place once more. The elven sentinels and the soulbounds launched a barrage of attacks as soon as the faceless one is rooted.

The faceless one is now being battered by its enemies and its body is bleeding. The wounds are not even healing due to the intensity of the status ailment. The faceless one once again morphed into a different form as it judged that it cannot win with the form it took.

The faceless one morphed into a quadruped monster with two sword like wings and a pointy tail. It also has a multitude of sharp teeth but still no facial features. The wounds on its body disappeared while it became faster than the first form but retaining the strength of the second form.

The quadruped faceless one dealt with Sirius first as it bit his neck and flung him to a floating island. Kanlaon immediately went to fetch Sirius as he looked gravely injured. The quadruped

faceless one then roared and reduced the stats of every being that heard it. Even Dodu that does not have ears managed to get his stats reduced.

One by one, the quadruped faceless one dealt with the elven sentinels, but it did not kill them. The quadruped faceless one only incapacitated them and headed towards Vitae. Levin Cloud tried to block but the two sword like wings managed to cut through the sword wave he generated.

Charon sensing that Vitae is in danger stood in front of her to block the faceless one. Charon used its coffin to bash the faceless one. The faceless one got hit and got disoriented. The faceless one is about to move again when a giant mouth suddenly swallowed it whole. Dodu even burped.

Chapter 479 - Escape The Pocket Dimension III

Dodu swallowed the quadruped faceless one when it was hit by Charon. The elven sentinels, Vitae and Adrian's two companions all stared wide eye. The enemy they were having difficulty defeating is actually taken care off by the squishy thing in front of them.

The elven sentinels have no recollection of the thing that swallowed the faceless one because they were not born yet when the extermination of slimes happened. The elven sentinels could guess the origin of the liquid monster in front of them, but they are not a hundred percent sure.

They thought that everything is safe, and they could now escape but Dodu suddenly started to jiggle violently. Levin Cloud asked Dodu if everything is fine, but the slime only showed a disgruntled expression. A few seconds later, Dodu vomited out the faceless one that now looks like a flaming ball of fire.

The others thought that Dodu used a spell, but it is none other the faceless one. Dodu severely inflated because of the effects of what the faceless one did. The faceless one basically morphed itself into an entity without a physical body per se.

Faceless ones do not choose to transform into beings without tangible bodies because of one reason. They cannot sustain the incorporeal form for too long and they could lose the feeling of having a tangible body. In other words, their bodily constitutions are not in line with beings like elementals.

The faceless ones can still eat the souls of these incorporeal beings. The faceless one transformed itself to a fire elemental that it once devoured as it noticed it is being digested by a slime. The faceless one is not ignorant that the monster that swallowed it is a slime because it has lived since that time that slimes are being purged.

Since it knew the weakness of the slime race, the faceless one used the immense heat that it can produce but it also gambled using its life. The faceless one could care less for its own life, but it must fulfill its mission to kill the Prophet of Life.

The faceless one is given a mission by its own god directly. That mission is to kill the Prophet of Life that it is currently guarding. It has been doing this duty for about five hundred years and it would also secretly assassinate the prophet of life when that individual becomes more powerful.

In fact, it is the reason why the previous two prophets died unexpected deaths. It is never pinned down on it because the faceless one would only kill the twin half of the prophet of life. This is the reason it cared for or more accurately kept the other twin alive.

The faceless one did not report this particular information to the council of elders but kept it to itself. It was given the task to ensure that the Church of Life will not interfere in the business of the faceless ones. The only thing different now is that the prophets this time around are more powerful than it thought.

The faceless one tried killing the two children off with their parents at the start, but the prophet of death awakened his powers at that moment and killed the 'thieves'. Due to that event, the prophet of life awakened as well, and the elders of the Church of Life sensed the rich and bountiful aura that the prophet released.

Vitae at that time made the flowers bloom at the hill they were living while calming down the rampant powers of her brother. The faceless one disguised as the elder told the other elders to get both of the kids but only really care for the Prophet of Life. The other elders did not know that the prophet's brother is the Prophet of Death which is why they agreed.

The faceless one pulled off its scheme and decided to kill the prophet of death when no one is looking. It then encountered a problem. The prophet of death could feel the killing intent it would release whenever it wanted to do the deed.

Mortem would then release a thick layer of death energy that made the faceless one back off as it would die if it got caught up in that. The faceless one then turned its attention to the Prophet of Life herself, but she is guarded by the elven sentinels all the time.

The perfect opportunity came for the faceless one when intruders took away the prophet of death. The faceless one thought that all the elven sentinels would move out to chase the culprit, but the elven sentinels only got stricter in guarding the prophet of life. Vitae also did not make a fuss like she always does which made the faceless one doubt if she changed.

It is then it received the oracle from its god to kill the prophet of life. It no longer cared for its life and decided to throw it away in the service of its god. It no longer cared of its well being and threw its life just to kill Vitae which is why it has no qualms transforming into an elemental.

"Why are you doing this!?" The elven sentinel leader as it tried to see if the faceless one formed some sort of emotional connection to them. After all, it has posed as an elder for years now.

"Did you really think that I have emotional attachment for lesser species like you? Everything is for our control and enjoy as our god pleases!" The faceless one rambled in its fanaticism and undying devotion to its dark god.

The elven sentinel did not ask the faceless one without a cause as he needed a chance to activate the spell engraved on his sword. The faceless one did not notice as it is still intoxicated in the feeling of revering its dark god. It seems the distraction is successful.

The five elven sentinels with the help of Levin Cloud attacked the faceless one all at once. The faceless one effortlessly dodged all the attacks as it morphed into its most powerful form. The faceless one is no longer wasting its time as it could feel its form becoming difficult to control due to transforming into an incorporeal being.

"It turned into an Asura!" Anastacia shouted as fear crept up in her face.

The faceless one transformed into a two headed Asura which is a boss monster in the eastern continent. An asura is often described as the eastern demon and is an evolution of the monster called oni. The only difference is that asuras should only have one head.

The two headed asura seemed to emit an aura that made them feel fear and their attacks all failed due to it. Kanlaon and Sirius managed to get back into the fight, but the latter is seriously injured. Even Kanlaon is also seriously injured because of saving Sirius from doom.

Kanlaon pushed itself to the limits as Sirius made a free fall from being flung by the faceless one. They hit numerous floating islands along the way, but the ever-changing gravity made them get hit by more. The asura spared no expense and charged its way to Vitae.

Dodu could not move because of getting weakened from the internal attack so Charon defended her and Anastacia. As Charon is about to pull them into his coffin, the two headed asura faceless one ignited its sword and thrust it in Charon's chest. The Lifeless Lord did not expect the attack to kill it in one strike.

Seeing what happened to their brother, Sirius and Kanlaon pushed their bodies and attacked the faceless one. They managed to damage it greatly before ultimately dying due to tanking too much damage. It seems that the attack of the faceless one has both physical and magical properties.

The elven sentinels saw this and decided that running is better than fighting it. The faceless one seems to be damaged greatly and tired from the fight. Levin Cloud and Anastacia agreed as their main damager got killed. The elven sentinel leader took Vitae, and they once again ran for their life.

Before they ran for their life and try escaping the faceless one, a loud explosion sounded and the stable black hole on the horizon rumbled. The black hole became stronger in suction force and it seemed to be coming closer than ever. This prompted the group to try and escape faster.

Levin Cloud and Anastacia used every crowd control skill in their arsenal to stop the faceless one. They all ran for their lives as not only the faceless one is chasing them but also the black hole is closing in on them. Dodu, who is limply lying on the ground, also used the last of its strength to buy time for the people. It was then they heard a voice.

"Quantum Dispersion!" the voice stated and the faceless one got sent flying towards the direction of the black hole.

Chapter 480 - The Pocket Dimension Collapses

Adrian is almost close to his destination as he could feel the life energy in the distance. He is only a few minutes away from it or so he thought as distance is difficult to calculate in a collapsing dimension. He is no longer even killing the mobs that he is encountering.

While Adrian is carefully threading the area with great haste, a system notification suddenly popped up in front of his face.

[Your soulbound, Dodu, is currently in a weakened state.]

Upon seeing the system notification, he immediately increased his speed more despite his stamina dropping rapidly. The system notifications that followed after a few minutes is not the news that he wanted to read.

[Your soulbound, Charon has been defeated. Your soulbound's soul will now return to you.]

Adrian then felt a rush of energy return to him, and another system notification popped up.

[Your soulbound, Charon, has returned to its soul chamber. Charon is now resting for it to be summoned again when the summoner wishes.]

Adrian did not like the system notification that he received. He knew that Charon could not be easily defeated unless the enemy is very strong. He ruled out the possibility that Charon is attacked alone because Charon could escape by becoming incorporeal for a period of time.

His hunch would be that they encountered a boss monster that is far stronger than Charon. He could even speculate that Charon got mixed up with one of his two companions. That would mean that they encountered an enemy they could not defeat.

Adrian's fears grew even bigger as the succeeding system notifications broke his heart. The fear that he felt from seeing the succeeding system notifications are what changed his mindset.

[Your soulbound, Sirius has been defeated. Your soulbound's soul will now return to you.]

[Your soulbound, Kanlaon has been defeated. Your soulbound's soul will now return to you.]

The two system notifications made Adrian pick up his pace even more. He no longer cared if he broke the delicate nature of the pocket dimension which is why he unfurled his wings and directly interfered with the energies of the pocket dimension. The souls of the two returned to their soul chambers like Charon.

Adrian did not know that his choice would later affect the stability of the pocket dimension even more. The black hole in the horizon proceeded faster than before but he did not pay attention to it. He used his mastery of spatial magic to forcefully break through which not only drained his stamina greatly but also his mana.

By the time that Adrian arrived at the location, he saw Dodu sacrificing itself to protect a group of people. This made Adrian overlook the fact that he only has about 10% of his total mana. Dodu's soul also returned back to its soul chamber.

[Your soulbound, Dodu has been defeated. Your soulbound's soul will now return to you.]

"Quantum Dispersion" Adrian chanted without evaluating the threat.

The spell immediately took effect and blasted the faceless one towards the direction of the black hole. Adrian immediately descended but the elven sentinels aimed their weapons towards him. They are now in full defense mode because the demon that took the prophet's brother has returned.

The elven sentinels are wary but rather relieved that the demon blasted the faceless one away. The faceless one dropped down into the abyss and they guessed that it finally died or at least unable to attack them. Another threat is eliminated but another one has sprung up.

Vitae upon seeing Adrian land immediately ran towards him. He could see the pure life energy that Adrian is emitting. Levin Cloud is also like him, but Adrian's life energy is being complemented by his death energy which is why Vitae is attracted to it. She sees Adrian's energy composition as something she and her brother could do.

The elven sentinel leader immediately blocked Vitae from reaching her hand towards Adrian. The elven sentinel leader pointed his sword towards Adrian. The others did so but Levin Cloud and

Anastacia came close to Adrian and greeted him. They are wary of Adrian but at the same time they realized this calming aura he radiated.

"It seems you were flung to a faraway place. We almost thought that you died or escaped on your own." Levin Cloud stated in a joking manner.

"It is great that you arrived at the right time. You were like a hero descending to the scene when it is the most crucial." Anastacia stated as she smiled a little.

"Sorry about that. If I knew that we would be flung to different areas, then I would have made us all hold hands." Adrian stated as he bowed towards the two.

"You do not need to apologize. At least, you managed to open a portal for us to enter from." Anastacia stated and Levin Cloud nodded his head.

"If you encountered the prophet then why did you guys not escape with her? I already gave you guys teleportation scrolls that can be used to send a large group to the destination of their choosing." Adrian stated but Levin Cloud suddenly got embarrassed.

"I lost mine when the faceless one suddenly focused on me. I do not know where it got flung to. Sorry about that. Hehehe!" Levin Cloud stated with an embarrassed smile. He knew that they will not fault him for his blunder but an important item like that should have been expensive.

"I still have mine." Anastacia stated as she also got embarrassed. She actually forgot that she had the teleportation scroll as the battle with the faceless one kept her on her toes. She is not a person that would abandon a comrade in arms.

"Anyways with that scroll alone, we should be able to get out of this collapsing pocket dimension." Adrian stated to which the elven sentinels heard their conversation because they are actually listening to the exchange between the three.

The elven sentinels did not loosen their guard, but the black hole is still coming closer. They are weighing their options of escaping from the three or entrusting their safety to them like what they heard in the conversation.

"I trust them." Vitae suddenly stated which surprised the elven sentinels.

"Prophet Vitae, it is not wise to trust a demon. They only bring death and destruction. They like to toy with human life for their amusement because they got nothing to do with their immortal lives." One of the elven sentinels stated.

"You all talk about the demons is like this or like that, but have you ever even encountered demons? Have you engaged in a conversation with them for you to judge their lives? Do you even know what demons are like in the real world?" Vitae argued.

"That...I...The elders always warned us of these things. You are too important for the world than you think you are. You will lead the next generation for all of the living beings to flourish." An elven sentinel argued.

"That is what is wrong with your statement. You have based your observations on what other people have told you. One of the elders that you speak highly about is actually a monster in disguise trying

to kill me. Yet you have the right to tell me not to trust a demon that saved us from that monster." Vitae argued to which the three players started to clap as if they are proud of their daughter.

"She is right you know. All that you know of the demons are what your people have written. We all know that everyone is biased but you must experience the world for yourself. You cannot grow as a person if people are shielding you from the world while describing it to their interpretation.

It is not knowledge being passed down but prejudiced that has occurred since the beginning. Individuals like that will not be able to adapt to the situation if it becomes unprecedented." Levi Cloud retorted.

"Sometimes, even you can be very inspirational. I never thought you had it in you." Adrian stated as a joke to lighten the tensed situation.

"I blame you for sending me videos that give inspirational messages. I got hooked and wasted a whole night just watching them." Levin Cloud whispered his reply.

"Nevertheless, we are your only chance of escaping this dimension. The black hole is closing in on us and I bet you people do not have a mode of escape. If you did then you would have already used it since you treated the Prophet of Life like a prized treasure that no one should rob." Anastacia's analysis is exactly on point.

The elven sentinels do not want to admit it, but they cannot escape from the pocket dimension. The elder or the faceless one was the one responsible for opening the portal for them. Now that the faceless one is gone, they have no choice but to hope for a breach to the dimension to appear.

"Let us trust them." Vitae reiterated once more, and the elven sentinels could only sigh.

The elven sentinels decided that they should trust the demon since he is friends with a dryad and an elf. Anastacia handed the scroll to Levin Cloud for him to activate. As the scroll is ripped to about half, elongated arms with sickles at their ends suddenly shot out towards Vitae.

Adrian reacted first and received the attack. The faceless one is back, and Adrian decided to make a choice. Adrian grabbed the elongated arms and flew towards the black hole.

"What are you doing?" Levin Cloud shouted.

"Go! I can take care of myself." Adrian stated as he flew towards the black hole. The group disappeared in a bright light while the pocket dimension finally collapsed with Adrian inside.