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Chapter 651 - Towards Kunlun I

The guards all bowed and unanimously stated her title, "The Mistress of Sound, Yinyue."

A maiden that wearing a beautiful robe with a white hood came out of the broken carriage. The moment Adrian laid his eyes on her, he could clearly feel that this woman is not normal due to the immense energy that she contains.

"It is as if a goddess came down to the world and is currently sealed." Adrian thought as he closely observed Yinyue.

Unlike the usual nobles from the eastern continent that have black hair, her hair is more of a silvery pink that matches well with her delicate looking face and blue eyes. She has the features of a resident of the eastern continent but her eye color and hair color matches that of the people in the central continent.

"I thank the benefactor for helping us in our weakest times." Yinyue bowed but she did not open her mouth, but Adrian could clearly hear a beautiful voice like that of a song.

"Is she?" Adrian was about to ask a question when Fei intervened..

"My friend here is not able to speak so she uses gestures instead." Fei stated as she talks to her friend via sign language.

"Strange. I heard a voice like that of a song though." Adrian muttered which caught the attention of Yinyue.

"You did not mishear benefactor. This is the second time that someone is able to hear my voice apart from my fiancé. You must be very extraordinary that you are able to hear me with ease. Even my fiancé that could hear me has no ability to hear everything that I say using this method." Yinyue replied via her special way of communicating.

"Anyways, it would be very rude for us to not reward you. Tell us anything you need, and we might be able to get it for you." Fei stated as she noticed that Adrian is staring at her friend with curiosity.

"Is that so? Then can you get me a large lightning magic stone?" Adrian stated but the guards and even Fei made difficult expressions.

"That would be difficult even for us. A large lightning magic stone is already considered one of the rarest treasures of the eastern continent. Not to mention, the royal family of the north part of the eastern continent has monopoly of such products." Fei stated as she explained the details why they cannot fetch the stone for Adrian.

"If that is the case then I should be on my way." Adrian stated as he pat Kanlaon to signal it to fly away.

"Wait!" The special voice of Yinyue stated which made Adrian tell Kanlaon to wait.

"Take our emblems instead. With these, you will have access to the other parts of the eastern continent despite being a demon. The southern part of the eastern continent must welcome you

because you are friends with the southern holy beast but that will not be the case for the other parts of the eastern continent." Fei stated as threw something to Adrian.

Yinyue also brought out her emblem and urged Fei to give it to Adrian. Fei got shocked that her friend wanted to give their benefactor his emblem because her emblem is special unlike hers. Yinyue is the Mistress of Sound which is a title only given to the one who cultivated the Sonorous Martial Arts.

She is basically on the level of the so-called Immortals in terms of influence in the eastern continent. People pay respect to her when they see her as she is able to do something that is on the same level as godlike beings.

Adrian took the two emblems and observed their engravings. The emblem that Fei gave has the engraving of a bell, but he could see a black butterfly with Adrian's special eyesight. The emblem that Yinyue gave has the engraving of a golden note.

"Thank you for the gift." Adrian stated.

"If it is not too much to ask but could the benefactor tell us his name and his destination?" Fei asked as she knew that they will be an easy target if they do not ask for help.

"I am called Equinox. The place that I am headed towards is Kunlun as I am going to meet my friend there. If you could have provided me with the large lightning magic stone, then I might not have to." Adrian answered.

"Benefactor Equinox, if it is not much trouble...can we follow behind you on your way to Kunlun as we also have the same destination. We are heading to Kunlun as well since Yinyue has some business there." Fei stated with eyes that are begging. Even Yinyue looked like she is pleading for Adrian to accept the proposal.

"You guys will not be attacked anymore as your special guards have already arrived in the area." Adrian stated which made those who are guarding Yinyue and Fei in secret shudder as they are masters in stealth.

Adrian only noticed them because of Sirius who could sense those in the shadows. Sirius reported to Adrian that ten individuals arrived, but they did not have any hostility towards them which meant they are secret guards employed by Yinyue or Fei's family.

When Adrian said that to Fei and Yinyue, ten shadows came out of hiding and kneeled before Yinyue. They look like martial artists, but their clothes are more for stealth purposes. Even Adrian feels like they are more of an assassin than actual guards.

"Mistress Yinyue, our master has sent us to ensure your safety after you have signaled him of danger." One of the ten guards stated but Yinyue showed a shocked expression when he heard the guard's voice.

"Since all of you seem to be accustomed already, I should get going then." Adrian stated but Fei still wanted Adrian to travel with them.

"If it is alright with the Benefactor, can we tail you from behind?" Fei asked as she wanted another assurance since she does not know who will attack them next.

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"If you want to tail me then that is fine. Although, I will not promise to stop for you guys if you lag behind." Adrian stated as he pat Kanlaon on the head and signaled him to head to Kunlun.

"Thank you very much." Fei stated.

The warriors that guarded Yinyue has been refreshed which meant that they can proceed running. Yinyue, on the other hand, is a delicate flower and needed to be carried. She was carried by the guard that spoke to her and she blushed from the interaction..

Fei also did not bother running as she summoned a black spider and rode it. Adrian told Kanlaon to fly normally and not in his so-called booster mode as he would be sure that Yinyue's group will never be able to keep up with that flying speed.

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"Are you fine, my love?" The guard asked Yinyue and the latter blushed.

"Lord Li, why did you fetch me yourself?" Yinyue answered using her special way of communicating.

"When the charm that I gave you broke, I immediately followed the trail that it has provided me with haste. I just did not expect that the distance would be this far from Kunlun which is why I was a bit late." Li replied as worry is still painted on his face.

"We are lucky enough that we encountered Benefactor Equinox or else I might have been finished by now." Yinyue replied.

"Do not say something so heartbreaking." Li stated as he expressed his sadness.

"These two lovebirds...I can hear your conversation. Their actions remind me of how my parents concern flirt." Adrian muttered as he laid back on Kanlaon's head.

"How did you guys get spotted when you were travelling incognito? I even gave you a charm that we received from a great charm master." Li asked.

"We were travelling safely for about three days when suddenly the charm lost effect when we reached the forest. Bandits also suddenly appeared and attacked us without us even noticing. My guards fought bravely but some still fell. I feel saddened that I will deliver the sad news to their families." Yinyue replied with a sad smile as half of her guards died in the skirmish.

"They have done a great service and their families will be taken care of as long as I am alive. Without their noble sacrifice, my beloved will no longer be able to hold me like this." Li stated as he slightly tightened his embrace on Yinyue which made the latter go beet red.

After their short conversation, Li caught up to Fei and asked about the demon that saved them. Li wanted Yinyue to rest as he wanted her to calm herself down. Li asked Fei on her opinion on the demon that they are currently following.

"What do you think of him?" Li asked Fei.

"I am very thankful to Benefactor Equinox as he saved us from the bandits. I have noticed that he did not help us too much but moderated the enemies that came to us. I would not have been able to protect Yinyue from bandits that wanted to kill her." Fei answered with great honesty and even Li could feel the sincerity in her reply.

"Why did you think he helped you? I know demons protect the realm from threats of the Abnormals but they do not help mortals in their struggles. They tend to let fate decide on how the mortals will live or die.

The only thing important to them is that the realm will still be standing even if only 10% of the mortal population is alive." Li stated as he knew about the habits of demons from his family records.

"He could see my butterfly mark on my arm which means he is somewhat related to my clan. The only thing that I do not know is how is he related to my clan. The only thing that I know is that it was a demon that saved our clan from extinction back then." Fei stated which made her suddenly look at Adrian.

All the descriptions about the demon that helped her clan in ancient times match Adrian's look. Fei wanted to speak but decided not to as she is having a difficult time believing the thing that she just discovered.

"What is wrong? Something is bugging your mind." Li asked Fei and Yinyue also showed concern.

"Demons can manipulate time, correct? Is it possible for them to go back to the past and rewrite history?" Fei asked but Li shook his head.

"From what my grandfather told me, demons are able to manipulate time, space and force but they are also restricted. My grandfather told me about a demon that could manipulate time like water but the best he could rewind time would be an hour.

Also, they are not allowed to mess with reality. They are the ones that protect this world and if they could really do that then they should have erased every threat in the world by now. Yet here we are in the eastern continent where chaos is the normal." Li stated with depressed eyes.

"You are right. Maybe Benefactor Equinox is a descendant of that demon which is why they mostly look the same." Fei stated as she erased the thought on her mind.

"You do not need to worry about Benefactor Equinox, my beloved. He has a pure heart and clear heart if he did not then he would have fainted when I used my ability. The only thing that we need to worry about is the person that came after my head." Yinyue stated as she suddenly looked serious.

"You are correct. The charm should not have lost effect that early unless another charm master is nearby that disabled it. Did you feel the presence of someone powerful when the charm effects vanished?" Li asked but Yinyue shook her head as she was occupied with activating the hiding charm once again when it lost effect.

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The way to Kunlun is smooth due to the monsters being dealt with by the guards that came to Yinyue's rescue. Adrian did not need to step up and just happily accepted the experience points being showered to him albeit it is not a large amount.

Adrian also learned a lot about the types of job classes in the eastern continent. The only difference with the job classes in the eastern continent with the central continent is how they progress.

In the central continent, skills are provided via levels, but those skills are not that powerful in the start. The mastery will rise in time with repeated use of the skill, but it will start off as a weak skill. In the eastern continent, skills that are previously obtained must be mastered first before moving to another skill, but the skills are powerful from the start.

The skills in the eastern continent follow the progression of those in wuxia novels where they must cultivate in a sense. They do not need to meditate or something like that but through repeated actions without the aid of mana. Even Adrian must admit that they are powerful upon seeing the guards in action.

Even the demons have different skill progression as some skills do not have masteries while some have. Adrian's Vortex for example does not have any mastery bar but he could manipulate the skill to become stronger. It seems that even the skill progression is different based on the area and race that one is from.

"We are almost at Kunlun!" Fei stated as her black spider returned to the scroll that she summoned it from.

Adrian also saw that the map that was given to him by Peridot is also pointing to the right direction. A tall mountain greeted the group. Adrian did not know how to describe it, but he felt that the mountain is alive. He could feel a lot of life energy present on the mountain itself.

"Maybe I could use this place to stabilize my life energy as it is being overpowered by the death energy right now." Adrian thought to himself.

The mountain is covered with mist which made it look majestic and powerful with no signs of life. The group moved forward and is then greeted by a bustling place that is filled with different types of people.

The sound of civilization woke up Adrian from his deep thought and he sealed his soulbounds because of the attention that he was getting. The secret guards also disappeared except for the one that carried Yinyue.

Kunlun's lower area is bustling with activity and the townspeople looked happy. There are even some practitioners who are flying by stepping on their swords. The children of the city can often be seen imitating these martial arts practitioners with smiles on their faces.

"I guess this is farewell. We have arrived at Kunlun." Adrian stated as he needed to find Peridot as she was already in the city. She has been waiting for Adrian to arrive before about an hour ago.

"Benefactor Equinox, why don't you head to the governor's office with us and wait for your acquaintance there. The governor might even reward you for saving Sister Yinyue from danger." Fei stated.

"Is he going to give me that large lightning magic stone if I ask him for that?" Adrian stated which made the guard cough like he just choked on food.

"Even I think that the governor does not have that kind of money. Still, he is the governor of this lower district which means that he is very wealthy and powerful. He might even know how to procure what you seek or where to find it." Fei replied.

"I am already imposing on both of you too much as you already gave me such precious emblems. But I am curious, why did you say governor of the lower district?" Adrian asked as he did not know of the structure of Kunlun.

"The lower district refers to the lowest level of Kunlun. Kunlun is divided in two three districts which are lower, middle, and upper. Although the lower district is the most common area, the governor of each district must come from the upper district." A familiar voice stated just behind Adrian.

"It is good to see you too, Peridot." Adrian stated as he turned his back to see his friend.

"A Ryujin!" Fei exclaimed in shock as she rarely sees Ryujin mingling with those of the lower district.

"It seems that my friend is already here and with a guard as well. I did not know that you are this delicate to need a guard." Adrian stated which shocked Yinyue's group.

Yinyue's group got shocked because no one would ever dare to say these words to a Ryujin in the eastern continent. Those that even dare would get their entire clan destroyed within one night. Even Peridot's guard did not look happy with Adrian's choice of words.

"I wanted to come alone but my master insisted that I bring him or else she would not let me come here." Peridot stated.

"If that is the case then that is fine as well. We should go now since I have kept you waiting. Farewell." Adrian stated as he bid farewell to Yinyue's group that is still a bit stunned.

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"Are you sure that your Benefactor is not actually a big shot? I talked to him casually earlier?" Li stated as he remembered that he answered Adrian's questions in a casual tone.

"It also seems that the Ryujin he is acquainted with is not normal. Only Ryujins that are considered 'Royalty' have a Demonic Monkey guard to accompany them. It seems that we are lucky that Benefactor Equinox is laid back and kind. If he is not like that then your position as governor would be gone by today." Fei stated as she saw the backs of the three leaving.

"Do not worry. Fate has let us meet him which means that fate will also let us meet him again in the future." Yinyue stated.

"Do not say something troublesome. Him riding a dragon is already making me faint." Li stated as he escorted the two girls back to his estate.

Chapter 654 - Mt. Thunder

"So, how did you meet the Mistress of Sound?" Peridot asked as even she knows important persons in the eastern continent.

Peridot even knows her by face because she is often invited to her master's parties just to play music. She is under the protection of the Ryuji because they fancy her talent and understanding of music. She did not talk to her, but she remembered that Yinyue played such heavenly music.

"Her carriage was attacked by bandits, and I just happen to pass by the area." Adrian stated but Peridot looked at him with disbelief.

"You are not the type to help someone willingly unless they are your friends, or you feel pity for them. At least, that has been your usual reaction, but you are always a softie and end up helping others albeit small." Peridot stated as she remembered times where Adrian would help strangers with small acts of kindness.

For example, one of the kids were being bullied in plain view of everyone. The others did not want to get caught up with the bullying, so they stayed silent.. Adrian did not stay silent and even shouted that the bullies are shameful for ganging up on one person despite being five in number.

When Adrian said those words, small whispers and judging eyes surrounded the bullies which made them back off. Adrian did not necessarily confront the bullies, but he gave the one being bullied a chance to get away while scaring the bullies away.

"One of them had the mark of an acquaintance which is why I helped them out. There was even a bandit that was a former martial artist, but I managed to beat him with my soulbounds." Adrian replied.

"Why did they want you to go to the governor's office so bad?" Peridot asked.

"It seems that they want me get rewarded but at the same time give me a mission. The attack on Yinyue is not a coincidence after all." Adrian stated.

Adrian is sure that the attack on Yinyue's carriage is not an accident but planned out. All the details point to it, but Adrian did not want to accept a mission to find out the culprit. He is already having difficulty with his missions on the central continent, so he did not want to add another burden on him.

"Why did you not want to accept the mission? The reward should be very good considering the governors are direct disciples of the sage that protects Kunlun.

"I did not accept the mission because I am busy as it is. I am hunting a doll mask after helping Kimat evolve. I should be able to hunt it down by now. Also, did you not see how the governor reacted when I mentioned about him having a large lightning magic stone?" Adrian stated with a smile.

"The governor was there? You mean the guard that was accompanying Yinyue was the governor?" Peridot asked.

"He was. I already knew it the moment they started flirting with each other on the way. I almost wanted burn them down or send them to outer space. Even Fei looked like she wanted to go away from that couple. Anyways, who is your companion for our little excursion?" Adrian replied.

"Oh! I forgot to introduce him. His name is Saru and he is my guard for our outing today. He is a newly appointed guard so be easy on him. He is very diligent and a great combatant, so he is very reliable." Peridot stated which made Saru shy.

"Mistress!" Saru stated as he got shy from the praise.

"I am Saru of the Demonic Monkey Brigade. Pleasure to meet a friend of the Mistress." Saru stated as he slightly bowed towards Adrian.

"Although, it seems that he is not the only one though." Adrian muttered softly as he could feel the gazes of two other people that is much more powerful than Saru.

"Did you say something?" Peridot asked as she did not catch what Adrian said.

"Ah! I asked you where we will be going to find the Large Lightning Magic Stone. I am not that familiar with the eastern continent so please be my guide for today." Adrian stated but Saru heard what he said which made the latter increase his evaluation.

"We are going to Mt. Thunder for that large lightning magic stone that you want." Peridot replied with a large smile, but Adrian felt goosebumps when he heard it.

"Do not tell me that we will mine for that stone ourselves?" Adrian asked as that is the face that Peridot makes when she wants things done.

"No...it is not we but you. You are the one that needs the stone. I will go there to improve my lightning magic as I am not able to easily control its direction." Peridot stated as she had a pumped-up face.

"If I knew this would be happening then I would have resorted to sneaking inside of the Azure Dragon Palace." Adrian stated with a heavy sigh while he noticed that the gazes of the people often landed on them as they are an unusual pair.

"We really are getting a lot of attention though." Adrian added.

"If that is what you are worried about then worry not. Veiled Mist!" Peridot stated as mist suddenly came out of her clothes and covered the three of them.

The citizens of Kunlun that are looking at them previously got shocked upon the creation of mist and the disappearance of the three. In the end, the people of Kunlun ended up gossiping about a demon and a Ryujin walking together for the whole day.

"Nice skill although it must be difficult to maintain." Adrian stated seeing that Peridot's mana started to decrease at a fast rate.

"It is but I can keep this up until we are out of town. This skill is very useful if you want to escape from enemies or from your master's training." Peridot stated which made the two friends laugh at her antics.

"I bet your master is furious every time that you vanish like this." Adrian stated as this was the skill that Peridot got from the dark god raid.

Chapter 655 - Kind Of Dragon

Peridot cancelled her skill since they already reached the outskirts of the lower district. They safely arrive outside of Kunlun and headed towards the north. The eastern continent is smaller compared to the central continent but the dangers that pose in these lands is much greater.

In the eastern continent, monsters that have attained intelligence on par with humans are rampant. They are also excellent soulbounds which is why summoner players love to go to the eastern continent for rare monsters. The only problem is that monsters that have attained intelligence are rare with a rate of appearing at one in a thousand.

"We will arrive at Mt. Thunder in about a day if we travel just by walking. I know that you cannot teleport to an area that you have not visited which is why I chose the safest route" Peridot stated.

"It is not that I cannot transfer us to an area but there are many anomalies or dangers that may happen. I can transfer us to the coordinate location via the stratosphere but that will not be good for our guard friend here.

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He might burn up from the entry, and we might get attacked upon descent. The eastern continent is famous for monsters with high intelligence after all and it will not do us any good if we die before landing." Adrian argued as he has control of his abilities...almost.

"Your best friend mentioned that he almost got roasted by the scorching heat. You were fine but he had to apply layers of protection on him just to survive. I might be a Ryujin but I do not want to test this body when it comes to natural threats." Peridot stated with great rejection.

"If that is the case then we have just one option left. Greater Summon: Kanlaon!" Adrian stated as he summoned Kanlaon.

Kanlaon appeared from the magic circle in his full form that dwarfed even Adrian at this point. It seemed that Kanlaon is growing bigger as he gets more levels now. Saru immediately cowered and bowed upon seeing a real dragon that looks like a Ryujin in its dragon form appear.

"Let us go." Adrian stated as he flew towards Kanlaon's head.

"Ooh! Its Kanchie. It has grown much bigger than before. What are you even feeding it?" Peridot asked as she pet Kanlaon's head.

"This is Kanlaon's actual size as he usually appears smaller because being a large target is not a great idea. He also conserves energy when he appears smaller than his real form, so his attacks become more powerful to an extent." Adrian stated as Peridot jumped towards Kanlaon's head.

"What are waiting for Saru? Come on and get here." Peridot said to Saru but the latter vehemently shook his head.

"Do not worry, Mistress. I have my own form of transportation through flight. I would not dare seat on a great beast's head." Saru stated as he whistled, and something came down from the sky.

When Saru whistled, a literal cloud came down from the sky. It tore itself from a large cloud formation and descended to where Saru was. The Demonic Monkey guard sat on the cloud like it was an actual solid thing. Adrian's eyes are sparkling as it looked like what an anime protagonist would have.

"Is that the famed Nimbus Cloud of the Demonic Monkey Brigade? Why is its color white when the general has a golden one?" Peridot asked as this is the first time that she saw Saru's Nimbus Cloud.

"I dare not to be compared to the general, Mistress. The color of the cloud becomes golden if the owner is really strong as it reacts to our power. It is like an extension of our self that is not part of our body but of nature." Saru answered proudly.

"How can I have one?" Adrian asked as he suddenly got interested but Peridot looked at him with judging eyes.

"Seriously, you have a freaking dragon, yet you want a cloud?" Peridot stated with judging eyes.

"Kanlaon would always be cooler, but you must never underestimate a man's dream." Adrian stated with bravado.

"You mean a little boy's dream. Kanchie, let us go as your master is losing his mind on a shining brand-new toy." Peridot stated and Adrian is shocked that Kanlaon actually agreed.

Kanlaon flew at his usual speed and Saru easily followed which made Adrian curious on how that cloud operates. He could actually see a tiny wisp of a soul flickering inside of the cloud which is why he is curious. Looking like an anime protagonist is just something of a bonus to him.

"But I am curious, how do you get one?" Adrian asked as Saru is flying right beside them.

"I am sorry to disappoint you, Master Equinox. Only those of our race can control such things as it is in our nature. I believe that it will be impossible to get one for you as we need extensive training to even control one." Saru answered with respect as he saw Adrian in control of a great beast.

"I see. Thank you for answering but you can remove the Master title as I am a bit uncomfortable about it." Adrian stated but Saru just bowed without replying.

"He is just like that as respect is a must for the Demonic Monkey Brigade. Anyways, I am curious about Kanchie. Is he really an eastern dragon like me?" Peridot asked as she knows that she does not completely resemble Kanlaon.

"In fact, I do not know as I got him as an egg. I do not know who his parents are or are they still alive. One thing that I know is that Kanlaon is not purely an eastern dragon because of what those two dragons told me after defeating the dark god." Adrian answered.

"What did they tell you?" Peridot asked.

"They said that Kanlaon is qualified to go and participate in the Festival of the Dragon King as he had the blood of their kind. I had that mission way before, and I thought that it would fail but it is still registered. It seems that the special festival is like an event that needs to be unlocked." Adrian stated.

Chapter 656 - Arriving At Mt. Thunder

"Does that mean that Kanlaon has the blood of a western and an eastern dragon?" Peridot asked but Adrian could not answer as it is not stated on Kanlaon's status.

"It is actually not that odd, Mistress. Something like that happens as some of the Ryujin are invited to the Festival of the Dragon King." Saru suddenly stated.

"Really! Can you tell me what this festival is that you speak of?" Peridot asked as she is curious. Since she was a Ryujin, she is very curious about their lifestyle. All she could see in her master's mansion is that they are bored people with nothing to do.

"I do not know the entire details, Mistress. I have not been tasked to guard anyone before as it is always the general that accompanies the delegates. All I know is that there are talks about marriage and such, but it does not happen often.

I heard from the general that this festival is to celebrate the Dragon King which was the first dragon birthed by the Mother of Dragons herself.. The general said that it is like a feast but dragon style." Saru stated.

"I really want to go as it would be nice to see other dragon children. All the Ryujin children in our place all act very respectful and not fun to chat with. They are also too strict on themselves." Peridot grumbled.

"If I may say something unbecoming, Mistress. If the Great Mistress is not your mother, then you might have ended up like the other children." Saru stated as he knows that Peridot is not a classy person.

"I can agree with you on that one. Although, she could act the part but that happens rarely when she is in the mood, or you know who is around." Adrian added which made Peridot slap his left arm.

"Ouch. That hurts you know." Adrian reacted.

"Then that is good." Peridot stated as she sulked.

"If I may ask, Master Equinox. How is it that you radiate an aura of someone dignified? Were you born from great parents?" Saru asked as he noticed the different disposition between the two friends.

"I was born by the world itself unlike Peridot that had to undergo the process of rebirth." Adrian stated as Peridot told them about the process on how she changed races.

Saru became shocked by Adrian's revelation as only special beings get born from the world itself. Adrian only answered what was told to him when he chose his race in the Hall of Armageddon. The information that Adrian gave Saru made him even more respectful than before and proud that the one he serves is close with someone powerful.

"Unlike someone, I was not born to a family that needs to practice high class table manners." Peridot stated using the direct message function for players.

"I cannot say that here in the game world, right? Saru would not understand." Adrian replied.

The path towards Mt. Thunder is not easy as they got attacked a few minutes after their conversation. Bird type monsters and flying insect monsters that eat flesh all attacked them. Thankfully, Saru is a great guard that did not let any of them reach Adrian or Peridot.

If a monster would have reached them, Adrian would immediately shift the gravity and the flying monsters would go crashing down. Peridot would use her excellent control over the water and air elements to freeze the wings of the flying monsters.

They might not have killed the monsters, but they built up their coordination on the way to Mt. Thunder. After an hour of travelling, a large mountain could be seen in the distance that is surrounded by thunderclouds with lightning always striking.

"Can you tell me what exactly Mt. Thunder is?" Adrian asked as he does not know anything about the eastern continent.

"It is a neutral zone that is unpredictable like its name as you cannot predict when thunder will occur or the lightning accompanying it will strike. Even other powerful people do not necessarily claim this area.

Which is why a treaty was formed to make it a training ground for younger generations. There is also a non-aggression pact that forbids any younger generation to attack one another. It is actually surrounded by a great array to prevent anyone that is level 201 and above to enter." Peridot stated.

"An Array Master should be a better version of the Charm Master, correct?" Adrian asked as he has seen what charms could do.

"You are correct. Although, one is vastly different than the other despite having the same skills. A Charm Master could only use paper to create charms while an Array Master is different. The world itself is their canvass which is why they are respected." Peridot replied.

"How many Array Masters are in the eastern continent?" Adrian asked as they might provide him some insight about being a scribe.

"There are currently none as they all vanished suddenly one day during the Great Calamity. No one knows where they could have gone. Even the Ryujins searched for them, but they vanished without a trace. All the arrays in the eastern continent have been set up by the past Array Masters." Saru stated as he was the one that knows of the history.

"It seems that many pinnacle existences vanished at one point, but nobody know how or why it happened." Adrian muttered as even the Noblesse vanished at some point. They did not sacrifice themselves to the realm barrier like the Asmodians.

As the trio were getting near Mt. Thunder, something came flying at them, but it was not a beast. A gigantic boomerang came flying towards them. The giant boomerang did not hit because Saru deflected it using his pole.

"Who dares attack the Mistress of the House of Creation?!" Saru stated in a thundering voice that did not have a hint of respect but full of anger.

"Turn back now while we are giving you face. The Azure Dragon Clan is claiming this area for one week." A voice from the ground stated.

Chapter 657 - Dare To Offend

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"Turn back now while we are giving you face. The Azure Dragon Clan is claiming this area for one week." A voice from the ground stated.

The three of them turned their attention to the one that is speaking. They were a group of five people that had a blue uniform with a dragon insignia. Saru immediately noticed who these people were, and he is not happy with how his Mistress is being treated.

"The Azure Dragon Clan cannot claim this area as this is a zone that belongs to no one. We will forgive you if you beg for forgiveness now or else face the punishment for being disrespectful to my Mistress." Saru stated as he released his aura that even impressed Adrian.

"Is that so? Why should we bow to an illegitimate successor that got the fancy of your bored Great Mistress?" An arrogant sounding woman stated as she also released her aura that is much better compared to Saru but only a little..

"Who is that?" Adrian asked as he could feel that the woman dressed in blue seemed to be someone important.

"She is Lan and is a noble from the House of the Azure Dragon. They are blessed by the Azure Dragon himself for generations which is why they became proud. In my opinion, she is not really talented, but the blessing of the Azure Dragon is what makes her better than normal people." Peridot replied.

"You dare woman! You are not even a successor to your house, yet you dare belittle our Mistress!" Saru stated as his Nimbus Cloud suddenly become darker in color.

"If you want me to beg to take back my word then you must make. If you cannot do so, then scram as our House of the Azure Dragon is claiming Mt. Thunder for one week. Just be a good little girl and return a week later." Lan stated as she planted her sword on the ground.

"Is that so?" Adrian finally spoke up as he could not bear the overbearing character of this woman.

Lan is about to say something when something exploded from Adrian's body that made everyone around them gasp for air. Adrian is releasing his aura at full capacity which meant that he did not hold back his Asmodian presence like he usually does.

Saru, who was angry, is now calm as even he did not expect such a response from Adrian. Saru thought that his Mistress' friend is an easy-going type of person and is kind to the bone. He then remembered that Equinox has a dragon for a mount which meant that he is not just kind but maybe terrifying when angered.

"My lady! Are you alright!?" The hidden guards of the House of the Azure Dragon suddenly appeared to protect Lan.

The hidden guards of the House of the Azure Dragon released their aura to ease the heaviness that their master is experiencing. Lan managed to breath normally once again and Adrian did not mind as he did not really use a skill to damage them.

The array that is set up on Mt. Thunder already affects the area they are in which is why direct confrontation is not advised. The punishment for breaking the rules set by the Array Master would be being banned from the area and having a random curse afflicting them.

The random curse is what made Saru hesitant in attacking because he is scared of being banned. If he gets banned from entering, then his Mistress will surely enter without him and that would mean heavy punishment from the general himself.

"You dare threaten me! You are nothing but a filthy demon who is a pawn of that sorry excuse of a holy beast." Lan shouted as she is definitely losing her wits that a demon made her lose breath just by his aura.

"This is unacceptable, Master Equinox. I must teach them a lesson." Saru told Adrian and Peridot.

"You do not need to worry about that Saru. All we need them is to bow for forgiveness, right?" Adrian stated with a devious smile, but his face became hard when he turned towards the ones mocking them.

"You think we will bow to the likes of you?!" Lan once again provoked Adrian's group.

"Then bow." Adrian stated as he suddenly increased the gravity in the area by a thousand times.

Adrian's serious face made him look like a real demon that tortures people to get what they want. The gravity is so strong that Lan and even her hidden guards had to kneel down. Adrian smiled after Lan's face hit the ground as he already achieves what he set to do despite it being in a short span of time.

"Let us go. They already bowed already." Adrian stated as the gravity in the area returned to normal and his face became smiley again.

"Yes, Master Equinox." Saru answered as even he is shocked by the sudden flip of emotions.

Saru implanted to never anger Master Equinox again as he is reminded of the general when he truly gets angry. An aura that could make even those stronger than him catch for air and a domineering will that looks down on others. Saru thought that he saw a different person for a split second.

"You did not have to overdo it though. You no longer have mana left. Although, I am very flattered that you stuck up for me." Peridot stated.

"If I did not do that then we might have been ejected by the array because you were ready to unleash hell on them. Kanlaon told me that the temperature surrounding us changed suddenly. You scare me the most...nope you are like the third on that list. The first would be my mother then my sister then you. You guys have no chill at all." Adrian stated.

Chapter 658 - What Are They Hiding?

"If you really are scared of me then I suggest that you shut up now. I might suddenly sneeze and get you blown off." Peridot stated with a smile that is not a smile.

"The most important thing right now would be to know the reason why they are claiming the mountain for a week. You said that this is a zone where anyone can come right, and it has been agreed upon by all the powerhouses of the eastern continent?

There must be something inside the mountain that the House of the Azure Dragon must want to have no matter what. Could it be the large lightning magic stone?" Adrian asked as it might be related to his quest.

"Are you kidding me? They would rather but it from you than act this way. This is the reason why some youths want to mine here as the House of the Azure Dragon would pay a hefty amount for those who find a lightning magic stone.

There must be something else that is present in the mountain that is more precious than a large lightning magic stone. That is what we need to find out." Peridot stated..

"Why would we need to find out again?" Adrian stated as his face twisted to a mischievous grin.

"My feelings and your feeling were really hurt earlier. We should let them pay us back the remuneration for emotional damage." Peridot stated as she also had a mischievous smile on her face.

"I suddenly had the goosebumps." Saru muttered to himself as he could now see why Master Equinox and his Mistress are friends.

"Saru, why do you think they are putting their resources in locking the mountain at this time?" Peridot asked as she knew that at least her bodyguard would have an idea.

"I do not know exactly, Mistress. All I know is that the lightning in the mountain intensifies during this timeframe which is why no one dares to go to the peak when it is this season." Saru replied.

"It is decided then. We will go to the peak." Adrian announced which Peridot agreed.

"I think we should be more worried about the people that will come after us. I am pretty sure that the House of the Azure Dragon does not take us kindly for embarrassing one of their members. They would surely try to kill us in the mountain even if they got banned forever." Saru stated.

"You do not have to worry about that Saru as he can revive me if he really dies. Even he can revive himself, I would say that we have a cheat character in our group right now. But promise me that you will runaway if both of us did fall in battle. That is an order from me as you only have one life." Peridot stated as she knows that she can respawn, but Saru cannot.

"I will surely need to return back to the manor alive to meet Mistress from her sleep." Saru promised as he knows that his Mistress is not a normal being because she can come back to life albeit weaker.

As Adrian and his group are gliding to the sky, fierce lightning bolts started raining down on them. They were forced to land as Kanlaon could not easily dodge such fast-lightning bolts. They could no longer take a shortcut to their way to the top and would need to climb the mountain by foot.

"What the heck was that! It felt like the lightning was alive and is actively targeting us. There are no such thing as sentient lightning bolts! Come one!" Adrian screamed but a lightning bolt suddenly hit near his leg which made him clamp up.

"It just means that we cannot go the easy way. Even I have my doubts that the mountain is easily climbed by flying mounts. If that is the case, then the peak would have been easily reached by people. There are not a lot of youths that are able to climb all the way to the peak." Peridot stated as she remembered that the peak is not easily reached.

Those that tried to climb Mt. Thunder surrendered half-way because of the severe weather conditions and the unexpected lightning bolts raining down from the sky. They all gave up because of the severe damage that each lightning bolt possessed.

"Do not worry, Master Equinox. You can definitely mine a large lightning magic stone even at the middle area at this time of year." Saru assured but Adrian wanted to reach the peak.

Adrian suddenly summoned Sirius and told him to swallow them in the shadow realm. Guards from the House of the Azure Dragon suddenly arrived in their location and is definitely searching for someone. They even have their weapons out which meant that they are determined to kill whoever they are searching for.

After the guards stopped searching the area, Adrian and the others came out of the shadow realm as the coast was clear. Adrian could clearly see that the House of the Azure Dragon meant business and they are serious about killing those that do not turn back.

"They were clearly out for blood. Whatever they want to achieve here in this mountain is definitely something very important. They are willing to kill a successor from a prestigious house." Adrian stated but Saru corrected him.

"They would probably take the Mistress as hostage until the week is over, but they would definitely kill the both of us." Saru stated as no one would dare touch the successor for the House of Creation unless they are brain dead.

"Regardless, I am now extremely intrigued on why they are acting like this. The other lords will definitely voice their opinions on this matter." Peridot stated.

"They would have if the opposition were larger. Have you noticed that there were no one except those from the House of the Azure Dragon when we were flying? They definitely bribed those that wanted to enter the mountain for a week. It cannot be a coincidence that no youth from the eastern continent is training here when the conditions are the best." Adrian stated which both Peridot and Saru agreed.

Chapter 659 - Sneaking Inside

"You mean to say that in this mountain filled with random lightning strikes, another group wants to kill us. I like our odds as it makes us feel like the main character in an action movie." Peridot stated but Adrian just looked at her with judgmental eyes.

"It would be better to move deeper inside the mountain for now. If we wait to long for them to stop guarding the entrance, then they might have already achieved what they have come here to do." Adrian stated as he started to execute his plan.

"Spirit Form Manifestation!" Adrian chanted as he applied it to all of five of them as Kanlaon and Sirius are in their human forms.

"Mistress, you look like a ghost!" Saru stated as he could pass his hands on Peridot's arms.

"You mean we, Saru. You are also ghostlike in form as he applied it to you as well." Peridot replied as Saru suddenly felt dumb..

"I do not know what effects the lightning strikes would have if it hit our ghostly bodies. This form is immune to physical damage but would be lifted if we attack or get hit by a magical attack. You cannot be complacent just because they could not see us." Adrian stated.

"Only someone like Lan could see us in a state like this due to the blessing of the Azure Dragon. They have special eyes that could pierce through the veil of mystery and deception. It is one of the perks of being part of their house." Peridot stated.

"Oh...if that is the perks of their house then what about your house?" Adrian asked as it looked like being a part of a 'House' in the eastern continent gave people certain buffs.

"The House of Creation is special because being a part of that means that you can manipulate the elements freely. The buff gives me increased elemental damage and resistance. It is a pretty neat buff if I do say so myself." Peridot answered.

"That is nice." Adrian replied as he clearly is a little jealous of the buff.

They reached the entrance of the mountain but stopped in a corner as they saw Lan at the entrance. She is clearly not happy as she threw a tantrum outside of the mountain. Her screams were so loud that even Adrian could hear her here despite being a good distance away from her.

"She is clearly not happy about what you did. We cannot just enter the mountain if she is there." Peridot stated as she knew that it would be risky to take on that many guards.

"All we need to do is flung her away. I will distract the guards and here while you guys enter the mountain." Adrian stated as he knew of a way to avoid trouble because he has a skill that could displace the location of a certain person.

"Are you planning on showing yourself? That would be too risky as even you would get surrounded eventually." Peridot stated as she worried that Adrian will get killed if he becomes a decoy.

"Who said that I am going to be the decoy? We have a very angry woman that is unhappy with her subordinates. Look at their faces. If we make her disappear to a faraway place, we will make those guards very happy." Adrian stated as he smiled.

"You scare me sometimes." Peridot exclaimed.

"Huh? Did you say something?" Adrian asked as he did not quite hear what she said because he is concentrating.

"Nothing. Just focus on the task at hand. You are doing great." Peridot stated as she put her two thumbs up.

"Paradox, what was the coordinates of the location where I applied the increase in gravitational pull." Adrian asked Paradox.

Saru did not know why Master Equinox would suddenly talk to a floating cube. He knew that the floating cube is the weapon used by Master Equinox, but he did not know that it could actually talk. Weapons that could talk are very rare in the eastern continent as blacksmiths that could create them are difficult to find.

"The location where you applied the increase in gravitational pull is 33 degrees west of your current location. The total range would be 788 meters. Do you wish for me to apply the coordinates to the magic spell, Teleportation?" The Cube of Paradox asked.

"No need as I already set it up. Let us see how much mana I would waste in teleporting an individual that does not want to be moved." Adrian stated as he clapped his hands and the magic circle that he was creating vanished.

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"I told you guys a thousand times that you should not let anyone pass through. You could not find the group of that wannabe Ryujin but you cannot even protect me from that awful magic that the demon used. Why are you people so incompetent?! When we are finished here, I would tell my brother about everything that has happened here and do not blame me if your heads start rolling." Lan shouted at the guards.

Lan kept grumbling on and on about how she was embarrassed by someone inferior to her that the ears of the guards felt like they are already bleeding. She did not even notice the magic circle that suddenly formed beneath her feet as it glowed in a pale blue light.

"My lady! Are you using magic?" One of the guards asked as he pointed out that a magic circle has already formed beneath her feet.

"What are you talking about? We are not in battle and why would I waste my precious energy on you guys!" Lan shouted angrily as she looked to her feet.

The pale blue magic circle started to grow brighter and brighter until one of the hidden guards assigned to her noticed that something is wrong. He started to cast magic that could erase a spell, but he did not make it in time as magic that could erase another magic is not easy to cast. Lan vanished before their very eyes.

Chapter 660 - Inside Mt. Thunder

"Tell me what is happening right now! Who is responsible for this magic spell? If one of you is pranking me then you better believe that..." Lan shouted before she vanished into thin air.

"My lady!" One of the hidden guards stated as he took out something. It seems to be an item that is like a tracking device for Lan.

"Five of you will come with me to track down, our Lady. The rest of you will stay here and guard the entrance so that demon will not come here. I am sure that it was the demon that did that to our Lady. If you find him, do not hesitate to kill." One of the hidden guards stated as he took off to find Lan.

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"Done. It was easy but it took a lot of mana than I expected. Almost half of my mana disappeared from one spell.." Adrian stated as he cast Spirit Form Transformation on himself again.

"Well, let us now go inside the mountain then. The surprise at the top of the mountain is waiting for us." Peridot stated as she strutted towards the entrance of the mountain like a boss.

Adrian's group easily passed through the remaining guards despite their vigilance at the utmost level. The guards did not even see that the ones they wanted to keep out are already at the very

entrance that they are protecting. The guards could only feel a cold breeze pass through them which is not that rare when one comes inside Mt. Thunder.

Upon entering the inside of the mountain, Adrian's group noticed that the inside of the mountain is very bright despite no natural light passing through it. The thing that is responsible for the brightness of the inside of the mountain is a peculiar stone that is dark violet in color.

This particular stone is emitting a faint violet light whenever lightning is passing through it. Adrian did not ask Peridot for her help because she could get around in the eastern continent but because of her special skill to find rare ores.

"Are the stones that are glowing the lightning magic stones?" Adrian asked as he could see electricity pulsating on the stone.

"Nope. Those are called Bulb Ores. It is a unique type of stone that is present in Mt. Thunder that has only one use and that is to serve as light. It absorbs the excess electrical strikes by lightning, and it would use that to light itself up.

Other than being a glorified light bulb, it has no other uses. The only ones using it to light up their homes would be from the northern territory. Lightning magic is very difficult to use which is why only the nobles of the northern territory and a few select individuals choose them as light sources." Peridot explained as she also uses the Bulb Ore as practice tools for Lightning Magic.

The group walked for a few minutes before they realized that there were no monsters inside of the mountain. Even the members of the House of the Azure Dragon are not present in the area that they are in which means that they are already at a higher location.

"Even though they seem to have been pressed for time, they clearly killed all the monsters that are here. That works for us as all we need to do is to find them and see what they want to obtain in the mountain." Peridot stated as the group continued exploring the mountain.

The climb to the top of the mountain is tricky as there is no fixed destination. All the people that want to climb Mt. Thunder must find their own way as it is a trial ground of some sort. The higher that the group ascended the mountain, the higher their chances of encountering monsters became.

"It seems that they evaded the monsters in this area for some reason." Adrian stated.

"If I may explain, Master Equinox?" Saru asked.

"Sure, go ahead." Adrian replied.

"I believe they are trying to conserve time as the monsters in these areas are Spike Shelled Tortoises that is famed for their defense and resistance against lightning magic that the House of the Azure Dragon is famous for. They might have used an incense that could drive away monsters to advance." Saru explained.

"I want to have incense like that. Does it work on irritating older sisters?" Adrian jokingly asked.

"Focus. They surely want the mountain for a week but why would they need to hurry on their exploration. Seven days should be enough time for them to reach the peak." Peridot stated.

"If they are in a hurry then that will only mean that the thing that they want is only available for a specific period of time." Adrian suggested when Saru suddenly remembered something important.

"I think I know what they want in the mountain Mistress." Saru stated as he suddenly remembered that he heard of a story about Mt. Thunder.

"Well, do not leave us hanging here as we do not know of that story that you speak of." Peridot exclaimed as she wanted to hear this story.

Peridot already read about Mt. Thunder from all the books present in the manor's library. She wanted to be prepared for her training and helping Adrian get the large lightning magic stone that he needed. She knew that Mt. Thunder is at its troublesome climate right now but that was all she could find.

"I think it is more of a legend, Mistress. I heard of a story about Mt. Thunder when I was a kid that a beast that controls fire and lightning appears every time the moons are full and bright blue. A beast so fierce that no one could quell the anger in its heart for it is in despair.

Locked in eternity in this lonesome mountain with revenge in its mind. It longs for the days that the chains that bind it to become unwound." Saru stated the whole story of the two of them.