

## O Summoner 851

### Chapter 851 – The Chaotic Springs

"Even we do not know much about the place except that it is located in the far southwest of the continent. It is spoken to us through word of mouth but only vague descriptions about it." The oldest dark elf elder stated as he told Adrian about the details of what he knows.

The Chaotic Springs is said to be a place cursed by the dark gods as it was a place where many of them died. Their miasma polluted the land which is why it does not necessarily follow the laws of nature. It is a place hidden to the world using a special means so that no person will go there.

The place is said to be hidden from the eyes of the world and needs a special map that is also lost from the world. It will forever be hidden from the world unless the forbidden union between one of the Goddesses' favored children comes back from the world.

"By Goddess, do you mean the Goddess of Life Gaea?" Adrian asked.

"No not the Goddess of Life as she loves all life equally. It is the forbidden union between the creations of the Goddess of Light and the Devils. A being that is said to have the power of both ancestry that also brought forth the Giant Race. The Nephilim Race." The dark elf elder stated.

[You have learned one of the most kept secrets of the Church of Light.]

"Are you saying that the Church of Light shunned you and cast you out of society because the elders of the dark elf race knew of this information?" Adrian asked which the dark elf elders nodded.

"Even the dead will speak when it comes to injustice. The former Envoy of Death learned of this fact because her lover was one of them. You will need two things in order to visit the Chaotic Springs. A crest that bears the blessing of the Giants and a map to point you to the correct direction." The oldest of the dark elf elder stated.

"Can you give me details about this map as I already know where to find the giant race anyways?" Adrian asked as he needed more information about the map.

"All I know is that the map has the crest that has a bird wing and a bat wing on the back. The Nephilim Race did fight against the dark gods when invaded back then. One of the Champions that stood the most was a Nephilim that is said to perfectly utilize light and darkness perfectly." The oldest of the dark elf elders muttered.

"By a map having a bird wing and a bat wing, do you mean this one?" Adrian stated as he pulled out an item that he thought that he already forgotten.

[You have taken out the Map of the Fallen.]

"This is it! Where did you get it?" The oldest of the dark elf elders exclaimed in surprise.

"I just luckily found it early on my adventure, but I did not know it was something important." Adrian replied but he hid the details about it being from an undead that once served one of the Asmodians.

"I do not know if this is the real map as there might have been fakes forged. You will need to go to the giant race in order to verify the authenticity of this map. I must warn you that the giants are not really welcoming when it comes to strangers." The oldest of the dark elf elders stated.

"I know. They have never gone down their city high up in the clouds ever since they were shunned by the Church of Light like you guys. Seriously, if the giant race did come from the Nephilim and the Nephilim came from the Angels then the Goddess of Light should have accepted them if she was really all loving like what she is portrayed." Adrian rebuked as he is starting to turn his dislike for the Goddess of Light into hate.

"Not all gods are benevolent as what the legends tell. Some are selfish and the only truly selfless gods are the Twin Gods. After all, all is equal before life and death." The oldest of the dark elf elders stated as he gave Adrian encouragement on his journey in finding the Chaotic Springs.

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"You are going to the land of Giants? I thought the Jotunn live here in the main world and just hidden from the others. You never told me that they are living in a place high above the clouds and you even need to climb a bean stalk just to reach them." Levin Cloud stated as Adrian asked if anyone wanted to come with him.

"The Jotunns are elemental giants. The Giants that I am going to meet are just like bigger humans that is about 30 feet tall. Also, the Jotunns can change their size if they want to because they are proficient in the use of magic while the Giant race as more physically enabled." Adrian replied.

"I cannot join you right now Big Brother. I am a lapdog for Baron Samedi for the moment. Using his power in the competition has accumulated a lot of debt from my side." Creepysoo replied with crying emojis.

"Are you sure that you are not avoiding him because of what you said in the competition? Kekeke." Peridot teased.

"No way! These are giants! Even I want to visit their place, but a certain kingdom prevents access to their place as they are trade partners with them for centuries." Creepysoo replied.

"I cannot accompany you right now as I am searching for the activating the Will of the Wilde with Kabrakan. Peridot is with us by the way." Levin Cloud replied.

"Sorry about that." Peridot stated.

"The old man and little Inaho are still on vacation. They will be online next week if you can wait." Creepysoo replied.

"That is fine. I can do it by myself." Adrian stated but a message suddenly appeared on the chat.

"We are free." Solstice replied with Lycan sending a thumbs up.

"No thanks. I am good.." Adrian replied as he suddenly turned his status to unavailable.

Chapter 852 – The Kingdom Of Suburias

Adrian did not want to get accompanied by the lovebirds as he might actually puke on the way, but they were already in Avalon. In the end, he agreed with their help, but he told them to at least act like he is not air. Their loving atmosphere intensified after they met each other in real life.

"At this point, the only thing left for them to do is get married. Anyways, I will need all the help that I can get around for this mission. Thankfully, I already reached level 200 and unlocked the Limit Break Skill. I also learned a new skill that can affect an area due to my job class." Adrian thought as he waited for Solstice and Lycan to appear.

Adrian is currently waiting for the two lovebirds when he noticed three newbies spawn just a few meters away from him. It seems that they have just finished the newbie village and has been randomly transported here on Avalon.

Adrian saw that there is a dark elf in their party which is why they got transported to Avalon as it is a destination for elven players. Adrian did not prohibit them from transporting to Avalon as players actually help the economy of a town despite some kingdoms not liking them.

Since they must be in a party when they got transported here, it is heavily influenced that their destination will be here. The dark elf players only had two destinations in the world which are Avalon and the hidden dark elf kingdom. If the dark elf did not transport with his team, then he might have been sent to the hidden dark elf kingdom instead of Avalon.

Adrian might call it a kingdom but there are not many dark elves left in the world due to the persecution of the Church of Light. At least, Adrian learned of the fact that newbies that are paired with a dark elf will be transported to his town instead. He would need to start issuing quests later on when he gets more traffic in his town.

"Excuse me?" The newbie that seemed to be the leader of the trio suddenly approached Adrian.

"Yes? Is there something that you need?" Adrian replied.

"My name is Ark and these two are my friends, Pana and Basil. We are just wondering where we can find the quest board and possible the way to be transported below?"

"I see. You just need to head in that direction. For transportation below ground, you can just talk to the demons guarding the portal. They are very nice as long as you ask politely, and you can use the portal free of charge." Adrian replied.

"Thank you very much. Can we know your name, kind Sir?" Ark asked as he thought that Adrian is actually an NPC since they cannot see his name.

"I guess they really believe that I am an NPC. Demons do look young though so I cannot blame them." Adrian thought.

"I am Quin. I am just a lowly guard around here so please be on your best behavior. Demons might live long lives, but we do not forget our grudges." Adrian replied.

"Uhhh...can I ask a question since we are already here. Are humans like us not welcomed here in Avalon?" Basil asked.

"No such thing. As you can see there, there are also humans here." Adrian stated as he pointed to the half demons.

"There are no such thing as forbidden races here because all that have gathered here are from persecuted races of the holy churches. Humans, dwarves, elves, dragonkin, orcs, or gnomes are welcome as long as they do not do anything that will offend the residents.

The world might not this, but demons value trust and order more than what normal people think. There are just not many of that spread the word because fear has been ingrained in the hearts of the masses." Adrian replied which illuminated the three.

"Thank you very much. We will now be going to the quest board." Basil stated as she bowed and the other two followed.

"Human...huh? Those two do not smell human or feel human to me." Adrian stated as he heard the voices that two of his soulbounds stated.

"Master, the girl has the faint smell of a dragon. The small lizard that she is hugging also has dragon blood." Kanlaon stated via their soul link.

"Master, the man in front smell of darkness. He is very strange as if half of his body is tainted by darkness." Sirius stated via their soul link.

"Demons are perceptive of what humans are after all. We see the nature of the being which is why they already did not feel human from the beginning that they arrived. If they were human, then I would have just acted normal and not give them a better perception of demons." Adrian replied as the souls of the three were not normal in any sense.

"Hey! Why are you dazing out? I already called you more than five times." Solstice stated as she waved her hands in front of Adrian's face.

"Nothing. I just witnessed something interesting after all. Shall we go then?" Adrian replied with a faint smile.

"Where are we going anyway?" Lycan asked.

"We are going to the Kingdom of Suburiasi. The kingdom below the giants." Adrian replied.

"Where is that anyway? I have yet to see that place or hear about it. Should it not be famous if giants can be found there?" Solstice asked.

"Giants are not roaming there but the bean stalk is located in that kingdom. Also, they hate other races except for humans which is why it is not famous for players." Adrian replied as he summoned Kanlaon to fly them to the kingdom.

"Its Equinox!" Ark shouted as he saw the famous dragon named Kanlaon heading southwest of the town.

"I guess you are lucky that we got transported to his town." Pana replied.

"Hey...do you think that NPC that we talked to earlier is him? I noticed some elves bowing to him when they pass by Quin." Basil asked.

"That should not be possible. Quin might just be a guard to the inner area which is why the elves bow to him. The Tree of Life and Death is located there after all.." Ark replied.

## Chapter 853 – The Bean Stalk

Adrian with Solstice and Lycan headed towards the Kingdom of Suburiasi. Hearing the details of the kingdom from Adrian's mouth made them shudder as they are basically hypocrites. They do not want other races besides human to be in their kingdom, yet they like to buy goods made by the dwarves and the gnomes.

"Seriously, if they just allowed other races into their kingdom then it would have been prestigious by leagues. They even have the giants above them which is why other kingdoms do not even bother attacking them." Solstice stated as she is a bit enraged by the attitude of the kingdom.

"I do not blame them though. A hundred years ago, a nymph managed to seduce the prince of the kingdom and proceeded to kill those in line for the throne. She did all that in order to make sure that the prince that she loved will become the sole heir to the throne.

In the end, the prince became stricken by the grief of the death of siblings. He decapitated his lover to bring peace to the royal family and vowed to never love any other race than a human." Adrian replied but he actually did not believe that story one bit.

"Why do I sense that you do not even believe that story one bit?" Lycan asked as Adrian told the story in a monotone fashion as if he was not interested or not having it.

"Funny that the only siblings that died were those with elven blood in them. They were proficient in magic and shined brighter than the other siblings that were of human mothers. I can definitely say that the story is not what it really seems." Adrian replied.

"But you said that even the human siblings died?" Lycan asked as it did not make sense why they should die as well because they did not have the blood of elves.

"They are casualties of the war for the throne. In order for the past king to be hailed as a hero and not receive contempt from the masses, he must be the symbol of justice by sacrificing others. That is what I believe though and the story might actually be true.

The prince who rose to the throne back then is already dead anyways. We will not learn the truth unless we hear it from the current king himself. Plus, I do not want to be involved in family drama because I have better things to do." Adrian replied.

"Even inside the game, there are incidents such as that." Lycan muttered to himself, but the two siblings heard him. The two siblings did not pry into it as it is none of their business. They can only offer their advice if Lycan himself opens up to them.

A few hours later, a kingdom can already be seen a few miles away. Just like what Adrian said, a giant thick bean stalk could be seen piercing the clouds on the sky. The bean stalk could be seen located just behind the castle where the royalty is living.

"Are we just going to fly there and shoot through the clouds?" Solstice asked.

"Let me show you why that is impossible." Adrian replied as he already researched about the way to the kingdom of the giants.

Kanlaon hot towards the sky and is now above the clouds. The moment they did so, the group can see a thick group of clouds that is somehow forming a barrier. They tried charging in, but they got bounced back instead of piercing right through the clouds.

"If you already knew it was impossible, why would you even ram Kanlaon on it. The clouds might be soft but being repelled it not a great feeling." Solstice argued.

"I needed to verify it as well since this is also my first time here. I do not want to eliminate all our choices based on what people say on the forums." Adrian replied.

"So, the only way up would be to climb the beans stalk?" Lycan asked.

"That should be the case, but the bean stalk is basically guarded by a group of magicians and a knight division from the Kingdom of Suburiasi." Adrian replied.

"We can pass through the gate by pretending to be human, but the castle is another thing that we need to consider. In order to even reach the bean stalk, we would need to traverse the castle." Solstice stated.

"That is why we are here. We need to investigate the Kingdom of Suburiasi if there are hidden passages for royalty. We can use that to sneak inside the castle and reach the bean stalk." Adrian replied.

"That is just one obstacle. We would need to also fool the mage and knight unit protecting the bean stalk. We cannot fight NPCs of their level yet. We could manage if we fight one each, but two units is stretching us thin already." Lycan replied.

"That is why, we will need to spend some time mingling with the locals. We need inside information about the castle affairs. Operation: Mingle is under session." Adrian announced but the two looked at him with judging eyes.

"You need better naming sense. Anyways, get us down." Solstice stated as Adrian found a place to land them down a few miles away from the kingdom walls.

The Kingdom of Suburiasi is just as what people expected from a kingdom that is near the sea and a forest. The people have abundant variety of food and they do not look like they are malnourished. Since the royal family is pro human, they made sure that their only inhabitants live a good life.

The three managed to get inside of the kingdom with ease but Adrian was a bit nervous during the inspection process. A mage is there in the inspection booth and would use Dispel on the people entering. They did this to prevent those with illusion magic or items from entering the city.

Solstice and Lycan passed through easily since they basically look human.. Adrian on the other hand got nervous but his Polymorph spell changed his constitution to a human as well so he passed without issue.

#### Chapter 854 – A Deep Grudge

The three of them decided to split in order to cover more ground. It would be ineffective if they were to just move in a group with such a large kingdom. Lycan covered the noble area as he is still considered a noble despite the empire being dispersed due to war.

Solstice covered the middle area where the merchants are placed as her family have many connections to merchants. It seems that the vampires managed to hide well by having multiple connections with merchants and their great information network. They became able to blend in society using this tactic.

Adrian is exploring the commoner area as he is basically just an adventurer passing by. He did not say anything about the commoner area despite it being the most difficult to gather information. He stayed quiet because spirits of the deceased are freely roaming this area and all he needed to do is do their requests to get information.

"Sirius, find potential spirits that we can use. Charon do that as well." Adrian commanded as his two soulbounds retracted from his shadow to round up the unrelenting spirits of the deceased.

Adrian could see that the commoner area in this kingdom is a bit better than that of other kingdoms. The houses look decent, and the guards also patrol the place. Although, some of the children look thin but that is mostly due to their lack of nutrition.

"No orphans could be seen which means that there is a Church of Life here. Despite being a pro human kingdom, they do not shy away to those that benefit them. Hypocrites but at least they make sure that poor children that lost their family is well taken care off.

What I do not understand is why a kingdom that treats everybody well has such a dark malicious grudge enveloping the castle. I wanted to go there but it seems that it is too well guarded than I initially thought." Adrian muttered as he can see the ever-looming grudge attached to the castle.

The ever-looming grudge attached to the castle has the appearance of a black flame. Only grudges of a thousand people could produce something like that or a grudge of a demigod. Adrian could understand the former, but the latter would be almost impossible unless it is what he thinks it is.

Lycan managed to meet the nobles without much issue. The nobles that met him however were all the noble ladies that have yet to be married. They were clearly fawning over him but a more dangerous being is waiting for him outside of the walls of high society.

Solstice visited all the merchants that they are affiliated with. All of them gave every information that they can to her as a show of respect. Of course, she also gifted them generously using a few gold coins here and there. Even people in Pandemonium are a slave when it comes to the scent of money.

Adrian went to see the Church of Life in this part of the kingdom and noticed that is already been changed to the Church of the Twin Gods. It seems that this church is very famous to the commoners because they perform burial rights that is normally only given to the nobles or those of high society.

Since the Church of the Twin Gods perform free healing and free burial rights, the opposition from the Church of Light became irrelevant. The royal family is also a fervent follower of the Goddess of Life for some reason. It seems that they did not decline the changes to the church like other kingdoms because only the teachings from the Church of Death are added.

Some kingdoms embraced this change as a good thing while some declined outright. Those that declined only had the Church of Life stationed in their kingdom while those that agreed has seen a significant increase in their births and decline in child infancy deaths. Some who were initially on the fence soon regretted their decision as they will need to wait another year to get their request approved.

The three of them agreed to meet in a day to check on the details that they can get. The first one to arrive at the area is Lycan with a tired expression. Followed by Solstice who looks a bit gloomy which means that she did not get much information. The last to arrive is Adrian with a generally happy expression.

"It seems at least one of us is fruitful." Solstice stated as she told everything she learned of the entrance to the castle.

The castle seems to be off-limits to even the merchants that directly talk to the imperial family. They even created a special section just to receive the merchants. They only allow entrance to a section of the castle when there is a ball or a special occasion.

"That also what I heard from the other nobles. It seems that the royal family here tend to keep to themselves. Only the most trusted nobles are escorted to the castle when the king needs an audience with them." Lycan stated.

"What about you Mr. Cheerful eyes? Did you get something we can use?" Solstice asked as she could see that Adrian is smiling.

"Oh! I also got nothing to help us in entering the castle. What do you expect in the commoner area?" Adrian replied as he almost got hit on the face by Solstice.

"Why are you smiling then?" Lycan asked.

"I actually learned that something fun happened in this land a hundred years ago. I did not tell you guys, but that castle is surrounded by a deep grudge which likely cursed the royal family. Did the nobles seemed dodgy when you asked them about the current state of the royal family?" Adrian stated.

"You are correct because I asked them if anyone from the royal family is sick. They would either dodge the question or feign ignorance. It makes one very suspicious of why they are like that." Lycan replied.

"It is probably due to the Curse of the Nymph.." Adrian stated.

#### Chapter 855 – Curse Of The Nymph

"It is probably due to the Curse of the Nymph." Adrian stated.

"A curse? You mean to say that the area of the castle is cursed?" Lycan asked in order to get some clarity.

"It is not the castle that is cursed but the royal family itself. The story of the Nymph is indeed true, but it seems that there is more to the story than what is told." Adrian replied.

"Did the priests from the Church of Life answer your questions?" Solstice asked as she knew that her brother is the Champion of the Twin Gods. She even spit out the juice she was drinking once when she saw priests basically worshipping him. It was a strange scene to see your little brother being the object of admiration and veneration.

"They might like me as the Champion of the Twin Gods, but the priests have a code to never tell a soul about what the people tell them. Even if they were to be threatened, they should carry that burden to the graves or else they will suffer harsh punishment from the God of Death." Adrian replied as he did not get anything from the priests stationed in the Church of Life.

"If that is the case, where did you get your information about the curse?" Solstice asked as she does not believe that her brother would simply make something like a non-existing curse.

"I got it from the spirit of a deceased soldier that cannot pass through the afterlife because of the great burden that he bears. More specifically, he was a soldier that was a commoner and became one of the loyal retainers of the prince back then." Adrian stated.

"If he is a soldier then he would have been able to pass on into the afterlife even with a burden like that. Wait! More importantly...you can talk to ghosts?" Solstice shockingly stated.



"I am not the Champion of the Twin Gods for nothing. That title has such a heavy responsibility. I must take the requests of the deceased in order to guide them to the afterlife. Can you see my greatness now?" Adrian stated as he posed with a silly expression.

Adrian suddenly felt a hot sensation on his head as it was already hit by a powerful smack. It seems that Solstice did not hold back as this is a game not real life. Her brother will not get permanent head damage if she were to do that in the real world.

"Speak boy or else it is not your head that will be hit next." Solstice stated as she started to get impatient with her brother.

"Fine. So, like what the story says about a nymph being the reason for the death of the imperial family. That part is true but what they did not say is that it was not just a normal nymph but a half breed between a human and a nymph." Adrian stated as he continued the whole story.

A father and daughter lived in this kingdom a hundred years ago after traveling by sea. It seems that the daughter was extremely different from others as she had aquamarine hair. She is also a great beauty and very proficient in the use of water magic.

She did not know that her mother was a nymph in the early stages of her life. That half breed girl grew up with a boy next door that had outstanding talent in swordsmanship. Needless to say, the girl with a talent in magic and a boy with talent in swordsmanship made a name for themselves and were given the privilege of being the knight of royalty.

The girl with her beauty became a royal court mage to the tenth prince of the kingdom. The tenth prince is the son of a human mother with no elven heritage unlike five of the princes before him that had elven lineage albeit looking fully human. The tenth prince is not as talented in magic like his brothers and sisters, nor did he have great talent in swordsmanship.

The tenth prince with no special talent whatsoever became surrounded by talented people due to his mother. She especially wanted to find talent in the commoners as she wanted a valuable pawn to sacrifice when her plan came to fruition.

On the founding day of the kingdom, the mother of the tenth prince poisoned the king, queens, and the first to ninth prince and princess. She then took help from a special entity to give a necklace to the girl which made her control her actions. Adrian could more or less think that the necklace came from the followers of the dark gods.

In the end, the girl got tricked and massacred the already poisoned royal family members. The prince at that time, who loved the girl with all her heart, could not believe what he witnessed. The girl she loved kill all of his family members and even attempted to suicide if not for the intervention of his mother.

The real one who struck the girl to death was her childhood friend that loved her. He only executed her because of the command of the Queen mother of the tenth prince. He also got killed in the end by the queen's trusted knights in the end.

The father of the girl also got executed because killing a royal family member is equal to treason. The whole incident got buried as a heroic act of the tenth prince. What they did not know is that the girl is actually the lost daughter of the Nymph Queen who is said to have descended from the God of the Seas, Poseidon.

Upon learning what her daughter has suffered, the Nymph Queen cast a powerful curse on the royal family. Since her daughter was killed, she made sure that most of the children born from the royal family will die from childbirth or the child will die early in life.

"Makes sense why they pray fervently to the Church of Life.." Solstice stated.

Chapter 856 – Behold The Necklace

"They pray fervently to the Goddess of Life because she can give them blessings that can counteract the curse. But it seems that their blessings are not enough for the family to continue to thrive." Lycan stated.

"They are indeed blessed by the Goddess of Life as she gave special attention to the children because they are innocent after all. Still, the curse that a demigod is not something to look down upon as the Nymph Queen sacrificed part of her divinity. One could say that she casted a divine curse upon the royal family." Adrian replied.

"Where did you get this divine curse information? Did the ghost of the knight tell you?" Solstice asked.

"Nope. Charon found a spirit of a nymph that was slaughtered near the sea. It seems that the royal family and the Nymph Queen engaged in battle after she cursed them. Needless to say, a demigod versus humans do not end well.

The royal family only managed to live because the Nymph Queen of the Western Sea sacrificed some of her power for the curse. In the end, this kingdom declined a lot due to the battle. They only managed to get back on track when the giants started to trade with them." Adrian replied.

"So, did the giants alleviate the curse?" Solstice asked as the giants seemed to help the royal family.

"They did not because giants are not really magic experts. They have tough skin and great curse resistance, but they do not have knowledge to disperse the curse." Adrian replied.

"If that is so then how are we going to climb up the bean stalk? We cannot even try to sneak in because we will be dead as soon as we are found." Solstice stated.

"You do not have to worry about that. All we need to do is walk up the door. I will handle the rest when we get there as curses seem to be doable." Adrian replied as he told the two to accompany him towards the royal castle.

"Are you nuts?" Lycan asked as even a duke's child like him is not allowed to just walk into the castle.

"At this point, let us just go with his thinking. Even if we get killed, we will just respawn anyway." Solstice stated as she also gave up thinking deeply and followed her brother.

Adrian and his companions reached the gates of the castle within a small amount of time. When he reached the gate, the heavy atmosphere of the surrounding could be felt. Castles should be beautiful and vibrant as long as it is kept well but that does not apply to the castle of the Kingdom of Suburias.

"Halt! State your name and purpose. If you do not have a prior arrangement to the king, then you must go back, or we will resort to force." One of the guards of the gate stated.

"See. I told you we need to schedule a meeting at least." Lycan stated.

"Will we even get an audience if we tell them we want to climb that?" Solstice stated as she pointed to the bean stalk shooting to the clouds.

"Not really. We have a chance if our reason is good, but we will be turned back if it is nothing." Lycan replied with a soft tone.

"If you are here to sightsee then please turn back." One of the guards of the gate reiterated.

"I can help the third prince." Adrian muttered to which the guard suddenly pointed his sword towards the former's neck.

"You are being blasphemous!" One of the guards of the gate stated as the sword is currently near Adrian's neck.

"If you do not want help then I can just turn back now. The third prince will not live for three more days anyways." Adrian stated.

"Blasphemous!" One of the guards of the gate stated as he swung his sword to go for a chopping motion towards Adrian, but it seems that the guard commander stopped him.

A soldier that could be seen different from the normal ones guarding the gate suddenly appeared. Adrian actually could see him, but he was concealing himself by making his aura vanish. He is definitely one of the best sword masters that the central continent has.

"Are you certain? How can we know that your claim is true? If your claim is false, then we will not let you speak ill of the royal family. Your head will come flying on the spot." The guard commander stated as he unsheathed the sword on his waist.

"Is this enough of a tangible proof?" Adrian stated as he presented a necklace given to him by the elders of the Church of the Twin Gods.

The necklace is an ornament of the tree of life and death. A necklace that can only be given and held by high-ranking members of the Church of the Twin Gods. It is a symbol of authority and authenticity because it can be considered a holy relic.

When the guard commander saw the necklace, he became very respectful towards Adrian and even bowed. The guard commander apologized with deep respect as this is the first time that an official from the Church of the Twin Gods visited their kingdom. They always sent letter of invitation to them but there are only limited human high-ranking members of the Church of Life.

"Come in, Venerable One. I am sorry for my impertinence. We did not know of your identity." The guard commander stated as he escorted them inside of the palace.

"I did not know that you are a priest of the church." Lycan whispered.

"I always thought that he will burn when he steps inside a church." Solstice jokingly muttered.

"I am the Champion of the Twin Gods after all. It just took time before I got this item.. To be honest, I did not even know that it will be effective until I heard the rumors from a ghost named Marites.

## Chapter 857 – Need Something In Return

The royal family assembled to the great hall where Adrian and his companions were guided. The royal family of the Kingdom of Suburiasi looked healthy but Adrian could see a deep looming

grudge attached to them. The curse is definitely of divine nature which meant that even holy magic will not be able to purify it.

The members of the royal family are currently the retired king, the current king and queen, the crown prince, the first and second prince, and the third prince that is currently in a mobile cradle. Adrian could not see any brother or sister of the king which meant two things.

The brothers or sisters of the king are either away or dead. If the other royal family members of other kingdoms know of the curse, then they will not accept marriage proposals from this family. Actually, Adrian is already impressed that the queen managed to give birth to three sons.

"Venerable one, I thank you for your visit to our home. We need your help! My son...my son is in great deal of pain." The Queen stated as she grabbed Adrian's hands as she begged him to save her son.

"My Queen, you must contain yourself. I know that our son is pitiful, but you must respect the Venerable One. It is not easy coming to our kingdom as it is." The King stated with a voice filled with concern as if he is afraid that Adrian might get offended.

"It does not matter. It is only natural for a mother to worry about her child. I actually like that she forgot her title so that she can save her child. She is a queen that has a heart of gold indeed." Adrian replied.

Actually, Adrian already knew that the queen of this kingdom is not actually born from royalty. She is actually a daughter of a farmer that tilled the soil with all his heart. In return, the Goddess of Life blessed her family with great harvest and an energetic body. The Blessing of the Goddess of Life clashed with the curse of the Nymph Queen which made her bore three sons which should be impossible for this royal family.

"Thank you, Venerable One. I have been informed that you know of the status of my child. You even told the guard captain that he will only live for three more days." The king announced which shocked the other members of the royal family as they did not know of this detail.

"Looking at him now, he would actually not live for two days. I can see death looming before him." Adrian stated as he looked directly at the grim reaper like entity waiting for the baby to die.

The grim reaper looking entity looked back at Adrian as if acknowledging his existence. The royal family then looked at Adrian who is looking at a wall faraway. They are still in disbelief of the current state of the third prince and cannot easily accept reality.

"Is that true!?" The queen reacted and looked like she is about to faint.

"Please. Save my grandson at all cost!" The former king stated as he bowed towards Adrian.

"Humble and definitely not like what the rumor says. Your soul is also clean as if you have been in atonement for numerous years. Then again, your ancestor that has sinned is already dead anyways. You lived because you lived as a good king. All good things are repaid." Adrian stated as he can see that the soul of the former king is pure.

He looked at all of the royal family and their souls are also pure. They are not like the souls of the other nobles that he saw that visited Avalon to meet the elven elders. They are living a good life which is why they are still alive despite the great grudge attached to them.

"Thank you for the praise." The royal family simultaneously replied as they all knelt down to beg Adrian to save them.

"Your brother feels like a different person." Lycan whispered.

"If he actually does the job, he becomes serious. Sometimes, he just becomes lazy which is why he gets scolded most of the time. He procrastinates more than actually doing the job. Thankfully, he becomes a bit formidable when he gets serious." Solstice replied.

"It is not impossible for me to help the third prince but what will I get in exchange?" Adrian asked.

"Anything! I will give you the whole treasury of the kingdom if I have to." The king replied with great honesty as he loves his son from the bottom of his heart.

Adrian smiled as they tick all the boxes which means he can help them. He can give the boy a blessing, but that blessing will also have restrictions. Adrian actually is hearing the voice of the Goddess of Life while he was saying those stuff. In other words, everything he said is scripted.

"In that case, in exchange for me saving the boy from the grasp of death due to the curse, I seek passage to the kingdom above." Adrian stated which made the royal family hesitate a little.

"I would gladly give it to you Venerable One, but the giants are not very welcoming. You can ask another thing if you want." The king stated as even he does not control the giants.

"That is all I ask. I can handle the giants. I just seek permission for passage." Adrian replied to which the king agreed but it seems that the latter is thinking of another compensation if Adrian does enter the kingdom above.

"Since we have an agreement, this form will be unsuitable to help the young prince." Adrian stated as he cancelled his polymorph skill and returned to his demon appearance.

The royal family became shocked, and some became even wary, but the king suddenly understood. The tree of life and death is said to have been planted on the floating island governed by demons.. It would not be stretch to say that the demons hold great influence in the Church of the Twin Gods.

#### Chapter 858 – What The Grudge!

Adrian appeared to them in his demon form as his magic is suppressed in a polymorphed state. The royal family gasped upon seeing his form, but the king and queen immediately reorganized their thoughts. The king and queen would do anything even if it means selling their soul to the demon in front of them.

"As long as my son recovers from the curse, I will do anything." The king and queen thought with a fervent wish that their son will recover.

"It seems that you are not even disturbed by my form? It seems that your rule for strictly humans in your territory is not to be implemented when you can gain something." Adrian stated.

"It is not that, Venerable One. The rule was placed there by imperial decree and could not be removed for another hundred years. It is not that we do not welcome other races, but they are not able to set up any house or business in our territory because of it." The king stated in a respectable tone.

"I do not really care about that. All you needed to do is respect your end of the deal and give us passage to the bean stalk." Adrian stated as he looked at the third prince on the cradle.

Adrian used his special eyes to see the state that the third prince is, and he could only say that he is filled to the brim with the curse. He then looked at the other princes and noticed that they do not have much of the curse energy that the other royals have.

"Still, for that Nymph Queen to curse your whole generation...she is really someone who can hold a grudge. She even used runic letters to place the curse on the family." Adrian thought as he can see glowing runic letters covering the body of the third prince.

"I will now start." Adrian stated as he placed his hand on the forehead of the third prince and injected mana into his head.

As soon as Adrian poured mana into the third prince, a powerful repelling force suddenly sent him flying towards the wall. Adrian crashed into the wall and even created a huge pattern on it. He stood back up and tasted something sweet on his mouth.

Adrian touched his lips and could see blood on his fingers. The royal family immediately got scared upon witnessing such a thing because that did not happen before. When they invited priests to perform Purification on them, they can feel it taking effect but only for a small moment.

"This is the first time I encountered something like a curse fighting back. Greater Summon: Saena!" Adrian stated as he summoned Saena.

The white bird then perched near the cradle of the third prince as she can see his state as well. Actually, Saena saw better than what Adrian could see as her eyes could see the very essence of the curse. Adrian borrowed Saena's eyes to see the exact state of the curse.

Adrian could see what Saena could see and what he saw is something more serious than he thought. The curse is actually eating the third prince' mana alive as he was born with such abundant mana. When Adrian looked at the others, he could see that the other members of the royal family are not as blessed with mana compared to the third prince.

The Nymphs could also be called as faeries which means they have great knowledge when it came to mana. It would make sense why the Nymph Queen would place a curse on the royal family that deals with their mana. She wanted to incapacitate the royal family and make sure that they will never rise up to take revenge.

"She combined the curse using runic letters so that no one alive in this era could expel it. She made sure to intensify the curse with the amount of mana one has to kill anyone blessed enough to search for a cure." Adrian thought as he tried his next approach.

Adrian took out the necklace that the elven elders gave him and used his scribe abilities to write runic characters on it. The necklace now had three characters with the abilities of Reduction, Fortify, and Protection. He then proceeded to put the necklace on the neck of the third prince.

The third prince that looked like he was plagued by nightmares suddenly had an expression of relief on his face. Upon seeing that their son looked a bit better, the royal family immediately cheered for the results, but Adrian is not happy with what he did. All he did is alleviate the curse and not dispel it like he promised.

"Saena, absorb the curse." Adrian commanded as she started to rise up in the air.

Saena then started to change the surrounding as if the mana got heavy to the point that some people had difficulty breathing. Lycan and Solstice came to the rescue and projected a shield using their mana to counteract the heavy atmosphere. The royal family could breathe once more.

As soon as Saena opened her mouth, a black mist like thing suddenly materialized around the third prince. The black like thing started to resist at first but it soon started to flow towards Saena's mouth. With every second that Saena absorbed the black mist like thing, she started to get damaged.

The black mist is the curse of the Nymph Queen materializing to the point that everyone could see it which should have been impossible. Adrian tried touching the black mist, but his hand got repelled like last time. The force of the repulsion is not that great, so he did not get sent flying back like last time.

"This is not good." Adrian suddenly muttered as he could see Saena losing health at a rapid pace. She would die before getting rid of at least 50% of the curse placed on the third prince.

"Nether Domain. Netheros True Form." Adrian muttered as he turned the king's hall into part of the Nether Realm.

He also changed to his true form which the royal family saw. Since the royal family is not proficient in using mana, they fainted at the sight of the form of the demon in front of them. Lycan and Solstice were alarmed when they saw the royal family fainting, but they cannot control everything. They are at least alive which is why they did not even bother waking them up.

Adrian might not know yet, but normal people could potentially lose their minds when they see his real form. The passive skill Paranoia is not something to be used on normal people in the universe of Pandemonium. He has yet to know that his form could only be directly seen by people who can control their mana correctly or else they will fall into despair.

With Adrian in his real form, Saena also transformed to her Nether Form. Her whole body almost covered a quarter of the room. If they were not gaseous in a sense, then both Adrian and Saena might have destroyed the castle with their forms. Adrian actually had to crouch down a little due to the height of the ceiling.

The curse is starting to get reduced at a fast rate and Saena is no longer having reduced health every time that she inhales the curse. The problem is that the curse that the Nymph Queen placed on the royal family is now starting to react.

The runic letters are starting make the area become even more oppressive to the point that the castle started shaking. The guards wanted to come inside of the king's audience hall, but they were told not to enter at all costs. The royal knights decided to see the situation inside of the hall just to make sure even if the king forbade them.

The moment the royal knights saw a huge demon and a demonic bird in front of the third prince, they immediately became alert and drew their swords. Adrian looked at them and wanted to try to erect a barrier but that would mean failing what he is currently doing right now.

The third prince might even die if he stops what he is doing. Since Saena cannot process all the curse alone, Adrian has been deciphering every runic letter and creating a counter curse against them to lessen the blow on Saena.

"Stop! Do not harm the Venerable One!" The king muttered as he regained consciousness, but he looks like he will fall down any minute.

"Oh! I almost tried to cut their limbs apart. I wanted to at least try and fight a royal knight to see if they are really that powerful." Solstice stated as she crossed her arms in order to hide the blood that she already drew from herself.

With the royal knights stopped by the king, the process of removing the curse became a breeze. It did not take long for the curse to get reduced to 30% but Adrian's transformation is already over. He reverted back to his normal appearance and the Nether Domain vanished from the room.. A cry of a baby could be heard after the process was over.

## Chapter 859 – New Religion

The cry of the third prince echoed in the audience room which made the sleeping queen wake up. Upon waking up, the queen immediately went to the side of the third prince and cried. This was the first time that she actually heard of the third prince crying like what babies should do.

Adrian smiled upon seeing the reaction of the queen as she is definitely a loving mother. He is even reminded by his mother on the real world since she practically babies him when training is not involved. The rest of the sleeping royal family woke up as they were no longer affected by the force exerted by Adrian's form.

Adrian might be happy, but he did not fully clear the curse of the third prince. There are still traces of the curse lingering upon the third prince, but it is minimal enough that he will no longer be in danger. The necklace Adrian gave the third prince suddenly glowed in a bright green and calming light.

The necklace suddenly floated in the air with the third prince. A silhouette of the twin gods suddenly appeared before him. The twin gods looked like they blessed the necklace of the third prince as the curse that was applied to him suddenly shrunk. The necklace seemed to be suppressing the curse to such an extent that the curse affecting the third prince is almost negligible.

[You have witnessed the ascension of a Legendary (Sealed) Tier NPC.]

[The Third Prince of Suburias, Binhi, has been blessed by the Twin Gods and the curse affecting his talents has been minimized.]

[For your great achievement, you have gained +10 to all of your stats.]

[The Nymph Queen is not happy with what you have done.]

[She has declared the Church of the Twin Gods as hostile, and anyone related to them shall be unable to sail on the waters ruled by her.]

[You have been selected as a Divine Enemy of the Nymph Queen.]

[You will receive 50% more damage from the Nymph Queen, but she will also receive as much damage when you fight against her.]

"She really holds so much grudge that she would make enemies of the Church of the Twin Gods. Is the rumor true that she is the daughter of one of the God of the Seas? Nevertheless, I did not expect that the little boy would actually be a legendary NPC once his curse is lifted.



Does that mean he will become a Mythical NPC if he fully lifts the curse? I guess something interesting is going to happen now but that also meant that numerous bad things would happen as well." Adrian thought as he collected his thoughts.

"What happened to my child? Why did he suddenly float mid-air? What were those two apparitions?" The king asked as he is in panic because he does not understand what happened.

"You might not have seen them correctly or in their perfect form but those were the Twin Gods. At least, part of their power that is. It seems that they have blessed your son because of the devotion that the royal family has of the church." Adrian stated as he could also see that some of the curse affecting the royal family lessened as well.

"Does that mean our son has been released of the curse?" The queen asked.

"Not fully but as long as he wears the necklace then you can expect that he will grow up healthy. But be mindful that the blessing does not last. The Twin Gods are watching over your family which means crossing their teachings will revoke the blessing. He will return to his state if your devotion is only half baked." Adrian replied as he needed to establish the rules of the contract.

Gods and goddesses do not give their blessing easily to normal people. They must fancy them by a great degree to even consider giving their blessings. Envoys and Champions are not exempted from this since they are basically their representative in the mortal plane.

"Thank you very much! As long as our son is fine, I will devote everything to the goddess." The king and queen stated.

"The Twin Gods. Your son was also blessed by the God of Death." Adrian reiterated which shocked the royal family.

"Your concerns are not warranted. A blessing from the God of Death means that your sons is favored and will likely outlive most of you. People think that those blessed by the God of Death are doomed but it is the opposite. Death is nothing without life and life is nothing without death. Remember that and just live honestly like what you have done before." Adrian replied.

"We shall live with your wise words in our hearts and mind." The king and queen stated with great joy.

Adrian and his companions waited for the happiness of the family to die down. They have been told to stay in the castle for the moment and even made to eat a feast. In fact, the king even proclaimed that his day be the Feast of Twin Gods for their kingdom.

For the first time in a long time, the royal family that secluded themselves and rarely came out showed themselves to the people. The king even told all the chefs in the kingdom to cook as much food as they can for the celebration. They were overjoyed of the third prince being safe from the curse.

[The Kingdom of Suburiasia has made their kingdom's religion be the Church of the Twin Gods.]

[All players affiliated with the Church of the Twin Gods in the area will have 10% more spell effects and stats.]

The world message made players burst on the forum as this was the first time that a kingdom's religion suddenly changes without even prior notice.. Given that the Kingdom of Suburiasia has no

official religion, it is still strange for it to happen because high ranking officials would usually be in the discussion with the king about this.

#### Chapter 860 – Under The Beans Stalk

The influence of the Church of the Twin Gods increased albeit small. Since the Church of Life also lost a lot of influence due to most of their elders being killed, a small increase is already a great help. Since the kingdom changed their religion, the blessings of said religion will also come pouring in.

[The Kingdom of Suburiasi will experience great yield for this year due to the blessing of the Goddess of Life.]

[[The Kingdom of Suburiasi will no longer have deaths related to sickness for one year due to the blessing of the God of Death.]

[All people in the Kingdom of Suburiasi will experience increase in vitality due to the blessing of the Twin Gods.]

The three announcements were only heard by those in the Kingdom of Suburiasi but there were also some players stationed there. The players that received the notifications immediately took to the forums and reported what just happened.

They were wondering why a small kingdom that is only known for being in a trading relationship with the giants suddenly change their religion. Needless to say, the players in that kingdom started to investigate the Church of the Twin Gods. They thought that a Legendary NPC might be in the church at this time, and they could even gain a blessing or two.

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The next day, Adrian and his two companions went to the audience hall once again. A jolly king and queen are seen playing with the third prince. The other two princes also joined in playing with their brother that has now become jolly.

"Thank you once again, Venerable One." The king stated.

"It is but a deal. It is now time for you to uphold your end." Adrian replied.

"Very well. Although we think that your reward is small compared to what you have done for us." The king argued.

"It is enough. I would have argued if I fully dispelled the curse but even that is impossible for my current state." Adrian replied as he thought that he might have been able to lift the curse if he was more proficient with life energy.

"You humble yourself too much. As an inspiration for your great help, I will try and abolish our old ways of discrimination." The king stated as it was a demon that helped them and not humans.

"If you feel that is necessary then who am I to stop you. As long as you respect all life then the Twin Gods will never turn their eyes away from you." Adrian replied.

"I shall personally escort you to the bean stalk." The king stated as he is accompanied by the royal guards.

Adrian already used polymorph again as the events yesterday were made secret by only those that have witnessed it. They were escorted to the back garden of the castle where a towering bean stalk could be seen piercing the clouds. The entrance to the bean stalk is guarded by a group of mages using a barrier.

The king commanded the barrier to be lifted and all of them entered it. Adrian saw the mechanism that projected the barrier, and it does not look something that human mages created. It implored using runic letters that are hundreds of years old.

"The giants gave us that device as part of our deal in protecting the entrance to the bean stalk. They give us gold and we protect the gate in exchange." The king stated as he already told Adrian the finer details of their deal.

It seems that the giants do not take those that climb the bean stalk lightly. Their ancestors were tasked by the giants to protect it and they gain gold shaped eggs in exchange. This is also one of the reasons that they managed to build a kingdom.

The king told Adrian that they were commoners back then. One of their ancestors climbed the bean stalk and reached the top without injury. That ancestor then met with the giants and the giants chose him to protect the area below in exchange for golden eggs. He was even given the mechanism to erect a barrier that resonated with the bean stalk.

"Still, it is a wonder that the former empire did not attempt to climb the bean stalk to talk with the giants." Adrian stated.

"They did try but all those who tried climbing died on the way up because there are monsters perched on the bean stalk when you get pass the clouds. You could think of it as a dungeon, but you need to climb up to traverse it." The king explained.

"I see. Then your ancestor must have been a very incredible person to reach the giants." Adrian stated with flattery.

"Even we did not know how he reached the top as we are only handed down stories of his exploits. I know that the Venerable One and his companions are powerful but do take care on your way up. I do not know if the giants will welcome you." The king stated with a rather sad tone as he cannot help Adrian's group more.

Adrian thanked the king and immediately summoned Kanlaon. When the king saw a dragon being summoned, even his jaws dropped as his brain could not imagine that a demon managed to tame a dragon.

The three rode on Kanlaon's back and started their climb of the bean stalk. For some odd reason, Kanlaon could not fly five meters away from the bean stalk and needed to fly close to it or else a repelling force will rain down upon his body. It did not take long for Adrian and his two companions to pierce the clouds that clouded their vision.

[You have entered the Climbing Bean Stalk Dungeon.]

[You are not the first ones to discover the dungeon, but it has yet to be cleared.]

[A special reward will be given if you clear the dungeon without dying once.]

[Reach the end of the dungeon in order to clear it.. Killing monsters will contribute to rolling a better reward.]