### O Summoner 901

Chapter 901 – Kanlaon Is My Dragon

"I really made him become a Genesis Dragon. I do not know what you dragons are doing on why all of you have yet to evolve into one." Adrian stated and also managed to throw a bit of shade towards the dragons.

In fact, the dragons did not want to admit but they are not as unified as a race compared to the demons. They are already not numerous in number, but they are also individuals that have greed which is why they do not play well with others. Even the gathering of the Ancient Dragons only happens once in a blue moon despite their territories being near each other.

"If that is true then could you tell me the materials needed to evolve into one?" Bhola asked.

"Sure. How much are you going to pay me?" Adrian suddenly blurted with an innocent smile.

"How dare you!" The other wind dragon shouted as she could no longer control herself from the disrespectful tone of the demon in front of them.

Adrian did not even need to do something as Kanlaon suddenly activated his aura. The moment he did, the wind dragon suddenly shrunk back in fear. Pann and Ascalor was also ready to move but they decided not to move anymore since Kanlaon already solved the issue.

"You are scaring the guest. I bet she is just carried by her fierce temper. Dragons are said to be creatures that cannot hold their tempers." Adrian stated to which made the wind dragon even more angry, but Bhola stared at her with a dark expression. The wind dragon never dared to speak once more and just stood there.

"I am willing to give you ten thousand gold for the information." Bhola stated.

"I think that is a bit cheap for information about the origin species of the elemental dragons. Give me a shard of the fountain of life." Adrian stated to which made Bhola suddenly flare up.

"How did you know about that information?!" Bhola asked but her aura could be seen building up as the surroundings started to gather dark clouds.

"Have you forgotten that the Tree of Life and Death is present in this territory. It could detect all the things related to the Twin Gods. I believe that it is a fair exchange for the information to create one of the most powerful dragons in you race." Adrian stated with a smile.

Seeing that Adrian is leading the conversation, Pann and Ascalor are smiling inside with pride. They will definitely praise Adrian later when these dragons are gone. Bhola immediately calmed herself when she remembered that there is indeed a holy tree in this territory.

"I also believe that it is fair." Bhola stated as she only has the shard anyways and could not even activate it. The shard of the Fountain of Life is already losing power anyways so she could just give it away instead of hoarding it.

"Since we are in agreement, I will tell you the things that you need. All you need are five other elemental dragon cores that are not the same as the innate element of the dragon. Make sure that each dragon core will be absorbed fully and materialize a dragon ball like these ones circling Kanlaon. The last item will be said after you bring the Shard of the Fountain of Life." Adrian stated.

"Get the shard." Bhola stated to which the wind dragon bowed and transformed back to her dragon form.

After ten minutes, the wind dragon came back with a shard that is the same color as that of the bluest water. It was one foot in height, but life energy could definitely be detected from the shard. Adrian used his evil eye to inspect the item just to make sure that it is the real shard.

Item Name: Shard of the Fountain of Life

Tier: Legendary (Broken)

Type: Piece of a Divine Item

Description: A shard from the broken Fountain of Life. The waters flowing from the Fountain of Life is said to have the miraculous powers of healing any type of wound. There is also a legend stating that a thousand-year-old Fountain of Life could transform into the Fountain of Youth.

Since it is a shard of the real Fountain of Life, it cannot release water like a real fountain. No one has yet to discover a way of growing the Fountain of Life back. The Fountain of Life is said to be an item gifted by the Goddess of Life herself to her followers when they were struggling with a great epidemic.

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The wind dragon handed the shard to Adrian as Bhola signaled her to give it to the young demon. Adrian happily kept the shard to his inventory.

"The last item needed will be Gaia's Bead." Adrian stated which made Bhola's mouth open wide.

Gaia's Bead is an item that is said to be rarer than Transcendent Spell Books and those were already almost impossible to find. Even the oldest of dragons do not have Gaia's Bead in their lairs as that is something no one can easily get their hands on.

"How did you get Gaia's Bead!?" Bhola asked with great fervor and even the demon elders are shocked upon learning that Adrian used such an item. Gaia's Bead is a precious item that could also be said to increase the persona of a demon.

"The Goddess of Life herself gifted that to me for my efforts in killing the dark god that appeared in the fallen imperial capital." Adrian replied as this was the explanation given to him by the screen that suddenly popped up in front of him. It seems that the game is aiding him on what to answer since he cannot answer that he received it from Pandelympics.

"If that is all then me and Kanlaon will go visit Yewdrassil. Excuse me." Adrian stated as he went away from the awkward atmosphere.

The two dragons cannot react easily to the list of items. They could also not detach the Genesis Dragon from the demon as their soul link was too powerful. If they detach Kanlaon from Adrian, then the Genesis Dragon might die.. In the end, the two dragons left with only the information to evolve an elemental dragon into a Genesis Dragon.

Chapter 902 – True Meaning

The two dragons had to leave with only the information about the materials needed to create a Genesis Dragon from an elemental dragon. Pann and Ascalor then looked for Adrian at the location that he would be most like in. They directly teleported near the Tree of Life and Death.

The tree of life and death, Yewdrassil, has a special barrier around it that prevented direct teleportation inside of it. The only ones that can easily enter the inner area would be the Prophets of life and death, the Envoy of the Twin Gods, and the Champion of the Twin Gods.

For elders of the Church of the Twin Gods, they would need a special pass that will allow them to enter. The current Tree of Life and Death is a pillar of the world right now. The Tree of Life planted in the former area of Neo Alfheim has yet to fully grow old which is why it has the task of carrying the power of life and death in the world.

In fact, Yewdrassil tasked Creepysoo to find a suitable spot to plant the Tree of Death. He has yet to find a suitable spot as even the elders need an easy way to go that area. It is also the reason why he is currently coming and going in the territory.

"Hey Brat! Next time you bring an extraordinary creature, make sure that you tell me first so we can avoid situations like that. You already made sure that you will not be separated from Kanlaon anyway. It seems that you have truly shared your soul with him." Pann stated as he could see that Adrian and Kanlaon share the same aura compared to before.

"That also made me quite shocked. You managed to incite the attention of an ancient dragon." Ascalor stated as even he did not expect something to that degree, but he understood when he heard the name Genesis Dragon.

"Sorry about that. I guess the Mother of All Dragons, the Goddess Tiamat, is much faster when saying revelations to dragons that I initially thought. I have been warned but I did not think that they will notice Kanlaon the moment I summoned him. I guess it was a good thing that I evolved him in a pocket dimension." Adrian stated.

"But was it alright for you to actually give them the information of creating a Genesis Dragon?" Ascalor asked as even he was a bit complexed by this.

"I think that he did not get enough compensation. If I were him, I would have emptied a whole treasury for that information." Pann stated.

"The information is indeed not enough for a Shard of the Fountain of Life, but it is also an insurance. The information I gave them is not only paid with the shard but also with Kanlaon's life. It was basically telling them to leave him alone since they already know of the things that they need.

Of course, I doubt that they could easily find the things that they need easily. It is also against the customs of the western dragons to devour the cores of their deceased dragons. They are already at a moral dilemma, but I could care less as they planned to take someone important from me." Adrian stated as he made a face that is bone chilling. Fortunately, he was not looking at Ascalor and Pann or else they might have seen the face of a real demon.

"Anyways, if that is what you think then I have no more to say. Just make sure that you notify us if you were to do something dangerous once again." Ascalor stated.

"What are you going to do with that useless shard anyways? It no longer has a purpose as it is also quickly losing power not being bathe with the power of life elemental energy." Pann stated.

"Actually, this is very useful for us. The only reason that the Fountain of Life could no longer be revived is due to two factors. One is that there was no Envoy of the Twin Gods for thousands of years. The other one is that there was also no Champion of the Twin Gods that can procure the items needed for its revival." Adrian stated which made the two elders become shocked.

They did not know that these were the reasons why the Fountain of Life, that could have saved millions of lives back then, could not be repaired. Even with the Envoys of Life that were alive back then are unable to repair the broken fountain.

"Is there anything that we need to know so that we will not be shocked?" Ascalor asked.

"I did meet the Fallen in the pocket dimension that I evolved Kanlaon in. Other than that, then there is nothing more to add." Adrian muttered but the two had a serious expression.

"Are they still at their full power?" Pann asked with a serious expression. It seems that even he regards them highly because of their history.

"They are still at full power. They were able to bend light itself to create an illusion that something was never there. Even my evil eyes were deceived which means they are very powerful." Adrian stated.

"Did they want anything? Did they want revenge on those that wanted them dead?" Pann asked as he knows the destruction that they could bring.

"No. It seems that they just want to live in peace. If they really wanted to wreak havoc, then this would be the perfect time when the worlds most powerful beings are demigods that have not gotten their power back. I believe they can wipeout any race that comes in contact with them with great hostility." Adrian replied.

After a few more questions, the two demons finally left. Adrian felt that it was more of an interrogation, but he noticed their concerns. They also urged Adrian to train with the three elders once again as they could see him struggling in becoming an Arch Demon. Although only three Arch Demons are still present in the Daemos Race.

"I guess they want me to become an Arch Demon in order to properly defend myself against individuals like that." Adrian muttered.

"It is only natural as even the Twin Gods wants your power to increase as well. The barrier that maintains the mortal plane and the divine plane is becoming thinner. The Twin Gods wants you to find the seal to repair the barrier." Yewdrassil told Adrian via Telepathy.

"Anyways, I trusted you and got the shard that you wanted. It better be worth it because the two elders said that I could have a mountain of treasures exchanged for that kind of information. Also, tell me the sure-fire way of getting life energy into my body that you so proudly told me. I do not want my sacrifice to be worth nothing." Adrian stated as all he told Ascalor and Pann were words that the Tree of Life and Death communicated with him.

"It is worth it. Regarding your issue with Life Energy, all you need to do is swallow a seed that grows into the Tree of Life." The Tree of Life and Death stated.

"Can you repeat that? I think I was not listening carefully." Adrian stated as he thought that he heard it incorrectly.

"All you need to do is swallow a Seed of Life." The Tree of Life and Death stated once more.

"Are you crazy?! Will that not make me a heretic?!" Adrian shouted which surprised the two kid prophets that were playing with his soulbounds.

"It is not heretical as it was a way to bless the Envoys back then so that they will feel close to nature. I already gave my seed to the Envoy of the Twin Gods. It had great effect especially that he is of the Leshy race." The Tree of Life and Death stated.

"You do not happen to have another round of seeds for me to consume right?" Adrian asked.

"I can no longer create seeds. It would take another hundred years for me to create the seeds that I have given out." The Tree of Life and Death stated.

"Cheapskate." Adrian mumbled as started to prepare the Shard of the Fountain of Life.

Adrian drew the most complicated magic circle that he has ever created on the ground. This magic circle had one magic circle as a major body with six other magic circles to create power collection points. He also made use of the runes that he learned from seeing the Song of Life.

Adrian placed the Shard of the Fountain of Life in the center of the magic circle. He also started to activate the foundational incantation that the Tree of Life and Death told him.

"Mother of Life, I beseech thee. In this holy place filled with your grace and mercy, fill up the earth with your grace and protection. This humble servant is asking you to bless this land with the waters of life.." Adrian chanted as he could feel that the mana in the surroundings and even from the Tree of Life and Death gathering towards the magic circle.

Chapter 903 – Fountain? More Like Faucet!

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Not only mana was gathered from the surroundings but also Adrian's mana as well. As soon as Adrian's mana was no more, his health started to deteriorate to the point that he died. He could not believe what happened as a spell killed him on the spot.

The moment he revived, Adrian looked at the Tree of Life and Death for an explanation, but it was oddly quiet. Adrian stared at the Tree of Life and Death with a mor criticizing look until it completely spilled. It seems that someone needed to sacrifice their life in order to properly fix the Fountain of Life.

[You have revived.]

[Your Life energy has been drained and will take time to come back.]

"Why did my Life energy storage become close to zero!?" Adrian shouted as he asked the Tree of Life and Death about the phenomenon.

"It was used in order to revive the fountain. Look! It has now started to sprout water." The Tree of Life and Death stated as it pointed out the small fountain spewing water in its vicinity.

"Fountain? That is like a faucet! I lost a lot of life energy just to create that?" Adrian stated as he was indeed furious because he was tricked by a tree.

"You are too harsh. It has yet to fully mature as it is still gaining mana from the surroundings. It will at least take a year for you to enjoy the full benefits. If you can wait a year, then you can dip in the Fountain of Life and recover the lost Life energy accumulated in your body." The Tree of Life and Death stated.

"You owe me! Big Time!" Adrian stated as he stormed out of the place. He teleported away as he needed to see records about sacred trees as he needed something to replenish the Life energy stolen from him. This was the first time that he did not expect that the consequences were severe to the point that he lost a lot of energy.

In fact, it was not originally designed this way, but Adrian with a Genesis Dragon is already too dangerous when it comes to balance. He was also closing the threshold of the necessary life energy as well which is why they needed to depower him a little. If he became an Arch Demon after acquiring a Genesis Dragon, then he will steam roll over the current dungeons at this rate.

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"I expected that something will be taken but I did not expect that my Life energy will reach zero. I expected it but I at least fixed the Fountain of Life." Adrian stated as he recalled the description of the Fountain of Life.

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Name: Fountain of Life

Tier: Legendary (Degraded) (Growing)

Type: Sacred Item

#### Effect:

- All impurities will be cleansed in a five-meter radius around it
- The water it produces can bless the ground it is standing on
- Sealed
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Description: A Fountain of Life that was made using secret magic provided by the Tree of Life and Death and the talent of the Champion of the Twin Gods, Equinox. It is currently regaining power, but it can produce quality holy water once it has regained some of lost power. It was made using complicated arcane magic and life energy.

Time to Grow to Mythical Tier: 1 year

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"It is an investment. It will pose a great debt at first, but I will reap the rewards in the future." Adrian thought as he hypnotized himself so that he will not cry from the sudden setback of increasing his persona.

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Adrian knew that having lingering thoughts on the Fountain of Life and what he lost is not good. He then focused on another thing that is needed. He needed to make sure that Kanlaon at least reaches level 150 to get experience in the high-level dungeons.

He used Polymorph and teleported again somewhere a lot of beginner monsters are located. Adrian chose a village in the outskirts of a kingdom that has monsters in the level range of 15 to 20. He did not think much of it at first and started to enter when he suddenly got stopped by the guards.

"Are you a citizen of this country? Present your identification, Adventurer." One of the guards stated which somewhat shocked Adrian.

"I totally forgot that most of the central continent is no longer a homogenous country like it used to." Adrian thought as he remembered that a great war for territory happened. Even some top guilds are now owners of castles when they conquered the territory.

In the end, the demigods that were still alive needed to stop the war. The central continent is now at a peace period because the demigods deemed that they would lay waste on countries that wanted war. The population of people already decreased when the dark god descended but it even became small due to the war.

Adrian presented his adventurer identification card and was given permission to enter the village. The village name is Quaint Rock Village and is said to be a small village near mountains. Their main source of money is the river where gold rocks would sometimes be carried by water from the mountains.

"It seems a player is the lord of this village, and he seems to be affiliated with a small guild. I guess times really has changed that even small guilds can become village lords." Adrian thought as he scanned the area.

The NPCs and new players seem to have a great atmosphere in this village. This means that the guild managing it is at least keeping the well being of the citizens. There have been reports of some guilds abusing their citizens which in turn made them fled. In the end, they lost a lot of money since running a territory is not easy.

Adrian headed for the grasslands and saw many newbie players gathered around. There were some players who were recruiting in the village, but he did not want to be in a party since Kanlaon is indeed an eye-catching monster.

Adrian went deeper into the forest in order find monsters at the level of 20 since Kanlaon could already take them on despite the large level difference. The monsters alone are terrified of Kanlaon just being in his presence. Since Adrian must let Kanlaon attack the monsters in order to gain experience, he refrained from attacking and instead used debuffs to hinder monsters.

After a few moments, a loud roar could be heard from the scenter of the forest. Sounds of magic and steel clashing could be heard from the location. Adrian could only hear it clearly because he borrowed Sirius' senses.

"Greater Summon: Sirius!" Adrian chanted as a large, majestic wolf came out of the magic circle.

"Investigate the disturbance for me." Adrian commanded as Sirius suddenly vanished.

After a few seconds, Sirius already sent a signal that he found the source of the disturbance. It seems that two groups are fighting over a field boss that spawned. The field boss was a large rabbit that is about three meters in height and is now injured critically.

"It seems that they are kill stealing the field boss. It is a natural occurrence in games, so it is better to ignore them." Adrian thought as he suddenly heard the name of the rival group.

"They are from the Shark Tooth Guild!" A person from the other group stated.

"Shark Tooth Guild. I heard of them as they are infamous even back then. They are about medium size now and that they own a former territory of Viscount. They also tax the dungeons in the regions they are controlling.

To think that players can now tax people for dungeon entry is absolutely insane, but I guess other guilds are also employing it as well. No wonder the traffic in my territory is a lot because they are the ones holding onto the territories. Most importantly, I heard that Kabrakan was bullied by them when he was a newbie." Adrian thought as he suddenly thought of the things that he could do.

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"You bastards from the Shark Tooth Guild! This is our guild's territory! Get out!" One of the opposing people shouted.

"Ho! This Field Boss is ours now. Compared to your Quaint Leaf Guild, you do not need the Field Boss anyways. It will be more important in our hands." The leader of the group from the Shark Tooth Guild stated with a smug look in his face.

"Everyone! Get ready! We earned the kill for that field boss!" One of the opposing side stated but his team members were a bit reluctant to move.

Chapter 904 – Petty Revenge I

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"Everyone! Get ready! We earned the kill for that field boss!" One of the opposing side stated but his team members were a bit reluctant to move.

The two groups started to fight but it was clear that the Shark Tooth Guild members were stronger. Their levels were almost the same, but their equipment is what made the difference. At this level, players would usually just have rare items at best.

The Shark Tooth Guild members had epic tier items at a low level which means they are either great at hunting or they stole it from players that lucked out. The names of the Shark Tooth Guild members could be seen flickering in red which means they already killed players on the way here.

"If I go and punish them then people might accuse me of bullying the weak." Adrian muttered but he then looked at Kanlaon. The dragon might have regressed but it seems that his attitude also changed a bit.

Kanlaon is looking at the Shark Tooth Guild members as offenders. Adrian did hear from Pann that members of the race that could be said to be born as noble are prone to protect those beneath them. They have this attitude of protecting those weaker than them which is why nobles of each race are also treated differently.

"Do you want to help them?" Adrian asked Kanlaon.

Since Kanlaon's voice has also regressed, he could not speak like before, but he can still understand. Adrian thought that it would be fine as long as he does not show himself. He applied Soul Form Transformation on himself to turn invisible.

"Let us make sure that the people oppressing the weak are punished." Adrian stated as he did not think that a future article would surface about the Hidden Guardian of the Little Forest.

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Kanlaon suddenly roared but only a cute squeal was released from his mouth. The people fighting suddenly got surprised that a small monster suddenly approached them. Kanlaon looked at with fierce eyes but only at the Shark Tooth Guild members. The ones being attacked by the opposing guild also knew that the small monster is not looking at them with dangerous eyes.

"Its cute." One of the people stated.

"Cute one, escape or else you will get killed by these evil people." The players from Quaint Rock Village shouted as they wanted the cute little creature to escape. They noticed that Kanlaon is intelligent and is trying to scare away the Shark Tooth Guild members.

The players from Quaint Rock Village are already at their wits end and is about to die after a few hits. Kanlaon released another cute growl and the Shark Tooth Guild members laughed at him but one of them is also annoyed by the sound.

"I kill this small annoying beast!" The annoyed member of Shark Tooth Guild shouted as his sword swung down towards Kanlaon.

"No!" The players from Quaint Rock Village shouted but they cannot move to save the cute beast that wanted to save them.

The sword came down on Kanlaon, but he did not flinch. The Shark Tooth Guild member thought that he would be able to kill Kanlaon with one hit as he saw that he was only level five despite the name being hidden.

"It is just a small beast anyway. I just hope that you drop something good." The Shark Tooth Guild member stated as his sword came in contact with Kanlaon's scales.

A loud clanging sound erupted and then the sound of something shattering to pieces could be heard. The weapon that the Shark Tooth Guild member used easily shattered upon impact against Kanlaon's scales. The shocked faces of everyone in the area could be seen and some even opened their mouths to the point that it could drop on the ground.

"What just happened!?" The Shark Tooth Guild member, who now has a broken sword, stated.

"I expected it, but I did not think that rare tier weapons are ineffective against Kanlaon. The durability suddenly dropped which is why it shattered like glass. I guess that dragon scales are still

dragon scales regardless of size." Adrian thought as Kanlaon could no longer control himself from his anger.

Since Kanlaon could not use his breath attack yet as his body has yet to develop that organ fully, one of Kanlaon's dragon orb suddenly shined. The Flame Dragon Orb shone in a crimson light and covered Kanlaon's body with flames.

Kanlaon then charged at the Shark Tooth Guild member that hit him with a sword. With just one hit, Kanlaon killed the player as his tackle also transferred the flames covering him to the body of his target. The Shark Tooth Guild member burned to death after getting tackled by a baby dragon.

The shock of everyone in the area could be visibly seen as they did not expect this to happen. Kanlaon did not stop as he then utilized another dragon orb and continued the same attacks until all the Shark Tooth Guild members are killed. The players from the Quaint Rock Village did not let Kanlaon go at it alone as they joined him.

Some of the players from Quaint Rock Village also died in the process as the remaining Shark Tooth Guild members became desperate. They knew that they will not get spared so some decided to run while others fought to avenge their fallen.

The ones that tried to run away only emitted a scream before a large wolf killed them with one swipe. The players from Quaint Rock Village did not know why the escaping Shark Tooth Guild members screamed but it must have been the mother of the creature that came to save them.

When the Shark Tooth Guild members were wiped out, the players from Quaint Rock Village came near Kanlaon and thanked him. The smiles of the players could be seen plastered on their faces, but they are also worried that the Shark Tooth Guild will get revenge on Quaint Rock Village.

Adrian also knew this, so he immediately told Kanlaon to leave after dealing with them. Kanlaon emitted a cute roar once again before activating the Light Dragon Orb to bend light and turning invisible. The players from Quaint Rock Village are happy that they survived and took the equipment that fell from the Shark Tooth Guild members.

"Did you have fun?" Adrian asked and he was met with a cute roar.

Since all of the Shark Tooth Guild members had red name tags, their revive penalty will be longer. They were sent to Limbo to be judged by the system if their sentence will be reduced. Adrian had another plan though as he found an interesting mechanic with his Shepherd of Lost Souls title when he visited the Goddess Nox.

"Are you not going to exercise your rights to judge souls, Champion Equinox? You should be able to judge the souls of the dead that have the same soul as you." The Goddess Nox stated which made Adrian ask the God of Death if he could judge the souls of players.

To his surprise, he could actually do that but there are restrictions. If he uses his privilege to judge the souls of players in Limbo, then he can only reduce their or add their death penalty by one ingame day. Adrian rose with a smile on his face and opened an ominous looking portal.

"Let us release some of the stress that we have." Adrian stated as he entered the ominous looking portal. The moment that Adrian's body passed through the portal, it no longer became a physical body. Adrian's body became similar to his true body but with his height instead of being a towering giant smoke being.

# [You have arrived at Limbo.]

Adrian could see that the newly dead Shark Tooth Guild members are lining up to get their judgement from the Anubis in charge. The moment the Anubises saw Adrian, they bowed to him as a sign of respect that the representative of the God of Death has arrived in Limbo.

Adrian picked all of the names of the Shark Tooth Guild members and all of them suddenly teleported in front of the Gate of the Dead. The Shark Tooth Guild members were puzzled with the sudden movement as it was their first time experiencing real teleportation.

"What is happening, dear wardens?" The leader of the current dead Shark Tooth Guild members stated.

In fact, when Limbo became a concept of the game, there have been players who also put it as their content. Much to their surprise, they can actually explore Limbo and are surprised that it is actually a real dimension but only dead being could go inside. The living could never step foot inside it.

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When players know that they could explore Limbo, they started to explore every nook and cranny of it. To their surprise, there is a chance that they can find floating spiritual items called Small Wisp. These items spawn at a small rate and finding one is basically dependent on one's luck.

The Small Wisp will reduce the experience reduction of anyone that finds them. It gives a 1% reduction in the penalty for experience points which is basically godsend for any player in the higher levels. Players in the lower levels do not need to get this as they can just recover that 1% with one monster at their level.

Also, the low-level players do not want to contend with the high-level players on the Small Wisp as they do not want to displeasure them. They also do not want to waste that much time lingering on this realm as they might suddenly incur the displeasure of the Anubis. They are guards that are very dedicated to their jobs.

The Anubises had made a name for themselves as loyal watchdogs of the God of Death. They are also very strict when it comes to people roaming around Limbo. They only have two rules that they preach in this realm.

The first rule is that they must never socialize with other dead people that they do not know. It seems that this rule was made so that players will not talk to NPCs that are dead and learn of their mortal life. It seems that the dead likes to talk about their past mortal life to the point that they even spill secrets that they learned while roaming the mortal plane as a soul.

The second rule that those inside the realm of Limbo must follow is to not impede the work of the workers. It seems that the first players that entered Limbo when it opened challenged some of the Anubises. Some also tested the patience of the Anubises which incurred their wrath.

The players learned that you can also die in the realm of the dead. The only ones that could kill you will be the ones that can move freely there which means the Anubises. The death penalty will also stack upon your death in Limbo which is why players who died to the guards could be seen ranting in the forums.

"What is happening, dear wardens?" The leader of the current dead Shark Tooth Guild members stated. He was visibly confused as they were suddenly in front of the line. They cannot also log out as some players do not like to wait in line for their turn to pass the gate.

"The Representative of the God of Death has chosen you people. Be silent and let him speak." One of the Anubis stated which made the Shark Tooth Guild members shut their mouths.

All the players in the area are also intrigued upon the sudden turn of events as this has never happened before. They never heard of this Representative of the God of Death before. Even the forums have never heard of his name or title. Some already started to take a recording of the events since this is very new and fresh.

"I will give you a chance to lessen your burden. Defeat me in combat and I will lessen your death penalty by one day." Adrian stated as that is how far his authority could consume.

There are various limitations on what Adrian could do for this as he cannot use this on every player he meets in Limbo. The first restriction is that the dead players must not have stayed in Limbo for more than two days already. The second is that no one in his friends list could be affected by his judgement or the special power of Pardon. The third is that he can only choose ten people per day as he needed to be limited in challenges.

"The Representative of the God of Death has given you the chance of Pardon to alleviate you of your death penalty. Will you accept his favor?" One of the Anubises stated.

"If I am correct, Great Representative of the God of Death, then we will be pardoned if we defeat you? It will decrease our sentence by one day, correct?" The leader of the current dead Shark Tooth Guild members stated.

"Correct but your death penalty will also be increased by one day if you lose. Balance must be given as death is fair to everyone." Adrian stated as it was in his rule that he can decrease and increase the death penalty depending on the circumstance.

The players, who know each other, suddenly started to talk to each other as the players in front of them have been given an opportunity to lessen their death penalty. This was a sudden but big announcement as the players now know of a method that can decrease their death penalty.

The only problem that they had is that they were not chosen by the Representative of the God of Death. All the players in the venue started to speculate on how they could be chosen as it is indeed a coveted spot. The players that were chosen could be seen being glared at with jealousy by the ones not chosen.

"Will you agree to the challenge?" Adrian asked once more as he radiated his Nether Energy to look more dignified.

"Will it be a fair duel?" The leader of the current dead Shark Tooth Guild members asked which made the Anubises furious.

"How dare you question the Representative of the God of Death about fairness?" The Anubises exclaimed which scared the players.

"It is fine as this is the first time that they have encountered me. Their question did not offend me in anyway but understand mortal." Adrian stated as his Nether Energy started to surround the area which pressured all the souls in the vicinity.

"Death is fair to everyone. Death does not give chances like this to anybody. That in turn means that I shall face all the ones that I have chosen in a fair battle." Adrian replied as the guidelines suddenly appeared before the Shark Tooth Guild members.

"Can we given time to deliberate, Great Representative of the God of Death?" The leader of the current dead Shark Tooth Guild members asked.

"I shall give you one minute to decide." Adrian stated as he retracted his Nether Aura because the other souls are visibly shaken by the power that it holds.

The Shark Tooth Guild members asked each other their opinions, and some did not want to take the risk. Although some did not want to take the risk, democracy is not a part of their team spirit. The leader of their group pressured all of them to battle Adrian as they had a good chance to relieve one day off their death penalty.

"We humbly accept your gracious gift, Great Representative of the God of Death." The leader of the current dead Shark Tooth Guild members stated.

When the Shark Tooth Guild member accepted the challenge, Adrian clicked the glowing icon that appeared in his vision. It was an icon that gave him the extra skill, Create Arena. As soon as he clicked the icon, nether energy slipped out from his body and started to create an arena made of stone out of it.

The arena is rather basic and is only about ten meters wide in a square shape. It is also elevated by two feet which means that almost everyone can see what is happening. The players are all amazed by this as this is the first time that they witnessed a being creating an ominous looking arena.

The players started to try and identify the Representative of the God of Death true identity. Even the Anubises are showing him respect to the point that the only thing that they did not do is kneel to kiss his feet. The players all concluded that the Representative of the God of Death may be one of the Gods of Death.

Some of those that wanted to challenge the Representative of the God of Death started to get scared as they did not want to fight a god in game. Some actually wanted to fight the Representative of the God of Death more because they may get acknowledged. Players that are confident want to get a blessing from a god after all since there are rumors of famous players being blessed by a god or goddess.

"Who will be the first challenger?" Adrian asked as he suddenly thought on what weapon to use. He decided to use his scythe as it screams Representative of the God of Death.

When Adrian pulled out his scythe, not only the challengers but also all the players gulped. The scythe has a moving eye at the base of the blade which made it look more menacing. The clothes that the Representative of the God of Death also changed to a more combat oriented clothing. The dead Shark Tooth Guild members suddenly thought that they bit more than they could chew.

# Chapter 906

[Your level will now be adjusted to reflect the level of your opponent.]

[Your skill mastery is also adjusted to match that of your opponent.]

[Some skills have been locked to match the level of your opponent.]

The members of the Shark Tooth Guild came to stage in a determined order but all of them died. Even the leader of the current group could not put up a fight against Adrian even if he cannot use every skill in his arsenal. He did not even use the skills that are present in his scythe to defeat them.

The Shark Tooth Guild members could only lament their inability to fight against the Representative of the God of Death. They hung their heads low and accepted their fates that one more day has been added to their death penalty. It seems that this is not their lucky day, and they would surely get reprimanded by the guild master for losing.

A lot of the players are currently streaming the fight which also garnered quite a few viewers as this was Limbo. Adrian already wasted six of the slots for this daily battle which means he could only battle four more challengers. He could battle four more, but he had no intentions of doing so.

"I wish to challenge the Representative of the God of Death. One of the players suddenly stated as she raised her hand.

The voice of the confident challenger is definitely feminine, but she was wearing a hood which obscured vision. If Adrian could create facial expressions, then he would be raising his brows right now. She is definitely more confident than the other players as she dared to issue a challenge to an unknown being.

The Anubises stared at the challenger as they thought that it was rude. They are glaring at the challenger, but she did not back down and stood confidently. Adrian admired her will to challenge someone that she has just observed, and it resonated with him.

"That is fine. Do not be too hostile on the courageous soul. In fact, many of you should be like her as she even stands tall before death itself." Adrian stated as he read the script that is suddenly given to him.

The challenger jumped up towards the stage as her cloak still sticked to her. It seems that she did not want her identity to be known but the sword that she is using is emanating something dangerous. Adrian and the Anubises could clearly feel that her sword is a God Slaying Weapon as every person with divinity can feel it creeping in their skin.

"Is this the reason why she is confident?" Adrian thought.

[Your level will now be adjusted to reflect the level of your opponent. You are now currently level 180 to match your opponent.]

Adrian is a bit shocked upon seeing the level that the challenger possesses as it was in the realm of high rankers. Players in the level range of 180 to 190 are in the top 15% of players in the world right now. She is definitely a powerhouse in herself as she looked like she was alone compared to others that were in a party.

"Commence battle!" The Anubis announced to start the match.

The challenger suddenly charged towards Adrian in such a quick manner that she almost looked like she vanished. Adrian is also a bit shocked with the sudden movement of his opponent, but he immediately applied Chrono Shift on himself. He noticed the challenger's sword coming down on him from the left side and proceeded to evade it.

The challenger is a bit flustered seeing that her attack was easily dodged. She immediately changed the direction of her sword as her skill allowed her to change the attack direction if she misses at

first. Adrian noticed this again and immediately casted Chrono Lag on the challenger. He movements became slow to the point that even low-level people could see her movement.

"Cleansing Light!" The challenger shouted as a bright light suddenly erupted from her body that cleansed the debuff on her body.

Adrian met the sword that regained it speed with his scythe. He noticed that the other person's attack is heavy but not that heavy compared to a warrior's attack. He could infer that her class is not a warrior and since she also used a spell that a priest could learn then she might be a paladin.

"Rapid Spectrum." The challenger stated as her body is then coated with layers of rainbow-colored light.

Her body became light, and her attack speed became much faster than before. Even Adrian needed to use some of his Primordial Energy to boost his current fighting ability. The acted like a fencer that deals swift attacks, but she also started to use magic missiles.

"She is a magic swordsman." Adrian thought as he can no longer hold back.

"Soul Eater." Adrian stated as his scythe swept the area around him.

The sudden attack hit the challenger and she lost sizeable chunk of her mana. Her mana that was culled by the skill became small blue dots that came flying towards Adrian's body. Seeing that her opponent is no longer holding back, she decided to utilize more buffs. It seems that she was also testing the waters earlier.

"Faint Light. Critical Shine. Piercing Light." She simultaneously casted three buffs on her body.

Adrian could see that the opponent is a master of the light element as this is the only element that she is using. He wondered what type of player she is as the paladins of the Church of Light do not use the techniques that she is using.

"Is she what I think she is?" Adrian thought as he suddenly lost focus on the fight for a small fraction of a second. Due to this, the challenger managed to hit him as a result. He wanted to counterattack but a notification suddenly rang.

"The challenge is over. One day will be reduced in your death penalty." Adrian stated as his opponent managed to trigger the hidden quest to succeed.

[The challenger managed to hit you for the first time. She will automatically be given the pardon due to this great achievement.]

The notification already notified him that she won already. Even the challenger was taken aback as she did not expect that her opponent will stop halfway. She looked at her notification screen and noticed that she did gain the pardon.

"You are the first one that managed to hit me among the seven challengers. Due to your great will to win and determined gaze, you are given the pardon for getting this achievement." Adrian stated as he read the dialogue.

The challenger thought that she did not deserve the pardon but took it regardless as she needed to return to her current mission. It did leave a bitter feeling in her mouth that she was not able to win but she also knew that she cannot win.

"This is actually great training as I get to participate in PVP when I cannot go to the Arena due to it being in the territory controlled by the God of War Ares. "Adrian stated as he looked at the other players that wanted to challenge him.

Upon seeing the display in power, the players that had their hands up all put their hands down. They were confident earlier as they could follow the movements that Adrian used but that is due to him being low level. It seems that their confidence stemmed from the earlier battles being slow but now they cannot proudly raise their hands.

Still, some immediately raised their hands once again to try. It seems that they were confident that they can at least land a hit and also be pardoned. The number of players that raised their hands exceeded the remaining three slots. Adrian had to use the roulette option to choose the three players that will fight.

"I will change the rules of the challenge. Survive for 10 minutes." Adrian stated as he summoned Sirius, Kimat and Dodu.

Adrian announced the new rules as he no longer wanted to fight the other three. It would take too long as they are also a bit high leveled. He decided to change the rules of the game and try the strength of his soulbounds.

Sirius, Kimat and Dodu were summoned in their chibi forms. All the three challengers needed to do is survive in the arena for ten minutes against the opponent of their choice. The three challengers sighed with relief when they learned of the challenge as it was only survival and the monsters looked cute.

The first of the three chose Kimat as he looked like a harmless kitten. The moment Kimat arrived in the arena; the player regretted his choice as a towering giant tiger is now looking at him like prey. The other players also regretted their decision with a great emphasis on the one who chose Sirius. Only the one who chose Dodu survived for ten minutes but he was almost dead.

#### Chapter 907

Kabrakan, Levin Cloud and Peridot are now in a quest to complete the activation of the item called the Will of the Wilde. It is the item needed to unlock the beastkin race to every other player. Kabrakan also wants the reward for unlocking its features as well.

Quest Name: Activate the Will of the Wilde

Difficulty: SSS

You have been tasked by King Leonidas to complete the Divine Item that will generate the beastkin race from souls of the dead. Since the Will of the Wilde has chosen you as the one to complete it, do your best in order to restore the Selvaggian race back to its glory.

Completion Condition: Complete the Will of the Wilde (1/4)

- Be chosen by the Will of the Wilde (1/1)
- Obtain the Breath of the Wilde (0/1)
- Obtain the Soil of the Wilde (0/1)
- Obtain the Splash of the Wilde (0/1)

Reward: Increase in Persona, Skill: Beast Soul Awaken

Failure Condition: Lose possession of the Will of the Wilde

Failure Penalty: -3 Levels, Extreme Dissatisfaction from King Leonidas

The current mission given to them is SSS rank as it should be. The locations of the three items are also unknown and only the holder of the Will of the Wilde will be able to determine a rough location. All that Kabrakan knows is that the three items are found in the main world.

"Did you know anything about the first thing that we need to find?" Levin Cloud asked as he would be able to minimize the search location if he gets a rough idea of the things they need to search.

"I do not know much as even the elders of the Selvaggian Race die of old age as well. The longest lived of all of the Selvaggian race would be the Fox clan. All they know is that each of the things to revive the Will of the Wilde will be close to the characteristic of nature." Kabrakan replied.

"So basically, we are searching blind for the three items, and we would just need to rely on your sense to locate the items. There should be clues from the names as it would not just be Breath of the Wilde like an orb. It must be intangible or something because you said that the Selvaggian Asmodian materialized from a concept." Levin Cloud stated.

"You are correct, but it seems that we can get a clue on each of the items. King Leonidas told me that there should be three clans that should have an idea on the three items. It seems that they stayed here in the main world when the others retreated to The Wilde." Kabrakan stated.

"If that is the case then we should be able to get clues on the three items as long as we find those three clans." Peridot stated but Kabrakan suddenly got shy.

"You also do not know the location of the three clans, do you?" Peridot stated.

"As expected of Peridot, you are really the brains of this team." Kabrakan replied but he could feel the anger welling up on Peridot's face.

"You at least know the clans that we need to find though?" Peridot stated in a calm tone, but her face could be seen nearing explosion.

"I know that. One of the three clans are quite well known after all. The first is called the Winter Owl clan who are said to be able to freely control the wind and can survive even the coldest of winds. The next ones would be the Carabao clan, who are a vassal clan of the water buffalo clan, is said to be loved by the earth to the point that they always have abundant harvest. The last would be the mermaid clan, who are a collective clan of all Hydromorphs, and the most well known of all the Selvaggian race." Kabrakan stated.

"We should go to the mermaid clan first then." Levin Cloud suggested.

"I disagree. We should find the Winter Owl Clan first." Peridot affirmed as she knows of the difficulty of finding them in the seas. Only she could traverse the seas without many problems, but she will not be able to guarantee the safety of the other two.

"I think we should find the Carabao Clan first. I am of the bull race which means they will have great affinity with me. The mermaid clan can wait as we can ask Equinox' help for that. Kanlaon could perfectly control water after all. The strain will be too much for Peridot if we chose to meet them first." Kabrakan stated as he also thought out the sequence.

Levin Cloud and Peridot agreed with Kabrakan as it was his quest after all. They also have difficulty in finding the Winter Owl clan as they should be situated in a high place. Only Peridot is able to fly among them as well.

"We need to get mounts that can fly." Levin Cloud stated as he sighed.

"Jealous of my great mount?" Peridot asked as she summoned Moksha.

The glorious appearance of the Qilin greeted the two of them. It would be a lie to say that the two of them were not jealous. This was the mount that is bonded with Peridot thanks to Equinox. Moksha appeared with a flash of fire and lightning.

"You were only able to get that because Adrian was with you. I also want a mount, but it is difficult to find one that fits my criteria. I need something that can stand my weight." Kabrakan stated.

"I already have the egg for my mount, but I do not know how to actually hatch it. Even Adrian has no idea on how to hatch it. I wanted to try asking Pann but I was also busy with the things that needed to be done for the revival of the Church of the Twin Gods." Levin Cloud stated with a sigh but he is determined to get an answer to the riddle of hatching his egg that was given as a reward.

#### Chapter 908

The three decided to pursue the Carabao clan first as they are said to have migrated south. The only problem is that they do not know how far south the clan migrated. Peridot even made use of the information that the Ryujin knows but their records only indicated south as well. It seems that dragons do not particularly care for other things if it was not treasure or other dragons.

"There is one way we can get a rough grasp of the location of the Carabao clan if they are hidden." Peridot stated but even she is reluctant to actually use that method.

"Really? What is it?" Levin Cloud asked.

"We go to a Fortune Teller." Peridot stated but the face of the two suddenly became contorted.

Since the people are now in an age of great technology, some of the superstitious beliefs like fortune telling and card reading weakened. The belief of the people is now reinforced by probability and statistics unlike the early half of the 21st century. Practices of reading fortunes or charms are more of souvenirs now or just for fun.

"You do know that fortune tellers are a scam here in Pandemonium, right? They charge exorbitant amount of money for freaking riddle. There is also a chance that the fortune that they are reading is not true. In fact, fortune tellers are scarce now due to some of them scamming nobles which made their heads fly off." Levin Cloud stated as her remembered the forum announcement of Fortune Tellers.

"If the passive skill that you get when you choose it as a sub class is not great then the class would have been forgotten." Kabrakan added.

The Fortune Teller Sub-class is a money hungry job class since gold is paid in order to have a chance of accurately predicting what the people want. The passive skill that it gives is called Lucky Dice where people would get a random buff depending on their luck. It would trigger for every five skills that the player uses.

It might be a chance buff but the players that have no passion for a production class would often choose it to aid their battle power. It also gives the players a great deal of satisfaction when they roll the best number as they could double the damage of the skill that they use.

"You do know that searching the world for a clue by fortune telling would mean that we would invest at least a thousand gold. The commission of the fortune teller is not even present in that amount of money. That will just be the money used for the prediction." Levin Cloud stated as his face had a trace of him being scammed once.

"I know of one fortune teller that is somewhat accurate, but we need to shell out two thousand gold at least." Peridot stated.

"I agree. I will pay that amount as long as she can provide as three locations." Kabrakan answered as he does not want to search blindly.

Since Kabrakan agreed, Levin Cloud has no need to intervene. It was his quest in the first place and he will not be the one paying anyway. The three of them rode Moksha to a port city that is considered a free city as merchants are the one ruling it. It is also a place where many sea farers stay, and no racial discrimination is present in this city. Even undead are welcome in this city as long they do not attack the living, but people are still avoiding them.

The three of them descended to the gate where Peridot is greeted by the guards since she is well-known in this city. This port city is where the Ryujin mostly trade their things that they do not need. They maneuvered to a tent in a hidden area of the commoner section of the port city.

"Such a rare occasion for the princess of the Ryujin tribe to seek my help." The woman dressed in a fortune tellers garb stated. Her robes could be described as made with the finest dark blue silk that goes well with her brown skin tone. Her lustrous black hair also added to her mysterious aura and beauty.

"Good day, Madame Jean. We need your foresight." Peridot greeted.

"I know. I have seen that you will come to my tent which is why I waited for you here." Madame Jean stated.

"She already said something that scammers say." Levin Cloud whispered.

"It seems that one of you is not a believer." Madame Jean stated.

"If you are really a fortune teller then tell us what we wanted to know." Levin Cloud stated as he wanted to test the authenticity of the woman before them.

"You wish to find three great families." Madame Jean proudly stated which made Levin Cloud and Kabrakan show a shocked expression. The two looked at Peridot to see if she told her of their circumstance but she shook her head.

"How much?" Kabrakan asked as he is somewhat convinced.

"Three thousand gold coins." Madame Jean stated.

The three of them could not believe that the price is that great. That amount of money could already fetch two Epic Tier skill books that are not easily found. Although, Kabrakan expected this as he is also somewhat familiar with fortune telling.

"Since those three are great families, they should have the protection of fate. I would need to use 900 gold coins as offering to the Goddess of Fate to give me a revelation." Madame Jean explained.

"Agreed. Proceed." Kabrakan stated which made Madame Jean smile.

With a small gesture, the entrance of the tent suddenly closed. The interior of the tent suddenly changed to depict the scene of the stars. Madame Jean also floated as her eyes glowed in a mysterious light. She extended her hand towards Kabrakan, and he responded by taking out the three thousand gold coins.

Two thousand seven hundred gold coins vanished from existence while the remaining three hundred transferred to the safe that Madame Jean owns.

# Chapter 909

"A clan born of winter storm and resides in the peak of a mountain tundra. If you seek the precious breath, then you must journey north for only there shall you find what you greatly need." Madame Jean stated in a voice that echoes.

Levin Cloud could feel it from Madame Jean. It is the presence of a divine being, but it was faint. Levin Cloud could now believe that the words that Madame Jean is speaking has some sort of backing.

"A clan blessed by the lands itself concealed by two great mountains located in the south of east. If you seek the precious land that they cultivate then make sure that you are strong enough to reach them." Madame Jean stated in a voice that echoes.

"That should be the Carabao Clan." Peridot muttered as she is taking note of the words coming out of Madame Jean's mouth.

"A clan said to be born from water itself as they live and thrive in it. Head east and find the swirling catastrophes to find what you seek." Madame Jean stated as she descended and sat on her table.

The surroundings also returned to its former look as the sea of stars vanished. Things that previously floated settled down back to their original places. The orientation of the room also returned back which no longer made then nauseous.

"You have gained what you seek. It is time for the Madame to be elsewhere and if fate allows us to meet again then so be it." Madame Jean stated as the crystal ball on her table emitted blinding light.

When the three opened their eyes, the tent and everything inside of it vanished. Madame Jean is also nowhere to be seen as she vanished as well. The three had a long pause before they finally realized that they are no longer in the tent and that they are out in the open.

"Did she really just vanish? Did you know that this is going to happen?" Levin Cloud asked.

"I did not know. I only know of her tent's location before which is why I suggested to come visit here. I did not know that she will vanish after reading the fortune that we wanted." Peridot replied as even she did not expect to be bamboozled.

"Anyways, she said to head south of east to find the Carabao Clan. Do you guys have a world map?" Kabrakan asked.

"I have one. Let me bring it up." Peridot stated as she showed them her world map that came from her master. Although, it was not up to date since it is a map that depicted the world about 50 years ago.

"There are a group of islands located south of the east continent, but it is not traveled much by the merchants. It is said that south of the east continent is where barbarians live that attack any that goes there." Peridot stated but they can only follow that hint.

The group headed to the eastern continent first and planned their next destination. They needed to go to the port city located at the south of the east continent called Vermillion Port. Thankfully, the Vermillion Bird is welcoming to Peridot when it learned that she was Adrian's friend.

They easily arrived at Vermillion Port since they rode Moksha to arrive faster than before. The only problem that they encountered is that no ships actually sail south. Even the fisherman that stays there are warning them to not go to the islands south of Vermillion Port as it is said to be hideouts for pirates.

"Do pirates even exist in this game? I mean the seas are controlled by various races that make the oceans their home." Levin Cloud stated.

"Pirates exist but they are smarter than you think because they only target boats that they can definitely loot. The targets are usually small merchants' ships that cannot hire great protection or private ships. They are the reason why the other continents rarely exchange goods." Peridot replied.

"We can just ride Moksha there anyway. I can restore his stamina as long as we fly at a decent speed. It seems that the fishermen are not going to help us even if we pay them." Levin Cloud stated.

The three agreed to use Moksha to fly to the islands located south of the eastern continent. They headed to the area where not much activity is bustling as summoning Moksha in a crowded area is not a great idea.

"So, all of you are going south? You can definitely survive but it is still up to the luck of the three of you." An old hermit suddenly stated as the three suddenly noticed that he was meditating in one of the rocks.

"Do you know what awaits us south, old man?" Levin Cloud asked as NPCs that warn people know of the dangers.

"Let me warn you. The only way to your destination is the sea. Flying will only lead to your doom." The old man reiterated as he returned to his meditation. He no longer spoke even if the three of them asked the old hermit.

"We should at least try. What if the old man is just there to scare anyone that attempts to fly to the south of here. But...it is still your call, cousin." Levin Cloud stated as he looked towards Kabrakan.

"I agree as we cannot blindly believe everything that they say. We need to see it with our own eyes and experience it with our own body. If we do not go because of the warnings of people that we do not know then we might regret later." Kabrakan stated as Peridot agreed.

Moksha is summoned and he increased his size to make sure that the other two can ride him. They headed south to where the islands are located. The old hermit could only see the determined faces of

the young ones, but he clicked his tongue. He knows that the only way to the islands of the south of the eastern continent is through water.

### Chapter 910

The three riding Moksha proceeded to the islands without much issue. Peridot is assigned to be the navigator of the trip as she owns a copy of the world map. After travelling for about an hour, the group encountered something that should not be there.

The path towards the islands is blocked by a wide stretch of clouds. Kabrakan asked Peridot if Moksha can continue, and she assured that they can. Moksha pierced the clouds and the three's visibility became reduced. All they can see is mist like surroundings and their faces becoming wet.

They traversed the clouds for one whole hour, but they came out in another area that is not inside of the cloud formation. Moksha tried once again but the same result happened as they arrived outside the cloud formation after one hour of being inside of it.

"We are not getting anywhere." Kabrakan stated and the two agreed.

"Let me try traversing the clouds to see if it is the same." Peridot stated as she suddenly transformed to a snake like dragon. She proceeded to pierce the cloud formation again, but she returned outside of it again after an hour.

Peridot came back extremely exhausted as she consumed almost all of her stamina from retaining her dragon form. She caught her breath for a few seconds before elaborating the things that she noticed.

"I only maintained a straight travel direction, but I ended up back to this position. The clouds are some sort of array that is more powerful than the one set up at Mt. Thunder. If only we had Adrian here, then he might have decoded the array inside of the cloud formation.

It is a powerful array that could even fool a Ryujin's sense of direction. Even the elements are being fooled when I commanded the wind to guide me to the location of the islands. It also stretches far and wide, but we always return to the area near where we enter." Peridot stated as she more or less guessed the reason why they cannot arrive at the islands.

"What if the old hermit is correct?" Kabrakan suddenly interjected.

"You cannot be serious?" Levin Cloud reacted as the clouds also stretched to the surface of the water.

"The clouds also touch the water which means we will still arrive back to this area even if we go by boat. The formation changes the perception of the people inside. It might look like we are going straight but we are actually just going back to the location where we entered." Peridot stated.

"What if the entrance is not by flight or by boat but by diving underwater?" Kabrakan stated.

The two can only agree to that assumption but they are not completely trusting the information of the old hermit. Peridot transformed once again to her dragon form and dove to the ocean. She surfaced after five minutes of surveying underwater.

"The point where the cloud touches the water is also blocked by a reef. The reef also stretches far and wide to the point that there are no passages. Maybe one cannot go to those islands unless they have an item or something." Peridot stated as she reverted back to a humanoid form.

"We should return and ask the old hermit." Kabrakan announced to which the two agreed since he is the leader of the group since it is his mission.

The group returned back to the stony shore where they saw the old hermit meditating. The old hermit did not move from his position from what they could surmise. Kabrakan sat in front of the old hermit until the latter opened its eyes.

"It seems that your means was fruitless. Just like I told you, you cannot reach it by flight. It seems that your luck is great since you three did not get swallowed by the Maelstrom." The old hermit stated.

"Can you please tell us the way to go to the islands that are located south of here?" Kabrakan asked as he bowed with great respect.

The old hermit saw this and raised his eyebrows as a proud member of the beastman race is actually lowering his head towards him. He found it amusing yet felt the great humility that this beastman has. Beastmen are prideful beings that do not bow down to anyone even if they are at death's door.

"Seeing that you are bowing to me despite me being a useless old man, it seems that your need to go to the hidden islands are greater than your pride. I just hope that others of your race are like you because people often lose themselves when they are above others." The old hermit stated as he suddenly summoned a gourd from nowhere.

The old hermit handed the gourd to Kabrakan. It was just an ordinary gourd made of clay with a red string attached to it. There are no special marks or writings in the gourd that makes it stand out from te other gourds that are being sold in the eastern continent.

"When you are in front of the cloud formation, dive towards the sea and let the gourd decide your fate. If it deems all of you worthy, then you will safely arrive at the hidden islands." The old hermit stated as he went back to his meditation.

"Thank you very much for your grace." Kabrakan stated as he thanked the old hermit for the gift. The other two thanked the old hermit as well but he did not bother sending the three off.

When the three were no longer near the old hermit, his body started to fade as if he is becoming wind. A few moments later, only the howl of the wind could be heard from the rock peaks at the shore. The old hermit vanished without a trace.

Kabrakan did not know that he managed to complete one of the hidden quests to find a way to the hidden islands. His humility is what convinced the old hermit to give them a way inside.