

Supremacy 1551

Chapter 1551 Becoming A Bio researcher!

At the moment, Felix was at the ninth dragon mark and the thirteenth devourer's mark. This meant the dragon marks enhanced his strength by 180k, while the devourer's marks helped him obtain 130k.

"Devourer marks are peaked at thirty marks while dragons are infinite." Lady Sphinx remarked, "Though, the resources required to fulfill each mark keep doubling and I don't think absorbing them like before is efficient."

"I know, I am losing a decent chunk of elemental energy since my hearts aren't optimal 100%."

Felix understood that his previous method of absorbing natural treasures and elemental minerals would no longer work in upper marks if he didn't find a way to perfect the process.

Losing 20% or 30% of resources during each absorption was a bit okay before, but in his current state, those percentages translated to thousands of rare treasures wasted.

"Master, is there a potion or divine item that can help with this problem?" Felix inquired with a serious tone.

"For divine items, you should check with Cyclope." Lady Sphinx answered, "As for the potions, hmmm, it's a bit tough to say."

"What do you mean?"

"Rank six potions are the potions capable of affecting primogenitors either positively or negatively. However, I have made only a dozen recipes of them since they are extremely challenging to create." Lady Sphinx clarified, "Not a single one is related to enhancing elemental energy absorption from natural treasures."

Felix always heard about rank six potions and never learned how to concoct one.

Time wasn't his ally and he was always giving his attention to other fields, which would help him receive an instant strength enhancement.

So, his potion-making had been stagnated for a long while now.

"I think it's time to learn how to create my recipes." Felix remarked, "If there isn't any, I just need to create it."

"I love the enthusiasm, but it's not going to be easy." Lady Sphinx warned, "You can't be half-hearted with this. You will spend decades if not more, experimenting and trialing unique combinations for the sake of creating the perfect recipe."

"In addition, rank six potions require only SSS+ natural treasures and materials, which are almost impossible to locate through effort. Most of the ones found were through sheer luck."

"Since you will be creating a new recipe, this means you will need to find new undiscovered SSS+ natural treasures to experiment on. I have already tried every possible combination with the discovered ones, and they gave birth to the recipes in my possession."

"This does sound a bit too difficult and heavily reliant on fortune." Felix frowned.

Felix had no problems with working hard, but to find new undiscovered SSS+ natural treasures? That's something unrelated to hard work or effort.

The only new undiscovered SSS+ natural treasure he managed to find was the dark moss in the ancestral dragon dimension, and it happened purely through chance.

Not willing to give up so easily, Felix wondered, "Is it possible to minimize the luck factor through heavy studying and using the analytic powers of my wisdom eye?"

In his eyes, he believed that it was possible to predict the existence of the super rare natural treasures and materials if he managed to study geography, history, weather,

biology, evolution, and previous data of discovered SSS+ treasures, whether extinct or not.

"It's not guaranteed to work, but I believe it might help you minimize the luck factor by a small percentage." Lady Sphinx nodded

Even though the SSS+ natural treasures seemed heavily reliant on luck, they just didn't pop off randomly across the universe.

Many strict conditions needed to be fulfilled for their birth and cultivation. Felix believed that if he managed to find those conditions, it would help him predict a natural treasure's birth without knowing about it beforehand.

Though, even if he pulled this off, and there was a natural treasure at the end of his calculations, nothing guaranteed it would be a super rare one.

Many low-graded natural treasures were also born under strict conditions.

"Wait, I have illusion domain! I don't need to go out and search for natural treasures after reading data." Felix exclaimed, "With wisdom eye and enough data, I can cultivate my natural treasures in an illusionary garden and see if there is any area in the universe where their birth checks out!"

"That's quite smart." Candace praised.

In another sense, Felix would be playing the role of bioresearcher in his illusion domain, crossbreeding plants, accelerating time, feeding them with different types of elemental energy, and the list goes on.

Later on, if an SSS+ natural treasure was born in his illusion domain, he would already have the conditions and he would just need to search for a location that matched them!

This way, he was guaranteed to at least not end up finding lower-

grade natural treasures.

"You could do this in the UVR too." Lord Loki shared lazily, "I can remove the time restrictions in your private room."

"It's cool, I prefer using my illusion domain, it gives me more freedom and knowledge about everything in it." Felix rejected the offer politely.

Even with the time manipulation restriction taken off, the UVR had many other limitations and Felix was more comfortable with his domain.

Plus, since he would be using his domain in his private room, he wouldn't be wasting any elemental energy in the process.

"As you wish."

Without wasting time, Felix entered his private room and embarked on a grand endeavor to create a vast and diverse garden that would serve as a hub for cultivating and researching new plant life.

With a wave of his hand, he brought forth a series of distinct environments, each carefully tailored to support unique ecosystems.

The first environment he conjured was a sprawling desert, with towering dunes and a scorching sun overhead. In this arid landscape, he nurtured cacti species, succulents species, and many other resilient desert flora that thrived in the harshest conditions.

Moving on, Felix shifted the scene to a volcanic terrain, where smoldering lava flows and geysers of steam created a harsh and volatile setting.

Amidst the rocky outcrops, he wanted to cultivate rare heat-resistant plants that drew their sustenance from the Earth's fiery depths.

Transitioning to a lush forest environment, he created a green canopy of towering trees that filtered sunlight onto a rich undergrowth of ferns, mosses, and vibrant wildflowers. Here, he focused on the cultivation of shade-loving and woodland species.

Next, he transported himself to an oceanic paradise, with crystal-

clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, and swaying kelp forests. He wanted to experiment with marine plant life, nurturing species adapted to various depths and conditions.

Felix continued to craft diverse habitats within his garden, including alpine meadows, subterranean caves, and even a celestial grove bathed in moonlight.

Each environment was meticulously designed to mimic the conditions of its real-world counterpart.

"Those environments will do for now. I will add complicated ones later on related to time, void, vibration, death, life, gravity, and such."

As he wandered through this botanical wonderland, Felix understood that he had to start easy and simple.

Those environments mostly give birth to S-graded natural treasures and below. The SSS+ usually were related to rare elements, which was one of the reasons it was nearly impossible to find them in the first place.

But he was still a beginner at this and it was best to level up his experience and knowledge gradually.

Fortunately, he had a biology excel at behind him.

"Since we are doing this, I might as well teach you genetic manipulation to become a true alchemist at last." Lady Sphinx informed while entering his garden.

"I will be honored." Felix smiled joyfully.

He always wanted to excel at the genetic manipulation field and other fields of alchemy, but Lady Sphinx insisted that he needed to master potion-making first.

With his current tools and available free time, there was no better period to excel at all aspects and transform into an alchemist!

Chapter 1552 The Endless Possibilities of Crossbreeding!

"Since your knowledge about natural treasures and materials is already great, we will start with crossbreeding," Lady Sphinx informed.

Usually, one would need to learn about plants and such before going into complex details, but Felix's knowledge was already at its peak.

He had studied and memorized all books handed to him by Lady Sphinx to assist with his potion-making.

Of course, those books were merely concentrated on natural treasures and their details, like grade, history, evolutionary tree, etc.

So, he was still quite ignorant about crossbreeding and other fields of botany.

Without wasting time, she began her explanation, by selecting two particularly unique plants for their lesson.

"Now, let's use these two remarkable plants."

Lady Sphinx gestured to a tall, slender flower with glossy, silver petals, which she called the Lunar Silkflower, and a low-lying bush with fiery red blossoms, known as the Phoenix Firebloom.

"These two are both B-graded natural treasures in their own right," she explained. "But imagine if we could combine their qualities into a single plant."

"How is that possible?" Felix's interest was piqued.

He was always fascinated by the biology of natural treasures with all the readings he had done on them.

Obviously, he was referring mostly to plant-based natural treasures.

In this universe, anything could become a natural treasure as long as it held within it a decent amount of elemental energy.

For example, if a strong creature died and his corpse wasn't decomposed, standing strong against the power of time, it would start to absorb elemental energy slowly corresponding to the corpse's highest elemental affinity.

After centuries, millennia, or even millions of years, what remained of the corpse would be considered a natural treasure.

Its grade would be decided by the amount of elemental energy it held within it and its unique effects.

However, since those treasures were related to previous existing creatures of the past, Felix wasn't planning to focus on them in his studies.

After all, there was no way to figure out the SSS+ flesh-based natural treasures' location with his current method.

"Crossbreeding is the process of mating two different plants with desirable traits to create a new hybrid species. In this case, we aim to merge the Lunar Silkflower's hardiness and its ability to thrive in tough conditions with the Phoenix Firebloom's fire-resistant capabilities."

Lady Sphinx carefully plucked a blossom from the Phoenix Firebloom and gathered some of its pollen on a brush.

Moving to the Lunar Silkflower, she brushed the pollen onto the silver petals while explaining, "By pollinating the Lunar Silkflower with the Phoenix Firebloom's pollen, we encourage the Lunar Silkflower to inherit some of the Firebloom's traits."

"Since those two plants shared a similar environment, their compatibility is decent and it will help with the birth of new plants with the desired traits."

"What if they weren't compatible?" Felix inquired.

"If two plants weren't compatible at all, it doesn't mean that crossbreeding them will end up in failure, it just means that the failure percentage will be in the higher ends." Lady Sphinx shared, "However if a miracle occurred and against all odds, the crossbreeding succeeded, the new plant would be stronger than both plants combined."

"That's because it will inherit the strengths of its parent plants and since their environments were different, it will allow the new plant to survive tougher situations."

"In other words, the new plant will be given more time to evolve, and enhance its genetic pool, which will increase its grade slowly over time," Felix commented with a look of intrigue.

"Exactly, time and environmental hazards are the primary killers of natural treasures. However, if they survive and evolve, it's almost a guarantee to turn into a high-graded treasure." Lady Sphinx nodded.

"No wonder it's impossible to cultivate S-graded and above natural treasures even if the right environment was given."

Felix knew that there were many botanists in the alliance working on cultivating natural treasures either for research purposes or for sale...None of them had yet to cultivate an S-graded natural treasure in the real world.

That's because for their evolution to happen, they require specific extremely harsh conditions plus a very, very long period.

No one would want to invest trillions of coins in such a project when even the end rewards might not come after thousands of years of struggle.

So, almost all botanists focus on cultivating A-graded natural treasures and below...Even those natural treasures weren't easy to get.

"Time is the biggest wall any botanist faces. Even I have managed to cultivate only four SS natural treasures, and one SSS natural treasure after countless trials and errors." Lady Sphinx shared.

"That's already too impressive." Felix raised an eyebrow in surprise.

Lady Sphinx didn't have any time manipulation abilities, so she had to wait for god knows how many years for each natural treasure to reach its peak evolution.

Such godly patience and resolve only true researchers possessed!

"With illusion domain, it will be a million times easier to run controlled simulations...For example," Lady Sphinx requested while pointing at the silkflower, "Speed up the time by a hundred and increase the richness of fire elemental energy around it."

Felix did as he was told and created a small invisible bubble around the flower filled with fire elemental energy...Then, he sped the time specifically inside the bubble.

With the time sped up by a hundred, Felix and the rest were able to watch with anticipation as the seeds began to sprout and grow at an astonishing rate.

Within moments, the slender shoots burst forth from the earth, their petals a rich, silvery green.

As they stretched toward the sky, the buds at their tips started to unfurl, revealing a new breed of flowers.

They bore the same fiery hue as the Phoenix Firebloom's blossoms but retained the unique shimmer of the Lunar Silkflower's petals!

Felix couldn't help but smile as he witnessed the birth of this extraordinary creation.

"Lunar Firebloom, high-quality B-graded natural treasure. If consumed raw, it gives the user a decent 1% to 3% fire affinity rating with a few stomach-related side effects. But the majority of people use it as the main ingredient to concoct rank three FireShell Potion." He shared, "It gives the user a temporary seven days peak resistance to fire, making it high in demand for anyone desiring to explore hot areas."

Lady Sphinx nodded. "It's a crossbreed that incorporates the best of both parent plants. It possesses the Lunar Silkflower's resilience and adaptability, while the fiery blossoms enhanced its absorption of fire elemental energy and heat resistance."

"Even though the grade remained the same, the treasure's quality and effects make it extremely desirable compared to its parents." Felix smiled, "Crossbreeding is truly a universe with endless possibilities."

"I have been giving books related to natural treasures and their details." Lady Sphinx manifested a mountain of books next to Felix and said, "Those are specific for crossbreeding, batonic genetics understanding, biochemistry, and more. Use your clones to read them and when you are done, we can start straightaway with crossbreeding some new variations."

"I understand," Felix replied while staring at the mountain of books. If they were organized into a library, it would fill up at least a hundred shelves!

Felix knew that even with his clones' assistance and wisdom eye, it would take him a week or less to integrate and condense such a heavy load of information in his brain.

Lady Sphinx wasn't going to let the week go to waste.

"For now, let's return to potion-making." Lady Sphinx said, "It's time you mastered some rank-six potions."

"I am more than ready," Felix replied with a hint of excitement as he had been waiting for this day for a long time now.

Who could blame him? Potions capable of affecting primogenitors were similar in rank to high-quality divine equipment!

In other words, Felix could use them in his battles!

"Let's start with God's Pillar Potion." Lady Sphinx uttered with a faint smile.

Chapter 1553 God's Pillar. I

"God's Pillar? Sounds powerful." Felix was left intrigued at such a bold and overbearing name.

He knew of almost all existing potions besides the rank six ones as Lady Sphinx kept a tight lid on them, not exposing their names...Don't even mention their details.

"That's a name bringing some memories," Thor said with a nostalgic tone.

"You still possess some of them, Sphinx?" J?rmungandr raised an eyebrow in surprise, "It will be of massive help to Felix if he drank one before his battle with Nimo's alter ego."

"My stock ran out a long, long time ago." Lady Sphinx shook her head, "Unfortunately, I am missing some key ingredients to concoct one."

"Thought so, it was difficult to buy one from you in the old times and that's when there was a decent quantity of high-graded natural treasures lying around." Thor sighed in disappointment.

"Can someone tell me what does it do?" Felix was more curious than ever after listening to their discussion.

"It's one of the most powerful and desirable potions during the primogenitors era. Almost everyone sought to purchase them from Sphinx and if she didn't have them, they would seek out to find its materials and request her to concoct them." J?rmungandr shared with a solemn tone, "It was for a valid reason, God Pillar's potion enables primogenitors to trade their longevity with an insane all-rounded boost of strength, ranging from 10% to even 50%."

"That much?" Felix sucked a deep cold breath in shock.

He understood that the higher someone enhanced his strength, the harder it got to get even more powerful.

Yet, for a potion to help primogenitors' rank beings empower themselves by such a massive percentage was literal insanity!

It could change the balance of the fight almost immediately.

"Unfortunately, the enhancement is temporarily lasting for a couple of minutes at best. When it ends, the side effects are too severe to handle even for us." Thor recalled with an irritated tone while looking at the darkins who were brushing the ground. "I was forced to consume a potion during one of our battles and while we won the conflict, I ended up slumbering for at least a century to recover my dried-up longevity."

The darkins flinched at his look and swiftly lowered their heads, acting like they hadn't heard him.

"But how does your longevity get affected when you are immortal?" Felix was slightly confused by this.

"Let me put it this way...Mortals' longevity is like an unrecoverable life essence. Once consumed either naturally or through other methods, the mortal ends up dead after an aging process. End of story." Thor clarified, "However, for us primogenitors and all immortals in the universe. Our life essence could be recovered with time even when consumed wholly. If it is empty, we become weak, old, and lose our natural functions just like any other creature. To help with its recovery, we tend to sleep to reduce energy intake and let the body focus wholly on restoring its life essence."

"I see..." Felix nodded in understanding.

Felix always wondered what immortality was like and even when he became a deity, he was still not technically an immortal yet.

Now, he understood that his life essence wasn't recoverable like them and this was the only point that differentiates mortals from immortals.

Felix had a strong feeling that he would become a true immortal after he broke through the origin realm.

"While you aren't an immortal, you could live for tens of millions of years if not more." Lady Sphinx said, "This means you can take at least one potion and be able to survive its drastic side effects."

"I thought so the same." Felix nodded with a hardened expression, "As my master said, it will help me a lot in my upcoming challenge. I will give it my best to find the missing essential ingredients."

Felix was already on a mission to locate new and rare SSS+ natural treasures, he might as well start hunting for all of them to concoct any rank six potion able to help him.

"Focus first on learning how to brew it. Rank six potions are nowhere close to other potions in terms of difficulty and complexity." Lady Sphinx said while creating a concoction station in front of them.

When Felix switched his focus to the right table and saw the materials on it, his breath was stolen away in astonishment.

"Ethereal Orchid, Eclipse Rose Petals, Serpentreot Sap, Abyssal Coral Extract...Holy, seeing this many SSS+ treasures on a mixture table is something I never expected when I became a potioneer."

Felix was already told that rank six potions required only SSS+ natural treasures...Yet, it was still a shocking sight to see so many in one place.

Just one of them was enough to buy an entire empire!

"Focus, I am going to brew it only once and it will be your turn." Lady Sphinx intoned while rolling her sleeves.

Soon, Lady Sphinx began by carefully plucking the eclipse rose's petals gently and carefully.

"As you know the eclipse rose can absorb the solar energy during a solar eclipse and enhance its potentness by double for some time. Unfortunately, for this mixture to work, you will need recently charged petals. Otherwise, the potion will be a dud."

"..." Felix was left speechless.

He didn't think that there would be important steps before he could even begin the preparation of materials.

"How could you even find that you need charged petals for the potion to work?" Candace inquired with a curious tone.

"Trials, countless trials to count." Lady Sphinx shared, "Luckily, the old times were rich with high-graded natural treasures due to the elemental energies were at their highest levels and not many people to harvest them."

"Plus, you were getting a lot gifted from us for the sake of enhancing our chances of being the first to buy your end products." Thor chuckled, "God knows how many SSS+ natural treasures we bestow you."

"True." Lady Sphinx smiled faintly, remembering those sweet times of putting one leg after another and letting primogenitors slave for her experiments.

Since the majority of primogenitors had supermassive empires stretching for many galaxies, their descendants always brought them unfamiliar natural treasures at their orders and no one dared to steal or cheat.

So, Lady Sphinx had dibs on all new undiscovered natural treasures and the primogenitors sent them without expecting any immediate payment.

If it wasn't for them, there was no way she would have created such a big number of rank-six potions.

Soon, Lady Sphinx finished plucking the petals and placed them in a small crystal vial, not too bothered if they were meshed together.

She placed the veil to the side and reached out to a separate glass container. Then, she picked the Serpentroot Sap and the Abyssal Coral Extract...They were both in small bottles.

"You will have to mix five dropsof Serpentroot Sap and one vial of Abyssal Coral Extract. This combination will create a synergistic effect that balances the potion's properties."

Felix remained silent and kept noting down the steps in his mind.

"Gently crush and add one bloom of the Ethereal Orchid to the mixture. The orchid's ethereal properties will help bind the ingredients together."

"Let them rest for no less than two minutes and after the duration ends, pour the mixture into the crystal vial containing the eclipse rose petals. Ensure that all ingredients are thoroughly mixed."

"After this, carefully pour 100 ml of pure springwater into the cauldron and turn on the oven at 280C degrees for half a minute before finally putting in the mixture."

While she was explaining, Lady Sphinx was doing the exact steps one by one until the mixture was inside the cauldron.

"Then, we close it and let it cook for one minute under the same heat." Lady Sphinx uttered as she closed the cauldron.

"So far, nothing is too complex." Felix asked with a weird look, "Is the difficulty purely related to dealing with the dark reaction?"

He always knew that the dark reaction was tough to handle, but when he heard about rank six potion difficulty and such, he expected a more complex mixture process.

"What did you expect? Needing to do the rain dance around the cauldron three times or start fooling around with the heat for no reason?" Lady Sphinx chuckled.

"I mean..." Felix scratched his cheek a little.

Chapter 1554 God's Pillar. II

"Don't worry, you want difficulty, you will see difficulty after one minute."

Lady Sphinx's attitude turned composed again as she sat in a floating meditation position in front of the cauldron.

Above her head, a screen appeared that showed the atomic world inside the mixture. The different molecules were in the process of breaking apart and integrating.

Felix focused on the edges of the atomic world, knowing that the dark creatures always invaded the mixture from the edges and aimed to devour the molecules until they reached the center.

'Wait, why isn't she putting a mental barrier to prepare for the dark reaction?' Felix knitted his eyebrows in confusion.

He knew that potioners were required to place the mental barrier swiftly and enlarge it as much as possible to protect the mixture before the dark reaction began.

This would allow them to secure a significant chunk of the mixture after the integration process ends and they could move on to the final enhancement step with much larger odds of concocting the potion.

For example, if 30% of the mixture was saved from the dark reaction, the potioner would have a 30% chance to succeed in his concoction.

Yet, Lady Sphinx kept waiting silently for close to a minute without making a single move.

What's more shocking was the fact that the dark reaction had yet to appear, which should have been impossible in Felix's eyes.

'How is it taking so long to manifest? More than 30% of the molecules have integra...'

Before Felix could finish his thought, a strange and unsettling phenomenon began to unfold within the atomic world of the mixture.

The potion's cauldron emitted a faint, ominous glow as dark, microscopic organisms emerged from the depths of obscurity...These minuscule invaders, shadowy and malevolent, seemed to appear out of nowhere.

The dark reaction was here!

Instead of showing up from the edges like a tidal wave as he anticipated, they surged explosively across the atomic landscape, popping off randomly and uncontrollably!

'What the actual f*ck...'

This sight shocked Felix to his core, forcing him to lean closer with his eyes widened to the limit.

He understood that the only reason dealing with the dark reaction was manageable was due to their predictability, allowing the potioneer to prepare against them!

But this? There was nothing to predict, nothing to defend with mental barriers, as they kept devouring and corrupting the mixture of molecular structure across the entire atomic plane!

How could anyone save the mixture from this? Before this thought could take root in his mind, with swift and deliberate actions, Lady Sphinx conjured protective barriers and invoked a powerful microscopic army of sand-based golden creatures!

She launched the sand army against the dark microscopic organisms, causing a war to rage in millions of different areas!

'It's always fascinating to see Lady Sphinx at her peak state.'

Elder Kraken shared a tone of awe as he watched the sand soldiers armed with tiny weapons that glistened with ethereal energy.

The sand warriors moved in perfect harmony, their movements synchronized like a well-drilled army.

They wielded their tiny weapons with incredible skill, slashing through the dark invaders as they came.

There were even some sand soldiers forming defensive formations, creating protective barriers around the most vulnerable parts of the potion mixture.

'To be able to control such a large sized army close to perfection while also making sure to keep an eye on newly manifested dark microorganisms, damn, I don't think it's even possible for us to pull it off if we were given the same tools.' Thor supported, his eyes showed utter awe.

He might not understand much about potion concoctions, but he knew that Lady Sphinx was using 100% of her mind if not more to keep track of such chaos.

'The mental prowess, intelligence, and elemental manipulation skill required to pull something off like this is on a different level...' Felix murmured while wholly seized by the microscopic war.

He was already considered the second greatest potioneer after Lady Sphinx, yet, while he was watching her work, Felix couldn't help but realize that she was in a different realm than him.

Even if he managed to reach or surpass her potioneer skills, she would always be much more special than him.

That's called the touch of an artist, a master of a field.

Meanwhile, the dark microorganisms, though numerous and relentless, found themselves outmatched by the sand army's determination and prowess. Slowly but surely, the tide of battle began to turn in favor of the defenders!

With each swing of their ethereal weapons, the sand soldiers carved a path through the encroaching darkness.

The dark microorganisms, unable to withstand the onslaught could only fall, their sinister presence diminishing.

After a whole minute, the largest known war in the universe's history was finally concluded in favor of Lady Sphinx after the mixture's integration finished!

Before Felix could check on the mixture size that was saved, the cauldron shook with a sudden burst of energy, causing the ground to quiver!

A golden hue emitted from the cauldron, illuminating the surroundings with an ethereal glow. Felix's eyes widened in awe as he could feel the concoction surging with great vitality.

BOOOM!!

With a sudden burst of force, the lid of the cauldron was blown off, sending it into the sky.

A brilliant cascade of divine light erupted from within, painting the area in a resplendent array of colors.

It was a breathtaking sight, one that seemed almost otherworldly.

But it was the aroma that followed that truly captivated the senses.

A tantalizing fragrance saturated the air, a harmonious blend of the rarest and most exquisite ingredients.

It was a scent that promised power, vitality, and unparalleled strength!

Without much of a reaction, Lady Sphinx picked up the cauldron and poured the silky golden liquid into three spherical glass vessels.

Then, she sealed the potions with corks and placed them on the table before she transformed off the oven.

"Catch."

Lady Sphinx threw one of the potions at Felix, causing him to wake up from his daze and catch it on his chest.

With a look of reverence, Felix sized up the divine elixir, feeling like strength was coursing through his being just by holding it.

"So, is this an appropriate difficulty for you?"

Lady Sphinx smiled a little and took a seat next to the station...Even though she was smiling, sweat drops were seen coursing down her forehead.

"...I kinda wish we just did some rain dance around the cauldron..." Felix commented with a forced smile.

Even for him, this sh*t was on a godly level of difficulty and now he began to understand why Lady Sphinx never bothered to teach the witches rank six potions.

"The war isn't even the hardest part." Lady Sphinx notified with a serious tone, "It's the fact that for rank six potions to succeed, you can't let more than 1% of the mixture get devoured. That's because there is no enhancement step to help out and you need to guarantee its success no matter what."

"Give me a break..." Felix rubbed his temples in concern and fear at the sound of that.

Who could blame him for reacting like this?

It was already close to impossible to find SSS+ natural treasures and if he managed to win the war against the dark reaction somehow, the potion was still prone to failure based on the saved percentage of the mixture.

In other words, if he saved only 90% and the potion failed because of that 10%, he would lose everything in one attempt!

"Don't dwell too much, practice makes perfect." Lady Sphinx stretched her hand at the station and uttered indifferently, "It's your turn."

"Wait a second, I still have way too many questions!"

"Don't care, give it a try first, and let's carry on from there."

Chapter 1555 Testing His Options.

Not daring to argue with her, Felix stepped in front of the concoction station and eyed the ethereal glorious materials, feeling like he was tainting them just with his presence.

'I have no problems with the preparation steps, but dealing with that chaotic type of dark reaction is something I am not equipped to handle yet.'

Felix leaned on the table and began brainstorming on the best method to defeat the dark reaction while securing at least 70%+ of the mixture as a start.

'Master used sand soldiers equipped with weapons enhanced by mental energy and was hands-on the entire war, covering every inch of the atomic world.' Felix frowned, 'No matter how much I think about it, I don't see myself being able to copy her method anytime soon.'

Felix would rather think of a much more efficient and simpler method...He understood that his master was forced to use the sand army since she didn't have any better alternative without affecting the integrity of the mixture.

However, in his case, he had a decent number of options to choose from.

'Master said that poison can't be used since it will affect the mixture's integration, but with my current advanced understanding of poison and potion-concoction field, I can create a new type of poison that specifically targets those dark microorganisms.'

Felix always believed that poison would be the greatest solution to the dark reaction. If he managed to create an inducement capable of erasing it, he would easily surround the mixture with the inducement before the dark reaction could happen.

When they do appear, they would die almost instantly, not eating even 1% of the mixture.

'There is also a destruction element. If I were able to mark the dark reaction, I could easily use concept destruction and remove it without touching the mixture. It's way easier than the poison method for sure, but...' Felix smiled bitterly.

He understood that his concept destruction ability worked only if he had close to a perfect understanding of the target.

He couldn't mark just anything and erase it like when he used to possess Lord Shiva's destruction trident.

With the erasure palm, he had to work tirelessly to understand concepts individually and he still lacked many of them.

Felix already knew that the dark reaction was considered a peculiar phenomenon related to spiritual energy rather than physical microscopic organisms.

He found out by himself after testing his normal destruction energy on the dark reaction in one of his concoctions.

Unfortunately, the destruction energy merely passed through them like they were ghosts, which made him certain that their bodies weren't physical.

This was the reason why his master enhanced her soldiers' weapons with mental energy.

'How can I understand something that even my master has yet to figure out fully?' Felix sighed, knowing that this path was going to lead him either to a dead end or take a significant portion of his time.

'Even my poison method requires me to have a deeper understanding of the dark reaction since I will be using true poison third level, Soul Poison to affect it. I might even need to create a whole new version of Soul Poison for it.'

Lady Sphinx listened to his thought process silently, not wanting to offer him any helping hand at the moment.

At the same time, she didn't rush him to begin the concoction, understanding that he needed to find a strategy fitting him first.

'How about illusion?' Felix thought about it for a moment, 'Is it possible to cast a minimized illusion domain inside the atomic world? It will give me the freedom to do whatever I want to the dark reaction.'

'Let's start with this.'

Felix rolled up his sleeves and started the concoction process by following Lady Sphinx's exact steps, appearing like a male clone version of her.

He was precise and careful, fast, but steady.

Before long, he finished the preparation and placed the mixture inside the cauldron with the pure springwater as the catalyst.

He closed the cauldron and activated his quantum vision...Then, he peered into the mixture, zooming through the cauldron's lid atomic structure until he reached the mixture's area.

'I only have one minute of preparation.'

Felix swiftly released his illusion domain and expanded it at a rapid pace, covering quadrillion upon quadrillion atoms each moment!

With his current mental prowess, he was able to cover the entire mixture's atomic world in less than half a minute.

Then, Felix used his illusion domain to create a fog of concept destruction, releasing it everywhere and waiting for the dark reaction to happen.

In his illusion domain, whatever he said worked as long as the illusion's effect took hold of the target.

So, even if he didn't have an understanding of the dark reaction, he could erase them with his concept of destruction fog through illusion domain!

Alas...

The instant the dark reaction occurred and the organisms were spawned, they completely ignored the destruction fog and continued their voracious feast on the mixture's molecules, their insatiable appetite unyielding!

Felix watched with a bitter smile as his normally infallible concept destruction proved to be ineffective.

'I guess they are immune to illusions.'

He was more prone to believe that his illusions were ineffective than to think that his concept destruction fog wasn't doing its job.

In his eyes, if those dark organisms were able to get slayed through mental energy, then they were destroyable.

"Reset."

Felix snapped his finger and the entire concoction station returned to its original form. He understood that his concoction attempt had failed and there was no saving it.

"They are even immune to illusions, I really wonder about their origin," Felix remarked with an intrigued look.

"So do I." Lady Sphinx replied.

"Is it possible to learn more about the dark reaction?" Felix requested, "With illusion being out of the picture, I am left with three options, your method, poison, and concept destruction. I prefer eliminating the other two options before using yours."

"I only have a rocky theory for its existence." Lady Sphinx shared, "I believe that the shadowy response occurs when certain elements and compounds react in ways that cannot be explained by conventional alchemical principles. These reactions lead to the creation of this unknown substance, which seeks utter destruction of the end product."

Felix nodded, absorbing the information as he listened intently.

"As for the organisms themselves," Lady Sphinx continued with a serious tone, "They seem to be native to a realm beyond our understanding, a place where conventional science and alchemy cease to apply. It's as if they exist on the fringe of our reality, immune to our attempts to manipulate and control them."

"You mean something like creatures from the quantum realm?" Felix furrowed his brow, intrigued by the complexities of this newfound challenge.

"That's what I believe." Lady Sphinx nodded, "In my attempts to further solidify my theory, I have entered the quantum realm on many occasions, however, my low mental energy forces me to return after a short while, not enough time to truly study the realities down there."

In Lady Sphinx's mind, if the origin of the dark response was the quantum realm, then, there was a possibility to find a approach to lock down their invasion before it could happen.

Felix managed to pick up her thought process, leaving him somewhat baffled.

"Why are you still trying to find ways to deal with the shadowy response though? I can understand you wanting to learn about them, but haven't you already perfected concocting rank six potions?"

In the case of Felix, it was normal for him to seek methods to handle the shadowy reaction, but Lady Sphinx had already conquered them.

He had just witnessed how they got utterly owned during her concoction, not letting them consume even 1% of the mixture!

In other words, her success rate of rank six potions was almost a 100%!

"True, the shadowy response isn't an issue for me when it comes to potion-making, but..." Lady Sphinx uttered calmly, "Who told you that the dark reaction occurs only during potion-concoction?"

"Come again?" Felix was left stunned at such a bombshell.

Chapter 1556 The Most Insane Theory They Had Ever Heard!

Most of the tenants were also taken aback as they had never heard about this before.

"I was planning on telling you about this after you start getting a little better at crossbreeding and biochemistry in general, but you might as well know now." Lady Sphinx expressed, "The dark reaction also occurs when crossbreeding any plant-based natural treasure above SS grade. However, the reaction itself is slightly different than the one appearing in potion-concoction."

This news made Felix feel his heart skip a beat.

He knew that crossbreeding high-graded natural treasures was already going to be an insanely difficult task to pull. Now, he even had to deal with another type of dark reaction.

"Different, different how?" Felix asked with a deep frown.

"It's best to see it."

Lady Sphinx manifested two natural treasures: the Luminous Moonbloom and the Infernal Rose...Both plants were SS-graded and considered highly sought-after marvelous treasures.

As she meticulously cultivated the hybrid seeds and asked Felix to speed up their growth, everyone noticed something unusual.

"Hmmm?"

"Is this normal?"

"Most likely not."

The plant exhibited an erratic and unpredictable growth pattern, its petals sometimes emitting dazzling bioluminescent hues and, at other times, erupting into uncontrolled flames!

It was as if the fundamental laws of botany were being rewritten before their eyes.

While Felix hadn't studied much about crossbreeding, he understood that a combination of those two plants should turn into an SS+ graded natural treasure called Luminous Infernal Rose.

Lady Sphinx would never fail to provide the right conditions for this plant to be born successfully.

Yet, here it was, seemingly collapsing on itself. In a few moments, which were translated into many years within the time bubble, the rose turned into a withering dead plant, not an ounce of life was seen in it.

"As you have seen, the dark reaction in crossbreeding takes a long while to ruin the plant's life." Lady Sphinx said.

"Why is that?"

Felix inquired while crouching next to the rose, picking up whatever was left of it...With a mere soft touch, the stem turned into gray dust.

"Unlike in potion concoction, the dark reaction here attacks the DNA of the plant periodically. It happens in random waves until the plant either fully grows or it dies in the process." Lady Sphinx explained while manifesting a recording of what happened to the plant on DNA level.

Felix and the others focused on a dark, amorphous substance, infiltrating into the DNA of those two plants intertwined.

It wormed its way into the delicate dance of genetic material, attempting to disrupt the growth and fusion of these botanical treasures.

"It's breaking the DNA apart and infusing itself with it!" Candace exclaimed at the sight of the dark substance, shattering the DNA and forcefully getting itself entangled with it.

"This...Why do I feel like the dark substance isn't trying to destroy the plant but merge with it?" Felix had a deep frown while watching the same scene.

In his eyes, if the dark substance was purely destructive, it wouldn't force itself to merge with the plant's DNA and remain attached to it.

Instead, it would devour the entire DNA structure and keep expanding its presence until the plant dies in less than a minute.

This was happening in the potion concoction.

"Good catch, I also share the same sentiment as you." Lady Sphinx remarked with a serious tone. "I have dealt with the dark reaction my entire life and my experiences with it on a genetics level were the reason I reached the theory that the dark substance's origin was the quantum realm."

"How so?" J?rmungandr asked.

Lady Sphinx remained silent for a moment before shaking her head, "It's way too crazy of a theory even for my standards...There is no need to fill your mind with rubbish."

"Master..."

This was the first time Felix heard his master call her theory rubbish. No matter how insane her theories sounded before, she always believed in some truth in them.

Some proved to be right and some turned to be false. Yet, she always had a bit of conviction in them.

Even the tenants felt that it was a weird reaction from her and this made them even more curious about it.

"Sphinx, just let us know and we will judge for ourselves." Elder Kraken requested. As a researcher, he could never laugh at a theory no matter how ridiculous it sounded.

The others jumped in and pressed Lady Sphinx to bring them up to date, knowing that if they didn't pressure her, she would keep it hidden forever.

When Lady Sphinx saw everyone's dying interest to know, she caved in.

"Fine." Lady Sphinx shared, "The reason I have been visiting the quantum realm isn't just because I believed those microorganisms originated from there, but also that someone or something was sending them."

"Huh?"

"Come again?"

"You serious?"

"Interesting..."

Whether it was Felix or Lord Shiva, all the tenants were taken aback by her ludicrous theory.

For someone or something from the quantum realm to be responsible for the dark reaction?

It was crazy just to think about it!

"What made you reach such a conclusion?" Elder Kraken took it seriously, "I believe the dark reaction occurs on a universal scale. So, how could 'someone' smaller than even an atom be responsible for such a large-scale operation?"

"That's why I told you all that it's a rubbish theory filled with holes." Lady Sphinx remarked calmly, "I understand how insane it sounds even for me, but, I merely thought of it because of the little evidence it supports it. Most importantly, there isn't any other reasonable explanation for the dark reaction."

"Let's say there is some right into the theory, what do you think is the purpose of that 'person' or 'thing' for doing this?" Thor asked.

"Can't you figure it out by now?" J?rmungandr answered it calmly, "She must believe that someone is using the dark reaction to manifest himself in the universe."

"The f*ck? Is that why the dark reaction isn't seeking to kill the plants and keeps merging with its DNA?" Thor raised an eyebrow in surprise.

"That's what I believe at least." Lady Sphinx nodded.

In a sense, Lady Sphinx's theory while it sounded too crazy to be true, does have some merit to it.

"The dark reaction has always been a mystery and you said that the universe can't be responsible for this. Its ways of action are direct and brutal." Felix spoke with a careful tone, "So, it's not farfetched to believe that someone else must have a hand in it. Especially, when the quantum realm is one massive mystery box that has never been opened yet."

Felix truly believed that the universe could not have a hand in the dark reaction since it wasn't its motto at all.

If it wanted to stop anyone from crossbreeding higher-rank plants or concocting potions, it would have done so by making it impossible from the start...Instead of introducing an unfamiliar dark substance that could be overpowered.

"Just because it can't be the universe, it doesn't mean that someone or something has a hand in it," Fenrir said expressionlessly.

"True." Lord Loki joined while chewing on gum, "While it sounds fun that someone might be pulling the strings from the quantum realm, it doesn't explain how both dark reactions are different from one another."

"But, are they different?" Felix narrowed his eyes, "Think deeply about it, are they really different?"

Felix wasn't planning to let this go for a simple reason...He could never forget those red eyes he saw when he zoomed inside the dark microorganisms many years ago.

They scared the sh*t out of him and they seemed alive, sinister, and just not from this universe...

Meanwhile, Lady Sphinx smiled with a hint of pride as she looked at Felix, knowing that he had truly come a long way to pick on the similarities almost immediately with just one example.

As for the others? Even with all of the wisdom under them, it still took them some careful thinking to spot the similarities.

Elder Kraken was the first to speak with a look of utter astonishment.

"The dark microorganism also seemed to be seeking to merge with the molecules, but since potion concoction was a delicate process and they invaded during the most

critical moment of the integration, they ended up causing the entire situation to deteriorate almost instantly!"

Chapter 1557 Pulling The Strings.

"Meanwhile, the crossbred plant is a slow and steady process as long as the conditions are respected. This allows the dark microorganism to invade its DNA and latch itself into it akin to a parasite without causing the plant to die immediately." Lord Loki jumped in.

In other words, the dark reaction was the same, but because the conditions were different, it resulted in different outcomes!

"If it's like this, what's the point?" Candace remarked with a puzzled tone, "We let the flower grow without interrupting the dark reaction and it ended its life. If someone wanted to manifest himself through taking advantage of crossbreeding plants, then his plan ain't working at all."

"As I said, my theory is too flawed and I have tested it with many different methods, but nothing was close to confirming it." Lady Sphinx informed, "Besides visiting the quantum realm, I crossbred countless plants and focused on helping the dark substance remain attached to the plants while it kept growing. Unfortunately, not a single one made it out alive."

"So, I gave up on it."

Everyone nodded in understanding. If they were in Lady Sphinx's shoes, they would have done the same.

"By the way, has a dark reaction ever appeared during the genetic manipulation of creatures?" Felix asked.

Felix felt that it was a bit peculiar that the dark reaction occurred only during genetic manipulation related to natural treasures. In his eyes, wouldn't it be best for that 'someone' to target actual people?

"I have also tested it out." Lady Sphinx shook her head, "I don't know yet if it didn't show because genetics manipulation was a man-made process unlike potion concoction and crossbreeding, or it just doesn't happen to creatures."

While potion concoction and crossbreeding were influenced by potioners and botanists, the process itself was natural.

Meanwhile, genetics manipulation was different since the geneticist was responsible for breaking apart DNA, rebuilding it, and such...It was an unnatural process.

"If it was related to whether it's natural or not, then shouldn't dark reaction appear during our bloodline integration?" Felix remarked.

"That's what I thought, but you should understand that the dark reaction's appearance seems arbitrary." Lady Sphinx explained, "In terms of potion concoction, it manifests very early on even lower-

grade potions. However, in crossbreeding, it appears only on grade SS and above hybridized natural treasures."

"So, what if we merely haven't found the conditions for its activation during creatures' genetics evolutions or manipulation?"

"That makes sense."

Felix and the others nodded in agreement...They realized that when it came to the dark reaction, it was best not to make any guarantees.

Such a mysterious phenomenon wasn't to be messed with...Especially, when there was a theory related to an intelligent figure pulling the strings from another realm.

"Whether there is someone responsible for the dark reaction down there or not, you need to master how to get rid of it to keep improving yourself." Thor said calmly, "That's your main focus."

"I am planning to put a clone on studying it, in hopes of being able to mark it and get rid of it with concept destruction. If it fails, I will have another clone training with the master's method and also figure out another method if possible." Felix replied.

While this theory had captured Felix's interest, he wasn't planning to get his focus diverted from its target to prove if it was correct or false.

All he needed to do at the moment was learn how to get rid of it and this would help him with both his crossbreeding and potion concoction.

But, before then, he had to learn how to crossbreed Grade S and below natural treasures. Obviously, he also planned to put a clone on this duty.

As for his main consciousness? He was going to explore the universe for natural treasures and elemental minerals.

Just because luck was involved, it didn't mean he wasn't going to test out if he was fortunate or not.

His first predetermined destination was one of the richest discovered areas in the universe with natural treasures...The Ancestral Dragon Dimensional Pocket!

A couple of days later...

Felix had returned to the void empire's dimensional pocket and was bestowed another immunity by Nimo after he recovered his energy.

Then, he picked him up and continued his journey to the ancestral dragon dimensional pocket.

Merely 30% of the collected void creatures were left behind and they weren't enough for a third wish.

So, there was no need for Nimo to be there anymore as his fellow nation citizens would be focusing on gathering a new batch.

It would take a couple of years at least to collect enough for a third immunity. Then, he would be forced to wait a couple of decades to restock the void creatures before he could finish all the immunities.

Obviously, he made sure to order all of his citizens to bring him any unfamiliar natural treasure they found.

As for Olivia, Selphie, Noah, and Bodidi, Felix had told them to meet up with him in Icarus Galaxy.

While he wanted them around him to help with their growth through his illusion domain like before, he also understood that it was best to have as many capable hands as possible when it came to rare treasure hunting.

After spending a few days on the road, Felix arrived at Icarus Galaxy and went to the meet-up location, which was pretty close to the dragons' capital planet, Zhuham.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, a small spatial rift appeared inside the Eternal Nautlaus' gigantic wide-open training hall, before Bodidi and Olivia jumped out of it.

"Feli...Felix?"

Just as Olivia wanted to greet Felix happily, her face was changed into puzzlement after seeing his new appearance.

But, by now, she was already used to his constant makeover, so she wasn't too shocked, but simply curious.

"You look and feel so demonic. What happened?" She asked as she kept walking around him while smelling him akin to a curious deer.

"I devoured Lucifer and got his powers." Felix answered causally, not caring anymore about hiding the truth.

"Lucifer? Wasn't he already dead?"

"It's a long story, I will tell you later," Felix uttered as he patted her head.

"Okay." Olivia dropped the subject right away.

"Boss, you better prepare a feast for me, It's too many jumps," Bodidi complained while returning inside the spatial rift.

"Bring the others quickly or you will be the feast," Felix uttered annoyedly.

"Cough, right away." Bodidi muttered under his breath as he stepped into the rift, "Once an asshole, always an asshole."

Felix's eyelids twitched after hearing him curse, but he let it by, knowing that lazy fat worm would always be like this.

After a short while, Bodidi brought the others one by one until the squad was back again.

The instant Selphie reunited with Felix in real life, she stuck to him akin to glue in their gathering not bothered by his new appearance in the slightest.

At this point, he could look like a tree and she wouldn't care.

While Felix was a bit bothered by it, he let it be. He understood that his death was traumatizing for her and that it would take a while to get used to his return.

Plus, she never pushed her clinginess and always respected his boundaries, so he was cool with it.

"Noah, I got you a present," Felix uttered with a faint smile while sitting with everyone around an empty table.

"Hm?" Noah raised his head expressionlessly, but a hint of intrigue could be seen in his eyes.

"Bring the food," Felix ordered while clapping his hands twice.

With heads lowered and wearing butlers' outfits, and an array of food being carried telepathically around them, Saurous and Wendigo walked towards the table.

"You!"

Even though they were demonized and their appearances changed, the instant Noah looked at them, his cold body was set in flames from fury.

No one understood Noah's inner fury more than Felix.

The only difference between them was that Felix had the strength to get his revenge while Noah was still trying his utmost best to obtain uttered strength and get his own...

Felix knew that Noah would never get his closure unless he saved his sister, but this should make it at least a bit easier.

"They are now my slaves. They will do whatever I ask them and they will gladly let you vent your suppressed anger till your heart's content."

"Am I right?" Felix asked coldly while eying the darkins.

"Yes, master."

"Yes, master."

The darkins replied simultaneously without an ounce of emotion shown on their faces.

Chapter 1558 Losing His Empathy...

"Are they??" Selphie was startled after figuring out the darkins' identity.

Even Lady Yggdrasil inside her consciousness was left stunned, not expecting in the slightest to see her peers become enslaved.

'I have to learn about this.'

Without an ounce of hesitation, she reached out to her close friend Lady Sphinx, asking for details.

Meanwhile, Noah's and Olivia's eyes were fixed on the darkins...While Noah's hatred and anger were fully planted on his face, Olivia seemed frozen in place like she saw a ghost.

She also lost her parents and relatives, whom she was pretty close to, unlike Felix or Noah. So, Earth's destruction caused her a great amount of pain and it took her great effort to close that chapter in her life.

Thud!

With tears threatening to come out, Olivia stood up and ran away while covering her face.

"Little Oli..." Felix muttered, a bit taken aback by her reaction.

"I will take care of it." Selphie gave Felix a slightly disappointed look and chased after Olivia.

Only now did Felix realize that what he did was pretty insensitive on so many levels.

All he was thinking about was making Noah and Olivia inflict violence and torture on their loved ones' killers as well their loved ones' killers.

But, not everyone was cruel and bloodthirsty like him.

Olivia might have been mad and full of hatred towards the darkins, but she didn't let such negative emotions consume her.

Instead, she received all the help and care from Lady Yggdrasil and Selphie to move on peacefully and not let her purity get corrupted.

Not everyone was obsessed with revenge and what Felix just did to Olivia was simply unforgivable, putting her loved ones' killers in front of her after she finally healed, causing her previous traumas to emerge again.

"How did I become this insensitive..." Felix murmured while glancing at his demonic hand, feeling less and less of a human each day.

The fact that he thought even Olivia would be somewhat happy with this 'present' made him feel sick in his stomach.

He knew that he would have never made such a mistake before devouring Lucifer.

He would have waited until he was alone with Olivia and explained the situation to her instead of throwing the darkins in her face.

'I am becoming instinctually more evil without noticing it...This isn't good.' Felix said coldly.

On the other hand...

"I can do whatever I want with them?" Noah asked with a suppressed rough voice like he was holding himself from yelling.

Noah was more like Felix in this department and he loved the gift more than anything.

"Go ahead." Felix waved his hand and teleported him and the darkins inside an illusion domain, somewhere else in the spaceship.

He froze the darkins in their place while weakening their spiritual pressure with his own, so they wouldn't kill Noah reflexively.

Then, he manipulated the time to reflect from one hour to one year, giving Noah a whole year with the darkins to release his hatred.

"Be right back."

Then, he took off towards Olivia's room, wanting to make amends for his mistake.

This left only Bodidi sitting on the table...He looked right and left, and then lowered his head at the packed table full of all kinds of food.

A faint grin appeared on his face as he muttered, "Hehe, I guess more food for me."

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"Little Oli, may I come in?" Felix asked softly after knocking on Olivia's door.

A few moments later, Selphie opened the door and came out. Then, she closed it behind her and said with a stern tone, "Come with me, she doesn't want to see anyone."

Felix peered through the door and saw Olivia curled up into a ball on her bed, crying her eyes out.

He felt terrible when he discovered that he couldn't empathize with her...The sight of her crying didn't move a single string in his heart like he was looking at someone giggling or such.

"Why did you do that?" Selphie scolded with a frustrated expression.

"I am sorry, I wasn't thinking straight." Felix sighed, "I will fix it."

"I expect you to." Selphie looked straight into Felix's eyes with concern and said, "I don't know what happened, but you have changed, and not in a good way."

"I know..." Felix smiled bitterly, understanding that such scenarios were going to be happening more and more.

However, he didn't regret any of this one bit...For Asna's sake, he didn't mind even if he lost all of his emotions and became alone.

After a few words traded back and forth between them, Selphie returned to the hall and Felix remained seated behind Olivia's door, still wanting to make amends.

Even when he lacked empathy, and goodness in his heart, and knew that he would be losing other positive emotions one by one, Felix didn't want to give up on being a good human.

Until the day when everything gets stripped of him, he would keep fighting for his humanity...

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After half an hour, Olivia finally opened the door and before Felix could say anything, she gave him a deep hug and apologized, "I am sorry for being like this. I know you were thinking about us."

This was how Olivia was kind and pure...Even when she was the one hurt the most, she still apologized first.

"Don't be, I was careless and made you revisit some bad memories and emotions." Felix smiled gently as he patted her back, "I will try my best to not do it again."

He couldn't even promise to be good to her, knowing that there would come a day when he could break it.

"Umm.." Olivia didn't care about how he phrased it.

She nodded silently and presented a big cute smile on her face again, seemingly forgetting about the darkin's existence.

But the eyes could not lie and Felix was able to see the hurt in them.

"Oli, the darkins are now my slaves and they have been punished for their crimes. They will be by my side always and if it's going to be a problem for you, I think it's best that I return you home." Felix shared calmly.

He cared about Olivia enough to let her know right now and here, that the darkins weren't going anywhere.

So, she could either face her trauma for real and be by his side or he could return her home...It depends on her.

"Don't worry about me, I have it under control." Olivia assured him.

"Alright." Felix nodded in acceptance.

Whether she was really okay with it or not, he would find out in the future...For now, there was no need to make a big problem out of this more than it is.

"Let's go eat."

Alas...After everyone returned, the sight that greeted them wasn't appetizing in the slightest.

Bodidi lying on the ground with a massive stomach and food stains on his face, burping once in a while.

As for the food on the table? Nothing was left on it but empty plates and a few bones here and there.

He cleared the entire table in a world-record time...

Burp!

Chapter 1559 Returning To Ancestral Dragon Dimensional Pocket.

Sometime later...

Felix, Olivia, Selphie, Noah, and Candace were gathered at the table again. It was loaded with new dishes and everyone was eating and talking about Felix's new mission.

As for the darkins' situation? No one brought it out again...However, Noah's complexion was a bit better after passing an entire year with the darkins within the illusion domain.

When he got out, he didn't tell anyone what happened inside. He just thanked Felix once and told him that he owed him a big one.

Felix told him to not be bothered by this as they were family and he would have done the same if he were in his shoes.

"Will we be allowed entry into the ancestral dragon dimension? You said the ancestral dragon permitted you alone." Olivia asked with a worried tone, "Won't it be a little impolite?"

"Don't worry about it, ancestral dragon is cool," Felix replied.

Even though Felix didn't request his permission, he knew that he wouldn't mind having them enter his dimension...Especially, when they would merely be helping him with searching for rare natural treasures.

If he wasn't cool about it, Felix could always send them back to the spaceship.

"Come on guys, I already said I am sorry..."

When they heard Bodidi's voice, everyone turned to glance at the wall on the right side. He was seen glued to it upside down with Felix's consciousness pressure.

"I am starting to feel sick...Burp!" Bodidi seemed like he was about to vomit everything he ate.

"Be quiet or I will shake you again." Felix warned annoyedly.

Bodidi closed his mouth immediately.

"Come on Felix, I think he already learned his lesson," Selphie chuckled a little.

"Doubtful." Felix remarked, "With his inability to control himself in front of food, he will most definitely eat any natural treasure he finds in the dimension."

Felix wouldn't have cared much before, but now that he was strapped for any SSS+ graded natural treasure he finds, he really would lose his sh*t if he learned that Bodidi ate one of them.

"I swea..."

"Shut up."

"..."

Olivia and Selphie gave Bodidi helpless looks and ignored his depressed and gloomy expression.

After everyone ate, Candace turned into a void aircraft and picked everyone up. Then, she flew towards the location Felix gave her.

The ancestral dragon Imry had given Felix the location of the backdoor before he left the dimension, allowing him to gain access without needing to wait half a century for the main gate to be opened.

This way, he wouldn't be bothered by the dragons competing in the ceremony.

If it wasn't for wanting to keep his resurgence hidden, he would have reached out to Anastasia and Eizi...Alas, he knew that one of them was bound to speak about meeting him with their father, Kyrsun.

After a few moments, the squad arrived at the provided location. It was above a small peaceful lake near a rugged giant mountain with crimson trees filling the whole area.

It painted a beautiful but harrowing scene like the forest was on fire.

Felix exited the void portal first and cast an illusion domain in the area, hiding everyone's presence from any detection ability or tool.

"I think it's here," Bodidi mentioned as he pointed at an empty area. "I feel strong chaotic spatial particles."

"Same." Felix nodded, "Open it up."

Bodidi went ahead and used his elemental prowess to add more to the spatial disturbance until it collapsed and an unstable rift opened up.

"Quick! I can't keep it stable for too long!" Bodidi yelled.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Felix and the others zoomed past Bodidi and went through the dimension before he followed after them and let it collapse on itself.

Booom!

After a dull-sounding explosion, the lake and the forest returned to its peaceful state.

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On the other side...

In the heart of the Ancestral Dragon Dimension, where elemental energy flowed like lifeblood, Felix and his friends found themselves immersed in a breathtaking fantasy dream world.

The sights and sounds that surrounded him were beyond anything they had ever imagined.

Towering trees with iridescent leaves stretched towards the sky, their branches swaying gracefully to the elemental rhythms of wind and fire. Each tree exuded a unique aura, emanating the very essence of the elements.

The serene meadow where honey rivers flowed lazily, glistening under the radiant sun. The air was filled with the sweet scent of nectar, and luminous aquatic creatures danced beneath the golden surface.

"Well, that's new."

Felix commented after spotting the sky above them turn into an ever-changing masterpiece with colors shifting and blending seamlessly, creating a mesmerizing kaleidoscope.

It was as if the very heavens were a canvas painted by the hands of divine artists.

"Woah...I have seen the ancestral dimension through screens always, but I never thought it would be even more overwhelming up close." Selphie remarked with an amazed expression.

"It sure is one of the most beautiful and breathtaking places across the whole universe." Felix warned, "But, it's also just as dangerous. If you guys aren't careful, you wouldn't know how you died."

Everyone nodded in understanding...While they were confident in their strength, nothing was more frightening than the unknown.

This dimension was the definition of the unknown since each day on the outside was translated into a hundred days, which meant that after each circle, thousands of years had passed and new creatures and plants were born.

Since Felix hadn't come here for more than a century, god knows how much the environment had changed.

"Should we..."

Rumble!!

Just as Olivia was about to suggest getting down, the multi-colored sky was turned into a massive thundercloud with lightning bolts crackling within it noisily!

Then, ancestral dragon Imyr's face appeared from the lightning bolts, seemingly manifesting his face with each thunderclap.

"Little boy, is that you?" Ancestral Imyr's delighted voice resounded in everyone's ears even though his entry was quite intimidating.

"It's me. I apologize for the intrusion, elder." Felix bowed his head respectfully and the others swiftly copied him.

"Haha! I would have never guessed if it wasn't for your soul's uniqueness! You have changed, boy, you changed so much, you gave me a scare after entering my dimension." Ancestral Imyr laughed thunderously, literally, causing the sky to seem like it was about to collapse.

Before anyone could react, the sky was turned peaceful again and a small wine jar teleported in front of them.

Ancestral Imyr appeared from the jar as a withered old dragoniod man with a hunched back, wrinkles all over his scales, and ashy gray color.

Yet, he had the widest and kindest smile planted on his face as he looked at Felix.

"You didn't disappoint me one bit, not one bit."

As the 'god' of this dimensional pocket, he could feel Felix's spiritual pressure even if he tried to hide it, making him realize that he had already surpassed the primogenitors' realm.

"It's still not enough, elder, and no one else knows it more than you." Felix smiled bitterly.

"I had faith in you to reach the stage where you can take down those beings before you can even look in primogenitors' eyes straight." Ancestral Imyr reassured him with a wide smile, "But now? I am certain, I am certain that you will pull it off."

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"Elder, I wish I had some of your optimism." Felix chuckled.

It wasn't like Felix lacked confidence, but he had seen what those beings were capable of during the heavenly plane's war.

So, he wasn't that cocky to believe that he was going to take down them 100%. Still, this didn't mean that it would change anything.

"What do you think they are talking about?" Olivia asked with a curious tone.

"Who knows? But for Felix to seem lacking in confidence, this new enemy must be on another level." Selphie replied while thinking of unigins, knowing that only those monsters were above primogenitors in strength.

The fact that Felix managed to enslave two primogenitors made her understand that he had already surpassed their level, which was already shocking on its own.

After a short moment, Felix and ancestral Imyr changed the subject, knowing that it wasn't time to be discussing it.

"I have brought some friends with me, I hope you don't mind." Felix requested with an apologetic tone.

"Don't mention it, the more, the merrier." Ancestral Imyr waved his hand causally.

When it came to Felix, he treated him even better than his descendants and would never refuse such small favors from him even if he minded it.

"Much appreciated." Felix nodded in gratitude before blurting out honestly, "I have come here to visit you and also to seek out rare high-grade natural treasures. I need them to concoct some potions that will help me with my dragon/devourer's cultivation systems."

"Sure, you guys can pick whatever you want and if you need assistance with finding some known ones, I am happy to offer a hand." Ancestral Imyr accepted it right away.

While he was considered a god in this dimension, many natural treasures here were nameless and he never bothered to check on them.

However, he could assist by telling them about the elemental capacity of each natural treasure, which would help a lot weeding the bad from the good.

Thus, Felix expressed gratitude for the offer and informed him that he and his squad would be camping in the forest below.

Ancestral Imyr refused to let them do so and took them to a better place underground, a small area of the dragon city, which wasn't as damaged as the others.

Felix told his friends to claim a house or set up a camp in the area. Meanwhile, he created a decent house of crystal and filled it with furniture...Afterward, he entered his consciousness space with Ancestral Imyr.

"Hello, Hello, I see a lot of new faces." Ancestor Imyr greeted the tenants with a polite smile.

"It's good to see you again, old friend."

Thor and the others greeted back, some with vivid interest and some couldn't care less like Elder Shiva.

Lady Sphinx went ahead and introduced the new tenants even though Ancestor Imyr already figured out their identity.

After some polite formalities traded back and forth between them, Ancestor Imyr turned to Felix and asked with a curious tone, "So, how did you reach this stage?"

"Well, I got smitten by them and sent to the spirit realm." Felix narrated with a solemn tone, "I can't discuss the details of what happened there, but I can tell you that Asna was kidnapped by them and now, I am working on a way to save her."

"You actually made contact with them so early and they even took little Asna? No wonder I couldn't feel her presence at all in your soul." Ancestor Imyr responded with a deep unpleasant frown.

"We were also taken back." Lady Sphinx disclosed, "Felix has done nothing to provoke them and the smite just came out of nowhere."

"Unprovoked? It can't be?" Ancestor Imyr was more shocked by this statement.

He understood that the three rulers never interacted with the universe's citizens in any shape or form unless they were provoked, like what he did when he wanted to barge into the eternal kingdom's gate.

"You got smitten, sent to the spirit realm, and came back stronger than ever, and they still haven't made a move on you again?" Ancestor Imyr said, "Something fishy about this. If those beings wanted you dead, you would have been dead from the first strike. Also, how come they haven't smitten you again?"

"We also believe that there is some sort of a hidden agenda, but we still don't know what it is." Felix shared, "As for me why haven't they attacked me again, we think it must be either Asna's core protection or they have lost interest in me after taking Asna away."

"Wait, back up a little, you have her core?" Ancestor Imyr's wrinkly eyelids unfolded wide open in shock.

Even the darkins were left utterly stunned. They had spent a decent period with Felix after getting enslaved, and while they had learned many of his secrets, the mystery of Felix's spiritual pressure empowerment wasn't cleared yet...Until now.

'He possesses a unigin's core...How is that even possible?'

'Who knows, this freak seems to be a walking miracle...'

While Felix had heard their thoughts, he didn't bother to waste his time on disciplining them.

Before Ancestor Imyr could ask about it, Felix told him that he could not share details about how he received the core from Asna. Ancestor Imyr understood his stance and refrained from focusing on this subject.

After a couple of minutes of catching up with him, Felix told Ancestor Imyr about his plan to become the new paragon of sins and how it was the only method available to access the eternal kingdom.

His natural treasures and elemental minerals were going to be of great help in boosting his strength, which would in turn make Nimo's alter-ego battle somewhat manageable.

After figuring out the final picture, Ancestor Imyr didn't hesitate to offer with a welcoming tone, "You run wild and harvest all resources that you desire. If you get tired, just let me know and I will help you pack up everything of worth in the dimension and hand it to you."

"...Elder, what about your descendants?"

Felix was left a bit speechless by his generosity, knowing that if he cleared the dimension of even royal gemstones, his descendants would be screwed for a very long time.

"What's the point of giving it to them? The dragon race won't be saved by a few royal gemstones. The only way to truly save them is by lifting the curse imposed on us by those beings. If you managed to truly end their reigns, a better future for my race would finally be on the horizon." Ancestor Imyr smiled a little.

No one could fault his reasoning as they knew that the dragon race had already lost most of its glory and authority with the death of Elder Dragon, and two of its most powerful clan heads.

So, even if a genius like Domino appeared again, he would not be able to make much of a difference without their cultivation system returning to them.

If it was like this, he might as well bet everything on Felix.

"Much appreciated, elder, truly." Felix bowed his head in gratitude.

He understood that even if he concocted a new potion to help him absorb natural treasures more effectively, he would be needing an unfathomable amount to reach the 30th mark.

It would help him gain at least three marks without using the potion if he was truly allowed to harvest all-natural treasures in the heavenly garden.

That's an amazing value when considering his current high mark!

After he got his permission, Felix wasn't planning to waste time even though it ran slower here than in the outside universe.

He switched his focus back to his main consciousness and called calmly, "Wendigo, Saurous, come out."

Whoosh!!

Suddenly, from the shadows, two imposing figures emerged with an uncanny abruptness. Wendigo and Saurous, their eyes gleaming with unsettling intensity, stood before Felix, their presence commanding the attention of the entire dimension.

They have also entered the dimensional pocket but remained hidden in the shadows, awaiting Felix's orders.

Ancestor Imyr had noticed their presence but since they came with Felix, he refrained from saying anything.

"Your orders, master?"

"Split up and go search for natural treasures in the most dangerous and hidden areas in the dimension." Felix ordered, "If you need guidance, request it from Elder Imyr in my consciousness space."

Felix didn't want to work out Elder Imyr too much, knowing that his energy was limited and each action he made in his dimension consumed a significant amount.

He didn't want him to get forced into a slumber again like last time after he helped him with his training.

"We have it covered." The darkins nodded expressionlessly and then took off.

Felix left his crystal house and noticed that his squad was already gathered around a newly created bonfire.

Even Nimo had emerged from the void realm and was seen sitting on Candace's lap, sleeping peacefully.

"We have been permitted to take all natural treasures in the dimension." Felix informed with a faint smile, "So, don't be impolite and harvest anything regardless of its grade. However, don't touch plants in the budding stage."

