

Supremacy 1561

Chapter 1561 A Heavenly Garden!

"Everything? You sure about it?" Olivia asked with a surprised look.

"Yep, just be careful and make sure to store everything properly," Felix mentioned.

"You must share a real tight bond with the ancestral dragon," Selphie said while giving him an impressed look.

Felix laughed a little and didn't divulge deeper into his relationship with Elder Imyr.

"During the day, focus on your harvest, and when the night comes, I will put you in my illusion domain and bestow upon you the wisdom eye to help you with your training."

Noah nodded in understanding and straightway took off alone, having no plans to explore the pocket with their company.

Felix ignored him and split his team. He placed Olivia and Selphie in a team while leaving Bodidi and Candace together.

He planned on exploring alone with Nimo.

Everyone was somewhat satisfied with this split and they began their journey too, leaving Felix and Nimo behind.

Felix didn't need to tell them that he would be getting all of the natural treasures as they knew about it. No one complained or was bothered by this.

Felix had already done so much for them and they were eager to pay him back in any way possible.

Even Noah who desperately desired to find new natural treasures for consumption to increase his strength, wasn't going to put himself before Felix.

While his motives were pure, he was still going to benefit from helping Felix since he could replicate those treasures in his illusion domain and let him consume as many as his body could handle...Or even turn them into potions to make the effects stronger.

A blessing for anyone without illusion immunity!

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Sometime later...

Deep within the heart of the mountain, Felix returned to the cave where he had first discovered the enigmatic dark moss.

As he entered, the dim light filtering through the narrow opening cast eerie shadows upon the rocky walls. The air was cool and damp, carrying a faint earthy scent.

To his amazement, his nose picked up on the familiar peculiar scent of the dark moss without needing to drink any enhancing potion.

Felix trailed the scent until he reached a dead end.

"I guess it has grown in another area." Felix thought while touching the thick rocky wall, "It seems like it's one of its conditions for growth is closed mountain pockets."

Without the hassle of digging a big path like before, Felix placed a finger on the wall and materialized a small driller with destruction mist. Then, he created a thin nickel-sized long hole that extended into the pocket.

Next, he transmitted himself into flowing water and went inside the hole. In less than a split second, his form manifested back to a human on the other side.

Nimo copied Felix's action and popped off on his shoulders.

Not bothered by the lack of light, Felix scanned around and found that the dark moss had regrown in patches along the walls of the cave.

Its tendrils, now pulsating with a faint, ominous energy, stretched out like veins seeking sustenance.

With nimble fingers, he delicately harvested the dark moss, being cautious not to disturb the fragile balance of this mysterious place.

Last time he had made a huge mess to enter the cave and it had affected its growth area.

Fortunately, the dimensional pocket was ever-changing, allowing a similar location to emerge that fulfilled the conditions.

After he was done, Felix exited in the same manner and filled up the hole again.

"Elder, can you point me towards the areas richest with elemental energy?" Felix requested, not wanting to go completely blind.

'Sure, situated seven hundred kilometers to the east, you will discover a small pink puddle that is surrounded by numerous hives of black wasps. On top of the puddle, you will find a family of lotuses.' Ancestor Imyr shared, 'They are emitting strong charm elemental energy.'

'Much appreciated.'

Felix transformed into a lightning bolt and zoomed past half of the forest in less than a millisecond before popping off into his form after arriving at his destination.

He looked below him and noticed a small, seemingly innocent pink puddle hidden amongst the trees.

With his impeccable vision, he was easily able to spot a hive of giant, ominous black wasps, camouflaging perfectly on the trees.

When he got close, their buzzing filled the air with a threatening hum, and their presence sent shivers down the spines of even the bravest souls.

Undeterred, Felix approached the puddle while having his spiritual pressure forming an invisible shield around him, keeping the wasps at bay.

The wasps were left frozen in midair as they watched the intruder encroach on their trap mechanism like nothing.

"Interesting, I have never seen such a lotus before," Felix uttered with a look of fascination after picking a bunch of delicate multi-colored lotus flowers from the shimmering pink puddle.

Each petal seemed to emit a soft, soothing glow, contrasting sharply with the foreboding surroundings.

Felix examined the flowers closely, his keen senses sensed that the flowers were releasing an invisible pinkish charm mist.

His mental defenses were undestructionable, plus, he possessed both illusion and lust immunity, making him the worst enemy of this lotus.

As he delved into the lotus flowers' energy, he checked for any signs that would help him determine its grade better.

'Its energy level is enough to put it in the S grade zone, but unless I studied its true effects, I wouldn't know for sure.' Felix smiled, 'For now, let's name it Charming Lotus.'

If Asna was around, she would have rolled her eyes at his terrible naming sense that seemed to never approve.

He put the grown lotuses into singular containers and left the smaller ones for future generations...Then, he requested the second area from Elder Imyr and continued on his expedition mission.

With his movement speed, overwhelming strength, perfect guidance from Elder Imyr, and great understanding of botany, Felix was able to collect more than forty types of natural treasures above A grade in less than an hour!

There were even a couple of S+ and SS-graded natural treasures mixed in them! Obviously, the majority were unknown, which meant his grading wasn't precise, but still, it was an amazing treasure for the kind of trouble he went through!

Other explorers would have to go through death trials, lose many of their companions, and still, either come empty-handed or find A-

grade or less natural treasures.

Just like what happened to Felix's expedition mission in the Shurima Temple...Yet, here he was, picking the greatest treasures left and right without breaking a sweat.

All because he had the 'f*ck you' type of strength.

Meanwhile, the other groups were also pulling their weight just fine as none of them was considered a weakling.

When night time arrived and everyone returned to the camp and beamed all the harvested natural treasures near the bonfire, even the tenants were startled by the number of A+ grades!

"Is it me or did your pocket dimension get even richer?" Thor wondered.

"Did it? I never bothered to check." Ancestor Imyr replied with a carefree tone.

"It's not that, we have gotten a decent collection only because he was guiding them towards the best areas in the dimension." Lady Sphinx explained, "In a couple of days or even less, you will start to notice a significant decline in their quality."

"I thought so too." Felix approved.

This was the reason Felix wasn't too pleased with their loot.

He understood that if they visited all the best possible locations and they still hadn't found another SSS+ natural treasure here, then god knows how difficult it would be in the outside universe.

To concoct a potion regardless of its rank, three materials were required at the bare minimum...So, he could never be satisfied with these results.

'Let's hope that our fortune will turn around tomorrow.' Felix murmured hopefully.

Chapter 1562 Failing At Seed Collection.

Unfortunately, after weeks of meticulous exploration within the heavenly garden, Felix and his companions found themselves still without a single SSS natural treasure.

They had scoured every corner, climbed the tallest trees, and waded through the clearest streams, hoping to discover an elusive SSS+ natural treasure. Yet, despite their unwavering determination and Ancestor Imyr's guidance, they had come up empty-handed.

Frustration and disappointment were etched across Felix's face as he sat on top of a mountain's summit with Nimo lying on his head.

'We have gathered more than ten thousand natural treasures with grades B and A being the majority...This should be enough to push past a mark or two if I was lucky.'

While those results were extremely promising, Felix truly hoped to locate another SSS natural treasure. Alas, they had gone almost through the entire dimensional pocket, but to no avail.

The only places left were the ones lacking in elemental energy like the depth of the underground.

"It's expected, that the majority of SSS natural treasures are based on rare elements and have their unique mystical areas in some corners of the universe." Lady Sphinx shared, "Just because this place is rich with elemental energy, doesn't mean it qualifies to host multiple SSS natural treasures. Even the dark moss's existence is peculiar in itself as it defied those laws."

"I guess you are right, I have been expecting too much." Felix smiled, "I should feel gratified with our current loot, it sure helped a lot with breeding new plants."

In the past weeks, Felix had focused on two things in his free time...His training and crossbreeding new plants under his master's guidance.

The books he had read about the field had helped him greatly, allowing him to kick off his botany journey smoothly.

He struggled a bit at the start, but now, he was able to crossbreed new plants after a thorough analysis of their structure, history, species, evolutionary paths, and the list goes on.

"While it hasn't been a long time, I feel like I am ready to start crossbreeding SS+ natural treasures," Felix informed.

"You haven't even succeeded in crossbreeding a SS natural treasure and you want to jump to SSS?" Lady Sphinx said calmly.

"Well, I don't think it's worth doing." Felix remarked, "The dark reaction occurs only in SS+ crossbred natural treasures and I feel like it's best to start getting to deal with it early."

"As you wish."

Lady Sphinx was usually stricter with her training schedule, but she would never stop Felix from running at his own pace at this stage of his life.

If he failed, he could always return to the schedule.

"As always, reach out when you face a wall."

Felix nodded in understanding and swiftly switched his focus to his clone inside the UVR. Since the UVR's connection wasn't in the dimensional pocket, he had to rely on a wisp he left behind in a crystal clone in his eternal nautilus.

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In a secluded corner of his illusionary lush garden, Felix meticulously selected two SS natural treasures.

The anticipation hung in the air as he carefully brought the parent plants closer together, their vibrant leaves and unique characteristics promising a new, extraordinary creation.

With delicate precision, he attempted to coax the plants into producing seed, a key step in the crossbreeding process. He gently brushed their leaves together, encouraging them to release their pollen and ovules into the air.

The plants responded, emitting a subtle, almost hesitant, exchange of their reproductive materials.

Felix sped up the time, knowing after successful pollination, the seeds needed to develop on the female parent.

They will typically mature within a few weeks to months, depending on the plant species.

'Hmmm?'

However, as Felix watched closely, it became apparent that something was amiss. The two natural treasures seemed incompatible, their genetic codes refusing to intertwine.

Despite his best efforts, they failed to produce a single viable seed.

"It can't be? I have picked the most compatible SS-graded treasures I found in the dimension." Felix knitted his eyebrows in confusion, "They should have at least produced a seed at minimum."

Felix understood that by doing this, he lowered his chances of having an SSS-graded plant be born from those two treasures.

That's because compatibility while it would make crossbreeding easier, would also not create an evolutionary miracle.

He did this to ensure a small win before facing the real challenge.

"This has worked just fine for other natural treasures, am I missing something? Are there other conditions that have to be fulfilled?" Felix held his chin thoughtfully.

This was just the seed collection step and Felix never paid much attention to it since he understood that as long as the parents were compatible genetically, a seed had to be born.

He never ran any issue with lesser-graded natural treasures.

"I should first find out the reason for their inability to reproduce."

Not wanting to turn to his master's help so soon, Felix decided to make some changes, which were usually done during the plant's growth.

Seated at his makeshift laboratory table, Felix started jotting down notes in his holographic note while wearing a lab coat, resembling any other professional researcher.

He knew he had to run a series of experiments, testing various factors that might affect the crossbreeding process. He needed to understand what made these two plants refuse to produce a seed together.

First on his list was the soil.

Felix planned to collect samples from different parts of his garden, each with its unique composition, and see if the parent plants would respond differently.

He needed to determine whether the soil's pH, nutrient content, or microbial composition played a role.

Next, he considered the environment. Felix would move some of the parent plants to different areas of his garden, exposing them to varying amounts of sunlight, humidity levels, and temperature fluctuations.

He wondered if these elements influenced the success of pollination.

Weather and time differences would also be crucial variables. Felix decided to document the climate conditions during each pollination attempt and noted the time of day to see if patterns emerged.

Perhaps there was a specific climate condition or time frame that triggered successful seed production.

Seasons would undoubtedly play a role too. Fortunately, he was like a game master in a server, allowing him to possess all the cheats any researcher would kill to obtain.

So, Felix experimented on the plants from the bloom of spring to the harshness of winter in less than a minute between seasons.

Unfortunately, the seasons' experiment produced no results and was shelved.

Time went by and before long a month passed since Felix started his experiments.

"I have tried almost everything to make those two work. If only their genes were incompatible, I would have dropped them." Felix kept scratching his head with a frustrated look, not feeling this desperate for a long time.

He knew that his journey to create an SSS+ plant variety would be long and filled with challenges, but he didn't expect that he would be stuck in the seed collection stage.

He had yet to even deal with the growth phase and the dark reaction.

'Aren't you going to give him a hand?' Thor inquired while glancing at Lady Sphinx.

'He didn't ask and I doubt he will.' Lady Sphinx replied indifferently while reading a book.

The moment she said this, Felix stood up from his spinning chair and walked back to the laboratory with a determined expression.

"I can't be defeated by this...There has to be something I am missing. Has to be.'

Felix popped off his wisdom eyes and manifested all the unsuccessful experiences he run through before him into screens.

Then, he started scanning and analyzing anything out of interest, hoping to find the absent link in his past mistakes.

Chapter 1563 Working as a Unit, as a Hive, as One Mind.

Felix spent countless hours scouring through the finest details in his experiments, not skipping a single thing.

With his wisdom eye in play and peak concentration, Felix finally spotted the missing link.

'Is this?'

It was a small detail, almost inconspicuous amidst the wealth of information he had gathered.

In one of his experiments, he moved a pair of parent plants to a different location within his garden. These plants had been subjected to increased x10 sunlight during the afternoon hours.

As Felix reviewed his observations, he noticed that the plants exposed to the afternoon sunlight had exhibited a subtle change in their physiology. Their leaves had tilted slightly towards the sun, and their flowers had opened wider during those hours.

"This is it!"

Felix realized that the angle and intensity of sunlight played a crucial role in the pollination process of these particular plants.

It wasn't just about the standard factors like soil, environment, or weather; it was the specific alignment of the sun during pollination that triggered seed production!

With newfound excitement, Felix set to work immediately.

He carefully marked the exact position of the sun during the successful pollinations, using a sundial and meticulously noting the angles. He also began to track the changing position of the sun throughout the day, paying close attention to the afternoon hours when his breakthrough had occurred.

As he conducted a series of focused experiments, controlling the angle and duration of sunlight exposure, Felix watched in anticipation. And then, it happened.

The two parent plants produced a seed—a single, small, but promising seed!

"Haha, I did it!" Felix laughed excitedly while eyeing the seed on his palm.

It was the result of his dedication, patience, and the tiny but crucial detail he had uncovered.

"Now, you can start the crossbreeding." Lady Sphinx remarked with a faint smile.

Felix rubbed his hair with a foolish look, knowing that he was getting excited over merely succeeding in the simplest step.

The journey was far from over and it would only get harder.

Without wasting time, Felix manifested multiple seeds in the same manner until he had a couple of thousands.

Then, he started planting them in isolated see-through glass gardens. Each small garden had a different soil, different time acceleration, different shade of light, different watering systems, elemental energy levels, and the list goes on and on and on.

There were like a thousand experiments running simultaneously and Felix understood that even with such massive quantity, it wasn't guaranteed to find the proper growth conditions for the seed.

"This is the true burial ground of botanists. While your illusionary garden made everything a hundred times easier, you have to be focused and pay attention to the smallest details for each experiment." Lady Sphinx advised, "If you missed even a single detail, it might be the key to whether the plant will become an SSS or not."

"I understand, I am planning on putting multiple clones on watch duty." Felix nodded with a serious expression.

"Good, finish what I have started."

Lady Sphinx had never succeeded in crossbreeding an SSS+ natural treasure and it was all because she didn't have Felix's cheat codes.

Even with the UVR's assistance, she was still forced to wait patiently for centuries, millennia, and sometimes even hundreds of thousands of years before the plant failed due to some tiny issue.

This would force her to restart the entire experiment from the top.

Now, Felix had the chance to surpass Lady Sphinx in her field and he had no plans to disappoint her.

Day after day, Felix observed the plants closely, waiting for that elusive moment when the seed would sprout into a bud.

But as the days turned into weeks, it became painfully clear that the majority of his experiments were failing.

The seeds simply refused to germinate, despite the meticulous attention he had given to every detail.

Felix's frustration grew, and he found himself constantly adjusting conditions and restarting experiments in search of that magical combination.

However, persistence was one of Felix's defining traits.

On one particular attempt, after countless failures, three buds finally emerged!

Each one was distinct, not only in appearance but also in the subtle energies they exuded.

One was vibrant green, another had a fiery red hue, and the third had a calm and serene blue aura.

"Three variations?! Let's go, this seems more promising now."

Excitement coursed through Felix as he carefully collected these three unique buds.

He understood that each bud represented a different path of evolution for the plant. While all three of them could fail eventually, it also meant that he could get three different types of SSS natural treasures at the end!

"There might be other variations, I shouldn't give up on the rest of the seeds."

Felix knew that while progress had been made, there were still countless possibilities to explore.

Each seed held the potential for something remarkable, and he was committed to unlocking their hidden potential, one experiment at a time.

So, he made some changes to their growth conditions and moved his focus to the three buds.

He moved his hand once and created another garden with hundreds of seeds provided with the same conditions as the three budding seeds.

This helped him branch out more on his experiments again, putting each budding seed in a different environment and setting.

"If only Asna could see this." J?rmungandr smiled gently as he watched hundreds of versions of Felix, working as a unit, as a hive, as one mind, for the sake of creating a single SSS natural treasure.

This wasn't all as there were many other clones on duty focusing on SS natural treasures, running experiments on them to invoke their evolution into SSS natural treasures without needing crossbreeding.

Obviously, he had to be a great geneticist to run such experiments since they require genetic modifications.

Fortunately, he left a clone to study genetic-related books left to him by his master in the past weeks and he also received some guidance.

So, he was running three types of fields in alchemy simultaneously, which in turn was more than enough to name him as an alchemist like his master!

All of this insane hard work was to create a mere single recipe, a single recipe, which wasn't even guaranteed to work.

Yet, Felix never allowed such thoughts to ruin his resolve.

As the days turned into weeks and the weeks into months, and before long, a whole five years passed in the dimensional pocket. Yet, Felix's determination remained unwavering.

He had meticulously run close to one million experiments. From this unimaginable number of experiments, a small plant had finally yielded the result he had longed for.

Its slender stem stood proudly, bearing a single, exquisite flower with cubic petals that seemed to contain stars within their crystalline facets.

Each petal glimmered with a soft, ethereal light, casting a gentle, otherworldly glow in the room.

Surrounding the plant, a dense aura of gravity-related elemental energy pulsed with newfound life.

The atmosphere seemed to ripple with the power of this remarkable creation as if the very laws of nature had altered to accommodate its existence.

"I created this..."

Felix stood before the flower, his eyes filled with awe and appreciation.

He marveled at the beauty and uniqueness of this botanical wonder he had nurtured through countless trials and experiments.

As he gazed upon the cubic petals with stars twinkling within, Felix knew that he had achieved something truly extraordinary...He had surpassed Lady Sphinx in her field, reaching a height, she never came close to.

He knew that this was still not considered a fully grown SSS natural treasure since he had yet to even deal with the dark reaction and the challenges that come from its growth to ripeness.

Still, he felt a profound sense of accomplishment and fulfillment wash over him, knowing that his endeavors had borne fruit and passed the most difficult obstacle in crossbreeding.

"What are you going to title it?" Lady Sphinx asked with a faint pleased smile.

Felix gazed at the flower, his eyes filled with wonder and admiration, and then, with a soft, poetic murmur, he spoke a sentence that resonated with the essence of his woman:

"Asnaleigha's Rose, your radiance in bloom, a starlit dream in every petal's twinkle..."

With those words, he named the exceptional plant that had defied the odds and blossomed into a symbol of his enduring love and dedication, the Asnaleigha's Rose...

In response to his name, Asnaleigha Rose's stars twinkled brilliantly for a moment before becoming dim, seemingly, accepting the title with grace.

Chapter 1564 Finding Inspiration.

"I am sure she would have loved it if she was here," Thor remarked.

"Mmm."

Felix's lips broke into a faint loving smile while envisioning Asna in the rose petals. Even when his emotions were being slowly corrupted by evil energy, his love for Asna wasn't touched in the slightest.

"The dark reaction usually manifests in the first years after the plant closes to ripeness." Felix soon refocused on his mission, "With time acceleration, I believe it will happen about...now."

The instant Felix uttered the last word, a sudden darkness seemed to cloud the air around the exquisite flower. The cubic petals, once adorned with stars, began to wither and warp as a sinister force attacked its DNA.

The dark reaction was at play, breaking apart the delicate genetic structure of the flower and threatening to consume its essence!

"Not in my watch."

With quick reflexes, Felix canceled the time acceleration and dove into the plant's DNA universe with his quantum vision.

Then, he extended his spiritual pressure like a protective shield around the affected DNA pieces, using his overbearing spiritual prowess to erase the fused dark substance. When he was done, the DNA strings were left broken apart like two pieces of a twig.

Felix was already told that reconstructing the DNA was just as important as getting rid of the dark substance.

So, he channeled his sacred water healing ability and used tiny droplets of healing water around broken DNA string, gently caressing its strands and accelerating their reconstruction.

The petals began to regain their cubic shape, and the stars within them slowly twinkled back to life.

It may not seem like it, but it was a tense and difficult battle as the dark substance targeted millions of DNA strings, forcing Felix to keep on his toes the entire time.

Fortunately, unlike the dark reaction in the potion concoction, the dark substance merely fused with the DNA and spread slowly, allowing Felix to get rid of them before they do more damage.

'Will they ever stop appearing?' Candace said with a bothered tone at the sight of the dark substance multiplying nonstop.

'No.' Lady Sphinx answered, 'They will keep attacking the flower until it becomes ripe. This usually takes decades to centuries or even much longer, depending on the plant's type.'

'Damn, this is the same as being held hostage.' Candace cursed.

She realized that Felix would need to put a decent clone with a significant amount of mental energy on watch duty or even multiple ones and put them on rotation if he wanted to keep an eye on the dark substance's invasion without affecting his lifestyle.

This was exactly what Felix planned to do after he got decent training on dealing with the dark substance, so his clones wouldn't fail him.

Obviously, it wouldn't matter much if his clones failed since this was still happening in the UVR and he wouldn't be getting anything from this but the experience for the real deal.

After spending a couple of days wrestling against the dark reaction, Felix finally passed the baton to his clones and let them have at it.

"No wonder you still want to find a better method to completely get rid of the dark reaction." Felix expressed in irritation to his master, "That was the most bothersome experience I had, I can't imagine doing this for years, don't even mention decades or more."

"You will get used to it." Lady Sphinx chuckled a little.

"I doubt it." Felix cracked his neck as he teleported outside of the garden at last, wanting to take a break from botany and focus on other matters.

Dealing with the dark reaction of the potion concoction was his priority at the moment.

After five years his clone had unfortunately failed to have a decent understanding of the dark reaction to mark it or create a soul-based poison to get rid of it.

This was the reason he was forced to rely on his mental energy as his main weapon.

"Is my master's method the only one available?"

Felix sat with his thoughts and a deep frown, feeling like he could do better than that with his current arsenal of abilities and powers.

"Your clone has focused mostly on understanding the dark reaction and failed. It's best to make him spend time learning Sphinx's method while you focus on coming up with a different method if possible." Thor advised, "This way, you will always have a backup plan."

"That's a good plan." Felix nodded in appreciation and acted on the suggestion immediately.

While Lady Sphinx was teaching his clone how to create microscopic armies and control them like her, he was wrecking his brain for a different idea.

Unfortunately, he wasn't so lucky this time and he came out empty after spending more than a couple hours.

"Sigh, I need some fresh air." Felix decided to drop the matter for now and switch his focus back to his main body in the dimensional pocket, hoping for some inspiration.

He walked out of the camp, not wanting to bother his friends, who were training inside their personal illusion domain's training zones.

For the past five years, they had been training every night in illusion domains with time being accelerated moderately. He also bestowed upon them copies of natural treasures and even copies of new potions he created from them.

With the wisdom eye added to the mix, most of them had gone through some positive changes.

Felix also learned the new time spells created by Selphie in his free time and other spatial spells, wanting to reach a level, where he could master omnipotent spells.

He wasn't just preparing his strength against Nimo's alter ego, but also his elemental prowess.

After walking for a while, Felix jumped on a tree and sat on a branch...He gazed into the sunrise peacefully, emptying his mind from his experiments, research, and stressful work.

As Felix observed the intricate dance of nature unfolding before him, a sense of peace and relief washed over him.

'I really needed this.' He let out a long exhale as he leaned against the tree trunk and closed his eyes shut, wanting to take a quick nap.

Chirp Chirp!

However, he was forced to open his eyes after hearing bird noise coming from a nearby tree. He glanced at it and almost instantly, he spotted the small noisy black bird through the myriad of leaves and branches.

High above, a majestic, golden falcon soared through the cerulean sky, its keen eyes locked onto the unsuspecting prey below.

The falcon's killing intent while soft, Felix picked on it and made him lift his head and glance at it.

'The circle of life, the predator and the prey, each playing their roles in the delicate balance of nature.' Felix murmured in his mind for a moment before his eyes swiftly focused on another observer nearby.

Coiled amidst the foliage, a camouflaged snake lay in wait, its body perfectly still, its eyes fixated on the small bird and the eggs in its nest.

It was clear that the snake was biding its time, waiting for the opportune moment to strike and claim both the bird and eggs, having no clue that another predator was gunning for its prey.

'Who is going to get it?'

Felix watched the showdown in intrigue, captured by this little life-and-death drama happening before him.

'Here it comes.'

Suddenly, the falcon changed its trajectory and dove head first into the tree, slicing apart branches and leaves with its razor-sharp feathers.

Both the small bird and the snake sensed the immediate danger, knowing that they were both prey to the falcon.

Still, the snake seemed like it had no plans to stay in safety and let the falcon steal its prey. It lunged at the nest, wanting to bite one egg before bailing out.

'Greedy, but will it w...Huh?'

Before Felix could finish the rest of his sentence, he was left stunned by what happened next.

The small bird neither waited for the snake nor the falcon to reach its danger zone.

It unveiled its dark wings around its nest and then disappeared into the shadow of the tree, leaving both predators lunging at each other!

The falcon immediately switched its target to the snake and dug its claws into its flesh before carrying it into the sky.

Just as it was about to leave Felix's vision, the snake exploded into poisonous acidic mist, causing the falcon's flesh and feathers to melt off and die with it...

'The hell is this place?'

Felix was left utterly speechless at the sight of the same little bird emerging for the same shadow with its nest, appearing like nothing happened.

'Haha...wait a second...'

Just as he was about to chuckle at his failed prediction, he couldn't help but draw a parallel to his struggles with the dark reaction to this exact scenario.

He had been waiting, like the snake or the falcon, for the perfect moment to intervene and protect the concoction from the explosive attack of the dark reaction.

However, as he observed the events before him, a realization dawned on Felix.

'Why am I waiting for the dark reaction to invade? I have a whole minute to save mixture before the invasion could even take place.' Felix's eyes widened the more he thought about this notion, 'It's impossible in accomplishing this in rank five and below potions, but for some reason, the dark reaction takes a long time to manifest in rank six potions. This is the key to my success!'

"What are you talking about?" Thor raised an eyebrow in surprise, "I believe Lady Sphinx must have already tried to do the same."

"I did try it, but I didn't have the tools to pull it off." Lady Sphinx smiled faintly, "On the other hand, you boy has the best tool to make it work."

"Master, you really think it will work?!" Felix exclaimed in excitement after realizing that his mentor had deciphered his new idea from the little details.

"There is only one way to find it." Lady Sphinx said calmly, "Return to the lab."

Chapter 1565 Electromagnetic Field Method.

In the hushed confines of his laboratory, surrounded by vials of exotic ingredients and intricate apparatuses, Felix stood before his concoction table, eager to test his latest breakthrough.

But before then, he reached out to his master Thor.

"Master, what do you think about creating a minimized electromagnetic field across the atomic world of the mixture and using it to manipulate the charged electrons and protons." Felix spoke with a tint of excitement, "Will it be possible to hasten the molecules breaking apart?"

"So, this is your plan?" Thor chuckled, "Possible? I have never tried it before since my vision can't reach the atomic world, but I am certain it's more than doable."

"Interesting, you are attempting to hasten the integration process of the mixture, allowing it to finish in the one-minute waiting time before the dark reaction could appear. Not bad, not bad at all." Elder Kraken praised Felix for coming up with such an ingenuous method.

"It's indeed a great idea and if you pull it off, you will guarantee to have 100% success chance every time." Candace clapped happily.

"Wait, won't this affect the potion's stability, causing it to fail?" Fenrir questioned.

Lady Sphinx was the one answering him. "It doesn't affect it at all. Felix will be merely accelerating a natural process, reducing the time it takes for it to finish. He won't be adding materials or something to the mix."

Usually, this would be useless in Felix's case when dealing with rank five and lower potions since he was already at a level, where he could guarantee any potion he concocted to be 100%.

That's because he had enough mental power to create a massive barrier around the entire mixture, making it impossible for the dark reaction to do anything.

However, the dark reaction of rank six potions appeared explosively and randomly everywhere, which made this method useless.

Fortunately, the saving grace was that one minute of peacefulness before the invasion and Felix was going to take advantage of it.

"There is only one way to truly know for sure." Felix ended their speculations by concocting God's Pillar and using his quantum vision to enter its mixture's atomic world.

Then, he created a minimized electromagnetic field within the atomic world of the potion's mixture, spreading it to a decent size...He didn't want to go all out from the start.

The moment the field manifested, it began to exert its influence on the charged protons and electrons within the mixture's molecules as he expected!

However, before he could be joyful, the atomic world was thrown into chaos.

Protons and electrons, which were previously in stable orbits around atomic nuclei, started to move erratically, their trajectories disrupted by the field's influence...Bonds between atoms within the molecules strained and broke as the particles within them went haywire!

The once-stable mixture rapidly descended into ruination as molecules collided and merged haphazardly, and the entire potion's atomic world seemed to collapse in on itself.

It was as if a storm had been unleashed within the mixture, causing turmoil at the atomic level.

Felix watched in dismay at the falling apart mixture, destroying it before the dark reaction could even make a move.

After the mixture collapsed, he pulled back with a solemn look.

"Looks like this isn't going to be easy." He said.

"It's expected. The electromagnetic field needs to be powerful enough to manipulate the neutrons of the molecules but gentle enough not to disrupt the charged electrons and protons unless you intended to do so."

"I guess I have to tune it down." Felix nodded in understanding.

Without further ado, Felix began a new pursuit to perfect the electromagnetic field within the potion's mixture.

Night after night, he tirelessly ran experiments, adjusting the field's intensity with meticulous precision.

Felix could feel the molecules in the mixture responding to the electromagnetic forces he exerted, their behavior changing with each adjustment.

One trial after another passed by, and Felix noted the subtle shifts in the mixture's behavior.

Sometimes, the molecules reacted too violently, causing the entire concoction to destabilize. Other times, the field was too weak to influence the neutrons effectively.

But Felix was undeterred. He analyzed the data meticulously, fine-

tuning his approach with each iteration.

And then, after countless trials, it happened. Felix executed the experiment, and the electromagnetic field fell within the perfect range!

The neutrons of the molecules responded, breaking apart and merging seamlessly, while the protons and electrons remained undisturbed unless he chose otherwise.

Still, Felix wasn't planning to celebrate yet as this merely gave him the precise control he needed to manipulate the molecules during the potion concoction.

Now, he had to manually break apart those molecules and let them merge in less than a minute, which was a hundred times more daunting task than this.

"Wish me luck." Felix took a deep breath and then zoomed in on the potion's mixture until he joined its atomic world.

Next, he manifested the same electromagnetic field, but this time, it seemed less intense and the molecules remained unaffected by it.

'Let's start small.' Felix bit his lower lip in concentration as he focused on a bundle of colored molecules mashed against each other.

Since the concoction process already automatically broke apart molecules and merged them to create new ones, Felix didn't need to manually oversee each molecule.

The only thing he needed to do was accelerate the process of breaking the molecules, using a process called electrolysis.

In electrolysis, an electric current (which created an electromagnetic field), was used to drive a chemical reaction, such as the splitting of water into hydrogen and oxygen gases.

But in this case, it would be used to split other elements in the mixture and let them merge naturally.

This was exactly what Felix did to the small bundle of molecules.

He sent an electrical current through the molecules, which forced their bond to break apart due to the disturbance caused by the charged proton and electron.

After the bonds were shattered, the chemical mixture did its thing and erected a chemical reaction, causing those broken molecules to bond into different shapes.

What Felix did was happening across the entire atomic world, the only difference was that he made it a couple of seconds faster!

'hehehehe, will you look at me now, influencing direct chemical reactions. I sure have come a long way.' Felix grinned in delight at the sight of his efforts paying off at last.

Sure he simply helped a few molecules from probably a hundred decillions or even more, but understood that with practice, repetition, and hard work, he would absolutely turn this manual work into an automatic one.

"You only have a minute, so, you must be quick, efficient, and most importantly precise." Lady Sphinx smiled, "But if you pulled it off, I will tell you this, you will never struggle with another potion in your life."

"That's exactly what I want." Felix smirked, "I may need to find another method to deal with the undesirable reaction in crossbreeding, but at least in potions, I can say to have finally mastered the field."

It wasn't farfetched to call him a master potioneer in every sense after concocting a rank-six potion, which honestly speaking would shock the entire witch empire.

A mortal surpassed and still perfected the technique faster than them even when they had millions of years as a headstart!

Chapter 1566 Time for Departure.

Two years later...

In a dimly lit laboratory, Felix stood over a concoction that had become the center of his obsession.

The potion mixture, bubbling away in an ornate cauldron, held the key to unlocking his rank-six potion's mastery.

For two long years, he had meticulously trained, honing his control over electromagnetic fields.

His brow furrowed in concentration as he focused his electromagnetic field on the atomic world of the potion.

The moment his field interacted with the molecules, they began to respond. Chemical reactions that would typically take a couple of seconds were now occurring in a matter of milliseconds!

Bonds broke and reformed in a mesmerizing dance of atomic transformation as an incalculable number of snake-like electrical charges roamed through the mixture.

'This is it...I can feel it.'

Felix's heart raced with excitement as he could feel the mixture's chemical reactions were going to be concluded in less than a minute due to his intervention!

30%...50%...60%...80%...

The completion rate kept jumping rapidly as the seconds went by.

After fifty-five seconds hit the mark, the completion rate was at 99%, and Felix doubled down on his focus and effort for the last 1%, not wanting to give up even that to the dark reaction!

When those five seconds concluded and the first signs of the dark reaction was about to merge, the cauldron, which had been bubbling and churning, suddenly stilled.

It seemed as though the very air in the laboratory held its breath in anticipation. Then, it happened.

Booom!!

The lid of the cauldron was blown off with a gentle force, and from within, a radiant golden light poured forth, illuminating the entire laboratory!!

The divine light was ethereal, casting intricate patterns of shimmering brilliance across the walls. It danced and swirled like a celestial ballet, casting an otherworldly glow that bathed the room in a warm and inviting aura.

"I did it...at last, I did it."

Felix disengaged from the atomic world and watched this celestial display with a captivated expression, feeling like he didn't just make a potion, but a divine elixir...

A tantalizing scent wafted through the laboratory, carried on the wings of the divine light.

Felix couldn't help but close his eyes and take in a deep breath, savoring the scent that filled the room.

It was a reminder of the incredible journey he had undertaken, the trials and tribulations he had faced, and the knowledge he had gained. And now, the culmination of his efforts stood before him in the form of the God's Pillar, a potion of unparalleled strength and potential!

"Congratulations!" Candace cheered immediately in his mind, clapping her hands in delight and excitement.

"That's my boy." Thor smirked, "Using my lightning manipulation in ways even I have never explored."

"He has just surpassed Sphinx in crossbreeding and now reached her level in potion mixture while also surpassing Thor in his field." Elder Kraken chuckled, "It won't be long before you won't have anything to teach him."

"I can't wait for that day." J?rmungandr smiled with a pleased look.

All great masters wish for their students to surpass them and reach heights they could have never dreamed of.

Felix was close to the point in his life where his masters could only help him out with pieces of advice.

"You are flattering me, I still have a long way to go." Felix replied humbly.

Even when his spiritual pressure was already ahead of them and he could take down all of them at once, Felix would never have the nerve to look down on his masters disrespectfully by ignoring their teachings.

He had reached this far only because of this attitude and he had no interest in changing it now.

His masters observed his diligence with a silent sense of satisfaction and pride.

Sometime later, Felix could be seen sitting in front of the cauldron while holding the three celestial God's Pillar potions.

"Now, I just need to find the missing key ingredients or crossbreed them somehow to concoct it for real," Felix uttered while juggling the potions in one hand.

The sense of accomplishment had faded away quite fast after remembering that all of this was a mere illusion and if he didn't find the required materials, he might never concoct it in real life.

If it was like that, there was nothing to feel accomplished.

"I think it's time to leave the dimensional pocket. I have to start my exploration across the universe and also focus on devouring deserted planets' purities." Felix decided.

"I think so too." Candace agreed, "We have already uprooted the dimensional pocket with Elder Imyr's help. There is nothing much more to do here."

Felix nodded in approval and requested that she inform his friends about it and prepare for departure.

"Elder Imyr, is it really not possible for you to join us? If everything went right and I entered the eternal kingdom, you will be missing a great spectatorship." Felix stressed, wanting the ancestral dragon to remain within his consciousness space.

He had only seen goodness from him and Felix didn't want him to stay here all alone. Especially, when he probably wouldn't be visiting him ever again.

After all, if he defeated Nimo's alter ego, he would ascend to the eternal kingdom, and if not? Well, he would be dead...This time, probably for real with his soul being erased.

"As much as I want that, unfortunately, I must not leave this place." Elder Imyr smiled kindly, "It's my only way to atone for my crimes and help my wrongly harmed descendants. Plus, if I leave, the dimensional pocket will be closed forever and my offspring will receive another hit to their identity."

Dragons' pride was just as powerful and irritating as the ancient dragons possessed it. The only difference was that the ancient dragons had the strength to defend their pride as they were considered only weaker than primogenitors then.

But now? The dragons were surpassed by humans, the hive race, space worms, and the watchers.

Sure, those were merely powerful exceptions and didn't represent the true powers of their race...But the dragons didn't see it that way.

All they saw was that after Elder Dragon died and green/black clan heads got demonized and perished, their high social status in the universe plummeted.

For a race that possessed a cursed level of pride that was connected to their strength, this was extremely deadly to their identity.

The only reason dragons were still holding strong was because of ancestral dragon's existence, acting like their pillar, and waiting for the day a dragon would arise and reclaim the title of the strongest being in the universe again.

If he abandoned them too, it would be a shattering reality and Elder Imyr didn't want his race to fall any lower.

Felix and the tenants understood all of this from his last sentence.

If it was possible to have Elder Imyr send a wisp of his consciousness with them, then, it would have been great...But, they knew that was also impossible since his consciousness was linked to the dimensional pocket and could not escape it.

The point his wisp left, it would perish since his entire existence was connected to the dimensional pocket and the same went to his wisps.

"If you can't come with us, what if we remained here with you?" Felix suggested, still not giving up on bringing Elder Imyr into his landlord's payroll.

"What do you mean?"

"I can leave a crystal clone here with a wisp of my consciousness." Felix smiled, "I will use the consciousness mirror link technique, which will allow you to stay connected to us always."

"What about your mental energy consumption?"

"It's nothing of a concern." Felix assured him, "My mental energy capacity and recovery are so high, I can afford a hundred clones simultaneously without worrying about exhausting it."

Felix's mental energy already surpassed Lady Sphinx and she was doing this with great ease for a very long time.

It was all about finding the sweet spot of recovering what was lost of the mental energy before it could cause any problems for the user.

Elder Imyr thought about it for a point before nodding his head with a wrinkly crackle, making his face resemble an old turtle. "If it's not too much of a hassle, then, I will gladly accept your offer."

"That's what we like to hear." Thor laughed thunderously as he lifted his wine jar in the air, "Welcome to the family old geezer, cheers!"

Chapter 1567 Worth it?

A couple of hours later...

Felix and his companions bid farewell to the ancestral dragon dimension and set out on their journey toward the dwarven empire, eager to mine elemental minerals and continue their adventures.

The dimensional pocket was rich with natural treasures, but it didn't possess many elemental minerals.

The only place in the entire universe with a massive abundance of said riches was the dwarven empire.

When it came to decent-graded elemental minerals, Meriam collected them for Felix using her massive influence on the empire's upper echelon.

However, for the ultra-rare minerals, there were only two ways to find them. Either the dwarven royal treasury or mine them from the depths of the most dangerous places in the universe.

"Are you planning to 'borrow' again?" Candace asked with a faint giggle.

"You make it sound bad." Felix gave her an annoyed look, "I am a man of my word and I am heading there to return the Nethersteel as I promised."

"An illusion version of it, you mean."

"Potato, potato." Felix defended his stance without an ounce of shame, "No one will know the difference and they can use it like the real deal once they decide on the artifact."

"While at it, might as well take all rare minerals from their treasury and replace them with illusionary versions," Thor suggested.

"Master is surely full of wonderful ideas." Felix grinned.

Thor chuckled, knowing that Felix was already thinking about doing it and he merely gave him an excuse to accept it.

Most of the tenants rolled their eyes at his attempt to maintain his shame, not caring about judging him over stealing the dwarves' royal treasury.

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Three weeks later...The Eternal Nautilus had stopped near a giant green-colored planet with oceans and thick forests across its entire surface. It barely had snow mountains, volcanos, deserts, and such.

It was just brimming with life, but at the same time, it didn't.

"No intelligent life on it," Felix remarked calmly while studying the analyzed data of the planet.

While the planet seemed full of life, it was also loaded with toxic and poisonous mist, making it impossible for many creatures to be born in its environment and adapt to it.

Even the oceans were poisonous, making only the plant kingdom dominate the planet's ecosystem.

"Is this our next destination?" Olivia asked curiously.

"It's doubtful that we will find anything of worth in it, but it's better to be safe than sorry." Felix said, "We will spend the next month searching for rare natural treasures. Whether we find anything or not, we will take off."

Selphie and the others nodded in understanding and prepared for the landing...Felix also joined the search party, hoping for his luck to turn around.

Based on the books about the discovered SSS natural treasures, he knew that there was a plant called Sacred Forgiveness Tree, which has been discovered in areas rich with myriad plant kingdoms.

That's because one of its sustainable conditions was absorbing nutrition like a parasite from different types of plants through its roots.

Felix really hoped that he would find one as it was a key ingredient for a different useful rank-six potion.

Alas, the team had spent an entire month on the planet's surface, dealing with the poisonous atmosphere, killer plants, and some beasts here and there, yet, not many great natural treasures were collected.

As for the Sacred Forgiveness Tree? It was nowhere to be found and Felix was certain that it didn't exist on this planet since three primogenitors' level beings were searching for it to no avail.

In the end, Felix gave up on the search and everyone returned to the spaceship except him, Candace, Nimo, and the darkins.

Felix ordered Queen Ai to keep the spaceship on its trajectory while he prepared to devour the planet's purities!

"Let's see how much boost I will get from this."

Felix had great hopes that it wouldn't be too disappointing due to the planet's abundance of life in it.

"Can we also share a bit?" Saurous requested, "My thoughts are getting clouded daily without eating an appropriate amount of purities."

"Likewise, we don't think we can last a couple more years without some purities in our system." Wendigo supported.

"I will bestow some upon you."

Felix decided to help them out as he didn't want them to lose their insanity to the evil energy control.

They had already struggled against hunger for seven years, which was an unfathomable period when compared to other demons, who couldn't last a month without purities.

Without further ado, Felix's form began to swell and expand, transcending the bounds of normalcy.

Like a deity ascending, Felix grew in size, his body stretching and elongating, his features sharpening with the power that courses through him.

The stars themselves seemed to dim as he expanded, his form eclipsing celestial bodies, becoming a colossal entity that dwarfs the green planet below!

As Felix reached a size rivaling that of the green planet, his eyes, now glowing like twin suns, fixated on the planet.

Then, slowly, with a motion that stirred cosmic winds and bent the very fabric of space, Felix extended his demonic hand toward the planet.

His hand, now larger than continents, cast a shadow over the planet's surface. The atmosphere trembled under the proximity of such overwhelming power.

Then, with a touch that was paradoxically gentle and cataclysmic, Felix placed his supermassive palm upon the planet!

The moment his skin made contact, a surge of evil crimson energy rippled across the planet's surface, a display of raw power and his ominous intent!

'This boy always finds a way to be scarier...'

'When will his limits end...'

The darkins had sweat covering their forehead as they watched this unholy scene.

They have dealt with jurmi and Thor's size manipulation many times, but Felix's current form still planted a seed of utter fear in their hearts.

Meanwhile, the planet, vibrant with life and purity, started to quiver under Felix's touch. The once-bright greens of the forests and the deep blues of the oceans began to dim as if the very essence of life was being drained away!

As this sinister process intensified, the planet underwent a heart-wrenching transformation.

The lush landscapes withered, turning into barren wastes. The once-crystal-clear waters of the oceans became stagnant and receded, leaving behind parched basins.

The skies, once a painting of vibrant sunrises and sunsets, now hang heavy with a lifeless grey hue.

The energy absorbed by Felix was not just the physical life force of the planet, but its spiritual essence as well.

The planet's core, a once-beating heart of energy and light, grew dimmer with each passing moment.

Cracks began to appear across the surface, like the wrinkles of age on a dying elder, spreading and deepening as the planet's vitality was sapped away.

Finally, the once green planet, a beacon of life and hope, was reduced to a gray, cracked rock, reminiscent of a world still in its birth stage, barren and lacking in the life it once harbored...

As Felix gazed at the product of his strength-seeking obsession, his heart wasn't moved even once.

"I have killed a 5 billion-year-old planet in less than a minute..." Felix gazed upon his demonic hand which still had a few rubbles on its surface. Then, he murmured, "All of this to get one hundred BF increase in strength...Worth it?"

Chapter 1568 The Thief Strikes Again!

That's right! After Felix sensed his increase in strength, he noticed that it was so minuscule, that it translated to one hundred BF or even less!!

In other words, he had to devour one thousand planets to increase his strength by ten thousand BF.

This was if he found perfect planets rich with life like this one but inhabitable, which was extremely difficult in this universe.

"I can't say I haven't expected this." Lady Sphinx remarked calmly, "Evil energy feeds off life essence, but mostly off purities. So, if you want somewhat of a decent power enhancements, then you have to devour civilized planets."

"Yeah, I ain't doing that."

Felix didn't spend even a second considering said option. In his eyes, if he went for this, he was nowhere better than Lucifer.

"There are a hundred countless of planets in the universe." Felix remarked calmly, "While it might take me decades or ages to hit a decent power-up through this method, I am fine with it."

Felix reduced his size back to normal and returned to the spaceship with his companions. He fed some of his purities into the darkins, letting them have a breather from the irritating hunger thoughts at last.

For the next months, Felix had killed more than thirty planets in total after spending some time searching them for either natural treasures or elemental minerals.

Some planets have already been discovered while some were still unknown.

He prioritized searching for the unknown ones and if he found a small civilization in it or such, he let Olivia handle the SGAlliance's introduction to them.

The only difference was that he didn't bother to force them to either join or die. If they weren't interested and they wanted to remain in their closed bubble from the universe, he let them be.

The Alexander Kingdom hadn't given Earth such freedom of choice and Felix always wondered how his life would have been if his planet was never discovered by them.

Anyway, the enhancement gotten from those devoured planets wasn't enough to even hit one thousand BF.

The situation was even worse as some planets barely increased his strength by twenty BF.

If it was another demon, he would most likely receive a hundred thousand if not more from a single planet.

Still, Felix didn't change his mind at all and continued on this snail's slow and painful path until finally, his spaceship entered the dwarven empire's premises.

"You guys head towards Vorxara and check on the situation there. Give it a try and see if you can mine some of the Nokksino ingots. But, don't force it, the Nokksino's guardians aren't weaklings." Felix ordered.

Vorxara was known for its massive deposits of a rare kind of elemental mineral called Nokksino ingots.

These minerals were not ordinary; they pulsed with a raw, elemental power, coveted by many across the stars.

However, the planet remained fairly untouched as there were formidable monsters that dwelled in the planet's depths. These creatures, as enigmatic as they were powerful, fed on the elemental minerals, drawing strength and sustenance from the planet's very core.

Their presence had turned the underground into a labyrinth of peril, with caverns echoing the roars of these subterranean behemoths.

The dwarves had been trying to mine this planet for a very long time, but those monsters made it almost impossible.

Even with the alliance's armored forces and technology, nothing could be done against powerful monsters in their homeland.

Since mass destruction weapons couldn't be used in areas marked for mining, the dwarves ended up publicly hiring mercenaries from all races to bring them Nokksino Ingots.

Alas, not many make it out alive with them.

"Where are you going?" Selphie asked.

"I have some matters to manage in the capital." Felix answered, "I will link up with you on Vorxara."

"Okay, good luck."

Selphie wished with an innocent smile, having no clue that she was wishing Felix good luck on stealing the royal family's treasury.

"Thanks." Felix's eyelids twitched as he entered Candace's aircraft.

In the deep heart of the Dwarven Empire, nestled amidst the labyrinthine stone halls and grand archways, lies the Royal Family's Treasury.

A bastion of wealth and artifacts, the Treasury was a symbol of the Empire's power and history.

On this fateful day, the air within these hallowed chambers stirred with an unnatural chill, heralding the arrival of an unexpected visitor.

Felix walked inside the treasury from a void rift while making sure to coat himself with his spiritual pressure, making it impossible for any detection tool or ability to notice him.

As he emerged from the void realm, the lavish opulence of the Treasury encircled him.

Walls lined with precious metals and gems, artifacts of immeasurable value and ancient lineage, all lie under his gaze.

"My nethersteel is still there," Felix murmured after his eyes landed on a purplish metal cube sitting on the biggest platform in the treasury.

"You mean a piece of random metal painted purple?" Candace giggled, taking Asna's job of keeping Felix's shamelessness in check.

She also received Felix's special treatment as he ignored her completely, treating her jabs as air.

"Starfire Opal, Aetherium Crystal, Voidstone...Damn, I didn't take a closer look before and my knowledge was lacking. But this place is surely loaded with amazing treasures." Felix remarked with an eyebrow raised in surprise.

All of those mentioned elemental minerals were considered on the same rank as SSS natural treasures and it was near impossible to find them on the outside without some godly luck!

"It's expected, this treasury is the dwarves' heart and soul." Lady Sphinx mentioned, "Any dwarves found such rare minerals, they gift them to the royal family for the sake of having someone worthy enough to craft an artifact with them."

"How noble and selfless." Felix shook his head while picking one of those treasures and putting it in his spatial card, "Humans really need to do better and work out their greed. It's a shame we aren't morally upright like dwarves."

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This time, even the tenants were left speechless at his blatant shamelessness to lecture the human race while he was stealing the dwarves' property...For the f*cking second time!

"Such a shame...Oh, is this Terra Emerald? They even have two of them, hehehe, lucky me."

The tenants could only watch in utter silence as Felix skipped from one platform to another, not leaving a single elemental mineral behind.

Fortunately for the dwarves, he had no use for the artifacts, so he left them in their places.

After a few minutes, most of the platforms were now empty, having nothing of value to display...But not for long.

Felix brought his hands together and closed his eyes, and then he cast small bubbles of illusion domains on top of those platforms.

Next, the same rare elemental minerals manifested and resembled the real deal by 100%...He used this method to avoid wasting his illusion energy.

"Well, they may not be able to use them for now, but I promise that I will give them the rest of their details after analyzing them." Felix gave his word to the treasury yet again.

"What if you died?" Candace asked.

"Then those treasures can be uttered to have been lost for the sake of love." Felix coughed, "Is there any greater purpose?"

"You are really something special..." Candace rolled her eyes at him.

Chapter 1569 Mining The Nokksino's Ingots.

A few days later...

Upon the desolate surface of planet Vorxara, winds howl across barren landscapes, carrying whispers of ancient secrets and untold riches buried deep within its crust, Felix could be seen emerging from a void rift with the darkins, Nimo, and Candace.

At a short distance over the horizon, an astronomical mountain was protruding proudly, having its summit completely hidden in clouds.

There was a giant cave at the bottom of the mountain with a small overpopulated town, packed with mercenaries and fighters from all races.

"Let's go." Felix stepped once into the air and he appeared instantly in front of the cave without causing an ounce of disturbance.

'The mine is closed for maintenance, everyone out.'

Felix sent this message into everyone's minds, using a mental ability to tamper with them. His spiritual prowess was so ahead, that he didn't even need to utilize his illusion abilities to control someone mentally.

Confusion sets in among the mercenaries. Their mission was clear, but the sight before them contradicted their expectations. They exchanged glances, trying to make sense of the information. Another checked their device for any missed communications about this unexpected closure.

"How weird, the mine is never closed for maintenance. Meh, whatever, I needed to take a break anyway."

"Damn, I have just arrived yesterday."

"I guess this is a hint to not get greedy and bail off with a few ingots in my possession."

But in the end, they still listened to the mental command as they couldn't go against it.

'This will make it easier to mine the ingots without getting interrupted.' Felix said while watching the mercenaries leaving the mine in waves.

'Selphie, how is it going?' He asked.

In the depths of Vorxara's perilous mines, a fierce battle unfolds, casting a stark contrast between the dark, subterranean world and the flashes of combat.

Selphie, Noah, Bodidi, and Olivia found themselves pitted against the Nokksino's guardians.

These guardians, resembling colossal centipedes, were a nightmarish sight. Their massive bodies, segmented and writhing, were covered in shells as hard as the Nokksino ingots themselves, reflecting the dim light of the miners' lanterns with a menacing sheen.

Their powerful jaws snap and clack, capable of crushing stone and bone alike, while their innate ability to manipulate the earth element made them masters of their subterranean domain.

However, before Felix's squad, their menacing dread was no use...Selphie easily froze them in time with her time spells while Bodidi sliced them off with spatial blades.

As for Noah? He froze them with absolute zero before following it with an ice pillar straight into their brain.

Olivia was responsible for watching their back and mining the Nokksino's ingots by using an army of her plant-based summons.

'It's going well.' Selphie asked, 'Have you arrived?'

'I am at the cave's entrance. Are there too many Nokksino's guardians?'

'Their numbers are kind of infinite.' Selphie replied with a solemn tone, 'We have killed more than one thousand ever since we stepped in the mine and the deeper we go, the larger their numbers get.'

'I see.' Felix thought about it for a moment before requesting, 'You can come out. Bring with you one of the corpses.'

Without asking too many questions, Selphie relayed the news to the others...They canceled their abilities and went through a spatial portal, connecting to the cave's mouth.

Their sudden emergence had raised some chatter from the mercenaries, but Felix handled it easily by using his mind control again.

"How much did you mine?" Felix inquired.

"not a lot, most of the bars are deep underground." Olivia answered while showing Felix a couple of small dirty golden rocks on her palms.

"That's where the centipedes' nest is believed to exist. We didn't want to rush there." Selphie added.

"Good call." Felix remarked calmly, "Let me handle them."

There was no way Felix was going to waste his time mining those bars personally...He had much more important matters to settle.

The easiest way to mine those ingots without needing to enter the mine was by cleansing it entirely from those centipedes!

Thus...

Felix extended his hand and touched the corpse of the fallen guardian. At his touch, a subtle mark glowed briefly on the creature's shell, a sigil that pulsed with a dark energy.

With the mark set, Felix began an extraordinary transformation. His arm started to expand and grow, its size magnifying until it matched the vastness of the cavernous space around him!

From his enlarged arm, Felix releases a dense, crimson mist. Unlike any ordinary vapor, this destruction mist was imbued with a singular purpose - to seek and eradicate the Nokksino's guardians!

As it billowed out from his arm, it filled the mine, creeping into every crevice, every tunnel, spreading hundreds of kilometers through the underground labyrinth!

"What the hell is this?!!"

"Run!!"

The mercenaries still within, witnessing this eerie and otherworldly phenomenon, felt a primal urge to flee.

As the crimson mist enveloped the area, they scrambled towards the exit, a unanimous decision born of survival instinct even though the mist did nothing to them!

Meanwhile, the crimson mist found its way to the deepest recesses, where the heart of the guardians' nest lies.

There, the mother of the centipedes, a creature of immense size and power, also fell victim to Felix's sinister creation.

The mist, like a silent assassin, extinguished her life force, ensuring the end of the centipede lineage and terror over this planet.

A few moments later, Felix opened his eyes and uttered calmly, "It's done, all protectors have been erased."

The scene was one of calculated efficiency and ruthless intent.

As the crimson mist began to evaporate through the caverns, a palpable sense of awe and disbelief gripped Selphie, Noah, Bodidi, and Olivia...They stood frozen, their eyes wide as they witnessed the surreal display of Felix's power.

They knew that Felix was powerful beyond measure, but still, to see it with their own eyes after such a long time was something else.

Yet, Felix wasn't close to being done.

Whoosh!!

With a sweep of his arms, Felix began to channel his gemstone elemental powers.

Slowly, the ground began to tremble, and from the very rocks and crystals of the cavern walls, figures started to emerge!

One by one, crystallized miners, sculpted from the minerals of Vorxara itself, rose to stand before Felix.

Each miner was equipped with a pickaxe, their crystalline blades honed to perfection. Carts, also crafted from the same sparkling crystal, materialize beside them, ready to carry the mined Nokksino ingots.

Other tools, from shovels to drills, all shimmering with an inner light, appear in the hands of the crystal miners, creating an arsenal fit for the task ahead.

The crystal miners, a manifestation of Felix's will and power, stand in silent ranks, awaiting his command.

"Go."

With a simple gesture, he set them to work.

In a couple of minutes, the crystal miners' army moved as one, their pickaxes striking the rock with precision and strength...The sound of their labor echoes through the caverns, a symphony of progress and power.

"Why are we even here..." Bodidi murmured speechlessly.

"You can help out with the mining." Felix gave him a side glance, "They are tireless workers but a bit dumb and need guidance."

"I will handle it!" Olivia volunteered with a chirpy tone.

Selphie and Noah also decided to join in and continue extracting the ingots, wanting to help out Felix in any shape or form within their powers.

After they set out, Felix eyed the bits of bars in his hand given to him by Olivia and frowned deeply, "Even with my efforts, it will take a long while to collect the necessary elemental minerals."

Unlike natural treasures, elemental minerals weren't as numbered since they could only be mined.

There was no crossbreeding or flesh-based minerals or such...Just gemstones, metals, rocks, and such minerals.

Even with Meriam's assistance in getting decent quantities from the dwarven empire, it was not enough to satisfy him.

"You should check with the primogenitors." Thor suggested, "We have been living for far too long and our empires have harvested a significant amount of the rarest minerals ever created. I believe most of my peers still hold onto them in their treasures after Cyclope retired from forgery."

"I already thought about doing this with natural treasures too. But, to get something, you have to offer something." Felix knitted his eyebrows deeply, "What do I have to offer to move the primogenitors into giving me their everything?"

In less than a split second, Felix's eyes widened as it clicked in his mind at last that he possessed the one thing that all primogenitors desired but couldn't obtain!

"You sneaky devil, you will bankrupt them while at the same time making their lives hell." Thor chuckled, "Are you sure about it?"

"Why not? I am already being generous by not gunning for their purities." Felix smirked, "Plus, it's their lifelong purpose, not my fault if they didn't like the truth."

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It was clear to all that Felix was planning to use the primogenitors' humiliating purpose in life as a bargain.

"It's not going to be easy though." Lord Loki remarked causally, "All the elemental lords have made a pact to keep this to ourselves, and while Osiris, Quetzalcoatl, Shiva, and Khaos wouldn't care about you sharing it, Murdak won't be too welcoming."

"It's true." Lord Shiva supported with an irritated tone, "That geezer is too stubborn and cares about his face a great deal. He won't allow you to share it since you will need to provide context and we all know how bad it makes the elemental lords look...Especially him."

"I see." Felix knitted his eyebrows thoughtfully.

He understood that if the primogenitors were to ever hear that the elemental lords were planning to eradicate the entire universe without even informing them about it, they wouldn't be too happy about it.

Plus, the fact that their purpose in life was humiliating enough to set their hearts ablaze wasn't going to make their reaction any better.

"Additionally, you have to understand that the primogenitors' are being peaceful only because they have nothing else to do." Lord Loki added, "If they were to ever know about their purpose, there is a great chance of them venting their rage on anything in their path."

"I know." Felix nodded.

This was one of the many reasons Felix and the tenants decided to keep the news to themselves, knowing that nothing good would come out of it.

However, the present day was different.

Felix smiled coldly, "I am strong enough to put them in their place if they decided to act nuts in my alliance. In fact, I will be pleased if they went for it."

Felix had no plans to pick a fight with primogenitors, but if some of them went out of line and wanted to flaunt their strength without caring about the civilians' wellbeing, then he would gladly accept the free purities.

Gone were the days when he was afraid of them.

Gone were the days when he would avoid giving them the wrong look.

"Jeez, you really are out for blood." Thor chuckled.

"Felix, just because your spiritual pressure is higher than enough, it doesn't mean that you should underestimate them." J?rmungandr warned, "Spiritual pressure is only useful if it is utilized."

In other words, if he got too cocky, he wouldn't know when or where he got hit before he could defend himself.

Felix nodded in understanding.

"So, how are you planning to play this?" Fenrir inquired expressionlessly.

"I believe Master Sphinx should set up an emergency meeting in the council." Felix suggested, "If she used their purpose in life as the bait, I think the majority of active primogenitors will respond to it."

All primogenitors desired to know their purpose in life and it was one of the few remaining musts on their bucket list...So, it was guaranteed to fill the entire council.

"Lord Hindu god of destruction will come with us since this entire situation is related to him," Felix said while glancing at Lord Shiva's expression turning into irritation...He clearly wasn't a fan of his plan as he didn't like to be bothered.

"Don't give us that look, you have to come." Thor incentivized with a faint snigger, "Aren't you interested in seeing Lord Murdak's reaction when his face gets put on trial before us?"

"Mmmm." Lord Shiva's frown was turned upside down at the sound of that, which was enough for a confirmation of his attendance.

"Lord Khaos, your attendance will be greatly valued too." Felix requested while staring into the sky.

"I will be there." An emotionless rumble resounded in the consciousness space.

"Much appreciated." Felix smiled.

Felix wanted as many allies as possible behind his back in the council to bolster his presence even more.

Sometime later, the plan was perfected with caution and thought about many things, knowing that things were mostly going to get intense in the council after dropping such a nuke!

Three days later...

In the vast expanse of the universe, most of the Primogenitors received Lady Sphinx's emergency meeting invitation through their AP bracelets or other methods.

They were scattered across galaxies and dimensions, and the message reached them all simultaneously, causing a ripple of shock and astonishment among them.

-My fellow Primogenitors, I have uncovered the long-awaited purpose of our existence. Gather immediately for an emergency meeting.-

It was short and straight to the point, making everyone understand that she wasn't messing about.

In the fiery heart of a distant star, Phoenix yawned lazily, her golden feathers shimmering with ethereal flames.

She read the message, her eyes flickering with mild curiosity. "Well, well, what's this?" she mumbled, stretching her wings before answering the call.

She had just woke up a couple of years ago from a slumber that lasted eons. She had no clue about what was going on in the universe and neither did she care to know.

But, this? This was different.

Meanwhile, above a deserted moon with two massive white stars in the background, Lord Marduk sat before a colossal monolith, which was inscribed with the universal codex.

This monolith had nothing to do with the monoliths Lady Sphinx was collecting...He created it and engraved all the inscriptions of each primogenitor on it.

The monolith, towering and enigmatic was still an unsolvable puzzle that had consumed Marduk's attention for eons.

As he deciphered the intricate patterns, his fingers tracing the age-

old inscriptions, a ripple of energy disturbs the tranquility of his surroundings.

A communication from Lady Sphinx, an emergency meeting invitation, materialized before him.

The message, imbued with a sense of urgency and importance, spoke of revealing the purpose of their birth, a secret as old as time itself.

"Hmm?"

Lord Marduk paused, his eyes lifting from the monolith to the floating message.

"Sphinx, how did you find out? No, even if you found it, you are intelligent enough to understand that such news can't be shared..." Lord Marduk narrowed his eyes, "Something isn't right here."

Without wasting time on empty speculation, Lord Marduk reached out to Lady Sphinx. It rang twice before the call was picked up.

"Sphinx, what's the meaning of this?" Lord Marduk asked expressionlessly.

"If you want to understand everything, feel free to join us in the meeting." Lady Sphinx replied calmly before giving him a polite head nod.

Then, she hung up the call, having no desire to listen to his attempts to prevent her from doing this.

With a deep, contemplative sigh, Lord Marduk stood up, his towering humanoid form casting a long shadow across the monolith.

As he prepared to leave, Lord Marduk took one last look at the monolith, a silent promise to return to his quest for knowledge...But for now, the call from Lady Sphinx held a much more serious problem.

'I have no idea who told her or if she even knew the real truth, but I can't have her blabber about what happened.' Lord Marduk remarked coldly.

In the grand chamber of the Primogenitors' Council, located in the UVR, a tumult of voices filled the air.

Each Primogenitor contributed to the cacophony of voices as they discussed the impending revelation promised by Lady Sphinx.

Erebus, the embodiment of shadow, conversed in hushed tones with Siren, sticking close to his crush akin to glue.

Nearby, Cyclope's singular, piercing eye scanned the room, engaging in a visual dialogue with Jorogumo, whose form shifted subtly between that of a spider and a woman.

Achlys, her presence a mere foggy wisp, whispered into the ear of Lord Quetzalcoatl, whose voice was loud enough that it echoed across the hall.

Even the breathtaking Lady Pheonix could be seen yawning at the corner while being surrounded by a couple of primogenitors.

Some were updating her on some of the important events that happened during her slumber while some like the magma primogenitor Cherufe were hitting on her on the low.

The chamber buzzed with theories, questions, and speculations, a symphony of voices representing the vast spectrum of the universe.

Yet, there was a different conversation on going between the attending elemental lords and Felix's masters.

'As I thought, your boy can't sit tight without creating trouble, haha!' Lord feathered serpent deity laughed, knowing that it must be Felix's idea.

After all, elemental lords still cared about their promise and they wouldn't break the agreement they made with each other.

'He is doing this for a legit reason.' Thor coughed, 'Totally unrelated to his greed.'

'Sure sure, haha, where is he though?' Lord feathered serpent deity asked, 'Is he planning to make a dramatic entrance? How fun.'

'Dramatic? Well, you can say that.' Thor chuckled with the rest of the tenants as he eyed the restless demonized darkins.

'This is the worst day of my life...'

'Just shut down those thoughts, they won't do us any good. We knew this was happening ever since we accepted the enslavement.'

The darkins could be seen sighing with a tint of hopelessness and humiliation in their eyes, not able to imagine their peers' reactions once they saw them...