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Chapter 1791 The Battle of Trust. II

The moment her declaration resounded with the authority of the cosmos, the puppet began to shudder, its form contorting unnaturally as if struggling against the very nature of its creation!

Then, before anyone could react, the puppet started to hurl everything it had consumed without Felix's orders!

The chaotic elements it had absorbed were forcefully expelled and launched back onto the floor!

"Stop!"

Felix attempted to countermand with his own commands, trying desperately to regain control, but Eris's commands overpowered his, her authority was absolute!

This was the true terror of the laws of order. It represented the order of the universe, which had control and balance over all of its laws!

In other words, its authority supersedes all of the other laws, regardless of their owners!

'As expected, it isn't going to be easy.'

Still, Felix wasn't disappointed as he had already anticipated this much.

Recognizing Eris's superior control, Felix quickly moved to plan B of his strategy.

"Implode!"

He ordered the puppet, directing it to self-destruct near Eris in a last-ditch effort to disrupt her composure.

This time, the puppet listened to Felix's command since it had no relation to the laws of order.

Eris could affect anything that disturbed the order of matter, but she could not use it to gain control over other unigins powers whenever she desired.

Realizing that the explosion was inevitable, Eris didn't bother to stop it. She waved her hand and shielded herself with a barrier empowered with radiant/resplendent divinity!

BOOOOOOOOOOM!!!

However, as soon as the implosion occurred, Felix didn't wait for it to fail at dealing any damage to Eris.

He raised his hands, summoning one of his latest most powerful sin-symbolic techniques.

A massive dark colorful Sigil manifested right in the center of the explosion. It had more complicated inscriptions than the All-Devouring Gravitational Puppet!

The moment Eris read the writings on the sigil, she instantly figured out what kind of laws were mixed in to create it.

'Gluttony, Radiation, Plasma, Anti-Matter, and void laws.' She raised an eyebrow in surprise, 'What kind of technique is this?'

She was soon about to find out as the boar at the center of the sigil opened its mouth wide and began to suck in the explosion's energy like there was no tomorrow!

In almost no time, the entire released energy was absorbed before it could even reach Eris or Felix!

Without any delay, Felix aimed the sin-symbolic sigil at Eris and shouted, "Death Ray!"

An ominous terrifying dark ray with a colorful hue burst forth from the sigil with an uncanny speed!

As it streaked across the battlefield, it cut through anything before it like a blade, its path illuminated by a creepy, sinister trail!

Eris seemed unfazed as she observed the approaching demise with an unreadable expression. However, even she realized that her powerful barrier would struggle immensely against its destructiveness!

It would stop because it was empowered with divinities, but it would require a massive quantity to achieve it!

Still, instead of avoiding it, she decided to take it on by invoking another ability.

"Chaotic Reversal."

With a graceful motion, she manifested a translucent chaotic mirror in front of the Death Ray.

The instant it went through it, The Death Ray halted abruptly and twisted at a ninety-degree angle, redirecting towards the Stone of Reality positioned above them!

Before Felix could react to her impeccably laid free counter, the redirected Death Ray collided with the Stone of Reality.

The ancient stone convulsed violently under the assault but suffered from absolutely no damage whatsoever.

However, it did not welcome the thought of being touched in the slightest. Instantly, its surface began to react, widening the pre-existing cracks.

Then, it released a thick miasma like a flood breaking through a dam!

The atmosphere around the stone thickened as the miasma spilled into the environment, rushing everywhere!

The moment it gripped the residual energy from the Death Ray, it triggered a series of surreal transformations within the miasma itself!

What began as a formless fog soon morphed into bizarre, illogical objects and phenomena!

Skyscrapers, towering and architecturally impossible, commenced to rise from the miasma, their structures twisted and looping in ways that defied physical laws.

Broken stars materialized next, their cores still burning with a cold fire. There was even the emergence of black holes!

Instead of sucking in the matter, it expelled the miasma at unprecedented speed, helping it cover more ground!

"I advise you not to come into contact with the miasma," Eris warned in good faith as she pulled away from the peculiar mist.

It was clear that the miasma could alter the reality of anything interacting with it.

Since the stone of reality's authority was higher than unigins, if it gripped them, their fate would not be pleasant in the slightest!

"Worry about yourself."

Not needing a warning, Felix chased after her with his phasing ability, not wanting to waste the duration of his immunities.

Seeing that she was being chased, Eris turned around and waved her hand gracefully, releasing a chaotic wave in his direction.

Felix charged through it with narrowed eyes, his immunities helping him remain unharmed.

"Immunities, huh?" Eris replied calmly, "How many seconds do you have left?"

"Enough."

Before Felix's voice could reach her ears, he manifested next to her and tried to pierce her with an invisible vibrational sword!

It might not seem like much, but this sword had its frequency tuned to disturb any frequency it gripped at the lowest level possible!

One could say it was a downgraded version of Matter Execution!

With an unbothered expression, Eris allowed the sword to pierce through her chest.

Before Felix could celebrate, Eris gazed at him straight in the eyes and shared indifferently, "It's good that you haven't used Matter Execution. Such attacks are useless against me."

Felix's expression turned for the worse after realizing that his sword failed to disturb her frequency...No matter how hard he tried, her frequency was like a solid wall!

"Have you ever wondered why Uranus doesn't dare to fight me? Most vibrational attacks rely on disturbing the order of matter, atmosphere, or even the strings."

"But, how can you disturb the embodiment of order?" She uttered coldly as she tapped into her chaotic laws and caught the vibrational sword with her own bare hand!!!

Before Felix could react or release the sword, Eris snapped her finger and expanded an invisible sphere from her book around them!

'Sh*t!'

The moment Felix sensed its existence, he tried to run away by phasing out. However, he found out to be under the same experience he put Uranus!

The sphere was disturbing the frequencies around him, making it impossible to match his frequency with another plane!

Since it was affecting the frequencies in the area and not him, his immunities were useless against it. But, unlike Uranus, he had other options.

"God's Speed!"

His entire body was suddenly set ablaze in energized golden lightning for a nanosecond and then, he turned into a lightning bolt and bounced away!

Eris didn't try to give a chase, knowing that he was the one strapped for time. The moment his immunities expire, the real fun would begin for her.

Felix knew that it would get x10 more difficult to handle her without his immunities. After all, upper celestial beings were never meant to kill each other.

His success with Uranus relied on the tower's authority to make it happen and he could not repeat the same dance here.

As for having Asna's core devour hers?

The moment Asna's core would try to pull her core out, Eris would easily snap the connection with her twisted laws.

He needed a good setting to ensure that wouldn't happen, but he knew it would be impossible to achieve it without abusing his laws.

'No, I refuse.' Felix hardened his expression, 'Abusing my laws is the last option.'

Felix didn't want to rely on abusing his laws after every inconvenience. After all, the three rulers' strength was too overwhelming without them needing to abuse their celestial powers.

How could he take the three of them while chained up?

'I understand Eris' test now.' Elder Kraken remarked with a solemn tone, 'She is playing it slow, wanting to see what can Felix do without abusing his laws.'

'Indeed.'

'It's not looking well.' Thor frowned, 'He has prepared many strategies, but her laws are just too overwhelming at breaking them down.'

'This is enough to tell you that quantity isn't always best with laws. Chaos breaks things apart while order restores them. With her authority superseding over unigins', those two qualities are enough to deal with any threat.'

Lady Sphinx commentated as she watched Felix split into seven versions of himself, speeding across the entire floor, and assaulting her from every possible direction.

However, regardless of what attack he used, and what law he tapped into, nothing was good enough to touch or make her even flinch.

'She is genuinely league apart from other unigins.' Candace murmured with a tint of awe.

'If she is this omnipotent, how frightening is Ares?' Thor gulped audibly.

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"Time is ticking..."

Eris waved her finger left and right as she watched Felix's seven clones inhaling roughly.

They surrounded her from seven sides and each one had a few sigils and symbols above their heads. Yet, none of them proved to be useful against her.

That's because she had utilized a new defensive technique called the Law of Retribution. This created a zone where a strict set of rules were imposed, ensuring that any attack would have a proper countermeasure.

With the addition of the Order Cancellation technique and divinities, it was nearly impossible to penetrate through her defenses!

'If you want to win, you know exactly what to do.' Lilith reminded with a faint playful smirk.

'No, it might end horribly for both of us.' Felix knitted his eyebrows in disapproval after being reminded of another option he had left.

An option with no relation to law abuse, but it was just as deadly.

'I have taught you how to enter and leave it.' Lilith encouraged him with a seductive voice, 'If you don't go for it, you might as well abuse your laws right now.'

'I can't believe I am agreeing with her, but she is right.' J?rmungandr advised with a stern tone, 'You don't have time to think about a new strategy. Also, you barely have enough celestial energy for a single attack.'

Felix remained silent, his seven brains working overtime to find a new path, an opening in her defenses, but no matter how hard he tried or what combination of laws he used, nothing came back positive.

Without abusing his laws, Eris was simply untouchable...Unless.

'She is currently untouchable because she is tapping into her order embodiment, giving her the authority to supersede all laws.' Felix narrowed his eyes coldly, 'Unless I did the same, I can't contest against her without abusing my laws.'

'Damn it, I hate when that witch is right.'

Felix's expression turned for the worse after realizing that Lilith had taught him the next stage of sins' control to witness him using it against Eris.

'If it's the only way to victory, so be it.'

Many years ago, within the void inside the Echoing Tower...

"We have come up with a good plan to deal with either Uranus or Eris inside the 20th floor. But, after taking one of them down, what am I supposed to do against the other?"

Felix had a deep frown as he sat at the central table with his council. He understood that the 20th floor was going to do the bulk of the fight for him due to the stone of reality's absolute authority.

But, he wouldn't have the same advantage when dealing with the remaining unigin...Whether it was Eris or Uranus, none of them would be easy to take down on other floors.

"How about you use your evil energy again to gain control over the stone of reality?" Fenrir suggested with a cold face, "If you succeeded, the entire tower would be under your authority."

Instead of answering him, Felix and the others turned to Lilith, who was sunbathing in her usual spot.

"Don't waste your time, I tried it and failed." Lilith answered lazily.

"As expected." Felix wasn't too surprised.

He knew that if evil energy had such an authority to overtake the stone of reality, Lilith would have already used it against Asna's core.

Such celestial treasures were immune to evil energy since it was merely the personification of Lilith's wickedness born into energy.

This was Felix's theory about its origin.

Just like she was able to detach her sins' embodiments, she could detach her evilness and turn it into energy. The only reason he could control his evilness was probably due to this separation.

After all, evil entities knew nothing about boundaries and had no issues with massacring the entire universe just for their own amusement. But, Felix never had such a thought.

"Well, I really don't see a way for you to succeed in trapping one of them on the other floors unless you abused your laws." Elder Kraken shook his head, "Even then, it's doubtful if it will work when they can also abuse their laws."

This was the dilemma Felix was facing. He knew it was a big risk to abuse his laws. After all, if he failed, he would be chained up on the first floor.

While he could establish the connection to the 20th floor easily with a wish through manipulating the fluctuations of the first floor's portal, it was still a massive risk.

"Ahh, dealing with upper celestial unigins is too complicated." Candace sighed in frustration.

The rest of the tenants fell in deep silence, each one putting their minds into brewing the best possible strategy to help Felix.

At least fifteen brains were functioning on this and yet, no one managed to devise a decent plan that didn't involve abusing the laws.

When Lilith saw how everyone was left stumped for answers, a faint smirk emerged on her lustrous violet lips.

"You know, there is another stage unexplored to being a unigin." Lilith broke the silence, her voice was neutral, but had a hidden tint of seduction in it.

Felix spotted it immediately, which made him alert. He contracted his eyes and asked, "What do you mean? How can there be another level? If there was, I should have seen it by now."

Indeed, Felix had fought quite a few unigins and he had yet to notice any of them use something he hadn't anticipated.

"That's because not every unigin can tap into it."

Lilith removed her sunglasses and manifested next to them with one leg above the other. Then she continued, "Only I, Eris, Ares, Hades, and Kronos can use it."

"Wait, not even Uranus has it?" Felix raised an eyebrow in surprise.

"Just because a unigin is part of the upper celestial council doesn't mean we share the same strengths." She replied.

Felix nodded, understanding that each upper celestial unigins had their own peculiar powers and weaknesses.

"What is it then?"

"We call it a level-up, but in reality, it is a specific power-up for a price." Lilith showed a faint sinister smile and said, "Why do think I am feared across all realms and have even made the three rulers suffer a bit?"

Most of the tenants leaned closer, their heartbeats accelerating at the realization that Lilith was finally about to spill the tea about the true strength of the paragon of sins.

When they heard about Lilith almost ruining the three rulers' plans, which forced them to banish her outside of the kingdom, they assumed that her strength should be over the top.

But after Felix became the paragon of sins, he was struggling to deal with each unigin and that's when he had the help of other laws and new powerful techniques.

So, this made them always wonder if Felix was just bad at being the paragon of sins or if this was the limitation of the seven sins laws and Lilith had just gotten lucky.

"First, you have to understand something." Lilith entered her lecture mode, "Unigins are the embodiment of the universe's laws. In other words, having control over a law implies tapping into the universe's authority."

"Yes, I already know this."

"Then, do you know this?" Lilith showed a devious smile as she hurled a bombshell at them, "The seven sins are not mere laws representing the seven sins of living forms, but the seven desires of the universe itself?"

"Huh?"

"You joking right?"

"The universe's desires? It can't be!"

It would be a downplay to describe Felix and the tenants' reaction as a mere shock. They were legit at a loss for words, thinking that she was messing with them.

Who could blame them? The general consensus was that the seven sins were laws based on living creatures and their desires instead of the universe itself!

"All laws are based on the universe itself without exception." Lilith remarked with a faint smirk, "Being the paragon of sins implies you are the embodiment of the universe's seven desires and its evil side. What does this tell you?"

"It can't be..."

Felix's eyes began widening slowly as he realized the significance of his next stage up.

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"It is." Lilith chuckled, "As the universe's embodiment of its seven desires, you can supersede the authority of all laws since nothing could win against the corrupting desire of sins."

Hearing her confirmation of his assumption, Felix's heartbeats accelerated to the limit in agitation.

He understood that the universe operated under a complex system of laws, gravity, time, space, all types of energies, and whatnot.

But what are these laws, if not manifestations of balance and order? And what was sin, if not the natural counter to such order?

When Lilith saw that a few were still not caught up, she clarified with a faint smile, "The seven sins, Pride, Envy, Wrath, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony, and Lust, each challenge the universe's balance in unique ways. Pride defies submission, Envy disrupts contentment, Wrath counters peace, and so forth."

The tenants nodded slowly, their minds racing as they connected the dots Lilith laid out before them.

"By fully embracing these sins, by becoming their embodiment, you don't just wield their individual powers," Lilith explained with a growing zeal. "You embody the antithesis to the cosmic order. You become a being that can not only challenge but potentially override the fundamental laws that bind all things!"

Felix felt a surge of exhilaration, realizing that he was indeed not tapping into the full potential of his seven sins laws.

"The Symbols and sin-symbolic techniques are mere tools to tap into the universe's authority at a limited capacity, such as the equal trade symbol." Lady Sphinx added her own understanding on the matter with an intrigued voice, "What Lilith suggested, is for you to become the true embodiment of those sins, embracing their gifts and faults."

"You mean if he became their embodiments, he wouldn't even need symbols or techniques to activate his powers? Doesn't this mean he will remove the limitations on his laws?!" Candace covered her mouth in shock at such an insane power-up.

When it was put like this, most of the tenants had the same reaction, realizing the real reason for the universe putting limitations on some unigins.

Lilith had to use the symbols to activate her powers.

Eris had to use the Tome of Order and Chaos.

Hades, Kronos, and Ares were unknown, but for them to be able to tap into this level up as well implied that they had their limitations too.

"Those limitations were imposed to give us the ability to use our laws but at the same time maintain our freedom of thought. The price was lowering the full extent of our reach with our laws due to how overwhelming and authoritative they were." Lilith continued, "Without those limitations, we will become the final form of our laws personality/power wise."

"No wonder the universe hasn't placed any other limitations on the rest of the unigins. Even if they became their laws' true embodiment, nothing much would change, since the upper celestials would override their laws' authority." Elder Kraken said.

Even Uranus wouldn't be able to stand up against Lilith, Eris, Ares, Kronos, and Hades if they were to embody their laws to their full extent like him truly.

It wasn't anything about the unigin, but the laws themselves.

"Wait a second, if all laws are embodiments of the universe, does this mean Hades is the universe's soul or consciousness?" Felix suddenly frowned after spotting a hole in her narrative.

In his eyes, if Hades was the embodiment of the universe's consciousness, he could override all other law embodiments if he wasn't punished with chains.

"Well, he is believed to be either the embodiment of the universe's soul vessel or at least its spiritual control over the spiritual matters in its realm. But, he isn't its consciousness itself." Lilith remarked calmly, "That's something entirely different."

"I see." Felix nodded in understanding.

He already knew that souls weren't the same as consciousness. Souls were shaped as spherical vessels with the consciousness lake within them.

The consciousness lake, ocean, or whatnot, was the true consciousness of the living creatures.

That's why it was possible to possess someone by getting rid of his consciousness and keeping his soul intact as long as there was perfect synchronization.

Thus, it made the majority sense for Hades to be either the embodiment of the universe's soul vessel or its spiritual control instead of being its consciousness.

"If there is a soul vessel, doesn't this mean that the universe does indeed possess a consciousness?" Lord Loki raised an eyebrow in surprise, feeling like this was enough for confirmation of this theory.

"Everyone believes this, but it won't be fully confirmed unless the universe's consciousness appears for real." Lilith answered.

In other words, it was merely another lead that supported their theory. The only way to truly confirm it was if either Asna became the universe's consciousness after awakening or the universe manifested its own consciousness somehow.

"Back to the main point, to supersede the laws of the universe, you must not just use the sins. You must integrate them, let them transform you, and through you, reshape the universe on your desires." Lilith coughed softly, "There is a catch though."

"Lay it on me."

Felix narrowed his eyes, knowing that such a power-up could never come without a massive cost. Otherwise, Lilith would have told him about it a long time ago and not waited until he was desperate for solutions.

"Once you enter the True Embodiment State, it will be extremely difficult to pull yourself from it. In the worst-case scenario, the new embodiment would be your personality forever and you would lose your free will to act outside the boundaries of the chosen law embodiment."

She said in one breath, softening her voice as much as possible to dilute such an outlandish side effect.

The tenants' expressions had already turned bad, realizing the dangers of such power up being worse than the celestial chains!

"What is this crap? Absolutely not, you must not go for this!" Cyclope warned with a solemn tone, "It's more or less a death sentence to your life if you enter the True Embodiment State using those wicked laws."

"He is right." Lady Sphinx supported, "Abusing your laws could come at a physical cost, but at least, you maintain control."

"What are you trying to pull here, you witch?" Thor narrowed his eyes coldly at Lilith.

"I am not trying to pull anything." Lilith shrugged her shoulders, "You wanted a new way to deal with your enemies and I told you about it."

"This is not a new method, it's a death sentence."

No one approved it. It was an understandable stance considering that Felix might never be the same again, taking after a personality based on a sin.

Whether it was pride, greed, gluttony, sloth, lust, envy, or wrath, all of those identities would have major defects to them since they were based on sins.

"Wait, let's hear her out." Felix halted their protest with one hand and asked calmly, "What's the way to cope with the aftermath?"

Since Lilith had made it clear she entered that state to cope with the three rulers and managed to pull out of it, there must be a way to avoid being stuck in that state forever.

"It's simple, but not easy." Lilith switched to a more serious tone and disclosed, "The only way out of that state is to fight for control by using a wisp unaffected by the true embodiment state."

"If you succeeded, you will regain your free will, but if you failed, well, I don't really need to tell you the outcome."

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Back to the present...

'If it's the only way to victory, so be it.' Felix narrowed his eyes coldly, 'I will be forced to tap into this state sooner or later, might as well risk it here and now.'

When Felix and the tenants were told about the True Embodiment State, it made them understand that it was an extremely dangerous procedure that might ruin Felix's life forever.

However, Felix was still going for it if it meant avoiding law abuse. In his eyes, he must master this state before meeting with the three rulers. Otherwise, he would always be a mere unigin before a true celestial.

The only reason he hesitated before to go for it was due to his friends, masters, and the tenants. He understood that even in his True Embodiment State, he would seek to eliminate the three rulers and rescue Asna.

But, it would not end well for the tenants as the moment one of them said the wrong thing or weirdly looked at him, it would be their end.

He would have no control over it.

'Go for it and don't look back.' Thor smiled, 'Whatever happens, happens.'

'Haha, we are here for the journey not to hold you back. I don't care what happens to me as long as the three rulers and their lackeys' can suffer once in their lifetime.'

Ancestral Dragon Imyr laughed boastfully while joining them from a spiritual mirror connected with Felix's wisp in the ancestral sacred grounds.

'It would be a shame if we missed witnessing the end of your journey, the climax of this epic adventure, and learning the truths about the secrets of the universe. However, it would be even more detestable to be the ones holding you back from reaching your full potential.' Jörmungandr said with a strict tone, 'We have shared all our knowledge with you, and we consider our purpose fulfilled...Do not dwell on the past and go for it.'

Whether it was his masters or the other tenants, all of them supported Felix with their whole hearts and life if it had to be.

Thus, regardless of what happened to them after Felix's transformation, none of them would have any regrets. In their eyes, it was already a blessing to be part of this miraculous adventure.

Hearing their encouragement, a faint appreciative smile broke on Felix's face. No more words were needed as he straightaway committed to his decision.

He narrowed his eyes at Eris and snapped his finger, making his clones merge back into one. When Eris saw this, she couldn't help but show a little knowing smile.

"About time." She said calmly, "I was waiting for you to grow the courage to do it."

"I was wavering, confused, wanting to have it all, but no more."

The moment he finished, Felix closed his eyes, reaching for the detached sin of pride in his lion dragonic tail.

With a deliberate intention, he called to it, summoning it forth with great desire.

The sin pride responded, causing a surge of overwhelming energy to rush and fill every crevice of his being, eager to reclaim its rightful place within him.

As the sin of Pride reattached itself, Felix no longer fought against the overwhelming feeling of pride and arrogance attempting to take over his entity.

Instead, he encouraged it, helped it, and allowed it to consume his mind and body, not permitting him to have a single thought unrelated to his pride.

This launched a magnificent transformation!

Felix's wavy long hair, once a crimson red, gleamed and lightened into a brilliant golden hue, reflecting his newfound majesty.

His eyes followed, turning a piercing shade of gold that seemed to glow with their own inner light.

His entire demeanor shifted, his posture straightened, his shoulders squared, and his expression hardened into one of regal authority.

This majestic transformation did not stop there!

An undeniable aura of supremacy radiated from him, a compelling force of will that commanded recognition and obedience by anyone, anything, and all!

Whoosh!!!

This aura suddenly exploded outward, touching everything in its vicinity. It whispered of absolute power, of the sovereign right to command not just armies or nations, but the very laws of existence!

When Felix opened his eyes, they were the eyes of a Monarch. It wasn't of a mere mortal or even a unigin, but of the universe itself.

His regal gaze swept across the 1st floor, causing every creature, celestial object, energy, or even law to feel the irresistible authority of his presence.

It was as if all life and even death itself should bow before him, and acknowledge his supremacy!

When Felix's golden eyes locked onto the Stone of Reality, the celestial objects, and other levitating forms scattered across the 1st floor, he declared expressionlessly, "Let there be no doubt, nothing shall rise above me."

The moment the words left his lips, they were not merely spoken, they were a mandate from a sovereign to his subjects, a creator to his creation, a god to his worshippers!

From Felix, a powerful golden shockwave erupted, flowing upwards with irresistible force, striking the floating celestial bodies and entities, convulsing under the impact!

Rumble!! Rumble!! Thud!!...

One by one, they began to lose their buoyancy, falling from the sky like dead flies, unable to resist the pull of Felix's overwhelming command!

Whether it was stars, blackholes, moons, planets, floating oceans, or buildings, everything that was a mere inch above his head, fell into the void under him!

The surprising part? Even the stone of reality listened to the command, not resisting it even once!

KA-THUMB!! KA-THUB!!...

It thumped violently before being plucked from its position by the sheer force of Felix's command. Then, it tumbled end over end while releasing massive quantities of miasma.

As it was falling in the background behind him, Felix lowered his head slowly.

"..."

"..."

"..."

This entire scene abandoned the tenants stunned and in disbelief, their eyes broadened to the boundary as they gazed at the whole sky of the 1st floor being cleared up, leaving only Eris and Felix standing face to face.

Just as Candace was about to make a dazed comment, Lady Sphinx placed her hand on her mouth, silencing her instantly.

Candace felt chills course down her spine after realizing that she almost killed herself.

While Felix looked the same appearance-wise besides the change of eyes/hair color, she knew that the moment any one of them spoke without permission could up executed!

Before the regalness of the universe's pride, one could only lower his head and remain quiet to ensure their safety.

Thus, the tenants kept their thoughts to themselves and gazed at Felix focusing back on Eris with an indifferent expression.

He neither spoke nor did anything...He just kept staring at her with a deadpan gaze for less than two seconds, each second accompanied by a thundering heartbeat of the stone of reality.

The moment the stone of reality quietened down, Felix cracked his stiffened neck and spoke nonchalantly, "As an apology for using immunities, you are allowed to make the first move."

"How polite, I guess I will take you in your favor." Eris grinned as she opened her tome, "By the way, I have been anticipating for you."

"Of course you were, who doesn't?" Felix replied expressionlessly.

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Eris chuckled at his comment momentarily before her entire demeanor instantly turned frigid.

With a subtle motion of her hands, she cast a new technique called Pattern Recognition on Felix, causing unseen forces to tug at his movements and guiding him into committing to the highly predictable and familiar sequence of attacks.

It was a clever manipulation, using Felix's own combat strategies against him by forcing him into a repetitive loop of actions that she could easily anticipate and counter.

That's exactly what occurred as the moment Felix launched his new assault, Eris predicted his emerging openings and tried to take advantage of them.

She had already prepared a spear of chaos that would transform matter randomly and hurled it at the exact location, where Felix would appear next!

However, Felix's expression remained cool and unreadable, his golden eyes still locked onto hers.

"You genuinely think you can order me around? Me?"

Felix's voice cut through the tension, his tone laced with a cold amusement.

Before Eris could respond, Felix raised his hand smoothly and commanded with chilling authority, "Halt."

Instantly, his body stopped all motion, freezing in place and breaking the cycle Eris had crafted, causing the spear of chaos to miss him by a wide margin!

"I am the embodiment of pride." Felix uttered indifferently, "Nothing can order me around and no one can reject my orders."

With that bold statement, Felix pointed his finger at Eris and ordered coldly, "Kneel and accept your defeat."

His command rang with a visible golden imperial pulse rushing towards Eris, forcing her into evading it at all costs.

She understood that if she was touched by it, her pride would be consumed instantly, forcing her to abide by his orders.

Seeing that she was putting distance between them, Felix didn't bother to chase after her. He remained in his spot and uttered calmly, "I thought this was supposed to be a test of trust. Are you going to make it interesting or keep running away?"

Eris ignored his taunt and flipped a page from her tome, placing down her reality-bending dimensional cube in his location!

She knew that Felix would be too proud to move and avoid it.

As expected, Felix sensed the creation of the dimensional prison around him and yet, he kept gazing at it indifferently.

The moment it was created, Eris joined inside with him and closed her book. Then, she stared into his eyes and said calmly, "This is why Pride is a sin. Too much will cause your downfall."

The tenants' expressions turned for the worst at this development, never expecting that Felix would allow himself to get caught just because it was beneath him to dodge!

Now, he was trapped with Eris in her own world, her own reality, where she was the goddess and controller of all laws!

That's what everyone thought, but not Lilith...A faint mocking smirk emerged on her lips as she continued sunbathing, not bothering to even watch the rest of the battle, already anticipating the final outcome.

Meanwhile, Felix, who should be frightened to have his laws removed, didn't seem too bothered. His eyes roamed across his new reality nonchalantly before landing on Eris' face.

"It seems you are mistaken about one thing." He uttered one word at a time with a cold gaze, "I am not the one trapped with you; you are the one trapped with me."

The moment he finished, he extended his hands above his head and made a gesture of placing a crown gently on it.

Immediately after, the air above him flickered with a gathering golden radiance. Then, a magnificent crown materialized, floating majestically above Felix's head!

As the crown settled above him, a wave of golden energy rippled outward, the ground itself seeming to acknowledge his supremacy!

"I command this ground, these laws, this reality; everything is mine." Felix proclaimed, his voice booming across the dimension with an authority that was both imperial and inevitable.

"How shameless, attempting to steal control from me in my own reality?" Eris' expression turned stern as she attempted to strip the laws of pride from her reality, "Without pride, you are nothing."

The order had affected everything in her reality, but when it reached Felix? It fell flat in its face as the Crown of Sovereignty shimmered gloriously, protecting its owner's authority!

'I can't override his authority even here?' Eris raised an eyebrow in surprise.

She always knew that the seven sins laws were immensely powerful at their peak potential, but she never thought she would lose against them in her domain.

'No wonder Eris managed to pull a fast one on the three rulers.' Eris' smile widened a bit, 'Now I am seeing hope.'

Eris always wanted to explore Lilith's laws closely, but she was too secretive about her powers, showing only what she wanted them to see.

Thus, she was almost as ignorant about the strength of the seven sins as any other person.

That's why she was waiting for Felix to enter his true embodiment state, wanting to see how he would perform at his peak.

After all, if she took his side, their enemies would be the three rulers and she wanted to make sure that he had what it got to deal with them.

At this moment, she wasn't disappointed.

'If this is just the embodiment of the pride sin, I can't imagine what will happen if he embodies the true laws of all seven sins at once.' She thought, 'But first, he has to exit the embodiment state.'

Eris knew that entering the true embodiment state was the easiest part. Even though she could enter the true embodiment state of order and chaos whenever she desired, but she refused to risk losing her autonomy.

Also, she wasn't sure if it was even possible to supersede his authority even if she went for it...The universe's pride was just too overbearing.

'I guess there is only one way to deal with him now.'

Knowing she was left without many options, Eris reopened her tome again and flipped the pages until she reached the middle. Then, she gently held a paper as she gazed at Felix deeply in his eyes.

"This is my last action, if you survive this, you can have my core and full support."

"Can have?" Felix tilted his head with genuine confusion, "You think I am desperate for your core? for your help? Eris, I don't need you, I don't need anyone. You should feel honored to be recognized under me."

"There is no we, there is only I."

"..."

"..."

"..."

The tenants were left stunned and speechless, feeling like if his haughtiness carried on, this might end differently than any of them anticipated.

"Let's see how you fare against my Matter Transformation Technique." Eris merely chuckled in response and immediately ripped the page apart.

The moment the page disintegrated into light particles, a brilliant, chaotic beam raced across the dimension aimed directly at Felix!

As always, Felix couldn't bother to dodge, having an inner self-belief that he was untouchable, unbreakable and that nothing could hurt him no matter what!

He tanked the chaotic energy directly, striking him squarely in the chest. Felix glanced below at the chaotic energy attempting to seek into every nook and cranny with him. He could feel that it was desiring to transform him into a different entity entirely.

"If you thought it would be easier to deal with it, you are gravely mistaken." Eris uttered calmly, "For this exact technique, I had to abuse my la..."

"Scram."

Before Eris could finish her sentence, Felix merely gave a cold gaze at the chaotic energy attempting to invade his body, and it got expelled as fast as it had gotten in!!

Watching this shocking sight, Eris' eyes widened a bit, not expecting that even abusing her laws would fail to break through his defenses!

"How?" She asked, genuinely confused.

The assault she used would have been able to turn even Uranus into a piece of dead stone as she believed that no amount of authority could supersede chaos!

After all, it was the element of randomness in the universe.

"How? What explanation do you need besides knowing that it's me?" Felix replied indifferently.

"I see." Eris chuckled faintly, realizing that Felix's absolute belief of being unaffected by anything in the universe would help him survive through anything!

The only way to harm him was to break apart his self-belief.

"I know now how to deal with you, but it's already too late." Eris remarked as a couple of chains manifested out of nowhere and tightened their grasp on her.

While the assault had failed, the universe couldn't care less...It punished the action itself instead of the aftermath caused by it.

As Eris said, if it was any other unigin, they would not have been standing before her after getting hit by Matter Transformation Technique.

Felix manifested a golden throne and sat on it with one leg above the other...With the crown of sovereignty donning his head, he truly resembled the sole emperor of this universe.

Then, he queried expressionlessly, "Do you accept defeat?"

"I have observed enough." Eris smiled, "Yes."

"Good, now kneel and swear your allegiance to me." He commanded with a drop-dead serious expression.

Eris knitted her eyebrows in displeasure, "What if I don't?"

"You don't want to know," Felix replied coldly.

Chapter 1796 How To Reclaim Control?

Most of the tenants had their expressions turned for the worse at the realization that Felix's proud persona was going to ruin his chances to recruit Eris.

This was also one of the reasons Felix was hesitant at the start to enter the true embodiment state, knowing that whichever state he entered, its extremities might make the situation worse.

All the tenants turned to Lady Sphinx and gave her head nods with solemn expressions. Understanding what they wanted, Lady Sphinx appeared next to Felix's mediating wisp in the plaza. Then, she woke him up with a single message.

'It's time.'

Felix's eyes snapped wide open the moment he heard her voice. With a serious expression, he lifted his head and gazed at what was happening outside.

When Felix's pride persona caught his gaze, he gave one last warning to Eris, "I have to deal with a lingering pest. When I am finished with him, I hope you will have made the right choice."

Eris remained silent, knowing that the moment of truth was here. If Felix could reclaim control from his overbearing pride persona, then, she would have no more misgivings.

If he failed, well, she would be left with no choice but to leave this place. Even while chained up, she still had a way to escape unharmed. This was the reason she never thoroughly feared either Felix or his pride persona.

'Can he do it though?' Eris thought to herself with a deep frown, 'I understand he has chosen pride embodiment due to its overwhelming authority, but it is also one of the hardest personas to deal with.'

'How will he regain control from someone with the most overbearing superiority complex in the universe?'

While it seemed almost impossible, Felix wouldn't have chosen the pride sin if he hadn't already prepared a great countermeasure to regain control.

The moment Felix's pride persona manifested in the consciousness space, he found only Felix standing in front of him.

The rest of the tenants were told to not even use their senses to pry on them, in hopes of not agitating him and getting themselves expelled.

Felix's pride persona felt their fading presence in their houses, but he ignored them. He couldn't be bothered with some small fry.

He turned to Felix and looked down at him with a disdainful grimace, radiating superiority.

"I feel sick just by looking at you." He uttered coldly, "How can I be in the same breath with a weak, cowardly, soft, little creature like you."

"Yes, yes, yes...I genuinely feel the same. For a lowly unigin as me to share the same body as your Highness is an absolute honor. Truly!"

Felix immediately bowed his head down with a sheepish weak smile, lowering his status before his pride persona.

"At least you have some common sense to know your superior." Felix's pride persona softened his tone a bit, seemingly pleased with Felix's instant allegiance.

"Of course, of course, how wouldn't I know?" Felix spoke with a starstruck look, "The very first chance I had, I called you over to take control, knowing that your imperial presence alone is enough to deal with anything."

"The other six embodiments have nothing against you."

"Humph, you damn right they don't." Felix's pride persona sneered at the mention of his brothers and sister.

"I feel delighted to know that your greatness will now lead us against the tyranny of the three rulers." Felix smiled widely in delight, "Of course, there is still Apollo, Ares, rescuing Asna, and other missions to deal with first, but I am certain your Highness can deal with it swiftly and easily."

Felix's pride persona frowned in displeasure, "You think someone of my status will go running around for such mundane errands?"

"Absolutely not! My apologies, I have overstepped my bounds." Felix immediately bowed his head in shame.

"I deal with only matters of utmost importance worthy of my presence." Felix's pride persona uttered indifferently, "Holding on to control in every instance is beneath me."

"Then, allow this lowly one to take away such an unworthy burden off your shoulders." Felix requested with a sincere voice.

"Is that so?"

Felix's pride persona chuckled softly, a sound that echoed ominously around them, making Felix flinch.

"You play to my sensibilities," He responded with a cold tone, "But make no mistake, I see through your tactics. You flatter to deceive, to regain what you've lost."

Unfazed, Felix dropped his act at once, his act of submission was nowhere to be seen. Although his tactics were seen through, he still stuck by it...However, without the act.

"Perhaps," He admitted, "but consider this, a true leader knows when to lead and when to entrust others. What glory is there in overseeing the ordinary? Does not a king risk his crown by toiling in the dirt with commoners?"

The pride persona paused, contemplating Felix's words...His expression softened slightly.

"It is indeed more fitting for me to step back and intervene only in moments worthy of my attention. Prove to me, then, that you can handle the lesser challenges without sullyng my legacy."

With a graceful, almost theatrical gesture, the pride persona reached out, interacting Felix's forehead.

"I relinquish this...For now," he declared regally. "Do not disappoint me, and cease being such a loser."

As the persona faded into the background of Felix's mind, Felix felt the full weight of his personality return, along with control over his body.

He opened his eyes to the real world, the sensations of battle rushing back to him along a slight sting from the pride persona's parting words.

"You have done it? So quickly? How?"

Eris raised an eyebrow in surprise after seeing the change in Felix's entire demeanor and aura.

"First, I apologize for what he has said." Felix sighed in relief, "I knew he would be extreme in his interactions but not this much."

"Don't mind it." Eris wasn't bothered, "Tell me how you convinced him to hand you control back? Did you stroke his ego? That's the only solution I am seeing."

"Exactly." Felix nodded in agreement, "I knew that fighting over control with him would do nothing but get me erased and everyone killed. Since pride was the dominant emotion within him to the point it forced him to make horrible decisions just not to wound it, I knew that stroking his ego would do the trick."

"He just can't resist it whether he figured out my tactics or not."

"Great work." Eris sighed bitterly, "If only it was that simple for me too."

"Chaos and order, huh."

Felix knew exactly what she was talking about. His seven sins were powerful at their true embodiments, but due to their extremities, there was some leeway to gain back control.

However, it was different for Eris. If she chose a true chaos embodiment state, she would lose control and due to its extremely chaotic nature, there was no possible way to regain her control unless her chaotic embodiment decided on it at a whim.

As for order embodiment? It was disciplined, boring, cold, calculating. Nothing could pursue her to hand over control.

Eris would rather keep her balanced personality and free will than go for this risky level up unless she was left with no other choice.

Since her battle with Felix was more of a test than a battle of life and death, she had no reason to go for it.

"Well, I hope this is enough to win you over?" Felix's gaze turned solemn, "Now, can you tell me the whole truth?"

At the moment, Felix couldn't care less about Eris' defeat, her core, or even the stone of reality.

All he wanted to know was the reality of his identity.

"As I uttered before, it's not the truth, it's a theory." Eris shared calmly, "The only method to truly confirm it is through interacting the stone of reality."

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"Touch the stone of reality?" Felix frowned.

He wasn't thrilled by the thought of getting close to that abnormality...His reaction was valid when Lilith had failed to touch it while Uranus almost died from it.

Although it looked like the stone of reality was weirdly responsive and obedient to him, it still didn't lower his vigilance.

"I know you have some misgivings about its dangers." Eris shared calmly, "But, it's truly the only way to confirm my theory. Don't worry, I am quite positive nothing bad will happen to you."

"How about you tell me about your theory first?" Felix's eyelids twitched, "Then, I will consider if it is worth it to risk my life for it."

"I do you one better."

Eris pierced through her chest with an arm and pulled out her unigin core from it. It was quite peculiar as half of it was covered in chaotic colors while the other half had orderly lines and symbols written on it.

Under Felix's and the tenants' surprised looks, she sent the core towards Felix, allowing him to hold it in his palms.

"You can absorb my core as promised," Eris said calmly, "In this way if something bad were to happen, both of us would suffer the consequence."

"This..." Felix was left holding the core speechlessly.

Everyone knew that Eris planned on handing over her core if she were defeated, but to see her doing it for real without a change of expression was a different story.

"Are you truly sure about this?" Felix couldn't help but double down on her maddening choice.

"Certainties are for the weak-minded and cowards." Eris stated indifferently, "I walk on the path of truth, filled with cliffs gazing at the abyss. Without taking leaps of faith, I wouldn't have come this far."

Upon hearing this, everyone's expressions displayed varying degrees of respect and amazement at Eris's approach to life.

She made it clear that no matter what the final outcome, as long as she was on the path of truth, she would have no regrets.

"Now, are you going to touch it or not?" Eris removed the dimensional prison and said, "Weren't you intending to obtain it in the first place? How were you planning to do it originally?"

"I don't know." Felix rubbed his chin embarrassedly, "I left it for my future self to handle after I take care of you and Uranus."

It was expected since he truly had no information about the stone of reality besides the things Lilith had told him.

Although he knew that the upper celestials had failed to retrieve it, this didn't make him give up on the thought straight away.

After all, it never hurt to try.

"You can stop thinking too much about it." Eris shared, "There was nothing I haven't tried with the upper celestials, and yet, here we are."

"I see..."

Felix contemplated it for a few moments before deciding to do what she said. He realized that not many options were available even if he decided to play it slow. Thus, he might as well test her theory.

Of course, he had no intention of touching it with his main consciousness. He manifested a perfect clone through his wrath sin and sent it toward the stone of reality.

'Make sure to navigate through the miasma.' Eris advised as she joined the central table with the rest of the tenants.

She fit in so well that no one realized she was sitting with them until she opened her mouth!

"I am trying, but there is just so much the deeper I go." Felix frowned.

'Uranus almost got killed because of it.' Eris shared, 'The closer you are to the stone, the more potent it is. When he was merely a few steps away from the heart, a single drop landed on his arm and changed its properties instantly. If it wasn't for Ares' quick reflex, slicing Uranus' arm apart, he would have been sent to the universe's heart.'

'So, that's what happened to him?' Felix raised an eyebrow, 'No wonder he is terrified of the first floor.'

'But wait, can the stone of reality really affect unigin cores?' Thor knitted his eyebrows in bafflement.

'Its authority is matching with the universe when it's dormant. What do you think?' Eris responded calmly.

'How bizarre...' Felix asked with a serious tone, 'Why do you think that is? We have witnessed it fight against the universe when I made a wish. It lost, but still, it did put up a decent fight.'

'I expected as much.' Eris wasn't surprised, 'If my theory is correct, you will find out when you touch it...So, just focus on that.'

'Say less.'

Felix narrowed his eyes in concentration as he glided past the spreading miasma. When he started going through more concentrated areas, where it was nearly impossible to move without being touched, he started using his abilities.

The miasma mist couldn't be affected negatively by any elemental ability, such as getting pulled or pushed away.

That's why the All-Devouring Puppet hadn't been able to absorb it too.

However, it consumed itself the moment it touched an object or interacted with some type of energy.

Thus, Felix kept feeding it with abilities from multiple energies, causing it to get consumed bit by bit until his path was cleared.

He kept doing this for a couple of minutes, taking it as slow as possible. When he finally arrived at the stone of reality, he summoned a protective barrier.

The barrier sprang to life around him akin to a translucent cocoon. It was not merely a shield but a dynamic entity that interacted with the miasma by feeding it continuously.

'This should do the trick.'

Confident in his protection, Felix turned his focus to the stone of reality, gazing at its deep crevices, and flesh-like veins running across its surface.

'Here we go.'

A bit hesitant, Felix extended his hand towards it, his fingers brushing against its cool and smooth surface.

The moment contact was made, the stone of reality thumped out loud simultaneously with Felix's heart!

Ka-thumb! Ka-thumb!...

"It's just like the first time you stepped inside the floor." Elder Kraken raised an eyebrow in surprise, 'Do you really have a connection to it?'

Felix wasn't able to answer as the instant he touched the stone of reality, his consciousness was drawn in instantly!

When he opened his eyes, he found himself floating on an empty inky canvas with nothing in sight besides a tiny bright dot in the distance.

"Where am I?" Felix knitted his eyebrows in confusion.

"This is the instant everything begins.' Lilith responded with a faint smile, 'Make sure to watch closely.'

"Wait? Is this before the birth of the universe?!"

Felix and the tenants were left stunned at the notion of viewing the birth of the universe with their own eyes.

'Does that mean that little bright dot is the central singularity?' Lord Loki commentated as he gazed at the bright small sphere.

"You call it central singularity in modern science, but in reality, it is the universe's heart." Eris shared calmly.

"You kidding right?"

"It can't be?"

"If it's the universe's heart, how can it exist after the initial Big Bang?"

The tenants found it difficult to believe. They knew that the universe's birth came from the Big Bang, causing agitating gases and matter, elementary particles that would shape the building blocks of stars, galaxies, and planets, to erupt into existence.

"I never shared that didn't happen." Eris persisted calmly, "The universe did come from an explosion of dense heated energy."

"But, have you ever wondered what was that energy?"

The instant she phrased it like this, it clicked in everyone's minds at once, making them blurt it out loud.

"Celestial energy!!"

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Eris neither confirmed nor denied it. She pointed at the universe's heart and said, "Watch and you will understand."

Felix went closer to the universe's heart and saw that it was getting smaller and denser, seemingly attempting to reach a point of no return, a point of singularity in this infinite expanse of nothingness.

Then, without any warning, the singularity erupted!

A blinding flash tore through the fabric of the nascent cosmos as massive quantities of celestial energy were expelled in all directions!

Felix and the rest covered their faces reflexively but realized that the light was harmless and they could still see through it.

Thus, with awed and disbelieving looks, they gazed at the explosion of creation, playing the very first notes of reality's grand score.

"How magnificent..."

"Not in my wildest dreams did I think I would witness the birth of the universe..."

"Look at it go..."

Each tenant had a different reaction to the incredible sight, but all of them shared an awed expression.

Meanwhile, Felix touched the expanding milky thick white celestial energy, coursing his hands gently through it.

He felt like he was moving it through thick hot jelly, making his heart accelerate in exhilaration.

'This much celestial energy, holy, the things I can do with it...'

Felix was still struggling to even obtain bits of celestial energy in its gas state. Even the three rulers barely had enough to create a sphere of condensed gooey celestial energy!

To see this much get expelled into the infinite expanse at the speed of light made it hard for Felix not to get greedy for some.

Soon, time started accelerating immensely, causing eons to pass by in mere moments. Felix and the rest observed how the celestial energy cooled and coalesced, stretching across the expanding universe.

But nothing happened next, the celestial energy continued expanding everywhere, but did not turn into anything.

This surprised Felix and the tenants.

"Hmm? I thought laws were supposed to appear by now. Where are the subatomics, atoms, matter?" Candace tilted her head in confusion, her reaction shared by the rest.

"If my theory is correct, then we are about to witness the birth of that exact process." Eris replied with a focused gaze at the universe's heart.

When they heard this, they realized that even Eris was ignorant about the full truth of the universe's birth.

Thus, no one bothered her with questions and affixed their eyes on the universe's heart, gazing at it with great curiosity and a bit of nervous excitement.

Ka-Thumb!!

Suddenly, the now-enlarged universe's heart made a thumping noise within the infinite pool of white celestial energy!

Before anyone could react, the Universe's Heart began to fluctuate with an intensity that none had ever witnessed.

Then, a vortex of pure celestial energy emerged around it, drawing in massive quantities of the released celestial energy.

It kept pulling in increasingly until a tall featureless humanoid being was formed amidst the storm!

Felix and the tenants' eyes widened to limit in shock, their heartbeats accelerating in agitation and fear at the freaky sight before them.

Yet, the scariest and freakiest part had yet to come...

With the birth of the form and the universe's heart at its center, six more hearts formed around it.

Each heart was distinct, uniquely shaped, and throbbing with its own rhythm, yet harmoniously aligned with the beats of the Universe's Heart.

Felix and the tenants instantly recognized two hearts, a white spherical core and a heart in the shape of a white stone.

"Is that Asna's core and the stone of reality?" Thor murmured, daze plastered all over his face.

"They are." With a faint relieved smile, Eris approved, "It seems my theory was correct after all."

"How can this be..." Felix was left stunned, having no idea how to react.

"What about those other hearts? And is this the universe's consciousness?" Lord Loki inquired with a solemn tone, his usual playfulness was nowhere to be seen.

"It's not the universe's consciousness, it's him." Eris said as she pointed at Felix, making him shudder all of a sudden.

Just as Felix opened his mouth, wanting to deny it, Eris carried on calmly, "Now, I can share with you my theory."

"After putting my focus on Little Paragon's journey, I understood that many things came up in his path for a reason. They weren't coincidences, but opportunities planted in his path."

"When Asna was added to the picture, plus his perfect synchronization with her soul, his ability to use her core, integrating with Kraken's bloodline for his internal mutation, obtaining the sealing hall to capture Lilith's clone, and the list goes on."

"Even the birth of the primogenitors was planned not as an entertainment. It was a mere small part of it. The three rulers went for it because the tablet told them to do so. It never shared the reason or its purpose, but now I am certain it was to set up the stage for Little Paragon's journey."

"Without the primogenitors, even if he possessed Asna's core, he can do nothing with it in his infancy mortal stage."

"The primogenitors' birth was a must to share their elemental control at a much wider rate, allowing for even humans to use their powers through integrating with beasts."

"In his case, he went straight for the source, allowing him to obtain the only mutation that mattered in the grand scheme of things."

"Kraken's internal mutation that allowed him to host seven hearts simultaneously."

The more Eris spoke, the clearer a picture was painted in the primogenitors' minds, making them realize that this made more sense than being born for the sake of entertainment.

How could the three rulers waste celestial energy, their powers, and their efforts to create them just for entertainment?

Their entire goal was the other side and they would do everything to make it happen. It made absolutely no sense to deviate from their goal for some entertainment.

"It became clear to me that he was being guided to become something unique, something only he could be." Eris paused as she gazed at Felix's narrowed pupils, "It's none other than the rebirth of the universe's consciousness."

Felix and the tenants remained silent, but the look in their eyes betrayed their true emotions, already predicting where she was going.

Before the shock of finding out about their true purpose was absorbed, Eris pointed her finger at the humanoid entity and hit them with another bombshell, "Now, to the core of my theory. It's highly believed that the cosmos is built on five pillars. Three celestial languages, the laws, and the elements."

"This was the accepted and most logical consensus." Eris shook her finger, "But now, I am certain it's built on seven pillars and you are gazing at them right this instant."

When she said this, everyone's eyes focused on the seven hearts within the entity, knowing that she was addressing them.

"There is Asna's heart, symbolizing the laws of the universe. There are also the cores of the three rulers, which represent the three celestial languages enabling communication with these laws/elements. Additionally, there is the heart of reality, which I believe contributed to shaping the universe's reality and unifying these laws to create a logical reality. As for the heart of the universe, it was the central piece that gave birth to them and bound them together."

"It can be said to be the main heart, the ringleader." Eris added unbothered by the stupefied looks she was receiving, "That's why the cosmos managed to win against the stone of reality during your wish in the void. It was the universe's heart deciding while the secondary heart was fighting off its authority, but failing to do so."

"It all makes sense now, I see it, I truly see your brilliance..."

Lady Sphinx commentated with an appreciative tone after her mind eventually connected all the dots and understood the genius of Eris to figure out the truth on her own. Also, why she believed Felix to be the universe's consciousness.

But, not everyone was as quick-witted as her.

"What about the seventh heart? You mentioned only six?" Candace addressed the obvious with a confused tone.

"Isn't apparent by now?" Eris remarked with a faint smile as she eyed Felix's chest.

"It's my human heart..." Felix murmured under his breath while touching his chest.

"Wait?! How! How is that even possible?!" Lord Loki exclaimed in shock.

"It really doesn't make much sense." Thor frowned, "How can what we are seeing now is Felix's human heart?"

"His current human heart state isn't the same as the one in the scene." Eris nodded in approval for a moment before adding, "However, the only pillar left untouched is the pillar of elements and elemental energy. Tell me, is there any race in the cosmos with the possibility to unlock affinities with all elements in the universe and control them besides humans?"

"Of course, you may say that any human can do the same and I would agree...But," Eris pointed at Felix and said, "He is different, he is the chosen one, he is the only one with the potential to reach the state where he can advance his human heart into its celestial counterpart and turn it into the seventh piece."

"How will he do it? I have some theories, but I am not sure yet. However, I am more than certain that my hypothesis is correct and that the little paragon was born to walk on this path of rebirth, a path only he can walk on, a path, where the end is to become the universe's consciousness and regain its owner."

"The greatest evidence is right in front of your eyes," Eris concluded as she manifested a spiritual image of Felix's internal heart system and their placements.

"This..."

When the tenants gazed at it, chills coursed down their spines after seeing that it perfectly matched with the internal system of the featureless being before them!!!!

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The chilling evidence was right there before their eyes...They could deny it all they wanted, but nothing would change.

The internal systems were perfectly accurate with each other. Since Felix was the only entity in the entire universe with the humanoid version of the Kraken's internal system, it removed any possibility of it being a coincidence.

This was it.

This was the truth.

The undeniable truth.

Felix's knees suddenly buckled as he felt the universe's weight fall on his shoulders, grappled by the implications of such truth.

'All this time, I have been the universe? Are you screwing with me? Is this some unholy joke I don't understand? Me the universe's consciousness? What does that make Asna? The three rulers? The primogenitors? The Unigins? Is everyone just a small piece of me?'

The more Felix thought about it, the harder it got for him to accept. As much as the tenants were shocked, none could truly comprehend what Felix was going through.

To find yourself to be the origin of all creation and destruction, life and death, was enough to break anyone's mind apart...

The worst part? This revelation made him question if he was the progenitor of the trauma going on in his life for the sake of restoring his powers and authority.

Did he create the prophecy tablet that led the three rulers to assist him on a path to rebirth? If so, didn't that indicate he actively made Asna's life hell, forcing her to be born and imprisoned at a young age?

'The sealing hall that was given to me by Lord Zurvan...It was in a spatial earring with my soul's mark, yet it was given to him millions of years before I was born. Did I

arrange for someone to hand it to him?' Felix murmured with a soulless look, all the unexplainable mysteries were starting to make sense.

'It was created based on the tablet's instructions and if I am its creator, doesn't that mean I actively participated in Asna's imprisonment for my selfish motives?'

'Also, if Asna is born out of one of my hearts just like the three rulers, did I fall in love with a piece of myself?'

'No, no, no, no,no...'

The more Felix thought about it, the faster his reality crumbled, making him feel sicker and sicker in his stomach...Everything was so f*cked up, that he had no idea what to think, to feel, and how to behave.

"I know it's tough, but don't take it the wrong way." Lady Sphinx remarked with a comforting tone, "You might have the potential to become the universe's embodiment, but at the moment, you are a human, a unigin, a person with an identity just like anyone else."

"You are Felix Maxwell and none of this change it." She added solemnly, "As for the rest? None of it is confirmed as we still have no clue what happened to this featureless entity."

"She is right." Thor jumped in, "For all we know, it could be someone else working in the shadows to restore the universe's consciousness. After all, why were the universe's seven hearts divided, with some gaining consciousness while others did not?"

"It's too early to start making such a heavy speculation." Fenrir supported with a cold expression, "The universe's consciousness possessed absolute omnipotence. I can't see a way for it to go through this trouble for the sake of a rebirth when there is nothing strong enough to kill it in the first place within its territory."

"Indeed, I am starting to feel that the unigins' theory of an outer god causing trouble is making more sense." Lord Loki nodded strongly, "Think about it. What if the universe was invaded at its early creation stage and its consciousness fought hard to rebel against it, causing its hearts to separate and even wounded like the stone of reality?"

After the invasion failed, the universe consciousness closed our universe and went absent once and for all."

"Isn't this the same thing they said?" Lord Shiva frowned, "Where are you going with this."

"I am getting to it." Lord Loki leaned closer and suggested with a serious tone, "What if, I am saying what if the outer gods realized that the only way to open up our universe is through bringing back its consciousness to life? They were the ones who created the prophecy tablet and allured the three rulers to follow its instructions to achieve their dream of reaching the other side. But in reality, they would be doing nothing but opening the gates of hell on us?"

When Felix heard this, life was restored in his eyes.

"It does make more sense...The universe's consciousness won't go through all of this trouble for no apparent reason." He remarked, his voice picking up some soul in it.

The shock of being the consciousness of the universe was nowhere as damaging as being the one responsible for the trauma of his loved ones. If it was true, then his entire life was nothing but a planned conspiracy orchestrated by himself!

Everyone suddenly turned to Eris seeking approval for their theory, but all they got was a shrug of a shoulder.

"I won't lie to you, I have no idea if there was an outsider interference or not. All I know is that something drastic must have happened before the birth of the three rulers."

"This is the truth that I am seeking." Eris narrowed her eyes, "Why did the universe lose its consciousness? Why is it attempting its rebirth? Who is behind the tablet? What's on the other side? Those are the questions brewing in my mind and there is only one way to truly figure them out."

"What way is th..."

Before Thor could finish his question, everyone's attention was suddenly drawn to the shapeless cosmic being.

Asna's heart surfaced outside of the being's chest and started to meticulously sort and refine the celestial energy released across the entire universe!

It transformed into distinct subatomic particles, atoms, electrons, oxygen, hydrogen, carbon, gravity, electromagnetism, and strong and weak nuclear forces, etc. From those subatomic materials and principles, it created the laws as we know it.

Following closely, the heart of reality surfaced with a singular purpose. Gathering those nascent laws and crafting them into a coherent, logical system.

This heart was the architect, building the structure upon which all other things would rely.

It laid down the laws of thermodynamics, ensuring energy conservation and entropy; it defined the laws of motion and made all the laws in the universe coexist in a balanced state. This caused the celestial bodies to enter their eternal dance across the cosmos.

Felix and the others watched all of this happen right before their own eyes!

Before they could discuss it, the Heart of Elements made its move after the framework of laws was established.

It breathed life into the laws by formulating a mirroring set of elements. In addition, It filled the universe with neutral energy, making it possible to be converted into elemental energy.

This energy became the foundation for the universe's lifeforms since celestial energy was a potent but fleeting type of energy compared to the sustainability of elemental energy.

Once the physical and legal architectures were in place, the three Celestial Hearts, Universal, Divine, and Runic codex made their move.

They acted as the scribes of the universe, each one inscribing one of the three universal languages onto the fabric of the laws and elements.

These languages allowed beings across the cosmos to interact with, understand, and manipulate the fundamental energies and laws with three different methods.

Without them, not a single entity besides the unigins, three rulers, and the elementals could control the laws/elements in the universe.

Their existence was in a sense less important than the other cores since the universe would continue operating as normal without them.

However, it would not have the same vigorous life in it.

After the seven hearts finished their work, a coherent universe was born from nothing but celestial energy.

A universe built on seven pillars, making it a masterpiece of order and functionality, a realm where every particle and every force was interconnected.

Felix and the tenants felt a deep connection to the cosmos after witnessing how its birth process happened, finally completing the puzzle.

"How marvelous...After celestial energy was transformed into the universe we know it today, it was exhausted almost entirely."

Jörmungandr admired after noticing that the only leftover celestial energy was encompassed around the featureless being. It was like everything was calculated to the last letter.

"It's truly crafted by a mastermind. It's simply impossible for such perfect creation to have no creator." Thor remarked, his gaze focused on the entity before him.

Just as the rest were about to join the discussion, Felix's vision started to turn darker and darker.

This made him understand that the stone of reality was kicking him out of its memories. Knowing that he might not return here again, Felix tried to catch one last glimpse of the shapeless being.

When his gaze landed on him, Felix suddenly felt chills course down his spine after seeing a tiny line emerge on the lower half of the shapeless being.

A curved line in the shape of a smile.

While it had no eyes, Felix felt, no, he was certain that entity was gazing straight into his soul, making him feel a special type of connection he had only with Asna...

"Is that really me..."

This was the last thought coursing down his mind as he got kicked out back to the 1st floor.

Chapter 1800 The Guardian of Infinity and Finality.

The moment Felix opened his eyes, he was shocked to find that the stone of reality was nowhere to be seen...Even the miasma was gone!

The only thing left behind was the celestial abnormalities spread out across the entire floor, seemingly unaffected by the disappearance of the heart.

Before the tenants could react to this scene, Felix felt a chill course down his spine after finding out that one of his dormant hearts was completely replaced with the stone of reality!

It even turned into a heart made out of flesh with veins and blood coursing through it like it was always there.

The most shocking part? This happened to his main body instead of the clone touching the stone of reality!!

"This..."

"I guess there are no more questions about your identity..." Eris said with a faint chuckle.

"I guess not..."

Felix rubbed his eyelids with a bitter smile as he sat down on a piece of cracked ground. He lifted his head and gazed at the stone of reality's original position, not bothering to even question how it happened.

what else was there to question? The stone of reality had rejected all the upper celestials from touching it.

Meanwhile, it became an integral part of Felix without his consent, integrating with him so seamlessly that he felt nothing when it happened.

"Little one, mind telling me how did you capture the stone of reality?"

Suddenly, Felix's guard peaked to the limit after his ears picked up on an unfamiliar friendly voice, echoing across the 1st floor.

In less than a nanosecond, Felix extended his senses to the limit, his eyes sweeping across every object and entity until they landed on a massive white tree.

It was standing against the distorted sky, its roots stretching upwards while its branches burrowed into the ground, a clear defiance of nature's order.

Yet, Felix's eyes were affixed on a single being, who was leaning casually against this reversed tree.

With a wheat straw between his lips, he seemed utterly at ease, one leg crossed over the other, his arms folded as he observed Felix with curious eyes.

"Ares..."

Felix uttered with a hardened expression while entering a battle stance, preparing for a real death match.

Unlike Eris, he never had any interactions with Ares before, and from everything he heard about him, he wasn't to be f*cked with whether prepared or unprepared.

"How the f*ck did he get in here?!! I thought it was impossible to enter the tower when the entrance was closed!" Thor exclaimed in shock and dread.

This question coursed through everyone's minds and made them feel chills course down their spine at the thought of Ares managing to enter the first floor without Felix picking up on him!

He even left his main consciousness on guard duty in case something happened to his clone!

"From the expression on your face, it appears that you are puzzled by my method of entry. How about this? I will explain my approach, and you can share how you captured the heart." Ares spoke casually like he was talking to a good friend of him.

'Felix, I want you to listen to me closely. Put my core in Asna's core and permit me to continue using my powers. Then, find a way to escape using the stone of reality.' Eris' entire changed to a cold one, 'I will slow him down.'

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The tenants were left utterly stunned, not expecting in the slightest for the powerful and fearless Eris to make such requests!

She was literally asking Felix to run away even when he had just shown her what he could do in his true embodiment state.

Her reaction shocked even Felix, leaving him with mixed emotions. He didn't know if he should be angry at her for underestimating his strength after everything he had shown or if he should be heavily concerned about his safety.

After all, there was no way Eris would react like this unless for a good reason.

'I suggest you listen to her.' Lilith supported with a sober tone, 'You are not ready yet to deal with him.'

When even Lilith backed her up, it made the tenants' hearts skip a beat, realizing that maybe, just maybe, Ares was on a whole different spectrum than the rest of the unigins.

'I will do it, but not before I get my answers.' Felix put his wisp on the job and refocused back on Ares.

"How about an introduction first?" Felix narrowed his eyes.

"Ah, how impolite of me." Ares removed the wheat blade from his mouth and introduced himself, "Ares, the Guardian of Beginning and End, of Life and Death, and Finality and Infinity."

He hadn't said much, but at the same time, he said a lot.

'Life and death?! I thought he only commanded the laws of Finality and Infinity?' Candace was stunned.

All of them were already informed about Ares' laws being Infinity and Finality...It wasn't really a big secret. However, they weren't told about his exact powers and what these laws implied.

'Think about it, the Laws of Infinity and Finality are not merely guidelines to the universe's workings. They are the very embodiment of its most primal forces, life and death. To comprehend them is to grasp the clever paradox at the heart of existence.'

'Infinite cycles, infinite outcomes, infinite beginnings, and ends,' Eris continued for her, 'Consider a star in the void. It births from dust and gas, living in burning glory, and then dies in a spectacular blaze, only to return to the cosmos as dust once more. This cycle observed on a cosmic scale, reflects the infinite nature of life and death themselves.'

'Since the universe laws are mostly based on stars and other celestial objects, then, it based death and life laws as part of the infinity laws instead of being independent. Just like sound is part of vibrations and charm is part of lust laws.'

'In other words, Ares wasn't just the guardian of infinity and finality. He was the guardian of life and death as well.' Eris narrowed her eyes coldly, 'Making him, the most powerful and dangerous unigin in the universe.'

Upon hearing this, Candace couldn't help but draw in a cold breath in dread, gazing at Ares akin to staring at the Grimreaper himself.

She now understood that Ares had the power to end the life of any unigin he desired with a snap of a finger.

All it took appeared a command to end their life cycle and it would be over for them. Naturally, it would be through abusing his laws.

But still, because the infinity and finality laws represent the very birth and end of the universe itself, they possess massive authority over the rest of the laws.

The fact Eris was fearful of Ares implied his laws superseded hers, making them the most authoritative set of laws in the universe!

Felix had listened to all of this and still, had no intentions of running away without getting to understand Ares' motives.

He knew that for a being like him, it was near impossible for the three rulers to have any control over him, unlike Uranus.

"Felix Maxwell, a mortal, a primogenitor, a unigin, and now, on the path to become a Unigin Overlord." Felix introduced calmly, without a hint of intimidation in his face.

"Unigin Overlord." Ares rubbed his chin in intrigue, "After watching your journey in the quantum realm, I have to admit, I can see you pulling it off."

"You were watching me? How?"

Felix narrowed his eyes dangerously, feeling like his privacy appeared invaded. There was nothing he hated more than being spied on while having no clue about it.

"Well, of course, I appeared sent on a mission to bring you back with little Asna's core." Ares replied in a relaxed state, "As for the how? Isn't it obvious?"

Before Felix could think too much about it, Ares answered the question on his own, "All existence is part of the Sa?sāra cycle. As The ruler of this cycle, I can see all, hear all, and feel all through anyone, everyone, and anything I choose."

"Whether one appeared alive or as a spirit, a mortal or a unigin, everyone is part me. You can come up with your own explanation on how that helped me enter the 1st floor." Ares finished with a faint smile, "I hope that clarifies your doubts."

"Now, where were we? Ah, yes," His expression suddenly turned rigid, "How did you make the stone of reality submit to you?"